

*Fourth Sunday of Easter*  
*May 3, 2020*

Jesus said, "I am the gate for the sheep." He declared that whoever enters through him will be saved because he came that others may have life and have the fullness of life.

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ALL PUBLIC MASSES IN THE  
DIOCESE OF OGDENSBURG  
ARE SUSPENDED  
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE!

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**PRAYER REQUESTS:** Gerald Arno, Tina Marie Lapan, Pauline Scriver, Mary Baker, Morris (Buster) Roberts, 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, Doris Deso, Gerry Hayes.

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

**SANCTUARY CANDLE MAY 2 - 9**

In Memory of All Deceased Parishioners

**VIGIL CANDLE MAY 2 - 9**

(St. Joseph) Madeleine Bourdeau by Husband Joe,  
Children & Grandchildren

**WHEN VISITING OUR CHURCH Please use  
Sanitizer Upon Entrance & Exit!**

**20-Week Club Winner**

**Week #18:** Helen Bechard

**FYI....Please note that the Parish Office is only open on a limited basis during the Covid-19 Pandemic: Monday through Friday 8:30 - 12:45pm. If you must make a visit in person, it would be best to call first. You may also take advantage of the drop box located on the rectory porch. It is checked multiple times on a daily basis.**

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**REMEMBER: the Church is available for prayer  
Monday through Friday 9 -3.**

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**STEWARDSHIP April 26:** Envelopes: \$2,620.

Thank you for your continued support to St. Mary's during this extremely difficult time for everyone.

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**WE REGRET TO INFORM YOU THAT OUR  
MAY 2020 BAZAAR HAS BEEN POSTPONED  
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE!**

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#### **DIOCESE OF OGDENSBURG UPDATES**

As we continue to look to stay spiritually connected during these times of social distancing, we would like to note some upcoming on-line events/items and again remind you to continue to refer to our constantly updating COVID-19 Informational Page website link - <https://www.rcdony.org/covid-19>

Mass livestreamed from St. Mary's Cathedral every Sunday at 8 a.m. <https://www.rcdony.org/livemass>.

Participating in Mass at home is participation in a real and valid liturgy. Even though we are not physically together for Mass, we are united in our love of God and the power of the Holy Spirit. We are in God's presence as we listen to God's word in the Scripture and acknowledge the Lord's presence in the Eucharist.

**Spiritual Communion....**In times of crisis, when it is not possible to receive the Body of Christ, it is acceptable to make an Act of Spiritual Communion. Spiritual Communion is a deep rooted desire to receive Jesus and to remain close to Him even though we are unable to be physically present with our faith community. It also applies to situations when we are present in community but cannot receive the Eucharist.

#### **DEVELOPMENT**

Parishes are accepting their weekly offertory gifts through the mail, personal delivery to the rectory or on-line (for those who are set up accordingly). Pastors have been extremely appreciative of those parishioners who can continue their weekly support of the parish, which is the primary source of funding the day-to-day operations of your Parish. Summer residents who feel they may not be able to make it to the North County this year with the current environment have also been sending in support to keep their parishes up and running as well. Your continued generous support is appreciated.

#### **PRAYER**

Please join us in praying to comfort those who mourn the loss of love ones, the loss of jobs and devastating effects of both. Protect, strengthen and sustain all of those caring for and serving the sick and the suffering and please give wisdom to our experts and leaders to guide us through these times of uncertainty.

#### **ANNUAL COLLECTION: Annual Mother's Day Appeal moved to Father's Day**

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Ogdensburg has delayed the second collection in parishes for the annual Mother's Day Appeal to Father's Day, June 21.

#### **SUMMER CAMP GUGGENHEIM 2020 CANCELLED.**

Due to the current COVID-19 Pandemic outbreak, we are saddened to announce that Summer Camp Guggenheim will not operate this summer. The safety of our campers, staff, and families is paramount and after much deliberation formed the basis of the suspension of summer camp. We hope to see all of you at camp in 2021.

**SPECIAL THANKS TO....**Francis Seymour and Steve Buskey who are always so willing to help us when the need arises. We certainly appreciate their support!

#### **SAFE ENVIRONMENT CORNER: Did you know? ...**

Did you know...the "No Hit Zone" is a national movement of multiple child-serving organizations, advocacy centers, hospitals, families and others to prevent physical abuse and other harmful behavior. A No Hit Zone sets a precedent within the community and establishes a commitment to the promotion of effective parenting techniques by instilling that: No adult shall hit a child; No child shall hit another child; No adult shall hit another adult; No child shall hit an adult. Additional resources to help give tools other than hitting or spanking can be found at <https://stopspanking.org/>

#### **WALKING WITH MOMS IN NEED: A YEAR OF SERVICE:**

##### **A Prayer for Pregnant Mothers**

Bishop LaValley, along with the other bishops of the United States, is encouraging the people of the Diocese of Ogdensburg to participate in Walking with Moms in Need: A Year of Service. <https://www.walkingwithmoms.com/>

This program aims at highlighting the pregnant and parenting moms in our parishes, identifying resources available within local communities, and connecting these women to the resources they need.

While our normal routine and activities have been disrupted, one thing that we can do is pray.

#### **Blessed Easter/Holy Water is available at the church in the steel container near the baptismal font.**

In order to practice good hygiene, please use the hand sanitizer before you fill your Holy Water Bottle & do not remove the cover from the container to fill your bottle. There is a spout to pour from.