

*Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 14, 2021*

MASSES

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13

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

4:00PM + (St. Mary's) 24th Anniversary of Joseph Maggy by daughter Betty Weightman

4:00PM + (St. Patrick's) 47th Anniversary of Rosa Guay by the Guay Family

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14

8:00AM + (St. Mary's) Kevin Castine by Patricia Poissant & Family

10:00AM + (St. Patrick's) Albert Gokey by his Family

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15

9:00AM + (St. Patrick's) Louise Jackson by Maureen Allen

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16

9:00AM + (St. Patrick's) 1st Anniversary of Francis "Pete" LeBlanc by his Family

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17 - ASH WEDNESDAY

9:00AM + (St. Patrick's) John Rowe by Robert & Ann Marie Witkiewicz

followed by Stations of the Cross

7:00PM + (St. Mary's) Joseph Docteur by Cynthia & Rolla Parker

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18

9:00AM + (St. Mary's) Robert Bechard by Gordon Blair

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19

9:00AM + (St. Mary's) Fr. James Delbel by Gloria Tetreault

followed by Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20

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

4:00PM + (St. Mary's) Janet Carey by Don Brooks & Mary Ann Brown

4:00PM + (St. Patrick's) All Deceased Connelly Family Members by Norman & Kathleen Bechard

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21

8:00AM + (St. Mary's) Catherine Gooley by Hilda Wrye

10:00AM + (St. Patrick's) Kenneth Place by Dale Place

PRAYER REQUESTS: John See, Fr. Clyde Lewis, Joseph Louis Bedard, Carmie Babbie.

(These names are published for a period of two months and then removed, unless we hear otherwise.)

Please pray for our parishioners, who are homebound or in a nursing home: Lucien Rodier, Rose Moore, Doris Deso.

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

SANCTUARY CANDLE

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In Memory of all Deceased Parishioners

STEWARDSHIP February 7: (Envelopes): \$2,307, Plate: \$59.

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 at this time.

SPECIAL THANKSmany thanks to the Champlain Catholic

Mens Club members: Marty Picard, Steve Ashline, Joe Ashline for coming to our rescue and shoveling off the heavy snow on the rectory garage roof. Your time is very much appreciated by the parish.

LENT BEGINS....WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH!

Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule

St. Mary's 7:00pm

St. Patrick's 9:00am

LENTEN RULES & REGULATIONS

Abstinence: All Catholics who have reached their 14th birthday are bound to abstain totally from meat on the following days: Ash Wednesday, Fridays of Lent, & Good Friday.

Fasting: All Catholics between the ages of 18-59 are bound also to observe the Law of Fast on the following days: Ash Wednesday, Fridays of Lent, & Good Friday.

Prayer & Penance: the entire season of Lent should be observed in a spirit of prayer and penance. Spending extra time in prayer or Bible Study, attending daily Mass, voluntary sacrifice and self-denial, combined with works of charity and service to others, are all excellent ways to obey the Lord's command to reform our lives and to prepare the joyful celebration of Easter.

Easter Duty: All Catholics who have reached the age of reason must confess their serious sins in the Sacrament of Penance at least once a year. They must also receive Holy Communion at least once each year between the First Sunday of Lent (February 21 and Trinity Sunday, May 30).

LOOKING AHEAD: Confessions for Lent will be held on Tuesday, March 31 beginning at 7pm. Confessions will also be held on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday.

PRESIDENTS' DAY...The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, February 15 in Observance of Presidents' Day! Please note that we follow the Diocesan schedule.

RICE BOWL

Looking for something extra to do for Lent? Give your Lenten Sacrifices to your CRS Rice Bowl. \$1 day for 40 days of Lent means: 1 month of food for a family, 2 yrs of seed for a farmer, 3 months of clean water for 4 families. Please find Rice Bowls located on the radiator covers. **Please note these bowls must be returned to us by the end of the Lenten Season.**

LENT 2021

Due to the pandemic, distributing ashes on the forehead of each person is problematic this year. Therefore, below describes how the ashes will be distributed.

Ash Wednesday, the beginning of our Lenten Season, falls on Wednesday, February 17. We will have two Masses that day ... 9:00AM at St. Patrick's and 7:00PM at St. Mary's. There will, however, be a difference this year. Instead of the priest or deacon marking each parishioner's forehead with the sign of the cross, ashes will be placed in individual cups. After the ashes are blessed, the priest will announce "Remember man or woman, you are dust and to dust you shall return". Then parishioners will come up the middle aisle to the front of the church and take a cup with ashes and a napkin for wiping off their finger, mark their foreheads with the ashes and dispose of the ashes and their napkin in the container provided. Please note that because the ashes are blessed they must be disposed of properly.

CHURCH IN CENTRAL EASTERN EUROPE COLLECTION

Next weekend, and not Ash Wednesday, we will take up the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. This collection supports the Church in more than 25 countries still struggling to recover from communist rule. Collected gifts support pastoral care, catechesis, building renovations, and seminary formation. Your support helps restore the Church and build the future in this region. As we begin our Lenten journey, please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection.

ST. MARY'S

20 WEEK CLUB FUND RAISER COMING SOON!

Only 200 tickets will be sold!

We have had a few people request certain numbers, so if you wish to purchase a specific ticket number 001-200, you may call the office Monday through Thursday to place your name on the list. Once they become available you will be contacted.

Fr. Roger McGuinness is offering a special Lenten Parish Mission podcast

Fr. J. Roger McGuinness has been a priest of the Diocese of Ogdensburg for over 50 years. He has been a pastor, seminary and university professor, retreat master, college chaplain and vocation director. Now retired from active ministry he continues to write and give spiritual direction.

Fr. Roger will be leading a Lenten mission featuring weekly reflections on the Sunday gospel readings. He will also offer a special reflection on the life of St. Joseph on March 19th, the Feast of St. Joseph. The podcast can be found at <https://www.route74catholics.org/fatherroger>. The first episode will be available on February 16th.

Please remember you can stay updated on our website www.stmaryschamplain.org as well as current and past bulletins may be viewed.

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.

IS GOD CALLING YOU TO A MORE ACTIVE ROLE IN YOUR PARISH?

The Formation for Ministry Program prepares men and women to serve in their local parish. This program is a two-year program. Classes are online through Boston College. Candidates also meet a few times a year as a group for workshops. More information is available on our diocesan website at: <https://www.rcdony.org/formation/candidate.html>.