

January 7, 2018

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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** \$3199      **Last week** \$2568      (Envelopes \$2115, Children \$2, Plate \$451)  
**Solemnity of Mary** \$369

**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, Ed Sweeny

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

**READER/EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS/ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULE**

**January 6 / 7**

4:00PM Matt Boire  
**Kirsten Boumil, Brenda Jolicoeur, Volunteer**  
Taylor Woods, Angelena Polniaszek  
10:00AM Arsene Letourneau  
**Sue Duffy, Jeff Morelock, Renee Morelock**  
Michaela Bresnahan

**January 13 / 14**

4:00PM Carole Lefebvre  
**Pat Carey, Carole Lefebvre, Volunteer**  
Richard McGrath, Lauren Lincourt  
10:00AM Joey Proulx  
**Mary Racicot, Joan Seguin, William Wrye**  
Rachel Letourneau, Emily Bauer

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**January**

Sat. 6 **(Anticipated) The Epiphany of the Lord**  
4:00PM †(St. Patrick's) 11<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Sandra Proulx by Joseph Proulx & Family  
5:30PM (St. Mary's) Kevin Castine by Donald & Family  
Sun. 7 **The Epiphany of the Lord**  
8:00AM †(St. Mary's) Iona & Albert Morrelli by Andy & Diane  
10:00AM †(St. Patrick's) 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of Lawrence Pelkey by Sheila & Brian Pelkey & Family  
Mon. 8 **The Baptism of the Lord**  
9:00AM †(St. Patrick's) Robert & Neil Guay by Virginia  
Tue. 9 **Weekday**  
9:00AM (St. Patrick's) Roger Ahrens by Mary & Char Archabald  
Wed. 10 **Weekday**  
9:00AM (St. Patrick's) Communion Service  
Thu. 11 **Weekday**  
9:00AM †(St. Mary's) Lucille Racine by Eva Woitazek  
Fri. 12 **Weekday**  
9:00AM †(St. Mary's) Elise Mayo by Veronica & Bob Lacount  
Sat. 13 **(Anticipated) Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
4:00PM †(St. Patrick's) 11<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Marcel Bechard by his Wife & Family  
5:30PM †(St. Mary's) Darriel Demers by Wife Joyce, Children & Grandchildren  
Sun. 14 **Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
8:00AM †(St. Mary's) Georgianna Castine by Karen, Kaley & Katie  
10:00AM †(St. Patrick's) 7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Simonne Dessureault by her Family

**SANCTUARY LAMP**

Parishioners of St. Patrick's

**ST. JOSEPH CANDLE**

Joan Connelly LaBombard  
by her Family

**Notes from the Pastor's Desk**

**CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS ...** For those who are interested in helping, we will be taking down the Christmas decorations at St. Patrick's on Tuesday, January 9 after the Mass (approximately 9:45AM).

**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. As of 1/5/17, the St. Patrick's Christmas Collection is \$4836. Many thanks for all your generosity.

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

**ST. PATRICK'S PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING ...** Monday, January 8, 6:30PM in the Rectory Meeting Room. Please check your e-mail for Agenda and Minutes.

**CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS ...** One additional Christmas Flower Donation was received: Albert Gokey.

**PERFECTLY YOURSELF BY MATTHEW KELLY ...** Just be yourself! People say it all the time, but how do we actually live for it? For more than a decade Matthew Kelly has been helping people discover the best version of themselves. Now, in *Perfectly Yourself*, he addresses the opportunities and obstacles that we encounter once we decide to ask life's big questions: Who am I? What am I here for? Focusing on nine powerful and practical lessons, Kelly shows us how to find lasting happiness in a changing world. Copies of the book can be found in the upstairs church lobby and on the piano at the front of the church. Please take a copy for yourself and your family and friends. They are a gift from your parish.

**CHRISTIAN FORMATION ...** Christian Formation Classes resume this 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> Grade, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade, 8<sup>th</sup> 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.stpatricksrpnj.org](http://www.stpatricksrpnj.org)) under the Christian Formation Tab.**

**ST. PATRICK'S FOOD SHELF HOURS ...** Starting in January, the food shelf will be open on the first and third Wednesdays of the month from 9:30AM to 10:30AM and the second and fourth Saturdays of the month from 9:30AM to 10:30AM. Upcoming dates: Saturday, January 13 and Wednesday, January 17, 9:30 - 10:30AM.

**CHURCH ENVELOPES ...** If you wish to receive church envelopes, please call the Rectory. Church envelopes are an excellent way to consistently support your parish and also helps you to budget your weekly expenses. Children's boxed envelopes are also available on the table in the church lobby.

**CHILDREN'S ENVELOPES ...** Any child wishing to use envelopes may pick them up on the table in the upstairs lobby. Please sign your child's name as well as the number of the box of the envelopes that you take. When you use the envelopes, it would be appreciated if you put the child's name on the envelopes, just to avoid confusion!

**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.

**20-WEEK CLUB WINNER ...**  
Week 9 - Calvin & Judy Castine (\$50)

**ROSARY ALTAR CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON ...** Members of the St. Patrick's Rosary Altar Society will meet on Monday, January 8 at 1:00PM at Angelo's Restaurant for their annual Christmas Luncheon.

**2017 BISHOP'S FUND APPEAL ....** Total to date: \$12613. Only \$448 needed to reach our goal of \$13061. Many thanks to all who have so generously donated!

**PENNY DRIVE ...** As of 1/5/18, our total is \$2921. Many thanks for your continued generosity.

**ATTENTION ENVELOPE USERS ...** We will be beginning preparation of income tax receipts for 2017 and they should be available in the next few weeks. Please note that these receipts will be in the form of a letter which will show a separate total for church contributions (parish offerings) and a total for extra contributions (special collections, parish improvement, etc.) with a grand total at the bottom. **If you would like to receive a tax receipt, please indicate this on your envelope, drop a note in the collection basket or call the Rectory. Receipts will be mailed directly to each parishioner who requests one.**

**PLATTSBURGH MARCH FOR LIFE ...** Sunday, January 14 beginning at St. John 23<sup>rd</sup> Newman Center, Broad St., Plattsburgh at 12:30PM and ending at St. John the Baptist Church. Presentation begins at 1:00PM. Guest speaker is Mr. Jack Lukasiewicz, Chairman of the Champlain Valley Right to Life, who has assisted in promoting pro-life events including the Plattsburgh Good Friday Stations of the Cross Prayer Service, Clinton County Fair Right to Life Booth, National Life Chain Sunday, and National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children. A reception will follow. For additional information, contact [deaconjack@olvc.org](mailto:deaconjack@olvc.org).

**YOUTH BUS FOR MARCH FOR LIFE ...** Youth Buses for Life are currently full. Contact [cminer@rcdony.org](mailto:cminer@rcdony.org) to be placed on the waiting list.

**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](mailto:frtim@broadstreetcatholics.org). Cost is \$185 per person.

**BULLETIN COVERS ...** Our 2018 Bulletin Cover is here. At this time, we would like to thank the businesses who advertise on the back of our bulletin cover. Your support is much appreciated. We encourage our parishioners to patronize these businesses. A special welcome is extended to our new advertisers: Bed & Breakfast - Au Bord Du Lac, Gaines Marina and Barbara Polniaszek - Lularoe. Many thanks to The Border Press for all their work in revising, editing and preparing our bulletin covers for us each year.

**2018 HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION ...** As Fr. Lewis mentioned last weekend, with the start of the new year, it is a good opportunity to review the Holy Days of Obligation for the coming year. This past Monday, January 1, was the Feast of the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God. It was not a Holy Day of Obligation as it fell on a Monday. Thursday, May 10 (Ascension of our Lord), Wednesday, August 15 (Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary), Thursday, November 1 (All Saints), Saturday, December 8 (Immaculate Conception) and Tuesday, December 25 (Christmas, Nativity of the Lord) are all Holy Days of Obligation.

**ANNUAL FREE THROW CONTEST ...** The Rouses Point, Champlain & Mooers Knights of Columbus will be hosting the annual Basketball Free Throw Contest on Sunday, January 14, 2018 at the NCCS Junior High Gym. It is open to all boys and girls ages 9 to 14. Doors to open at 12:30PM with contest to start shortly thereafter. The winners will immediately compete in the District Contest to determine the District winners. Those winners will then move on at later dates to Canton NY, then Syracuse, NY, and finally to West Point to determine the State winners. Brother Knights are needed to help out at the Council and District Contests.

#### **ANNUAL FLU PRECAUTIONS**

1. Do not share the sign of peace or drink from the communion cup if feeling ill.
2. It is recommended that parishioners receive Communion in the hand.
3. Parishioners and Eucharistic Ministers are to make use of hand sanitizers at both church entrances and in the Sanctuary.
4. Holy water fonts are to be cleaned on a weekly basis.

**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