



*First Sunday of  
Advent  
November 29, 2020*

**MASSES**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28**

9:00AM (St. Mary's) NO MASS  
4:00PM + (St. Mary's) 12<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Larry Boulerice by Cathy & Family  
4:00PM + (St. Patrick's) Deceased Members of O'Connor, West, Boland & Relihan Families by Pat & Mary

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29**

8:00AM + (St. Mary's) Eleanor Gladd by The Family  
10:00AM + (St. Patrick's) Anna Maria Kelly by Joan Seguin & Family

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30**

9:00AM +(St. Patrick's) Clarence, Mabel, Clarence Jr., Harold, Betty, Donald, Danny & Bobby LaBombard by Robert, Mary & Darlene Baker

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1**

9:00AM +(St. Patrick's) Richard Fosher by Bob & Maria Fosher

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2**

9:00AM + (St. Patrick's) Ruth Badger by Erma Grimnes

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3**

9:00AM +(St. Mary's) Clara Gooley by Marcel & Barbara Filion

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4**

9:00AM+ (St. Mary's) Gerard Ducharme by Barbara Guay

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5**

9:00AM (St. Mary's) NO MASS  
4:00PM + (St. Mary's) Madeleine Bourdeau by her Siblings  
4:00PM + (St. Patrick's) Leo Bedard by Jeff & Carmen Aubrey

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6**

8:00AM + (St. Mary's) Frank & Lillian Cote by Rita & Louis Bedard  
10:00AM + (St. Patrick's) Melissa Lloyd Merchant by Ted Favro

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** Fr. Clyde Lewis, TinaMarie Lapan, Nora Mercaldi, Joseph Louis Bedard, Carmie Babbie, Donnie Hicks, Gerald Arno, Pauline Scriver, Mary Baker, Morris (Buster) Roberts.

**DECEASED:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Louis "Lou" Davis. May he rest in peace.

**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 Nov. 28 - December 5**

In Memory of all Deceased Parishioners

**STEWARDSHIP November 22:** (Envelopes): \$2,396, Plate:\$25. Thank you to all who are so generous to our parish and to all who make up their envelopes, even though they are unable to attend mass.

**FR. LEWIS' RECOVERY...**Fr. Lewis is now recovering from his ankle surgery in Meadowbrook. We ask that you keep him in your prayers.

**ADVENT 2020**

Advent is the beginning of a new liturgical year for the Catholic Church and a period of preparation, extending over four Sundays, before Christmas.

Advent is a separate time of preparation all of its own. For the Catholic Church Christmas doesn't begin until the first Mass is celebrated on Christmas Eve and continues until the Epiphany, which occurs on January 3<sup>rd</sup> 2021.

**CHRISTMAS MAILING**

Please be on the lookout for your Christmas mailing, which will include the Christmas & New Year's Mass schedule along with the Flower & Christmas envelopes. **Please note that reservations will be required for ALL CHRISTMAS MASSES. We will have 2 Masses on Christmas Eve....3:00pm & 5:00pm and Mass at 10:00am on Christmas Day. Please call the parish office at 518-298-8244 or email [churchofstmary@yahoo.com](mailto:churchofstmary@yahoo.com) for reservations. Please take the time and carefully read your mailing this year.**

**NEW DIRECTIVE FROM THE DIOCESE OF OGDENSBURG ON MASK WEARING....**

*Due to the increasing number of COVID - 19 infections, we ask that our parishioners age 2 and older, wear masks or cloth face coverings during Masses (except for when receiving Holy Communion) to decrease the spread of airborne droplets and the subsequent risk of transmission. Wearing face coverings is a risk-reduction measure that permits as many people as possible to attend Mass in person. In particular, this helps guard against transmitting the virus to the elderly and immunocompromised members of the congregation and to those who assist in their care. We appreciate your cooperation with this request.*

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

This weekend, December 5, at the 4pm Masses at St. Mary's and St. Patrick's, we will be administering the Sacrament of the Sick to all who desire it. The sacrament, however, is only for those with serious ailments, either mental or physical. The very elderly are eligible. The sacrament is also administered to those who are going to have serious operations in the hospital.

**SENIOR CHRISTMAS DINNER...** which was scheduled for December 6<sup>th</sup> has been cancelled due to the rise in the COVID - 19 virus in the area. Hope to see you all back in 2021.

**K OF C COUNCIL #3525 NEWS**

The Champlain Knights of Columbus Council #3525 will be conducting their Annual Super Bowl Fundraiser. Tickets can be obtained by contacting Roy or Brenda Cardin at 518-726-0280 or 518-420-3765.

**ST. MARY'S GIFT GIVING PROGRAMS**

**Christmas Magic.....**wish lists (Angel tags) will soon be available. This special Gift Giving Program will help local needy children in our area.

**Birthright tags....**are available this weekend. The Birthright gifts are used year round for the infants and mothers.

As always, these programs certainly appreciate our support!

**SHOEBOX COLLECTION**

Thank you to all who participated in this very worthwhile program for the children around the world. Shoeboxes were dropped off to the drop-off location on Monday.

**CONFIRMATION CLASSES....begin next Sunday, December 6 with an Orientation Meeting at 7:00PM in St. Patrick's Parish Hall. Parents and Students are required to wear their masks.**

**Looking ahead:** Confessions during Advent will be held at St. Patrick's on Monday, December 7 at 7pm and at St. Mary's on Thursday, December 10 at 7pm.

**SPECIAL THANKS**

Special thanks to all who contributed to the Thanksgiving monetary collection which was taken up at our Thanksgiving Eve Mass. The monies and non-perishable food items will be used for the needy of our area. Again, many thanks for your continued support and generosity!

**CHANGES TO OUR SEATING PLAN.....**you may have noticed our seating plan in the church have changed. The larger pews can accommodate families or single persons on each end. Every other pew is blocked off to allow for social distancing. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding in these very unusual times we are facing together.

**CEMETERY NEWS.....**as we prepare for the coming winter months, we encourage plot owners to discard summer flowers, pots etc. asap! Thank you!

**NO CHRISTIAN FORMATION CLASSES THIS WEEKEND! ENJOY YOUR BREAK!**

**Classes will continue on December 6 for...**

**1st & 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade...**St. Patrick's Parish Hall, Sundays, 8:45 to 9:45AM  
**3rd & 4th Grades** Home Instruction (Sr. Jessy Xavier)  
**5th & 6th Grades** St. Mary's Parish Center, Sundays, 9:15 to 10:15AM  
**7th & 8th Grades** St. Mary's Parish Center, Sundays, 6:30 to 7:45PM (Pat Gladd)

**ST. MARY'S 2020 BISHOP'S FUND**

GOAL	AMOUNT PLEDGED	# OF DONORS	AMOUNT REMAINING TO REACH GOAL
<b>\$8,026</b>	\$5,281.25	64	\$2,744.75

If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, please pray about your decision and make a pledge or one-time gift. For your convenience find a link below to make your BFA contribution on-line if you prefer that avenue. <https://www.rcdony.org/giving/donate-now-bishop-s-fund.html> (BFA giving on-line)