

December 16, 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 \$4015 Last week \$3027 (Envelopes \$2643, Children \$13, Plate \$371)
Immaculate Conception \$524
Religious Retirement \$1502

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, Terry Hyde, Debelain Jefferson, Frank Dumas, Richard LaBombard, Amy Patrie, Emma Savage, Venita McChesney, Brenda Jolicoeur, Brian Willette, Cathy Schoonmaker, Cassidy Spinner, Celia Lefebvre, James Boire, Art & MaryAnn Tremblay, Mike McManus, Craig Willette, Jackie Ducharme, Gary Burton, Joan LaCount

Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of Kenneth Place. 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 15 / 16

4:00PM Mary Ann Hebert
Lori Kulevich, Mary Ann Hebert, Volunteers
Richard McGrath
10:00AM Melissa Bresnahan
Tom Bechard, Terry Bechard, Sue Duffy, Karen Coulombe
Rachel Letourneau

December 22 / 23

4:00PM Carole Lefebvre
Carole Lefebvre, Sue Lefebvre, Volunteers
Lauren Lincourt
10:00AM Arsene Letourneau
Peg Rivers, Mary Racicot, Arsene Letourneau, Connie Boutin
Michaela Bresnahan, Camillo Rodriguez

Christmas Eve

6:00PM Melissa Bresnahan
Volunteers
Rachel Letourneau, Michaela Bresnahan
Christmas Day
10:00AM Douglas DiSabito
Volunteers
Volunteers

MASS INTENTIONS

December

Sat. 15 (Anticipated) Third Sunday of Advent
4:00PM †(St. Patrick's) William Carey by Jerry Connelly & Mary DiBernardo
5:30PM †(St. Mary's) Rita & Richard Smith by their Family
Sun. 16 Third Sunday of Advent
8:00AM †(St. Mary's) Gertrude Trombley by Russ & Pam Gadway
10:00AM †(St. Patrick's) 5th Anniversary of Gerald Dupree by Arsene, Rose & Rachel Letourneau & Dupree Family
Mon. 17 Late Advent Weekday
9:00AM †(St. Patrick's) Bruce Ancil by Royce & Donna Clark
11:00AM Mass at 260 Lake Street, Rouses Point
Tue. 18 Late Advent Weekday
9:00AM (St. Patrick's) Communion Service
11:00AM Mass at Senior Housing, 16 Manor Drive, Rouses Point
11:00AM †(St. Mary's) Funeral Mass for Kenneth Place
Wed. 19 Late Advent Weekday
9:00AM †(St. Patrick's) Marcia Jarvis by Joseph Bailey
Thur. 20 Late Advent Weekday
9:00AM †(St. Mary's) Steve Douglas by Vicki Douglas & Family
Fri. 21 Late Advent Weekday
9:00AM †(St. Mary's) DJ Eddy by Mark
Sat. 22 (Anticipated) Fourth Sunday of Advent
4:00PM †(St. Patrick's) Marcel Laurin by Ann Carey
5:30PM †(St. Mary's) Darriel Demers by his Wife, Children & Grandchildren
Sun. 23 Fourth Sunday of Advent
8:00AM †(St. Mary's) William Carey by Carol Favreau
10:00AM †(St. Patrick's) Bruce Seguin by Therese Foshier

SANCTUARY LAMP

Happy Birthday, Bob by Josette

BLESSED MARY & ST. JOSEPH CANDLES

Blessings for my Family by a Parishioner

ADVENT CANDLES

Ernest & Theresa Ducharme & Diane Bushey by Ken & Veronica Dupere
Special Intention by a Parishioner
Earl & Ruth Legnard by George

Notes from the Pastor's Desk

CHRISTMAS MAILING. ... By now, parishioners should have received their Christmas mailing. This mailing includes the schedule for Christmas and New Year's services and envelopes for Christmas and Christmas flowers. As in the past, we are 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.

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION ... The Diocese of Ogdensburg's Retirement Plan for Priests has long been supported by parish contributions from its annual Christmas Collection. Currently 37 retired priests, and 9 active priests age 70 and older, are expected to receive pension benefits of \$872,000 in 2018-19. 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 DECORATING ... We will begin our decorating in St. Patrick's Church on Wednesday, December 19 after the 9:00AM Mass. Anyone wishing to help is welcome to join us.

**CHRISTIAN FORMATION ...** There are Christian Formation Classes this weekend for Grades 1 to 8 and Confirmation.

**SIGN-UP SHEETS ...** Reminder that there are sign-up sheets for Mass attendance 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 priest at the church you attend sign a bulletin from that church and bring it to your class.

**ST. PATRICK'S FOOD SHELF HOURS ...** The food shelf will be open on Wednesday, December 19 and Saturday, December 22, 9:30 to 10:30AM. Contact Eleanor Reynolds at 518-298-3111 for further assistance. Many thanks for your continued support.

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

**CEMETERY CLOSED FOR THE WINTER ...** Please note our cemeteries will be closed for the season. Any Christmas wreaths may be placed on a stand next to the foundation or on the monument until March 31.

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

**PENNY DRIVE ...** As of 12/14/18, our total is \$3481. Many thanks for your continued generosity.

**20-WEEK CLUB WINNER ...**

Week 6 - Nelson Barcomb (\$50)

**20<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY ...** was held last weekend. Milk, cookies, cupcakes and munchkins were available and each child received a present and hat, mittens and fleece blanket 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, and Linda Lanoue. 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 fleece blankets.

**LIVE CHRISTMAS PAGEANT ...** St. Mary's will hold a live Christmas Pageant on Christmas Eve, December 24, at their 4:00PM Mass. St. Mary's children as well as St. Patrick's children are invited to take part. If you are interested in participating, please contact Kathy Ryan at 518-593-8540.

**CANCELLATION OF MASSES ...** Please note that if the NCCS School District cancels classes and has a snow day, we will not have Mass either. This will help to let you ahead of time if Mass has been cancelled.

**ATTENTION ALL EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS ...** As you may have noticed, especially at the 4:00PM Mass, we are sometimes in need of Eucharistic Ministers. We are asking that the Eucharistic Ministers from St. Patrick's (who are not scheduled), as well as St. Mary's, please make themselves available. It is much appreciated.

**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!

**CAPITAL CAMPAIGN ... It's Our Church ... It's Our Future**

Positive momentum continues to grow for the **It's Our Church, It's Our Future** Capital Campaign. As of December 10, St. Patrick's has raised \$101,478 from 71 donors. When we subtract the amount designated for our Bishop's Fund Appeal Goal and the 25% designated to the Diocesan Projects (or our indirect needs – Camp Guggenheim, Priest Retirement, Education of Seminarians, St Mary's Cathedral extensive work), so far, the income coming back to St. Patrick's, if all pledges are honored, is \$66,312 for our case statement of needs.

If we look at the number donors who have contributed versus donors from our Parish who are still prayerfully considering (71 donors from 545 families), our Parish is at a 13% participation rate. It is my hope that everyone will participate so that our very much needed parish projects will be able to get done. So if you have yet to make a donation or pledge we are really counting on all parishioners to make this happen. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

St. Patrick's Campaign Goal	Amount Pledged to Date	# of Donors
\$216,043.00	\$101,478.00	71

<b>CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES</b> <b>St. Mary's, 4:00PM (St. Mary's Ensemble)</b> <b>St. Patrick's, 6:00PM (Mero Family Musicians)</b>	<b>NEW YEAR'S EVE MASS</b> <b>St. Mary's, 4:00PM</b>
<b>CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES</b> <b>St. Mary's, 8:00AM (St. Mary's Ensemble)</b> <b>St. Patrick's, 10:00AM (Adult Choir)</b>	<b>NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS</b> <b>St. Patrick's, 9:00AM</b>

**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, Ben Brassard, Justin R. Moore, Alexis Wrye, Andrew Patterson, Eric Pristera-Polniaszek, Craig Langley, Paul Langley, Michael Casey, Matthew Letourneau, Reece Tucker, Maritza St. John-Lester, Ethan Gadway