



*Third Sunday of Advent
December 12, 2021*

John the Baptizer said to the crowds, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." In that way he preached good news to the people.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11

4:00PM +(St. Mary's) Melvin Laramie by Wife & Families

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12

8:00AM + (St. Patrick's) Alfred & Octavia Racine by Andy & Diane Morrelli

10:00AM +(St. Patrick's) 10th Anniversary of Margaret Aubrey by Jeff & Carmen

MONDAY, DECEMBER 13

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

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14

9:00AM +(St. Patrick's) Tom Duffy by Pat & Mary O'Connor

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15

9:00AM + (St. Patrick's) Brooke McDowell by a Friend

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16

9:00AM +(St. Mary's) Roger & Denise Coulombe by Pat Gladd

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17

9:00AM+ (St. Mary's) Steve Douglas by Vickie & Family

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18

4:00PM +(St. Mary's) Darrel Demers by Joyce & Family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19

8:00AM + (St. Patrick's) Deceased Members of the Carey Family by their Family

10:00AM +(St. Patrick's) 8th Anniversary of Gerald Dupree by Arsene, Rose & Rachel Letourneau & Dupree Family

PRAYER REQUESTS: Billy Leduc, Terry Longe, Lee Gadway, Beverly Duprey, Joseph Louis Bedard, Carmie Babbie.

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

Please pray for all of our Military...Logan Chapman.

SANCTUARY CANDLE - DECEMBER 11 - 18

In Memory of All Deceased Parishioners

CHURCH DECORATING

Anyone interested in decorating the Church for Christmas is welcome to join us next Sunday, December 19 around 9:00am. Please stop by and give us a hand.

23rd ANNUAL CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1:00 - 2:00PM ST. PATRICK'S PARISH HALL

MASKS ARE REQUIRED...Children and their parents are asked to enter the hall, maintain social distancing, and wait their turn. Santa will be there to greet each child and take pictures. After meeting with Santa, you will leave the hall.

STEWARDSHIP NOVEMBER 21:

	2021(53 env.)	2020
(Envelopes):	\$2,683	\$2,178
Make-ups		2,000
Plate:	255	19
	<u>\$2,938</u>	<u>\$4,197</u>

Thank you to all who are so generous to our parish and to all who continue to make up their envelopes, even when they are unable to attend mass.

WELCOME...to all parishioners and visitors with us for Mass this weekend.

COME HOME FOR CHRISTMAS

We all know someone who has simply stopped practicing their faith. As we celebrate Jesus' birth, God wants all people to join in the praise. Invite them to come to Church with you this Christmas!

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

December 11 & 12

Help aging religious. Elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have offered their lives in service to others— educating the young, comforting the sick, and ministering to the less fortunate. Today, many are frail and need assistance. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps furnish medications, nursing care, and more.

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

The Diocese of Ogdensburg's Retirement Plan for Priests has long been supported by a percentage of parish contributions from its annual Christmas collection. This Christmas, the diocese requests contribution of 75% of the Christmas collection to support the Plan, with the parish keeping the balance. Currently 40 retired priests, and 12 active priests age 70 and older, are expected to receive pension benefits of \$1,020,000 in 2021-22. Also 100% of the cost of health insurance premiums for retired priests, estimated at \$250,000 this fiscal year, is paid by the Plan. Your generous contribution not only supports current retirees but will also help provide for the retirement needs of priests who will retire in the future. Say thank you to your pastor and all priests of the diocese through a generous contribution to our Christmas Collection.

CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL FLOWERS

Donations for flowers and decorations for Christmas are being accepted. You may also give in memory or in honor of loved ones. Please use the envelope in your Christmas packet or submit in a plain envelope. Please print all names clearly. A separate Memorial Bulletin will be printed.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

This weekend Saturday, December 11, at the 4pm Mass at St. Mary's and on Sunday, December 12 at the 10:00am Mass at 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 also eligible. The sacrament is also administered to those who are going to have serious operations in the hospital.

RELIGIOUS RETIREMENT LETTER FROM BISHOP LAVALLEY

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

Pope Francis often highlights the role older adults play in conveying faith from one generation to the next. Recently, he noted that "there is no retirement age from the work of proclaiming the Gospel." As we approach the annual Retirement Fund for Religious collection, an appeal that benefits some 26,000 elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests, I am reminded that senior women and men religious never retire from their vows.

The prayer and ministry of older religious are an ongoing witness to the Gospel. In their younger years, they laid the foundation for Catholic schools, hospitals, and works of mercy. Today, many serve in volunteer ministry. Others are frail and need assistance. Yet all remain wholly committed to their vocations, accepting the limitations of aging and embracing the opportunity to spend more time praying for our Church and world.

Most senior religious worked for little pay, and now their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious offers support that helps religious communities provide loving care for older members while ensuring younger ones can continue the good works of their elders.

Many fine religious women and men have served and continue to serve the people of God here in the North Country as teachers, health care providers, pastoral associates, administrators, pastors, and assistant priests. We are richly blessed to have a community of contemplatives, Sisters Adorers of the Precious Blood, supporting us through their ministry of prayer. We are also grateful to those missionaries (Sisters of the Cross of Chavanod, Missionaries of the Sacred Heart, Heralds of the Good News) who have left their home countries to minister here.

I recognize you may be experiencing your own financial difficulties. I ask only that you give what you can. Most importantly, please join me in praying for God's continued blessing on our nation's elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests.

Gratefully yours in Christ,
Most Reverend Terry R. LaValley
Bishop of Ogdensburg

RELIGIOUS ED NOTES...Christian Formation class this weekend December 12th.

ALL CHILDREN ARE INVITED AND WELCOME TO PARTICIPATE IN OUR CHRISTMAS EVE MASS AT 4:00PM

If you have little ones or grandchildren who wish to join us, please call the Parish Office 518-298-8244 or Kathy Ryan 518-593-8540. Every child will have a part.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve

St. Mary's, 4:00 PM
St. Patrick's, 6:00PM (Mero Family Musicians)

Christmas Day

St. Mary's, 8:00 AM
St. Patrick's, 10:00AM

Sunday, December 26

St. Mary's, 8:00AM & 10:00AM
St. Patrick's, 8:00AM & 10:00AM

New Year's Eve,

Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God
December 31
St. Mary's, 4:00PM

New Year's Day

Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God
January 1
St. Patrick's, 9:00AM

HAND SANITIZING

Everyone is asked to frequently sanitize their hands. Hand sanitizers are available at the entrances to our church and we encourage parishioners to use it. It is important to keep our worship and gathering spaces clean.

4th DEGREE

"BISHOP WADHAMS ASSEMBLY #706 Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus will not have a meeting in December."

MINISTRY SCHEDULE:

	Lector	EM
Sat. Dec. 18	Carol Castine	Evelyn Ashfield

2021 BISHOP'S FUND "Family of Faith in Action"
62 families in our parish have made a gift or pledge to the 2021 Bishop's Fund Appeal totaling \$6,611. Our parish goal is to have 87 or more families participate with a goal of reaching **\$8,026.** Please prayerfully consider supporting the Bishop's Fund Appeal with a pledge or one-time gift.