

*Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 24, 2021*

MASSES

SATURDAY, JANUARY 23

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

4:00PM + (St. Mary's) Jean Ethier by Isaias & Judy Lopez

4:00PM + (St. Patrick's) Gerard Ducharme by Steve & Diane Menard & Family

SUNDAY, JANUARY 24

8:00AM + (St. Mary's) 1ST Anniversary of Madeleine Bourdeau by her Siblings

10:00AM + (St Patrick's) John Rowe by Jeff & Renee Morelock

MONDAY, JANUARY 25

9:00AM (St. Patrick's) Special Intention for Josie Maskell

TUESDAY, JANUARY 26

9:00AM +(St. Patrick's) Ken Ryan by Faith Lambertson & George Legnard

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27

9:00AM (St. Patrick's) Special Intention for Rose Moore by her Family

THURSDAY, JANUARY 28

9:00AM + (St. Mary's) Magella Coonan Bocare by Gillis & Jeanevieve Gauthier

FRIDAY, JANUARY 29

9:00AM + (St. Mary's) Ruby Tetreault by Gloria Lafountain

SATURDAY, JANUARY 30

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

4:00PM + (St. Mary's) Eleanor Gaudette by a Friend

4:00PM + (St. Patrick's) Donald LaBombard by Allan & Merrie Nautel

SUNDAY, JANUARY 31

8:00AM + (St. Mary's) Sr. Marie Cordata by Gail Wolcott

10:00AM + (St Patrick's) Victor West by his Estate

PRAYER REQUESTS: John See, Fr. Clyde Lewis, Nora Mercaldi, Joseph Louis Bedard, Carmie Babbie, Donnie Hicks, Pauline Scriver, Mary Baker.

Nursing Homes: Lucien Rodier, Rose Moore, Doris Deso.

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

SANCTUARY CANDLE

January 23 - 30

In Memory of all Deceased Parishioners

SANCTUARY AND VIGIL CANDLES.....reserve your dates for the 2021 year. Call the Parish Office 518-298-8244.

STEWARDSHIP January 17: (Envelopes): \$2,138, Plate:\$28.

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.

DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

Receipts (calendar year 2020) for both the It's Our Church, It's Our Future Capital Campaign and the Bishop's Fund Appeal are currently being processed and being mailed by next week from our office. All gifts totaling \$250 or more (along with any others specifically requested) are being generated.

Please find links below if you wish to make a gift to the 2020 Bishop's Fund Appeal (runs July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021) or a pledge payment to the It's Our Church, It's Our Future Capital Campaign.

<https://www.rcdony.org/giving/donate-now-bishop-s-fund.html> (BFA giving on-line giving)

<https://www.rcdony.org/capitalcampaign/donate-now.html> (Capital Campaign on-line giving)

**BLESSING OF THROATS ON THE MEMORIAL OF ST. BLAISE
(February 3)**

Note that the Book of Blessings contains the following provision for this rite:

1628. If, for pastoral reasons, each individual cannot be blessed in the manner described in no. 1627, for example when great numbers are gathered for the blessing or when the memorial of Saint Blaise occurs on a Sunday, a priest or deacon may give the blessing to all assembled by extending hands, without the crossed candles, over the people while saying the prayer of blessing. A lay minister says the prayer proper to lay ministers without making the sign of the cross.

According to the Committee on Divine Worship of the USCCB that the current circumstances would certainly be considered a sufficient pastoral reason to avoid administration of the blessing to individuals in the usual manner, should there be any concern of danger due to the ongoing pandemic.

We will have a general blessing of the throats after Masses on February 6 & 7. Blessed candles will be available to those who wish to take one home.

MESSAGE FROM BISHOP LAVALLEY ON RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

Pope St. John Paul II wrote, in The Gospel of Life, "To defend and promote life, to show reverence and love for it, is a task which God entrusts to every person" (no.42). Each one of us is called to oppose abortion by every legal means available and to voice that opinion in the public square. We are called to support women and families whose circumstances may lead them to seek an abortion. "We are asked to love and honor the life of every man and woman and to work with perseverance and courage so that, our time, marked by all too many signs of death, may at last witness the establishment of a new culture of life, the fruit of the culture of truth and love" (The Gospel of Life, no.77). This is our time for witness.

The Church of the North Country continues to accept our responsibility to promote a Culture of Life in a resistant society. For the last several years, here in the Diocese of Ogdensburg, a special Respect Life Collection is taken up to support our diocesan Respect Life efforts. Colleen and John Miner, from our Diocesan Respect Office, faithfully coordinate the steps we need to take in promoting and protecting the dignity and worth of every human life.

Every year at this time, we are given this opportunity to support the efforts this local Church makes in promoting the Culture of Life. Grants from this collection support such ministries as Gabriel Project which aid struggling new mothers with a compassionate ear and with material assistance to care for their newborn child. Grants also assist Birthright, an interdenominational organization helping women with unplanned pregnancies. Other grants have supported educational programs, Catholic radio in the Adirondacks and a variety of other pro-life efforts. Grants have also provided buses for our youth and college students to participate in the annual March for Life in Washington, D.C.

Thank you for your prayers, witness, and generous support of the 2021 Respect Life Collection, helping to build a Culture of Life, one life at a time.

PRAYER FOR UNITY

Eternal Father,
we praise you for sending your Son
to be one of us and to save us.
Look upon your people with mercy,
for we are divided in so many ways,
and give us the Spirit of Jesus to make us one in love.

We ask this gift, loving Father,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

RESPECT LIFE SECOND COLLECTION:

January 23/24, 2021

The Respect Life Second Collection is held in parishes each January, near the anniversary of the Supreme Court Roe v. Wade decision which legalized abortion in our nation. In 2021, this collection will be held this weekend, January 23/24. Grants from the collection benefit pro-life projects in our diocese. Thank you for your support of efforts to build a culture of life.

THANK YOU FROM BIRTHRIGHT....thank you to St. Mary's Church, Champlain for the items and Christmas Giving Tree gifts. We give out 6-7 layettes a month and are very appreciative for these baby outfits and items. We are always in need of shampoo, lotion, diaper ointment and baby bottles. Again, thanks.

To Report Abuse

**If you have a complaint of suspected misconduct involving diocesan clergy, religious, employees or volunteers, contact Victims Assistance Coordinator, Terri-
anne Yanulavich, Ph.D., LMHC,
5050 Route 374, Merrill, NY 12955;
terriannyanulavich@yahoo.com
Phone: 518-651-2267 days; 518-
569-0612 evenings; or Father
Christopher Carrara, the Episcopal
Vicar for Clergy;
ccarrara@rcdony.org Phone: 315-
393-2920 ext. 1340. If you have a
complaint of suspected sexual
abuse or related misconduct by the
bishops, contact the Catholic
Bishop Abuse Reporting Serv-
ice at 800-276-1562 or
www.ReportBishopAbuse.org.**

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR CONSECRATED LIFE: Celebrating the men and women dedicated to discipleship

The Church celebrates World Day of Prayer For Consecrated Life on February 6-7, 2021. On this day we recognize the countless men and women who live consecrated life in various way as well as their contributions to the growth of the Church. We especially pray for those men and women in our diocese who daily live the vows of poverty, chastity and obedience while belonging to a community and tirelessly working in ministry. Through their example of discipleship, may we be inspired to deeper communion with Christ and may there be an increase in vocations to the consecrated life.

If you would like to speak with a religious priest, brother or sister, or would like more information, contact the Vocation Office at 315-393-2920 or email Fr. Chris Carrara at ccarrara@rcdony.org or Cathy Russell at crussell@rcdony.org.