

*Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 10, 2020*

Jesus told the disciples that he would prepare a place for them in heaven. He explained that, in order to know the Father, one must first know the Son. People of faith will do the works that he did and still greater.

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

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 9 - 16

In Memory of Thomas Dwyer
by Jack & Janice Dawson

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

20-Week Club Winner

Week #19: Fr. Clyde Lewis

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.

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

STEWARDSHIP May 3: Envelopes: \$1,258.

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

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

UPDATES

Bishop LaValley has been meeting with public health officials, medical professions and diocesan staff members to develop a plan that allow us to resume public worship in a safe manner. Our political leaders will soon allow a gradual re-opening of New York State and a return to the important activities of daily life, including public worship.

Our return to public worship requires planning and continued vigilance. Social distancing, sanitizing worship sites, personal hygiene and other precautions will be a necessary part of our worship going forward. We rely on public health officials and medical professions for guidance as we seek to resume public worship and the celebration of the Sacraments in a responsible and safe manner. We will keep you posted on developments as this plan moves forward. We will need your prayers, patience and cooperation. There will be challenges as we seek to provide public worship while safeguarding the health and well-being of us all. We need to work together to be ready for the re-opening of our churches and return to Sunday Mass. Please pray to St. Joseph, protector of the Church, for his intercession and guidance.

THANK YOU

Special thanks to Marty Picard (Inukshuk) for removing the stump and seeding the area of the large bush that was removed last fall by the sidewalk. We certainly appreciate his time given.

CEMETERY NEWS....With Memorial Weekend just around the corner, we are asking plot owners to please help do your part in keeping our cemeteries looking beautiful. Thank you for your cooperation! Please see the rules below:

Rules

1. Artificial flowers or arrangements are NOT PERMITTED and will be disposed of when found. This is due to safety reasons when mowing.
2. Small flags are permitted on the graves, but they must be maintained and removed when they become damaged.
3. The plot owner is responsible for the upkeep of flowers such as weeding and watering.
4. All cemetery work is done by cemetery employees or approved persons.

Consecration of the Diocese to St. Joseph

On May 1st, the Feast of Saint Joseph the Worker, Bishop Terry R. LaValley consecrated the Diocese of Ogdensburg to Saint Joseph, our spiritual father. Unfortunately, there were technical difficulties during the livestream that affected Bishop LaValley's homily. The video has since been edited and Bishop LaValley's full homily can be seen and heard on the Diocesan you-tube channel (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vwHHndWTYqQ&feature=youtu.be>). Other materials, prayers, etc. from the event that can be found on the Diocesan Covid-19 site - <https://www.rcdony.org/covid-19>

Summer Camp Guggenheim 2020 Cancelled

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, we are sad to announce that Summer Camp Guggenheim will not operate this summer. The safety and health of our campers, staff, and families is paramount. The Guggenheim staff hopes to see all of you at camp in 2021.

*From our Parish Family to all the
Mothers ,
a Blessed and Beautiful
Happy Mother's Day!*

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.

DIOCESE OF OGDENSBURG UPDATES

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.

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

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Ogdensburg had delayed the second collection in parishes for the annual Mother's Day Appeal to Father's Day, June 21. This collection directly serves the needs of the poor and underprivileged in our diocese and assists those with needs for food, clothing shelter casework and other support services. Catholic Charities is still accepting direct mailed and online donations.

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