

*The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary  
and Joseph*

*December 27, 2020*

*Joseph was told in a dream to take the child and his mother to Egypt. In that way the prophecy would be fulfilled: "Out of Egypt I called my son." When they returned, they settled in Nazareth to fulfill another prophecy: "He shall be called a Nazorean."*

**MASSES**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph**

9:00AM (St. Mary's) NO MASS

4:00PM + (St. Mary's) Lawrence & Florence Baker, Doris, Ruth, Rita, & William Baker by Robert, Mary & Darlene Baker

4:00PM + (St. Patrick's) Ila Comeau by Mark & Kay Papin

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27**

8:00AM + (St. Mary's) TinaMarie Lapan by Gene & Pat Gladd

10:00AM + (St. Patrick's) Muriel & Harold Thompson by Gail & Richard Weierstall

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 28**

9:00AM + (St. Patrick's) Bob Guay by his Family

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29**

9:00AM (St. Patrick's) Lucette Dion by Carole Lefebvre

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30**

9:00AM + (St. Patrick's) 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of George Marnes by a Friend

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31 (Anticipated Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God)**

4:00PM + (St. Mary's) Janet Carey by Gene & Pat Gladd

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 1 Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God**

9:00AM + (St. Patrick's) Gerard Ducharme by Arsene & Rose Letourneau

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 2**

9:00AM (St. Mary's) NO MASS

4:00PM + (St. Mary's) Brandon Barrie by Veronica & Bobby LaCount

4:00PM + (St. Patrick's) John Rowe by Pam & Russ Gadway

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 3**

8:00AM + (St. Mary's) Pat Pepin by Florence Cardin

10:00AM + (St. Patrick's) 4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Lawrence Pelkey by Sheila, Brian Pelkey & Family

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

**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**

**December 26 - January 2**

**In Memory of Steve Burky by a Friend**

**STEWARDSHIP December 20:** (Envelopes): \$1,458 Plate:\$27.

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.

**HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**

New Year's fall on Friday this year and is considered a Holy Day of Obligation. **Please note that an anticipated mass at St. Mary's will be celebrated on Thursday, Dec. 31 at 4:00pm. If you are unable to make this time and wish to attend, St. Patrick's will have one on New Year's Day at 9:00am.**

**OFFICE HOURS**

**The Parish Office will be closed on Friday, January 1 in observance of New Year's!**

**2020 NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULE**

*New Year's Eve,*

*Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God*

*St. Mary's, 4:00pm*

*New Year's Day*

*Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God*

*St. Patrick's, 9:00am*

**TIDBIT OF INFORMATION...the Church celebrates the Birth of the Lord until the Feast of the Baptism of Jesus, which is January 10, 2021.**

**VERY SPECIAL THANKS**

Thank you to all who do so much for the good of St. Mary's Parish Family; all of our St. Mary's committees, the Christian Formation Programs, the Knights of Columbus, the Catholic Daughters, ALL volunteers, and finally to our parishioners and friends. "Thank you". You truly are appreciated.

**BEST WISHES FOR A HAPPY NEW YEAR**

**FILLED WITH JOY, PEACE AND LOVE!**

**MANY THANKS FOR YOUR CHRISTMAS CHEER....**on behalf of Fr. Lewis and Fr. Duc, we would like to take this opportunity to express their gratitude for all your gifts and kind wishes this Christmas Season, not only for the personal gifts, but also the gifts to our parish throughout the year. Special thanks to Deacon Noel Hinerth, thanks to those who helped decorate our church, the choir, readers & Eucharistic Ministers; thanks to our staff who help to make our parish run so smoothly; thanks to all who have, in any way, helped to make the Christmas Season and every season so special; and a special thanks to all who help the needy.

**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!

**FR. LEWIS' RECOVERY...**Fr. Lewis is still recovering from his ankle surgery in Meadowbrook, Room #17. We ask that you continue to keep him in your prayers.

**ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP**

As we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family today, why not invite them to be our guides in this coming new year? They who lived a very simple life in Nazareth would have discovered many ways to use only what they needed. In our present consumer driven culture, it can be a real challenge to discern between what I need and what I want. The answer to this question can have a profound effect on how sustainable this planet will be for the health and well-being of future generations. Environmental stewardship or sustainability covers every aspect of our lives, i. e. food, energy use, transportation, water, etc.

Suggestion: Spend some time reflecting with St. Joseph and see if there are any changes you can make to simplify in the coming new year that will benefit not only you but the whole the family of God.

**YEAR END GIVING....**if you would like to include St. Mary's in your year end giving, please be reminded that it needs to be received by December 31, 2020 to be included in this tax year.

**PRAYER**

God, our loving Father, you sent your Son, Jesus Christ, into this world to counter all the forces of evil: sin, suffering and death, and to overcome evil with the force of good; hatred with the power of love,

Help us never to curse the darkness, but to join with you in bringing

Your light into this world,

the light that is your Son,

born of the Virgin Mary, in Bethlehem.

Help us to be instruments of your light and love by doing one special act of kindness or by being your special instrument of reconciliation this New Year.

May the Christ Candle we light symbolize our desire to bring light into a world of darkness and hope into a world of despair. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**DIOCESAN MASS FOR LIFE: Sunday, January 24, 2021**

Bishop LaValley will celebrate a Mass for Life on Sunday, January 24, 2021 at 11AM at St. Mary's Cathedral in Ogdensburg. It will be live-streamed at [www.rcdony.org/livemass](http://www.rcdony.org/livemass)

Join in person or virtually to pray for a deeper respect for human life.

**CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS/FLOWERS**

Many of the flowers, decorations for Christmas are donated in memory or in honor of loved ones. A separate Christmas Memorial Bulletin is available on the radiator covers. However, it is not too late to contribute if you wish, as this list will be updated for next weekend as an insert in the bulletin. Thank you to all who have donated thus far.

**SUPER BOWL FUNDRAISER**

The Champlain Catholic Men's Club 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.