

*First Sunday of Advent  
March 1, 2020*

*After Jesus fasted for forty days and nights in the desert, the devil tempted him in three ways. Through all these, Jesus resisted temptation and remained faithful to the Lord God. When the devil left, angels came and ministered to Jesus.*

**MASSES**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29**

9:00AM + (St. Mary's) Richard "DJ" Eddy by Mark  
4:00PM + (St. Mary's) 8<sup>th</sup> 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

**MONDAY, MARCH 2**

9:00AM+ (St. Pat's) Albert Gokey by the Maskell Family

**TUESDAY, MARCH 3**

9:00AM + (St. Pat's) Paul Cloutier by Russ & Pam Gadway

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4**

9:00AM + (St. Pat's) Alice Glode by Bruce Ducharme  
*followed by Stations of the Cross*

**THURSDAY, MARCH 5**

9:00AM + (St. Mary's) Francis "Pete" LeBlanc by Janet Carey

**FRIDAY, MARCH 6**

9:00AM+ (St. Mary's) Fr. James Delbel by Stanley Seymour  
*followed by Stations of the Cross*

(St. Mary's) Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

11:15AM (St. Mary's) Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

**SATURDAY, MARCH 7**

9:00AM + (St. Mary's) Anna Gooley by Mary & Arthur Bachelder

4:00PM + (St. Mary's) Connie & Jim Wells by the Family

**SUNDAY, MARCH 8**

8:00AM + (St. Pat's) Edwin & Rita Sterling by Bob & Family  
10:00AM +(St. Pat's) Bruce Seguin by Bob & Jackie MacIntyre

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**\* Please note: the First Friday Mass on March 6<sup>th</sup> will be held at St. Mary's at 9:00am followed by Stations of the Cross, Exposition and Benediction.**

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

We 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 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 29 - MARCH 7**  
In Memory of All Deceased Parishioners

**VIGIL CANDLE - FEBRUARY 29 - MARCH 7**  
(St. Joseph) In Memory of Russell Seymour  
by the Seymour Family

**WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP**

	2020	2019
February 23	(74)	(46)
Envelopes	\$2,881	\$1,747
Make-ups		
Plate	193	23
Kids		
Total	\$3,074	\$1,770

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.

**BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS NEWS  
PARISH CENTER UPDATE**

We are nearing the end of completion for the new parish center, other than some details and finishing touches on the inside. We were told the final cleaning and touch up should be complete for the end of next week.

However, when spring arrives JFP will return for approximately 2 weeks to do the final coat on the parking lot, the striping, and site work portion of the new addition. Top soil will be seeded and areas repaired where they were disturbed from the work. Of course, it is weather dependent on when they will be able to begin this phase of the work. However, it appears that everything should be complete by Bazaar weekend, and hopefully long before then. Currently, we are in the process of purchasing items needed (tables, chairs, etc.) in order to have the center up and running for events that are coming up in March.

**Effective next weekend, Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, you may begin using the new parish center entrance for daily and weekend masses.**

Thank you SO MUCH for your patience throughout this major project!

**BOILER LOOP UPGRADES**

As mentioned in a previous bulletin, we have begun upgrades with the existing heat delivery system inside the church portion. This upgrade will help increase the amount of heating in the church during the very cold winter months. The scope of the work includes:

.. Removal of existing baseboard heaters in the entry of the church & altar area

.. Installation of 9 new eco style wall mount steel panel radiators in the altar and entry way

..The existing supplies and returns in the seating area will be modified and split into three separate zones and individually controlled by new thermostats installed in the church area. We hope to have this project finished in the very near future.

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Please note daily mass at St. Mary's on Thursdays and Fridays are back to 9:00am.

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**2020 NORTH COUNTRY CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN**

The annual North Country Catholic subscription campaign begins next weekend. The paper features regular messages from Bishop LaValley, authoritative information about what the church teaches on the issues that you face in 21st-century life and inspiring stories about people living out their faith. Please place your subscription envelope in the collection basket or mail a check for \$27 to the North Country Catholic, PO Box 106, Canajoharie, NY, 13317. ANOTHER OPTION—"go green" and receive your NCC through email every Monday.

**LENTEN RULES AND REGULATIONS**

**Abstinence:** All Catholics who have reached their 14<sup>th</sup> 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 & 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).

**Extra copies of the Lenten Rules and Regulations can be found on radiator covers for your convenience!**

**CHURCH IN CENTRAL & EASTERN EUROPE COLLECTION**

This 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 continues this Thursday, March 4 until April 16 in St. Patrick's Parish Center from 6:30 to 8:00PM. The second session (based on Bishop Robert Barron's The Mass) is entitled: Lesson One: A Privileged Encounter. As we will need to provide you with materials, please call St. Patrick's Rectory at 518-297-7361 if you plan to attend. 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.

**TWENTY WEEK CLUB WINNER**

*Week 9: (\$50) Caleb Castine & Family*

**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 4<sup>th</sup>, the 4:00pm mass will be at St. Patrick's for that Saturday ONLY. On Sunday the 5<sup>th</sup>, the 8:00am Mass will be at St. Mary's and the 10:00am Mass will be at St. Patrick's.

**AREA HAPPENINGS**

Corned beef and cabbage dinner Saturday, March 14th at the St. Augustine's Parish Center hosted by the Peru Knights of Columbus. 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. \$10 per person, \$5 for children ages 5-12 and free for children 5 and under.

**ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS**

Are you a Catholic High School Senior who currently resides in the Diocese of Ogdensburg and is planning to attend a Catholic College or University in the Fall? The Mater Dei College Foundation is pleased to offer a Scholarship opportunity to qualifying students going on to study liberal arts and sciences at a degree granting Catholic College or University. To request an application form, please email Valerie Mathews, Mater Dei Foundation Scholarship Chair at vmathews@rcdony.org. Application deadline is June 1, 2020.

**PRIESTHOOD DISCERNMENT GROUPS:**

Discernment groups will meet in Plattsburgh in the upcoming months and those who are considering the priesthood are encouraged to attend at St. Peter's Church Upper Room, 114 Cornelia Street on the following Sundays at 3pm: Mar. 1, Mar. 29, Apr. 19, May 3, May 10. Contact: Fr. Howard Venette at pastormoll@stmaryti.org or 518-585-7144.

**CHRISM MASS**

Christ-led, Christ-fed, Hope-filled. All the Faithful of the Diocese of Ogdensburg are cordially invited to join The Most Reverend Terry R. LaValley, Bishop of Ogdensburg for the annual Renewal of Priestly Commitment, the Blessing of the Holy Oils and the consecration of the Sacred Chrism for use in all the churches of the Diocese symbolizing that we are one family in Christ on Thursday, April 2, 2020 at 11:00am at St. Mary's Cathedral in Ogdensburg.