

December 22, 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 \$3217 **Last week** \$4307 (Envelopes \$4036, Children \$6, Plate \$265)

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, James Lefebvre

Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of Richard Laurin. 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 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

Christmas Eve

6:00PM Arsene Letourneau
Sandy Barcomb, Tom Bechard, Melissa Bresnahan
Rachel Letourneau, Lauren Lincourt
Christmas Day
10:00AM Douglas DiSabito
Connie Boutin, Volunteers
Camilo Rodriguez

December 28 / 29

8:00AM Mary Ann Hebert
Sue Duffy, Pat Carey, Merrie Nautel
Volunteer
10:00AM Arsene Letourneau
Sue Lefebvre, Tom Bechard, Terry Bechard
Rachel Letourneau, Lauren Lincourt

MASS INTENTIONS

December

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) 1st 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) 6th Anniversary of Gerald Dupree by Arsene, Rose & Rachel Letourneau & Dupree Family
Mon. 23 **Late Advent Weekday**
9:00AM †(St. Patrick's) Neil Thomas Guay by his Family
Tue. 24 **Late Advent Weekday**
9:00AM †(St. Patrick's) Donald LaBombard by Virginia Guay
(Anticipated) Nativity of the Lord
4:00AM (St. Mary's) Parishioners of St. Mary's
6:00PM (St. Patrick's) Parishioners of St. Patrick's
Wed. 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
Thur. 26 **St. Stephen**
5:00PM †(St. Mary's) Elizabeth Coulombe by Theresa Glascock
Fri. 27 **St. John**
5:00PM †(St. Mary's) George Boulerice by the Boulerice Family
Sat. 28 **The Holy Innocents**
9:00AM †(St. Mary's) Clara Gooley by Florence Cardin
(Anticipated) The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph
4:00PM †(St. Mary's) Magella Coonan Bocare by Theresa A. Rabideau
Sun. 29 **The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph**
8:00AM †(St. Patrick's) Alfred & Octavia Racine by Andy & Diane Morrelli
10:00AM †(St. Patrick's) Patrick McGoldrick by Carole Lefebvre

SANCTUARY LAMP

Bernadette Duffy by Roger

BLESSED MARY CANDLE

Special Intention by Peg Spiegel

ST. JOSEPH CANDLE

Flora & Barry Lamberton by Faith & George

ADVENT CANDLES

Darcy Manor by Ann & Donald Keddy

Special Intention by Peg Spiegel

Donald LaBombard by his Family

Special Intention by a Parishioner

CHRISTMAS CANDLE

Richard Ballman by his Family

Notes from the Pastor's Desk

CHRISTMAS NATIVITY SCENE ... Many thanks to Hector Bedard for taking the time to touch-up and repaint the statues that make up our nativity scene. We appreciate his time and talent. Many thanks also to Claude and Sue Dessureault for donating a new donkey and cow to complement our other statues. We are very grateful to them.

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.

OFFICE CLOSED ... Please note that St. Patrick's Office will be closed on Tuesday, December 24 through Thursday, December 26.

CONSECRATION TO THE HOLY FAMILY ... Next weekend, Fr. Lewis and our Knights of Columbus Council #'s 2366 & 3525 invite each family to consecrate themselves to the Holy Family. We hope to revitalize our parishes by urging our families to devote themselves to the ideal model of familial love set by Jesus, Mary & Joseph. The enclosed insert has suggested preparations for this.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION ... There are no classes this Sunday for Grades 1 to 8. They will resume on Sunday, January 12 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 and St. Mary's lobby for 1st, 2nd and 8th 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.

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.

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 not be open December 25 or January 1. It will reopen on January 8, 9:30 to 10:30AM. If you require assistance, please contact Eleanor Reynolds at 518-570-9370 or Pat Carey at 518-420-4957.

ROSARY ALTAR CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON ... Members of the St. Patrick's Rosary Altar Society will meet on **Monday, January 6 at 11:30AM at Angelo's Restaurant** for their annual Christmas Luncheon. Please RSVP Mary Racicot 297-2403 by January 3 if you plan to attend.

PENNY DRIVE ... As of 12/20/19, our total is \$3954. Many thanks for your continued generosity.

20-WEEK CLUB WINNER ...
Week 7 - Arsene Letourneau (\$50)

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.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS ... Many thanks to all who have donated to our Christmas flowers/decorations. 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.

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).

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.

<p>CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES</p> <p><i>St. Mary's, 4:00PM (Choir)</i> <i>St. Patrick's, 6:00PM (Mero Family Musicians)</i></p> <p>CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES</p> <p><i>St. Mary's, 8:00AM</i> <i>St. Patrick's, 10:00AM (Adult Choir)</i></p>	<p>NEW YEAR'S EVE MASS</p> <p><i>St. Mary's, 4:00PM</i></p> <p>NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS</p> <p><i>St. Patrick's, 9:00AM</i></p>
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CHRISTMAS 2019

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

"Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord." (Luke 2:10-11)

A constant theme that Pope Francis has incorporated into his teaching is that of accompaniment. Of course, the premier example of accompaniment is the Incarnation, that Joyful Mystery of our faith when God, born of the Virgin Mary, chose to accompany us on our earthly journeys. The Christmas story is a divine love story of accompaniment.

In our recent ad limina visit to Rome, the Holy Father spoke of the importance of the family and its tragic brokenness today. He urged us to accompany, with tenderness and care, members of broken families and to support struggling and strong families. We each have a role to play in the Christmas story as fellow companions in faith, beginning with those closest to us, our families.

So many persons need someone to lean on, someone to show them Jesus. Our Godparents and Confirmation sponsors will want to recommit themselves to accompanying the baptized and confirmed in their walk of faith. We enter more fully the Christmas story when we take the time to understand and support the fearful migrant, the confused teen, the depressed homeless, the victim of abuse, the mentally ill, the desperate addict, the overwhelmed parent, the forgotten elderly. No one should walk alone.

Christmas is the divine reminder that our God never forgets us. Jesus Christ is the Way, the Truth, and the Life who never leaves us alone. It is no wonder that this is a time of great hope, joy and peace. The Christmas story is our love story! For the faithful one, we know how the story ends. As the New Year approaches, let us turn the page to a new chapter in our story. Christ-led, Christ-fed and Hope-filled, we seek to be the companion whose own personal encounter with Jesus becomes the witness for others to want to seek the Prince of Peace.

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

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

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!!