

*Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 23, 2020*

Jesus tells us that we must return good for evil and love for hate. We must go the extra mile and love our enemies. We must strive to be perfect, just as God is perfect. This will prove that we belong to the Father.

MASSES

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22

9:00AM + (St. Mary's) Doris Picard by Florence Cardin
4:00PM + (St. Mary's) Victor & Laurent Bechard by Jane & David Boulerville

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23

8:00AM + (St. Pat's) Lucien & Marie-Jeanne Dionne by Louise Dionne & Family
10:00AM + (St. Pat's) Donald LaBombard by Pete Bedard

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24

9:00AM+ (St. Pat's) Bruce Ancil by Connie & Family

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

9:00AM + (St. Pat's) Agnes Beauharnois by M/M Michael Baker

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26 - ASH WEDNESDAY

9:00AM + (St. Pat's) Francis "Pete" LeBlanc by Joseph Bailey
followed by Stations of the Cross

7:00PM + (St. Mary's) Joseph Leduc by Roger Giroux & Judy

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27

9:00AM + (St. Mary's) Helen Roberts by a Parishioner

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28

9:00AM+ (St. Mary's) Gloria (Castine) Hart by Cindy Fresn
followed by Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29

9:00AM + (St. Mary's) Richard "DJ" Eddy by Mark
4:00PM + (St. Mary's) 8th Anniversary of John Paul Tetreault by Andy & Rita Oliver

SUNDAY, MARCH 1

8:00AM + (St. Pat's) Carol Favro by Walter W. Favro
10:00AM + (St. Pat's) Gary Neale by Arsene & Rose Letourneau

PRAYER REQUESTS: Gerald Arno, Tina Marie Lapan, Pauline Sriver, Mary Baker, Judy Letourneau, Morris (Buster) Roberts, Diane Favreau, Jean LaBombard, Donnie Hicks.

Please note: we normally keep the names on the sick list for a couple of months and then remove them, unless we hear otherwise. However, they may be placed on the list again by just calling the rectory.

Nursing Homes: Lucien Rodier, Rose Moore, Art Tremblay, Doris Deso, Gerry Hayes.

Please pray for all of our Military including: Maritza St. John-Lester, Avery Trombley, Shawn LaFontaine.

SANCTUARY CANDLE FEBRUARY 22 - 29

In Memory of All Deceased Parishioners

VIGIL/SANCTUARY CANDLES

The Vigil Candles burn for 6/7 days for an offering of \$10. The Sanctuary Candle burns for 7 days for an offering of \$20. This is a great way to remember someone (living or deceased) or on special occasions. Please call the rectory to request a date.

WELCOME

If you are visiting St. Mary's, or have not been here in a while...Welcome! We are grateful you have joined us today!

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

	2020	2019
February 16	(59)	(61)
Envelopes	\$1,912	\$2,079
Make-ups		
Plate	156	101
Kids		
Total	\$2,068	\$2,180

Thanks to all who are so generous to our parish and to all who make up their envelopes when they are unable to attend mass.

Lent begins...Wednesday, February 26th!

Ash Wednesday Mass schedule

St. Mary's + 7:00PM
St. Patrick's + 9:00AM

LENTEN RULES AND REGULATIONS

Abstinence: All Catholics who have reached their 14th birthday are bound to abstain totally from meat on the following days: Ash Wednesday, Fridays of Lent, & Good Friday.

Fasting: all Catholics between the ages of 18-59 are bound also to observe the Law of Fast on the following days: Ash Wednesday, Fridays of Lent, & Good Friday.

Prayer & Penance: The entire season of Lent should be observed in a spirit of prayer and penance. Spending extra time in prayer or Bible Study, attending daily Mass, voluntary sacrifice and self-denial, combined with works of charity and service to others, are all excellent ways to obey the Lord's command to reform our lives and to prepare the joyful celebration of Easter.

Easter Duty: All Catholics who have reached the age of reason must confess their serious sins in the Sacrament of Penance at least once a year. They must also receive Holy Communion at least once each year between the First Sunday of Lent (March 1) and Trinity Sunday (June 7).

BEGINNING ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH, DAILY MASS AT ST. MARY'S ON THURSDAYS AND FRIDAYS WILL BE BACK TO 9:00AM.

COLLECTION FOR ASH WEDNESDAY WILL BE TAKEN UP ON THE WEEKEND OF FEBRUARY 29TH & MARCH 1ST

Next weekend, we will take up the Collection for the Church in Central & Eastern Europe. This collection supports the Church in more than 20 countries that still struggle to recover from Communist rule. Funds from this collection support pastoral care, catechesis, building renovations, and seminary formation. Your support restores the Church and builds the future in this region. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection next week.

LENTEN WORKSHOP ON THE EUCHARIST ... Our Lenten Workshop will begin this Thursday, February 27 and continues until April 16 in St. Patrick's Parish Center from 6:30 to 8:00PM. The first session will be: The History of the Mass. As we will need to provide you with materials, please call St. Patrick's Rectory at 518-297-7361 to register. All are welcome.

RICE BOWL.... Looking for a little something extra to do for Lent? Give your Lenten Sacrifices to your CRS Rice Bowl. \$1 day for 40 days of Lent means: 1 month of food for a family, 2 yrs of seed for a farmer, 3 months of clean water for 4 families. Please find Rice Bowls located on the radiator covers.

ADULT CONFIRMATION PROGRAM ... We will begin an Adult Confirmation Program for those who wish to make their Confirmation. Classes will be held on Tuesday evenings starting March 25 and continuing until May 6, 6:30 to 8:00PM, in St. Patrick's Rectory Meeting Room. Please call St. Patrick's Rectory at 518-297-7361 if you wish to attend.

LOOKING AHEAD...CHANGE OF MASS TIMES SATURDAY/SUNDAY APRIL 4 & 5 ONLY

St. Patrick's Festival is a two-day event to be held on April 4 & 5. In order to encourage attendance at their meal on Saturday the 4th, the 4:00pm mass will be at St. Patrick's for that Saturday ONLY. On Sunday the 5th, the 8:00am Mass will be at St. Mary's and the 10:00am Mass will be at St. Patrick's.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

We recently received an updated Capital Campaign Summary Report from the Diocese. Please see the chart below for St. Mary's. Again, thank you to all who have contributed to this special campaign, whether it was a one-time gift or following through with your pledges. Your generosity and sacrifice is very much appreciated!

Goal	Total of all pledges to date	# of donors	% of goal reached if all pledges paid
\$162,513	\$92,510	68	56.92%

TWENTY WEEK CLUB WINNER

Week 8: (\$50) Claude Boucher

REMINDER FOR ENVELOPE USERS

The 2019 end of year financial statements are available to envelope users. Please call the parish office to have your name placed on the list.

2020 BAZAAR TALK MAY 23 & 24

The Bazaar Committee has been meeting on a monthly basis since last fall and will continue to meet bi-weekly leading up to the bazaar. Once again, the kickoff to the Bazaar this year will be the Car Show on Saturday, May 23. Limited food will be sold. As always, the highlight of the weekend will be on Sunday with a Parade, Chicken BBQ, and Tractor Pull all to begin at 12:00 noon. Remember if any group, individual, or business would like to participate in the parade, it is not too early to sign up. Please contact Molly Ryan at mfryan@gmail.com or contact the Parish Office.

Again, we will be looking for donations of soda and smaller items, as well as liquor for our game booth. Please keep this in mind, and if you have liquor you wish to donate, please contact the parish office. Please do not leave on the porch. Thank you!

AREA HAPPENINGS

...Sacred Heart Parish in Chazy is hosting the annual Fish Fry, sponsored by the Confirmation students on March 6. Serving times 4:30 - 7:30 pm at the parish center. Menu consists of fried fish, homemade macaroni and cheese, french fries, cole slaw, rolls, beverage and dessert. Adults \$12, Kids 6-12 \$6.00. All take outs \$12.

LOOKING AHEAD...

LENTEN RETREATS 2020: "Reflect - Pray - Reconcile"

Retreats for Young People in grades 7 to 12.
March 7th | St. Mary's Champlain
Noon to 4:00PM with concluding Mass at St. Mary's Church
No fee to Attend

To Register for this event go to:
www.rcdony.org/youthlenten/lenten-retreat.html
or contact Virginia Demers, youth office administrator at:
vdemers@rcdony.org - 315-393-2920 ext.1401

Each retreat will focus on 3 aspects to aid us in centering ourselves on Jesus Christ and strengthening our relationship with our loving God. Each afternoon retreat will be fun, heart and mind opening and spiritually rejuvenating.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE for...

February 22 @ 4:00PM

Lector: Carol Castine
EM: Linda Seymour, Matthew Tetreault

February 29 @ 4:00PM

Lector: Chris Prell
EM: Pat Carey, Emma/Carter/Logan Gooley