

December 24, 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 \$3407 Last week \$3004 (Envelopes \$2660, Children \$3, Plate \$341)

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, Beverly Bechard

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of Edward Bechard and Patricia McGowan. Also please pray for all those in our Community Intention Book and all the sick of our area.

READER/EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS/ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULE

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
Volunteers

December 30 / 31

4:00PM Volunteer
Kirsten Boumil, Carole Lefebvre, Volunteer
Olivia Kulevich, Lauren Lincourt
10:00AM Arsene Letourneau
Merrie Nautel, Peg Rivers, Sandy Barcomb
Rachel Letourneau, Emily Bauer

MASS INTENTIONS

December

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
Tue. 26 **St. Stephen**
9:00AM (St. Patrick's) Abram & Cecile Foshier by Bob & Maria Foshier
Wed. 27 **St. John**
9:00AM (St. Patrick's) Communion Service
Thu. 28 **The Holy Innocents**
9:00AM †(St. Mary's) Kevin Castine by Donald Castine & Family
Fri. 29 **Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord**
9:00AM †(St. Mary's) Alfreda Willette by Catherine Gooley
Sat. 30 **(Anticipated) The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph**
4:00PM †(St. Patrick's) Richard Anctil by his Family
5:30PM †(St. Mary's) Ronald & Anna Gooley by Homeer & Mary Bushey
Sun. 31 **The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph**
8:00AM †(St. Mary's) Jack Favreau by Class of '62
10:00AM †(St. Patrick's) 7th Anniversary of Dorothy Sweeny by her Family
(Anticipated) Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
4:00PM †(St. Mary's) Elton Burky by Steve & Linda Burky & Family
January
Mon. 1 **Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God**
9:00AM †(St. Patrick's) Barbara Jean Bodette Sommese by Paul Corbiere

SANCTUARY LAMP

Jennings & Ducharme Family

BLESSED MARY CANDLE

Agnes & Fernand Dupere by Ken & Veronica

ST. JOSEPH CANDLE

Darcy Manor by Donald & Ann Keddy

ADVENT CANDLES

Jennings & Ducharme Family

Early & Ruth Legnard by George

Howard & Flora Lamberton by Faith

Special Intention by a Parishioner

CHRISTMAS CANDLE

Richard Ballman by his Family

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.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS ... Many thanks to all who donated to our Christmas flowers/decorations which so beautifully decorate our church. The names of those who donated as well as those who requested special intentions will be attached to next weekend's bulletin. Also many thanks to Billy Letourneau and all those who helped to decorate the church this past week.

OFFICE CLOSED ... Please note that St. Patrick's Office will be closed on Monday, December 25 and Tuesday, December 26.

CHRISTMAS PRESENT FOR EACH FAMILY ... This Christmas, we are offering 250 copies of a great new book - Matthew Kelly's *Perfectly Yourself*. Please make sure that each family gets a copy. They are available in the upstairs church lobby and on the piano at the front of the church.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION ... There are no Christian Formation Classes this weekend or next weekend. They will resume on Sunday, January 7 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.

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.

2017 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 12/22/17, our total is \$2880. Many thanks for your continued generosity.

20-WEEK CLUB WINNER ...
Week 7 - Gerald LaValley (\$50)

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP ... With the onset of cold weather, check the air pressure in the tires of your vehicles. Cold air can cause tires to become underinflated, which results in greater gas consumption and a higher carbon footprint.

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 outlets, 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.nyscatholic.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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CHRISTMAS 2017

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

I have asked the youth of our Diocese to provide me with a cover design for this year's Christmas card. I received many fine pieces of art, many of which were captioned with verses from Scripture. One citation that surfaced on a few cards is from St. Luke's Infancy Narrative: "The angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.'" (Luke 2:10)

What an appropriate message for each of us to reflect upon this Christmas. We should give careful attention to this angelic proclamation that offers such hope and heavenly happiness to all people. Fear, bad news and division seem to be having their way in our world today. In the midst of such darkness, we remember that there is no reason to be afraid because God brings Good News of great joy for all of God's people through His Son, born of Mary.

"Do not be afraid." I need not provide a list of serious concerns that today cause so many to fear what tomorrow may bring. No matter the heartache, this is a season of hope and joy. Jesus is the One who rescues humanity from sin and delivers us from the condition of alienation from God. With His birth, the Christ Child brings an unfathomable gift that we must unwrap to enjoy. He brings salvation to all humanity. But in order to enjoy the salvation won for us, our personal encounter with Jesus must be tended to through a lifelong journey of love and service.

Just a few weeks ago, I consecrated the Diocese of Ogdensburg to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, the Mother of Jesus. We know that Mary submitted humbly and totally to God's will, even without fully understanding it. By saying "yes" to God's mysterious will, she enabled salvation to enter the world through the birth of her Son. We must tug at her sleeve, she who desires so much to lead us, all of us, to Jesus.

We want to follow Jesus. Christ-led and Christ-fed, we can be hope-filled and not weighed down by the menace of evil. As we celebrate the birth of our Savior and greet a New Year, let us unwrap the gift of salvation offered by making Mary's words our own: "Let it be done to me according to thy word."

May the Christ Child bring you and your loved ones the Gift of Love, the Blessing of Hope and the Promise of Peace. A blessed Christmas and joy-filled New Year!

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

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 Gadoway

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!!