

*Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 31, 2021*

MASSES

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1

9:00AM (St. Patrick's) Aline Terry by Anne & Cindy Cary

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2

9:00AM (St. Patrick's) Special Blessings for the Class of 1951 by Jackie Ducharme

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3

9:00AM + (St. Patrick's) Agnes Beauharnois by M/M Michael Baker

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4

9:00AM (St. Mary's) Special Intention by a Parishioner

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5

9:00AM + (St. Mary's) Leon Dutil by Jim & Jane Forkey

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6

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

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

4:00PM + (St. Patrick's) Ken Ryan by his Family

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7

8:00AM + (St. Mary's) Pat Pepin by James Harrington

10:00AM + (St. Patrick's) Priscilla Menard by Barbara Guay

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

Deceased: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Donna Racine. May she rest in peace.

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 30 - February 6

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 24: (Envelopes): \$1,682, Plate: \$42.

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.

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!

RESPECT LIFE THANKS

We are extremely appreciative of everyone's generosity to the Respect Life Collection held last weekend. Our total collected was \$163. Thank you for your support.

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

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.

POPE FRANCIS PROCLAIMS "YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH"

Pope Francis announced a Year of St. Joseph in honor of the 150th anniversary of the saint's proclamation as patron of the Universal Church. The year began Dec. 8, 2020, and concludes on Dec. 8, 2021, according to a decree authorized by the pope.

Over the next Seven Sunday's (Jan 31 to March 14) the Diocese of Ogdensburg will be observing the Seven Joys and Sorrows of St. Joseph. The Devotion to the Seven Sorrows and Seven Joys of St. Joseph is observed on the seven Sundays preceding the March 19 feast of St. Joseph.

The Seven Sundays of St. Joseph are also observed by receiving Holy Communion in St. Joseph's honor on seven consecutive Sundays, each Sunday recalling one of his sorrows and one of his joys. We contemplate this series of events in the life of St. Joseph so that we might confront the joys and sorrows of our own lives as he did.

FR. LEWIS... has returned from Meadowbrook Rehab and continues his recovery at St. Patrick's. Please continue your prayers for a successful full recovery.

FRIENDLY REMINDERS

If you have someone in your family celebrating a significant birthday or anniversary, please let us know so that we can share the good news with the parishioners.

Letter from Bishop LaValley

(Bishop explains status of laicized former priest)

Dear Brothers in Christ:

I share with you my great concern over recent developments in the Diocese of Ogdensburg. It is with a heavy heart that I must clarify for you the canonical status of Thomas Higman. It is important that you be aware of this in your ministry so as to prevent any possible confusion among the faithful.

In September of 2020, the Diocese of Ogdensburg became aware of Tom's intention to function as an Episcopalian cleric. Out of fraternal concern for him and for the faithful, I wrote to Tom and urged him not to follow through on this intention. I invited Tom to meet and discuss this matter with me. I wrote of the implications of such a decision and urged him not to move ahead with these plans. I did not receive a response to my appeal to him.

Tom, of his own free will, had requested from Pope Francis the favor of laicization, that is, being returned to the lay state and dispensed from the obligations of priestly ordination, including the promise of celibacy. On September 18, 2019, Pope Francis personally granted Tom's request. In accepting this dispensation, Tom freely and knowingly agreed to the conditions for this dispensation from the Holy Father. Principal among these conditions was his wholehearted agreement "not to exercise Holy Orders and to give good example, thereby showing himself a devoted son of the Church."

In announcing, a few days ago, his service "as Associate Priest at Trinity Episcopal Church in Plattsburgh," Tom has broken his word to Pope Francis. Thomas Higman has formally broken communion with the Roman Catholic Church and is, thereby, in schism. By his own action and choice, Thomas Higman is excommunicated from the Catholic Church.

All Roman Catholics are cautioned to neither seek nor request any of the sacraments from Thomas Higman. It may be helpful for some pastors whose parishioners have an association with Tom to clarify his canonical status by sharing this information with them.

How lamentable it is that during this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, a rupture of unity within our own local Church should occur. Let us work and pray for unity within the Church and among all Christians. We keep Tom in our prayers. Fraternaly yours in Christ,

*Most Reverend Terry R. LaValley
Bishop of Ogdensburg*

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.

LOOKING AHEAD...FACTS ABOUT LENT 2021

When does Lent begin? Lent begins on Wednesday, February 17th.

When does Lent end? As a liturgical season Lent ends on Holy Thursday, immediately before the Mass of the Lord's Supper that evening, when the Easter Triduum begins.

ENVELOPE USERS

The 2020 end of year financial statements are available to envelope users. Please call (518-298-8244) or email the parish office (churchofstmary@yahoo.com) to have your name placed on the list.

ST. MARY'S

20 WEEK CLUB FUND RAISER COMING SOON!

Only 200 tickets will be sold!

If you wish to purchase specific ticket numbers 001-200, you may call the office Monday through Thursday to place your name on the list with the specific number you want. You will then be contacted once they become available.

HAVE A SAFE AND ENJOYABLE WEEKEND!