

April 16, 2017

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WEEKLY COLLECTION

Many thanks for your continued generous support of our Parish. Many thanks to those who continue to support St. Patrick's while they are away from home. It is very helpful to be able to rely on your continued support throughout the year even when you cannot be here.

Last year \$4205

Last week \$3301 (Envelopes \$2868, Children \$1, Plate \$432)

PRAYER LIST

(These names will be listed for two months and then removed, unless we hear otherwise. If a name is removed and needs to be placed on the list again, please call the Rectory.)

Lois Phillips, Judy Rushford, Tony Mastracchio, Evelyn Gonyo, Sandy Barcomb, George Marnes, John Carey, Lucille Monette
Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of Viola Chevalier & Louis LeClaire. Also please pray for all those in our Community Intention Book and all the sick of our area.

READER/EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS/ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULE

April 15 / 16

8:00PM Pat Racine, Carole Lefebvre
Pat Carey, Pat Racine, Volunteer
Volunteers
8:00AM Joey Proulx
Kirsten Boumil, Volunteers
Volunteers
10:00AM Arsene Letourneau
Connie Boutin, Mary Racicot, Volunteers
Rachel Letourneau, Lauren Lincourt

April 22 / 23

4:00PM Brenda Jolicoeur
Pat Carey, Sue Merchant, Pat Racine
Olivia Kulevich, Angelena Polniaszek
10:00AM Douglas DiSabito
Peg Rivers, Mary Racicot, William Wrye
Rachel Letourneau

MASS INTENTIONS

April
Sat. 15 **Holy Saturday**
9:00AM **(St. Patrick's) Morning Prayer followed by Confessions**
9:00AM **(St. Mary's) Morning Prayer followed by Confessions**
Easter Vigil
8:00PM **(St. Patrick's) Parishioners of St. Patrick's and St. Mary's by Fr. Clyde Lewis**
Sun. 16 **Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**
8:00AM **(St. Patrick's) Parishioners of St. Patrick's and St. Mary's by Fr. Clyde Lewis**
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Mon 17 **Monday within the Octave of Easter**
9:00AM †**(St. Patrick's) Lucille Merchant by Lucille Racine**
Tue. 18 **Tuesday within the Octave of Easter**
9:00AM †**(St. Patrick's) Scott Bosley by Margaret Spiegel**
Wed. 19 **Wednesday within the Octave of Easter**
9:00AM **(St. Patrick's) Communion Service**
Thur. 20 **Thursday within the Octave of Easter**
9:00AM †**(St. Mary's) Keith Favreau by Pat Neverett**
Fri. 21 **Friday within the Octave of Easter**
9:00AM †**(St. Mary's) Margaret Cardin by VFW Auxiliary #1418**
Sat. 22 **(Anticipated) Sunday of Divine Mercy**
4:00PM †**(St. Patrick's) Beatrice Jefferson by Brian & Carla Dragon**
5:30PM †**(St. Mary's) 5th Anniversary of Annabelle Ashline by Patsy Patnode**
Sun. 23 **Sunday of Divine Mercy**
8:00AM †**(St. Mary's) 20th Anniversary of Madeline LaVenture by Rick & Sharron LaVenture**
10:00AM †**(St. Patrick's) Victor West by his Estate**

SANCTUARY LAMP

Flora by Faith

VIRGIN MARY CANDLE

Special Intention for
Rose Grimaldi by
Mastracchio Family

ST. JOSEPH CANDLE

Walter Connelly, Jr.
by his Family

GLUTEN-FREE HOSTS ... are available at St. Patrick's and St. Mary's Churches from Fr. Lewis or Fr. Stitt. Please request these only if you require a gluten-free diet.

PENNY DRIVE ... As of 4/14/17, our total is \$2592. Many thanks for your continued generosity.

Notes from the Pastor's Desk

PRESENTS AT EASTER? While most of us rightly associate Easter with the resurrection of Our Lord (and secondarily with a sweet treat), sometimes a gift is a great way to mark the beginning of the Celebration of New Life. This weekend, we are offering 500 copies of a great new book—Matthew Kelly's *Resisting Happiness*. Please make sure that you and your friends and family each get a copy. They are available in the downstairs front lobby and on the piano upstairs in the church. In a few weeks, we will have a potluck dinner where everyone can bring a dish to share and get together and discuss what they have read. The date for the dinner will be Tuesday, May 2 at 5:30PM in St. Patrick's Parish Center. More details will follow.

EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS ... Easter Flower intentions will be attached to next weekend's bulletin. Many thanks for your donations.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY ... Sunday, April 23 is Divine Mercy Sunday. The First Sunday after Easter has been so designated by Pope John Paul II. This devotion has evolved from revelations given to Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska of Poland. While these are not a matter of Catholic dogma, the messages given to her have enhanced the fervor of many Catholics. Private revelation not only enriches, but also makes the deposit of our faith more complete. On Sunday at **3:00PM**, Deacon Noel Hinerth will lead Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy at St. Patrick's. Parishioners from St. Patrick's and St. Mary's are invited to attend.

HAPPY EASTER BLESSINGS TO ALL!!

CHRISTIAN FORMATION CLASSES ... There are no Christian Formation Classes this Sunday, April 16. They resume on Sunday, April 23. **REMINDER** ... Sign-up sheets are in the upstairs church lobby for First Grade, Second Grade and Eighth Grade Students. If you do not attend Mass here at St. Patrick's, please have the pastor at the church you attend sign a bulletin from that church and bring it to your class.

CONFIRMATION ... will be held on Saturday, June 10 at 5:30PM at St. Mary's Church.

FIRST COMMUNION ... will be held on Sunday, June 11 at 10:00AM at St. Patrick's Church.

ST. PATRICK'S FOOD SHELF HOURS HAVE CHANGED ... The food shelf will be **open every Wednesday from 9:30 to 10:30AM ONLY**. It will no longer be open on Sundays. If you have a need other than these times, please call Sharon at 297-6208 or Pat at 420-4957 for an appointment.

ROUSES POINT KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 2366 ... has just celebrated its 95th Anniversary and many changes have taken place during this time. One of those changes involves membership. Council 2366 has grown to over 300 members from area localities. At the same time, Champlain Mored Council 3525, followed by Ellenburg Council 4441, and finally Mooers Council 6136. Now those same four Councils make up District 97.

Rouses Point Council 2366 presently has a membership roster of 58 members. Of those 58 members, over 40 are in their 60s, 70s, 80s and 90s. Those members have devoted much time, energy, and funds to help support the Knights of Columbus, St. Patrick's Church and the community through charitable works and donations. In order to continue as an organization, we need new members who will help the Rouses Point Knights of Columbus survive as an organization, help the Council reach its 100th Anniversary and add fresh ideas to raise funds to help support St. Patrick's Church and to fulfill donation requests to local organizations. We need practicing Catholic men who are at least 18 years of age.

Without several more local Catholic men to join and take leadership positions, Rouses Point will not likely be able to keep going. It would be a shame to see an organization approaching 100 years of existence have to close down. **PLEASE HELP US TO HELP OUR PARISH AND COMMUNITY!**

UNLOCKING THE MYSTERY OF THE BIBLE! ... continues after Easter on Thursday, April 20 and April 27 at 6:30PM in the Parish Center.

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA AND CHAPLET PAMPHLETS ... are still available in the church lobby. The Novena started on Good Friday and ends on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 23.

CEMETERY CLEAN-UP ... Season 1 (April 1 to November 15) has begun. Please remove all old flowers/wreaths.

NORTH COUNTRY CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN ... There is still time to subscribe to our diocesan newspaper. Please place your subscription envelope in the collection basket or mail a check for \$27 to the North Country Catholic, PO Box 106, Canajoharie, NY, 13317.

SPRING BRUNCH ... Sunday, April 23, 8:00AM - 1:00PM, Holy Angels Church, Altona. Menu: Ham, Sausage, Eggs, Homefries, Pancakes, French Toast, Biscuits with Sausage & Gravy, Muffins, Fruit Salad, Juice, Coffee, Tea Milk. Adults \$8, Under 12 \$3, 5 & Under Free.

ROUSES POINT FIRE DEPARTMENT ALL YOU CAN EAT BREAKFAST ... Sunday, April 30, 8:00AM to Noon. Adults \$9, Seniors \$8, Children 6-12 \$6, Under 6 Free. Non-perishable food items will be accepted for St. Patrick's Food Shelf.

CAMP GUGGENHEIM REGISTRATION ... Register soon to ensure a spot for an incredible week of fun and growth in faith! Go to www.rcdony.org/camp! Parish Subsidy Forms are available on the lobby bulletin board for active church families.

NEED SOME HELP AROUND THE HOUSE? ... Catholic Heart Workcamp has announced that they are putting on a week of camp at in Plattsburgh, June 25-30. CHWC combines our faith's call to serve with a lot of fun for teens. And with hundreds of teens from across the country, they also get a lot of work done on the local level. Work will be done at a variety of sites in the Rouses Point/Champlain area. CHWC is able to paint, clean, trim, rake, and even do small repair/construction jobs (e.g. porches, ramps, steps, railings). For more information, talk to Fr. Stitt, call Jocelyn Kelly at 518-651-0786, or email chwc.ogdensburg@gmail.com. P.S. Know anyone in High School or College that is looking to be a camper? Contact Jocelyn or Fr. Stitt or go to www.heartworkcamp.com.

ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! CHRIST IS RISEN!!

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

These days, the human family appears to be in a struggle for inner peace and contentment as various worries often latch onto our minds and into our hearts. In a world darkened by sin, steeped in uncertainty, and saturated with suffering, it can be difficult for many of us to experience Easter joy.

The Easter Vigil liturgy begins with the faithful gathered in darkness. Into this darkness, a spark ignites the Easter fire, the source of light for the Paschal candle that will be held high as the procession enters the Church. In the face of this light, "Christ, our Light", darkness has no option but to retreat.

The Gospel of John in its opening verses announces that in the Word "life came to be...and this life was the light of the human race" (1:4-5). The evangelist then continues that this "light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it" (1:5). The blessing of the new fire at Easter challenges you and me to be the spark that forces the darkness we encounter in our lives to retreat.

At this moment, it might seem like nothing's changed in our world, but hopefully our Lenten pilgrimage has changed us. We have journeyed, sometimes faithfully, other times not so, in our resolve to follow Jesus more closely. It is His light, shining through us, that brings a newness to those we meet. Our love of God is evidenced in our earnest attempts to love our neighbor in more concrete ways, both the neighbor next door and the neighbor who lives at a distance.

"...for if we have grown into union with him through a death like his, we shall also be united with him in the resurrection" (6:5). Here, in his letter to the Romans that we hear at the Easter Vigil, Paul writes of our mission on this earth and tells of the fruits of such a journey of faith: union with Jesus on earth leads to union with Him in heaven...ah...there's the hope, the source of our joy every day—Christ has risen! It's that simple. It's that difficult!

Christ-led, Christ-fed, and hope-filled, let each of us resolve to be the spark that lights the candle instead of cursing the darkness as we await a new Pentecost when fresh tongues of fire are loosed in the world. May the light of Christ, illuminating our lives, dispel the darkness. A very happy and Blessed Easter to you and your loved ones!

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

20-WEEK CLUB TICKETS

**There are still a number of 20-Week Club tickets left!!
Please help us to ensure that they are all sold before the drawings begin on May 1
Only \$20 for 21 chances to win
Tickets are available before & after this Sunday's Masses and at the Rectory!!**

LET US KEEP ALL MILITARY PERSONNEL AND THEIR FAMILIES IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ... Mandy McCammon, Chad McCammon, Patrick Rosenberg, Colleen Kelly, Jarred Hayes, Ben Brassard, Craig Jackson, Justin R. Moore, Alexis Wrye, Andrew Patterson, Andrew Barcomb, Eric Pristera-Polniaszek, Craig Langley, Paul Langley, Michael Casey, Matthew Letourneau, Reece Tucker