

March 24, 2019

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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 \$2834 Last week \$4058 (Envelopes \$3578, Children \$7, Plate \$473)

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, Frank Dumas, Emma Savage, Venita McChesney, Brenda Jolicoeur, Brian Willette, Cathy Schoonmaker, Cassidy Spinner, Celia Lefebvre, James Boire, Art & MaryAnn Tremblay, Mike McManus, Craig Willette, Gary Burton, Joan LaCount, Sandy Barcomb, Barbara Guay, Andy Guay, Linda Duprey, Maurice Lefebvre, Joan Burton, Yvette Gebo, Richard "Dick" LaBombard, JoJo LaBombard, Sharon Ramsey, Claire Fosher, Elizabeth Boire

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

READER/EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS/ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULE

March 23 / 24

4:00PM Pat Racine
Mary Ann Hebert, Pat Racine, Volunteers
Richard McGrath
10:00AM Arsene Letourneau
Merrie Nautel, Mary Racicot, Melissa Bresnahan, Sandy Barcomb
Rachel Letourneau

March 30 / 31

4:00PM Mary Ann Hebert
Lori Kulevich, Sue Lefebvre, Carole Lefebvre, Volunteer
10:00AM Connie Boutin
Renee Morelock, Jeff Morelock, Joan Seguin, William Wrye
Michaela Bresnahan, Camilo Rodriguez

MASS INTENTIONS

March
Sat. 23 (Anticipated) Third Sunday of Lent
4:00PM †(St. Patrick's) Lena Matott by Nancy Goddeau
5:30PM †(St. Mary's) Catherine Gooley by Darlene, Mary & Robert Baker
Sun. 24 Third Sunday of Lent
8:00AM †(St. Mary's) Merrill LaPorte by Andy & Diane Morrelli
10:00AM †(St. Patrick's) 18th Anniversary of Ann Batchelder by her Family
Mon. 25 The Annunciation of the Lord
9:00AM †(St. Patrick's) Merrill Laporte by M/M Tracey LaMere
Tue. 26 Lenten Weekday
9:00AM †(St. Patrick's) Ken Perry by Joan & Arthur Bylow
Wed. 27 Lenten Weekday
9:00AM (St. Patrick's) Barbara Sterling by her Husband & Children followed by Stations of the Cross
Thur. 28 Lenten Weekday
5:00PM †(St. Mary's) Gus Linney by Janet Carey & Family
Fri. 29 Lenten Weekday
4:15PM (St. Mary's) Stations of the Cross
5:00PM †(St. Mary's) Marie Tremblay by Henrietta Babbie
Sat. 30 (Anticipated) Fourth Sunday of Lent
4:00PM †(St. Patrick's) Souls in Purgatory (All Souls Envelopes)
5:30PM †(St. Mary's) Charles Ashline by Isabelle Aubrey
Sun. 31 Fourth Sunday of Lent
8:00AM †(St. Mary's) Frank Carey by his Family
10:00AM †(St. Patrick's) Souls of Members of Stanley & Rose Moore Families by Bryan & Rose Moore

ST. JOSEPH CANDLE

M/M Alfred Lavoie
by Noel & Therese Hinerth

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

Notes from the Pastor's Desk

JOURNEY THROUGH SCRIPTURE ... THE BIBLE AND THE SACRAMENTS ... continues until April 11, from 6:30 to 8:00PM in the St. Patrick's Parish Center. This 11-part video series examines the sacraments of the Catholic Faith. This first half of the program will be for six weeks; the remaining 5 weeks will be in the fall. St. Patrick's and St. Mary's parishioners are welcome to attend. Please call St. Patrick's Rectory at 518-297-7361 so that we will have enough materials available.

NORTH COUNTRY CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN ... Place your subscription envelope in the collection basket or mail a check for \$27 to the North Country Catholic, PO Box 106, Canajoharie, NY, 13317. Patron subscriptions - for \$35, \$50, \$100 or \$250 - are also encouraged. ANOTHER OPTION - "go green" and receive your NCC through email. If interested, write your email address on the envelope.

PRAYER TO END INFANTICIDE ... "Jesus, Lord of Life, transform the hearts of our elected leaders to recognize that infanticide is wrong and must not be tolerated. We especially pray for our Senators Gillibrand and Schumer. Open their hearts and minds to recognize and defend the precious gift of every human life."

EASTER MAILING ... By now, you should have received your Easter mailing. It includes the Holy Week and Easter Schedule along with your Easter and Flower envelopes. You may use your flower envelope to make a donation towards our Easter flowers for yourself or in memory of a loved one. Please clearly PRINT your intention on your envelope. The list will be published in the bulletin after Easter.

CONGRATULATIONS ... to our students who made their Sacrament of Reconciliation last Saturday. Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare for their First Communion on Sunday, June 9.

Notes from the Pastor's Desk (cont'd)

CHANGES TO THE MASS SCHEDULE AT ST. PATRICK'S AND ST. MARY'S ... As you all know, change is not something that we all like, but it is inevitable. With the Diocesan Plan to join St. Patrick's, St. Mary's and Sacred Heart with one priest in the not so distant future, we are beginning preparations for these changes. Therefore, starting on the weekend of April 28 (Divine Mercy Sunday), the Mass schedule will be as follows: St. Mary's will have an (Anticipated) 4:00PM Mass on Saturdays. There will not be a 4:00PM Mass at St. Patrick's or a 5:30PM Mass at St. Mary's. On Sundays, St. Patrick's will have two Masses, one at 8:00AM and the other at 10:00AM. There will not be an 8:00AM Mass at St. Mary's. While we know this may not be a popular decision for all parishioners, it is one that needs to be made. In the interim, before the consolidation of our three parishes, it will make it easier for visiting priests to help us on the weekends as well as for Noel and myself to avoid the travel back and forth to the two parishes. In addition to this, our organist, Buffy Little, has taken over the music ministry at both parishes. We hope that our parishioners will be understanding of these changes and remain supportive of our parishes. **We will continue to ensure that envelopes for each parish are returned each week for inclusion in our weekly collections. If you do not already have envelopes, please contact either Rectory to request them so that your donations are directed to your parish.**

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

CONFIRMATION ... Saturday, May 4, 4:00PM at St. Mary's Church.
Note: The 4:00PM Anticipated Mass will be at St. Mary's, not at St. Patrick's. There will not be a 5:30PM Mass at either parish.

FIRST COMMUNION ... Sunday, June 9, 10:00AM, St. Patrick's Church.

ST. PATRICK'S FOOD SHELF HOURS ... The food shelf will be open on Wednesday, April 3 and 17 and Saturday, April 27, 9:30 to 10:30AM. Contact Eleanor Reynolds at 518-298-3111 for further assistance.

CONFESSIONS ... will be every Saturday from 3:00PM to 3:45PM at St. Patrick's; every Sunday from 7:15 to 7:45AM at St. Mary's; always by appointment; Monday, April 8, St. Patrick's, 7:00-8:00PM; Tuesday, April 9, St. Mary's, 7:00-8:00PM; during Holy Week at St. Patrick's after 9:00AM Masses or Morning Prayer; and on Good Friday at St. Patrick's after the Stations of the Cross at 7:00PM.

RICE BOWL DINNER ... Our second Rice Bowl Dinner will be on Wednesday, April 10, following the Mass, which will be at 5:30PM instead of 9:00AM. Please call the Rectory if you are interested in making a soup. Donations for the meal of soup, bread and fruit go to the Operation Rice Bowl program.

20-WEEK CLUB WINNERS ...

Week 20 - Ron Fredette (\$500) & Cindy Bombardier (\$500)

PENNY DRIVE ... As of 3/22/19, our total is \$3672. Many thanks for your continued generosity.

"NEEDS" DRIVE FOR ALBANY/STRATTON VETERANS HOSPITAL ... American Legion Post 912 and its members are participating in a "Needs" Drive for the Albany/Stratton Veterans Hospital. Our parish will be one of the drop-off locations for the donations. You can find the donation box in the upstairs front lobby along with a list of requested items. This drive will continue until March 31.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE: Prayer Volunteers Needed ... continuing until Palm Sunday, April 14, you're invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life - 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion.

CAMP GUGGENHEIM REGISTRATION ... Registration for the 2019 season is now open! Weeks 1-5 are open to ages 12-15, and Week 6 is open to 16-18 year-olds. Come for an unforgettable week of friendship, faith, and fun! Register at www.rcdony.org/camp. Parish Scholarship Forms are available on the lobby bulletin board for active church families.

CHRISM MASS ... Thursday, April 11, 11:00AM at St. Mary's Cathedral, Ogdensburg. All are welcome to attend.

ST. PATRICK'S FESTIVAL ... April 6 and 7, 2019. Please consider making items such as: dried flower arrangements/wreaths, crocheted towels, knitted items, handmade jewelry, scarves, ornaments, etc. Any handmade items and crafts would be greatly appreciated! We will be looking for items for the White Elephant Table which would include new and used items in good condition as well as jewelry. **NO BOOKS PLEASE!** Items may be dropped off in the Parish Hall. We will also have the Bake Sale/Fudge Table. Lastly, we will have our Turkey Dinner on Sunday. **Anyone wishing to make a monetary donation for the cupcakes which we will use for dessert, please call the rectory. We are also accepting donations which will help defray the cost of the festival. Many, many thanks for your continued support of St. Patrick's.**

ALL RAFFLE TICKETS ARE NOW AVAILABLE BEFORE AND AFTER MASSES AND AT THE RECTORY

MAIN raffle tickets with over \$5500 in prizes ~\$2 each or 3 for \$5

Rosary Altar Raffle tickets (1st Prize - Handmade Quilt, 2nd Prize - Handmade Throw, 3rd Prize - Easter Basket) ~ \$1 each

Scratch Ticket Raffle (\$100 worth of NY scratch tickets) ~ \$2 each, 3 for \$5, 7 for \$10 or 15 for \$20

20-Week Club Tickets ~ \$20 (drawings begin on May 6)

LENTEN REGULATIONS 2019 ... 1. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting (for ages 18 to 59); 2. All Fridays of Lent, including Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, are days of abstinence from meat (for ages 14 and older); 3. The entire season of Lent should be observed in a spirit of prayer and penance, such as extra time in prayer, attending daily Mass, voluntary sacrifices and self denial, works of charity and service to others; 4. All Catholics who have reached the age of reason must confess their **serious sins** in the Sacrament of Penance **and** receive Holy Communion at least once a year during the Easter Season (March 10, the First Sunday of Lent, until Trinity Sunday, June 16); and 5. Although other seasons are more suitable, the celebration of marriage and the Nuptial Mass are not forbidden during Lent, according to the New Code of Canon Law.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN ... It's Our Church ... It's Our Future ... There is still time to turn in your pledge or one-time gift if you have not already done so. Envelopes are available in the pews or at the church entrances. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Goal ~ \$216,043.00

Amount Pledged to Date ~ \$125,308.00

of Donors ~ 85

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, Maritiza St. John-Lester, Ethan Gadway