

December 17, 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 \$3795

Last week \$4015 (Envelopes \$3739, Children \$4, Plate \$272)
Immaculate Conception \$590
Religious Retirement \$1507

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.**)

Judy Rushford, Tony Mastracchio, Evelyn Gonyo, George Marnes, Lucille Monette, Diane Marks, Lionel Barcomb, Sharron Beck, Ren & Ginette Eney, Patricia Lewis, Cathy Schoonmaker, Janet Carey

Please pray for all those in our Community Intention Book and all the sick of our area.

READER/EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS/ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULE

December 16 / 17

4:00PM Brenda Jolicoeur
Brenda Jolicoeur, Carole Lefebvre, Volunteer
Olivia Kulevich, Lauren Lincourt
10:00AM Connie Boutin
Tom Bechard, Terry Bechard, Karen Coulombe
Rachel Letourneau, Emily Bauer

December 23 / 24

4:00PM Volunteer
Pat Carey, Volunteers
Angelena Polniaszek, Volunteer
10:00AM Douglas DiSabito
Melissa Bresnahan, Connie Boutin, Arsene Letourneau
Richard McGrath, Michaela Bresnahan

December 24 / 25

6:00PM Arsene Letourneau
Kirsten Boumil, William Wrye, Melissa Bresnahan
Michaela Bresnahan, Lauren Lincourt, Rachel Letourneau
10:00AM David FitzGerald
Volunteers
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MASS INTENTIONS

December

Sat. 16 **Anticipated) Third Sunday of Advent**

4:00PM †(St. Patrick's) 69th Anniversary of Joseph Favro Sr. by Ted Favro
5:30PM †(St. Mary's) Valerie LaBombard by M/M Danny Scriver

Sun. 17 **Third Sunday of Advent**

8:00AM †(St. Mary's) Morton Emery & Sylvia Cheeseman by Carol Favreau
10:00AM †(St. Patrick's) 4th Anniversary of Gerald Dupree by Arsene, Rose & Rachel Letourneau & Dupree Family

Mon. 18 **Late Advent Weekday**

9:00AM †(St. Patrick's) Marie Sterling by her Family

Tue. 19 **Late Advent Weekday**

9:00AM (St. Patrick's) In Thanksgiving to St. Anthony by Anthony

Wed. 20 **Late Advent Weekday**

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

Thu. 21 **Late Advent Weekday - St. Peter Canisius**

9:00AM †(St. Mary's) Kevin Castine by Donald Castine & Family

Fri. 22 **Late Advent Weekday**

9:00AM †(St. Mary's) Annabelle Ashline by Pat Carey

Sat. 23 **(Anticipated) Fourth Sunday of Advent**

4:00PM †(St. Patrick's) Jennings & Ducharme Families by their Family
5:30PM (St. Mary's) No Mass

Sun. 24 **Fourth Sunday of Advent**

8:00AM †(St. Mary's) Bechard Family by Jane & Bruce West
10:00AM †(St. Patrick's) In Loving Memory of Rita LeBlanc by her Family

(Anticipated) Nativity of the Lord

4:00PM (St. Mary's) Parishioners of St. Mary's
6:00PM (St. Patrick's) Parishioners of St. Patrick's

Mon. 25 **Nativity of the Lord**

8:00AM (St. Mary's) Parishioners of St. Mary's
10:00AM (St. Patrick's) Parishioners of St. Patrick's

SANCTUARY LAMP

Robert LeBlanc by Josette

ADVENT CANDLES

In Loving Memory of Gil LaDuke by Sue

Giuseppe, Antonia & Francesca Chimienti by Domenica

Husband, Paul by Pat Holbert

Notes from the Pastor's Desk

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION ... The Diocese of Ogdensburg's Retirement Plan for Priests has long been supported by parish contributions from its annual Christmas Collection. Currently 40 retired priests, and 8 active priests age 70 and older, are expected to receive pension benefits of \$892,000 in 2017-18. Also 100% of the cost of health insurance premiums for retired priests 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.

MASSES FOR THE WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 23/24 ... Please note that there will only be one Mass on Saturday, December 23 at 4:00PM at St. Patrick's. **There will not be a Mass at St. Mary's at 5:30PM.** Masses on Sunday morning, December 24, will be at 8:00AM at St. Mary's and 10:00AM at St. Patrick's.

CHRISTMAS DECORATING ... We will begin our decorating in St. Patrick's Church on Tuesday, December 19 after the 9:00AM Mass. Anyone wishing to help is welcome to join us. Christmas wreaths and poinsettias will be arriving on Friday for anyone wishing to help with them.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION ... Christian Formation Classes continue this Sunday from 8:45-9:45AM in St. Patrick's Parish Center for Grades 1 to 7, Sunday evening from 7:00 - 8:00PM in St. Mary's Sacristy for 8th Grade and Sunday evening at 7:00PM in St. Patrick's Rectory Meeting Room for Confirmation.

SIGN-UP SHEETS ... Reminder that there are sign-up sheets in the upstairs church lobby for 1st Grade, 2nd Grade, 8th Grade and Confirmation 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.

Christian Formation Calendars can be found on our website (www.stpatricksrpny.org) under the Christian Formation Tab.

CHRISTMAS MAILING. ... We are still accepting donations towards the Christmas flowers which will decorate our church. You may use the envelope that will come in your Christmas mailing. **If you wish to make the donation in memory of your loved ones, please clearly PRINT their names on your envelope.**

GLUTEN-FREE HOSTS ... are available from Fr. Lewis or the presiding priest. Please request these only if you require a gluten-free diet.

ST. PATRICK'S FOOD SHELF HOURS ... The food shelf is open on Wednesdays from 9:30AM to 10:30AM.

PRAYING THE ROSARY ... Please join us weekday mornings at St. Patrick's or St. Mary's at 8:30AM to say the Rosary whenever there is a 9:00AM Mass or Communion Service. All are welcome!

CEMETERY REMINDER ... Any Christmas wreaths may be placed on a stand next to the foundation or on the monument until March 31.

CEMETERY CLOSED FOR THE WINTER ... Please note that our cemetery is now closed for the season.

2017 BISHOP'S FUND APPEAL ... We are very close to reaching our goal. Envelopes are located in the upstairs church lobby. Online giving is also available at www.rcdony.org/bishop-s-fund-appeal.

Total to date: \$12518

Only \$543 needed to reach our goal of \$13061

Many thanks to all who have so generously donated!

PENNY DRIVE ... As of 12/15/17, our total is \$2877. Many thanks for your continued generosity.

20-WEEK CLUB WINNER ...

Week 6 - Steve Barcomb (\$50)

18th ANNUAL CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY ... was held last weekend. Milk, cookies and munchkins were available and each child received a present and hat, mittens and scarf from Santa Claus (many thanks to him for being there as well!!). Thanks to the following for their donations: American Legion Post 912, Dunkin Donuts (Champlain), Sandy's Deli, Freeport Forwarding and Marine Toys for Tots. Thanks to Rose Anthony and Ashley Martin for their help in the kitchen, Ron Duffy for providing the music and Sharon Ramsey for organizing the event. We are also grateful to all those who donated the beautiful mittens, hats and scarves.

ANGEL TREE ... Many thanks to all who purchased gifts for our "Angel Tree". As always, your generosity is very much appreciated.

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP ... When planning your Christmas decorations, it is best to use LED bulbs, rather than ones that have filament, as the LED decorations use substantially less electrical energy.

SIGN UP FOR THE CATHOLIC ACTION NETWORK ... The Catholic Action Network (CAN), an arm of the NY State Catholic Conference, gives us all a larger voice in the halls of government. Through our email and social media alets, CAN reaches tens of thousands of Catholics like you to provide educational updates on the important issues being debated and to provide the tools to simplify the process of contacting your elected officials. Sign up online to receive email alerts at <http://www.nycatholic.org/> and click on the "Join the Catholic Action Network" logo on the top right corner of page.

PLANNED GIVING: Benefits of Giving Wisely ... Did you know there are creative ways to support our Parish? Ways in which our Parish, you and your love ones all benefit at the same time? Such giving techniques are called "planned gifts," because with thoughtful planning, you create win-win solutions for you and the Parish. For further information, contact Scott Lalone, Executive Director of Development/Foundation at the Diocese of Ogdensburg at 315-393-2920 or slalone@rcdony.org.

YOUTH BUS FOR MARCH FOR LIFE ... Annual March for Life, January 18 to 20. The Eastern bus pick-up/drop-off point is in Schroon Lake. The cost of \$150 covers transportation, hotel, breakfasts, dinner, and MFL shirt. Contact Colleen Miner at cminer@rcdony.org to register.

COLLEGE MARCH FOR LIFE ... If you are 18 to 35, consider joining the Diocese of Ogdensburg for a pilgrimage to D.C. from January 18 to 20. For more information, contact Fr. Timothy Canaan at frtim@broadstreetcatholics.org. Cost is \$185 per person.

<p>CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES</p> <p>St. Mary's, 4:00PM (Choir) St. Patrick's, 6:00PM (Mero Family Musicians)</p> <p>CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES</p> <p>St. Mary's, 8:00AM St. Patrick's, 10:00AM (Adult Choir)</p>	<p>NEW YEAR'S EVE MASS</p> <p>St. Mary's, 4:00PM</p> <p>NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS</p> <p>St. Patrick's, 9:00AM</p>
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VIGIL CANDLES ... For the past few years, we have been offering Vigil Candles in memory or in honor a loved one. These candles burn for seven days for an offering of \$10. This is a great way to remember someone (living or deceased) on special occasions. We have one candle by the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary and one candle by the statue of St. Joseph. The intentions are announced in the bulletin each week. Please call the Rectory to request either candle. Also note that the Sanctuary Lamp is available as well for an offering of \$10 each week.

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, Maritza St. John-Lester, Ethan Gadway

