

December 15, 2019

**FR. CLYDE A. LEWIS, PASTOR**  
**Fr. Duc Nguyen, Parochial Vicar**  
**Sr. Jessintha Xavier, SCC, Pastoral Associate**  
**Trustees: Patricia Racine ~ 518-297-6454 Jim Gonyo ~ 518-297-2482**

**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** \$3027

**Last week** \$3841 (Envelopes \$3510, Children \$10, Plate \$321)

**Religious Retirement** \$1270

**Immaculate Conception** \$465

**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, Cathy Schoonmaker, Cassidy Spinner, Gary Burton, Judith Letourneau, Rose Moore, John Fosher, Carol Manor, Julie Lafountain, Catherine LaPier, Jean LaBombard, Dustin Maher, Diane Favreau, Bonnie Filion, Agnes Howard, Ed Sweeny

Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of Albert Gokey. 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 14 / 15**

8:00AM Mary Ann Hebert  
**Lori Kulevich, Merrie Nautel, Sue Duffy**  
Volunteer  
10:00AM David FitzGerald  
**Karen Coulombe, Sue Lefebvre, William Wrye**  
Rachel Letourneau, Lauren Lincourt

**December 21 / 22**

8:00AM Carole Lefebvre  
**Joan Seguin, Mary Racicot, Carole Lefebvre**  
Volunteer  
10:00AM Arsene Letourneau  
**Melissa Bresnahan, Peg Rivers, Sandy Barcomb**  
Michaela Bresnahan, Camilo Rodriguez

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**December**

Sat. 14 **St. John of the Cross**  
9:00AM †(St. Mary's) Roderick Willette by Larry & Audrey Douglas  
**(Anticipated) Third Sunday of Advent**  
4:00PM †(St. Mary's) Rene & Marion Anctil by Cathy & Family  
Sun. 15 **Third Sunday of Advent**  
8:00AM †(St. Patrick's) Harold & Bette Mero by Merrie & Buffy  
10:00AM †(St. Patrick's) Deceased Members of the Clarence & Mabel LaBombard Family by Robert, Mary & Darlene Baker  
Mon. 16 **Advent Weekday**  
9:00AM †(St. Patrick's) Jim Boire by Jim & Jane Forkey  
11:00AM *Funeral Mass for Albert Gokey*  
Tue. 17 **Late Advent Weekday**  
9:00AM †(St. Patrick's) Bernadette Duffy by Roger  
Wed. 18 **Late Advent Weekday**  
9:00AM †(St. Patrick's) Steve Douglas by Vickie & Family  
Thur. 19 **Late Advent Weekday**  
5:00PM †(St. Mary's) Shirley Dorothy LaCount by Pete & Marion Morrison  
Fri. 20 **Late Advent Weekday**  
5:00PM †(St. Mary's) 31<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of Eric & Jason Coker by their Mom  
Sat. 21 **Late Advent Weekday**  
9:00AM †(St. Mary's) Jean Ethier by Christian Ethier  
**(Anticipated) Fourth Sunday of Advent**  
4:00PM †(St. Mary's) 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of Donald Tetreault by wife Suzanne & Children  
Sun. 22 **Fourth Sunday of Advent**  
8:00AM †(St. Patrick's) Debelain Jefferson by Carole Lefebvre  
10:00AM †(St. Patrick's) 6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Gerald Dupree by Arsene, Rose & Rachel Letourneau & Dupree Family

**SANCTUARY LAMP**

Robert LeBlanc by Josette

**BLESSED MARY CANDLE**

Robert & Neil Guay by Virginia

**ST. JOSEPH CANDLE**

Steve Major by Cindy

**ADVENT CANDLES**

Agnes & Fernand Duprere by their Family

Laurier & Bernadette Lefebvre by Carole Lefebvre

Anne Ballman by her Sisters

**Notes from the Pastor's Desk**

**CHRISTMAS MAILING.** ... Our 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 came in your Christmas mailing or one of your own. **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 33 retired priests, and 12 active priests age 70 and older, are expected to receive pension benefits of \$900,000 in 2019-20. Also 100% of the cost of health insurance premiums for retired priests, estimated at \$220,000 this Fiscal year, 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.

**CHRISTIAN FORMATION ...** There are classes this Sunday for Grades 1 to 8. Confirmation Class will also be held on Sunday evening at 7:00PM in the Rectory Meeting Room.

**SIGN-UP SHEETS ...** Reminder that there are sign-up sheets for Mass attendance in the upstairs church lobby and St. Mary's lobby for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grades. If you do not attend Masses at St. Patrick's or St. Mary's, please have the pastor at the church you attend sign a bulletin from that church and bring it to your class.

**ATTENTION ALL READERS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS ...** As you may have noticed, especially at the 8:00AM Mass, we have a limited roster of Readers and Eucharistic Ministers (as many people are away for the winter). Please be ready to help out as necessary. It is much appreciated.

**LEGION OF MARY MEETING ...** Wednesday, December 18, following the 9:00AM Mass at St. Patrick's. All are welcome!

**CEMETERY REMINDER ...** Please note that our cemeteries are now closed for the season. Christmas wreaths are still permitted.

**PRAYING THE ROSARY ...** Please join us on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday mornings at St. Patrick's at 8:30AM to say the Rosary whenever there is a 9:00AM Mass. Also please join us at St. Mary's on Thursday and Friday at 4:30PM whenever there is a 5:00PM Mass and Saturday at 8:30AM whenever there is a 9:00AM Mass. All are welcome!

**ST. PATRICK'S FOOD SHELF ...** will be open Wednesday, December 18 from 9:30 to 10:30AM. It will not be open December 25 or January 1. If you require assistance, please contact Eleanor Reynolds at 518-570-9370 or Pat Carey at 518-420-4957.

**GLUTEN-FREE HOSTS ...** are available from Fr. Lewis, Fr. Duc, Deacon Noel or the presiding priest. Please request these only if you require a gluten-free diet.

**ROUSES POINT MEAL TRANSPORTER NEEDED ...** Delivering approximately 20 meals to homebound seniors, Monday-Friday, 9:45 - 11:45 AM (not on holidays). \$11.10 per hour plus \$.50 per mile. Average daily route is 8 miles. Must use own vehicle and be able to lift 45 lbs. Call Tammy Kemp at 518-561-8320.

**PENNY DRIVE ...** As of 12/13/19, our total is \$3943. Many thanks for your continued generosity.

**20-WEEK CLUB WINNER ...**  
Week 6 - Josie Maskell (\$50)

**CHRISTMAS DECORATING ...** We will begin our Christmas decorating in St. Patrick's Church on Wednesday, December 18 after the 9:00AM Mass. Anyone wishing to help is welcome to join us.

**20<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY ...** was held last weekend. Milk, cookies 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 American Legion Post 912 and Dunkin Donuts (Champlain) for their donations. Thanks to Rose Anthony and Ashley Martin for their help in the kitchen, Ron Duffy for providing the music, Joyce Ryan, Kirsten Boumil and Lily Maskell for their help handing out the gifts and Sharon Ramsey for organizing the event. We are also grateful to all those who donated the beautiful mittens, hats and fleece blankets.

**NUTRITION PROGRAM HOLIDAY PARTY ...** Tuesday, December 17 in the Parish Center Dining Hall. Entertainment by Budsy Ruest, Door Prizes, 50/50. Menu includes: Chicken Stew w/Biscuit, Baby Carrots and Jello Cake. Please call Carmen or Janice at 518-297-7361 for reservations.

**ST. MARY'S 20-WEEK CLUB TICKETS ...** 20-Week Club Tickets to benefit St. Mary's, Champlain are still available. The cost is only \$20 for a chance to win eighteen \$50 prizes, one \$100 prize and two \$500 prizes. Tickets are available at St. Mary's Rectory (518-298-8244) or you may call St. Patrick's Rectory (518-297-7361) to reserve a ticket.

**CHRISTMAS EVE MASS AT ST. MARY'S ...** All children are invited to participate in the Christmas Eve Mass at 4:00PM at St. Mary's. If you have little ones or grandchildren who wish to join us, please contact Kathy Ryan (518-593-8540) or St. Mary's Rectory (518-298-8244).

**RISTORANTE CASA CAPITANO ...** is now offering Sunday Morning Brunch starting at 11:00AM. It is all you can eat for an excellent price.

**2020 YOUTH BUSES FOR LIFE ...** January 23-26, 2020, Washington, DC. Open to high school students and Virtus-trained adults. Departs Thursday morning from Massena, Canton & Gouverneur. March for Life in our Nation's Capital! Attend the Life is Very Good Mass and Rally and the National Pro-Life Summit! \$200 person includes: Transportation, 3 Hotel Stays, 3 Breakfasts, 2 Dinners, 2 Lunches, T-shirt, Slingbag & an Awesome Experience! Register today at [www.rcdony.org/prolife](http://www.rcdony.org/prolife).

<p><b>CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES</b></p> <p><b>St. Mary's, 4:00PM (Choir)</b> <b>St. Patrick's, 6:00PM (Mero Family Musicians)</b></p> <p><b>CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES</b></p> <p><b>St. Mary's, 8:00AM</b> <b>St. Patrick's, 10:00AM (Adult Choir)</b></p>	<p><b>NEW YEAR'S EVE MASS</b></p> <p><b>St. Mary's, 4:00PM</b></p> <p><b>NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS</b></p> <p><b>St. Patrick's, 9:00AM</b></p>
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**VIGIL CANDLES ...** For some time now, 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.

**2019 BISHOP'S FUND APPEAL ...** 76 families in our parish have made a gift or pledge to the 2019 Bishop's Fund Appeal. Our parish goal is to have 141 or more families participate. We are grateful to those that have made a sacrificial gift to this year's Bishop's Fund Appeal. Our parish has raised **\$8210** toward our parish goal of **\$13061**. If you have not yet made your gift, please prayerfully consider supporting the 2019 Bishop's Fund Appeal, which is separate from the Capital Campaign, with a pledge or one-time gift. A pledge allows us to support the Appeal in four convenient payments throughout the year.

**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, Maritza St. John-Lester, Ethan Gadway