

December 23, 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 \$3004 Last week \$3217 (Envelopes \$2892, Children \$9, Plate \$316)

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, Donald Tetreault, Sandy Barcomb, Barbara Guay, Andy Guay

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

READER/EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS/ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULE

December 22 / 23

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

Christmas Eve

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

December 29 / 30

4:00PM Volunteer
Lori Kulevich, Mary Ann Hebert, Volunteers
Richard McGrath
10:00AM Tom Bechard
Merrie Nautel, Mary Racicot, Melissa Bresnahan, Connie Boutin
Rachel Letourneau

MASS INTENTIONS

December
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 Fosher
Mon. 24 (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
Tue. 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
Wed. 26 St. Stephen
9:00AM (St. Patrick's) Communion Service
Thur. 27 St. John
9:00AM †(St. Mary's) Elsie Mayo by Veronica & Bob LaCount
Fri. 28 The Holy Innocents
9:00AM †(St. Mary's) Richard Eddy Sr. by Mark
Sat. 29 (Anticipated) The Holy Family of Jesus, Joseph & Mary
4:00PM †(St. Patrick's) Evan MacDougal by Donald & Barbara LaBombard
5:30PM †(St. Mary's) Steve Burky by Pat Gladd
Sun. 30 The Holy Family of Jesus, Joseph & Mary
8:00AM (St. Mary's) Jim Manor by Allisn & Sam Blain
10:00AM †(St. Patrick's) Aline Terry by Janice & Bob St. John
Mon. 31 (Anticipated) Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
9:00AM (St. Patrick's) No Mass
4:00PM †(St. Mary's) William "Bill" Carey by Norman & Kathleen Bechard
January
Tue. 1 Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
9:00AM †(St. Patrick's) Dick Anctil by his Family

SANCTUARY LAMP

Darcy Manor by Donald & Ann Keddy

BLESSED MARY CANDLE

Agnes & Fernand Dupere by Ken & Veronica Dupere

ST. JOSEPH CANDLE

In Loving Memory of Evan MacDougal by all his Family

ADVENT CANDLES

Darcy Manor by Donald & Ann Keddy

Blessings for my Family by Mom

Howard & Flora Lambertson by Faith

Souls in Purgatory and the Homeless

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 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 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 included in 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 Tuesday, December 25 and Wednesday, December 26.

MASS INTENTION ... for the Mass on Tuesday, December 18 at the Senior Housing was for a "Special Intention by a Parishioner".

USE OF INCENSE AT CHRISTMAS MASSES ... Please note that incense will be used at the 6:00PM Mass at St. Patrick's and the 8:00AM Mass at St. Mary's.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION ... There are Christian Formation Classes this weekend for Grades 1 to 8 and Confirmation. They resume on January 6 for all grades.

SIGN-UP SHEETS ... Reminder that there are sign-up sheets for Mass attendance 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 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, January 2 and 16 and Saturday, January 26, 9:30 to 10:30AM. Contact Eleanor Reynolds at 518-298-3111 for further assistance. Many thanks to the NCCS Middle School and U.S. Customs and Border Patrol for their recent donations to our Food Shelf!

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.

PENNY DRIVE ... As of 12/21/18, our total is \$3501. Many thanks for your continued generosity.

20-WEEK CLUB WINNER ...
Week 7 - Bernard & Eve Duffy (\$50)

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.

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.

BOAR'S HEAD FEAST AND FESTIVAL ... Feast, Saturday, January 5, 5:00PM; Festival, Sunday, January 6, 2:00PM and 6:00PM. Festivities will take place at Holy Angels Hall & Church, Altona, NY. Feast Only \$25, Festival Only \$20, Both Feast & Festival \$40.

CHRISTMAS 2018

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

At the Christmas Vigil Mass, we will hear St. Matthew tell us that "All this happened to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: 'The virgin shall be with child and give birth to a son, and they shall call him Emmanuel,' a name which means God is with us" (Mt. 1:22-23). Sometimes, when faced with the uncertainties and anxieties of life, it's difficult to remember this awesome mystery of our faith: throughout all life's struggles, God is with us!

To migrant families who are frightened and feel so vulnerable because government leaders have failed you—Emmanuel: God is with you! To children robbed of innocence because Church leaders have failed you—Emmanuel: God is with you! To moms, dads and children in Latakia and so many other places who are terrorized and feel isolated because you courageously live your Christian faith— Emmanuel: God is with you! Yes, believe it: God is with us! Our God never fails us.

Christmas 2018 is a beautiful occasion to recommit ourselves to embracing this truth of our faith. God has entered our world, was born among us, never to abandon us. Our God's unconditional love and boundless mercy became flesh in the Person of Jesus Christ so that we might touch and see God's constant compassion for every one of us.

In many ways, this has been a painful year. However, the upcoming days of the Christmas season are a graced time for you and me to focus our prayerful attention on all who yearn to experience, in a tangible way, God's Presence in their lives. In this moment, when the Babe of Bethlehem brings light into gloom and darkness and the heavenly choirs sing of God's Peace, we seek forgiveness and conversion of heart for the times we have failed to be instruments of God's loving and merciful presence...when we have fostered polarization rather than reconciliation and healing.

Advent, Christmas, 2019—all indicators that this is a time of new beginnings. 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

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

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 \$117,128 from 77 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 \$78,050 for our case statement of needs.

If we look at the number of donors who have contributed versus donors from our Parish who are still prayerfully considering (77 donors from 545 families), our Parish is at a 14% 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	\$117,128.00	77

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

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!!!