

*The Holy Family of
Jesus, Mary and Joseph*

December 26, 2021

At age twelve, Jesus sat in the temple at Jerusalem listening to the teachers and asking them questions. He astounded everyone by his understanding and answers.

MASSES

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25 The Nativity of the Lord

8:00AM (St. Mary's) Parishioners of St. Mary's

10:00AM (St. Patrick's) Parishioners of St. Patrick's

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

8:00AM + (St. Mary's) Nora Mercaldi by Bill & Roxanne Downs

8:00AM + (St. Patrick's) 1st Anniversary of Ken Ryan by his Family

10:00AM +(St. Mary's) Fr. James Delbel by Jeanette Clark

10:00AM +(St. Patrick's) Jeremy Patrie by Sharon Ramsey

MONDAY, DECEMBER 27

9:00AM (St. Patrick's) Communion Service

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28

9:00AM +(St. Patrick's) Patricia Boardman by Barbara LaBombard

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29

9:00AM + (St. Patrick's) Richard Anctil by his Family

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30

9:00AM +(St. Mary's) Nora Mercaldi by Donald & Bernie Burdo

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31 (Anticipated) Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

4:00PM + (St. Mary's) Clarence & Mabel LaBombard & Family by Robert, Mary & Darlene Baker

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1

9:00AM + (St. Patrick's) Linda Gonyo-Horne by Mom & Timmy Gonyo

4:00PM + (St. Mary's) Agatha & William Dubois by Jack & Sue Mawhinney

SUNDAY, JANUARY 2

8:00AM + (St. Patrick's) Randy Barcomb by Andy & Diane Morrelli

10:00AM +(St. Patrick's) M/M Harold Thomson by M/M Richard Weierstall

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

DECEASED: please pray for the repose of the soul of Clarence Patrie. May he rest in peace.

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 DECEMBER 25 - JANUARY 1

*In Memory of Louise Zurlo 24th Anniversary
by John & Mary Zurlo*

Holy water fonts have been emptied to prevent the spreading of the coronavirus.

STEWARDSHIP DECEMBER 19:

	2021(37 env.)	2020
(Envelopes):	\$1,802	\$1,458
Make-ups		
Plate:	94	27
	\$1,896	\$,1485

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. If you are visiting St. Mary's or have not been here in a while...Welcome! We are grateful you have joined us today.

COVID-19 UPDATE

All indoor public places (defined as any indoor space that is not a private residence – so it includes churches) must require all persons over age 2 who are able to medically tolerate a face covering/mask is required to do so regardless of vaccination status. Unvaccinated individuals continue to be responsible for wearing masks under CDC guidelines and socially distancing while attending Mass. We would appreciate your cooperation in implementing this protocol.

TIDBIT OF INFORMATION

The Church celebrates the Birth of the Lord until the Feast of the Baptism of Jesus, which is January 9, 2022.

*BEST WISHES FOR A HAPPY NEW YEAR
FILLED WITH JOY, PEACE AND LOVE!*

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 Program, the Knights of Columbus, the Catholic Daughters, ALL volunteers, and finally to our parishioners and friends. "Thank you". You truly are appreciated!

NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULE

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

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

MANY THANKS FOR THE CHRISTMAS CHEER

I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude for 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 all who helped decorate our church; to the choir, readers and special Eucharistic Ministers; thanks to all 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.

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous gift in our Christmas collection. Like every North Country parish we forward 75% of the collection to the diocese to fund pensions for retired priests. Pension needs for the future as well as obligations for the next year are being met thanks to your generous donation. Totals for this collection will be published in the bulletin for next weekend.

NO NCC NEXT WEEK

To allow the staff an opportunity to celebrate the Christmas holiday, there will be no North Country Catholic on December 29. The next edition will be January 5.

ST. MARY'S GIFT GIVING PROGRAMS

Thank you to all who purchased gifts for the Operation Christmas Child, the Christmas Angels, and our Birthright Giving Tree. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Many of the flowers & decorations for Christmas are donated in memory of loved ones. All additional donations will be added to the current list and an updated list will be printed and inserted in the bulletin for next weekend.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

	Sunday Dec. 26	
8:00am	Matthew Tetreault	Pat Carey
10:00am	Helen Bechard	Pat Gladd

NO SUNDAY RELIGIOUS ED UNTIL JANUARY 9TH!

Enjoy your time off

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.

KEEPING THE TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

Dec. 25 - The First Day of Christmas....Remember God's greatest gift, Jesus, as you unwrap your gifts.

Dec. 26 - The Second Day of Christmas...Remember the angel's "tidings of great joy" and spread some joy today.

Dec. 27 - The Third Day of Christmas...Remember that Christ came as the Light of the World when we see candles burning. Give thanks for the witness of St. John the Evangelist.

Dec. 28 - The Fourth Day of Christmas...Remember the angels' song as we sing carols so joyful and bright. Read about the Holy Innocents in Matthew 2:16-18.

Dec. 29 - The Fifth Day of Christmas...Remember the shepherds who came to the stable to worship and adore. Have family and friends together for a party.

Dec. 30 - The Sixth Day of Christmas...Remember that Jesus is the Word made flesh. Share your belief with a child.

Dec. 31 - The Seventh Day of Christmas...Remember the wonder of the shepherds and how they were filled with joy. Give thanks for the bounty our Lord has shared with you this year.

Jan. 1 -The Eighth Day of Christmas...Remember the Christmas star when you see the stars at night. Pray for World Peace.

Jan. 2 - The Ninth Day of Christmas...Remember Jesus' life of service to others and what that means to you.

Jan. 3 - The Tenth Day of Christmas...Remember Jesus' life of obedience and prayer. Think how your life should more reflect the model of Jesus.

Jan. 4 - The Eleventh Day of Christmas...Remember the Good News of God's love as you reach out to others. Plan a way to reach out to someone with God's love.

Jan. 5 - The Twelfth Day of Christmas...Remember that Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Life. Tell someone you love them and thank them for being a gift in your life.

"MINT"

I "MINT" to call and thank you,
But my time is in demand.
I "MINT" to say "I Love You",
But I knew you'd understand.
I "MINT" to send you flowers,
But they cost so much you know.
I "MINT" to pray for you this a.m.,
But I had someplace to go.
I "MINT" to say "Forgive Me"
But that's so hard to do.
I heard my Lord say "Bless You"
I hope he "MINT" me too!

2021 BISHOP'S FUND "Family of Faith in Action"

63 families in our parish have made a gift or pledge to the 2021 Bishop's Fund Appeal totaling \$6,636. 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.