

June 14, 2020

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WEEKLY COLLECTION

Many thanks to all who have donated and continue to donate to our parish over the past few months. We are very grateful for all the support that our parishioners provide to us.

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, Cassidy Spinner, Gary Burton, Rose Moore, Julie Lafountain, Diane Favreau, Bonnie Filion, Agnes Howard, Ed Sweeny, James Lefebvre, Shirley Rap, Jackie Ducharme, Arthur Robert Tremblay, Eric Pristeria Polniaszek

Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of William Connelly. Also please pray for all those in our Community Intention Book and all the sick of our area.

READER/EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS SCHEDULE

June 13

4:00PM Pat Racine

10:00AM Melissa Bresnahan & Arsene Letourneau

MASS INTENTIONS

June

Sat. 13 **St. Anthony of Padua**
9:00AM **(St. Mary's)** No Mass
(Anticipated) The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
4:00PM **(St. Patrick's)** Parishioners of St. Patrick's
4:00PM **(St. Mary's)** Parishioners of St. Mary's
Sun. 14 **The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ**
8:00AM **(St. Mary's)** Parishioners of St. Mary's
10:00AM **(St. Patrick's)** Parishioners of St. Patrick's
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Mon. 15 **Weekday**
9:00AM †**(St. Patrick's)** Bruce Seguin by Bob & Gloria Trombly
Tue. 16 **Weekday**
9:00AM †**(St. Patrick's)** Aline Terry by Rita Bechard
Wed. 17 **Weekday**
9:00AM †**(St. Patrick's)** Donald LaBombard by Noel & Terri Smith
Thur. 18 **Weekday**
9:00AM †**(St. Mary's)** Donald Tetreault (Birthday Remembrance) by wife, Suzanne & Family
Fri. 19 **The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus**
9:00AM †**(St. Mary's)** Joe Leduc by Jeffrey Goslow
Sat. 20 **The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
9:00AM **(St. Mary's)** No Mass
(Anticipated) Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00PM †**(St. Patrick's)** N. John Racine by his Family
4:00PM †**(St. Mary's)** Orville Bing Gload by Catherine & Robert Arruda
Sun. 21 **Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
8:00AM †**(St. Mary's)** Keith Favreau by Rita Cody
10:00AM †**(St. Patrick's)** 15th Anniversary of Alda Brunell by Gary Brunell
10:00AM †**(St. Patrick's)** 2nd Birthday of Joshua Duval Jr. By Sara, Larry, Noah, Nathan & Xavier

BLESSED MARY CANDLE

Kay Cavanagh by Alanna Cavanagh

ST. JOSEPH CANDLE

Leo Major by his Family

DAILY MASSES ARE RESUMING THIS WEEK AS WELL.

Please note that there will not be a 9:00AM Mass on Saturday at St. Mary's.

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.

Notes from the Pastor's Desk

WELCOME BACK TO ALL OUR PARISHIONERS ... We are very pleased to be able to reopen St. Patrick's Church, even if it is with limited seating. If you did not receive the mailing to our parishioners, please read the letter in this bulletin for all the information concerning our reopening. We hope everyone will understand and comply with the rules that are necessary so that we can remain safe and healthy.

SECOND COLLECTION ... "God is not Solitude, but Communion; he is Love, and therefore communication, because love always communicates; indeed, it communicates itself in order to encounter the other."— Pope Francis. This weekend's second collection supports two important needs: Catholic communications and the education of Catholic Leaders. One third of the collection supports communications in our diocese and another third goes to communications efforts across the country in this year's "Connecting Community in Christ", the Catholic Communications Campaign. The final third supports Catholic University of America in Washington DC. Please prayerfully consider supporting these efforts. More information is available at www.usccb.org/cc and engage.catholic.edu/giving/how-give/national-collection.

CHANGE OF DATE FOR CATHOLIC CHARITIES MOTHER'S DAY APPEAL ... The success of the Catholic Charities Mother's Day Appeal relies on the generosity of our parishioners. The Appeal is a critical component of Catholic Charities' operating budget. With the extended pandemic restrictions in New York State, prudence dictates the in-pew Mother's Day Appeal unwise. Therefore, the 2020 Catholic Charities Mother's Day Appeal has been moved to Father's Day, June 21, 2020 in the hopes we will be able to gather for Mass by that time. This information will be distributed via the North Country Catholic and the diocesan website. Please know that parishioners can still make online pledges on www.cathcharities.org. It is unclear whether a mass mailing, the third prong of the normal Appeal, will occur since the businesses used to assemble the mailing are closed.

ST. PATRICK'S FOOD SHELF ... will be open by appointment only. Please call Pat Carey at 518-420-4957.

CHRISM MASS ... Friday, June 19 at 2:00PM. Normally the Chrism Mass is open to all, but unfortunately, the lay faithful cannot attend due to limited seating to prevent spreading the Covid-19 virus. Please pray for our diocese, bishop, and especially the sanctification of our priests on June 19, the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. You can also share the ability to participate in the Chrism Mass via livestream.

The Chrism Mass will be livestreamed at 2:00PM at <https://www.rcdony.org/livemass>. The program including prayers and music will soon be available at <https://www.rcdony.org/covid-19>. Afterward, the livestream will continue to be available at <https://www.rcdony.org/covid-19> or on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLEEYfIYg7Lj6zUiAiGoLZxkq-DxRkUru>

2019-2020 BISHOP'S FUND APPEAL ... is coming to a close, If you have made a pledge, we encourage you to complete your pledge by June 15. You may mail your final payment to: The Bishop's Fund Appeal, P.O. Box 150, Ogdensburg, NY 13669 or make an online payment at www.rcdony.org/giving/donate-now-bishop-s-fund.

CAMP GUGGENHEIM ... 2020 Camp Guggenheim has been cancelled for this summer.

CEMETERY RULES AND REGULATIONS

ST. PATRICK'S CEMETERY ... Flowers may be planted in front of monuments, preferably protected by paving stones, not to exceed 15 inches from the front of the monument foundation. (These paving stones can be placed in a straight or curved fashion, but must not exceed the 15 inches allowed). Perennials will be permitted on lots, but their height may not be more than 15 inches and they must be within the 15-inch boundary in front of the foundation. As we have said in the past and continue to reiterate, artificial flowers may be placed on the monuments only and are not permitted in the ground. Artificial flowers are considered "on the monument" if they are in an appropriate (durable) pot that touches the monument or are of a size that can be placed on the monument foundation. Artificial flowers placed in the ground are an insurance liability and also a hazard for those moving and working in the cemetery. If they are placed in the ground, they will be removed. Also, please do not place any glass containers on the lots as they may break and cause damage to cemetery equipment and personnel.

ST. JOSEPH'S CEMETERY ... Flowers, flags, etc. will be permitted on the ground only on Memorial Day and must be removed by the third day after the holiday. The rest of the year they will be permitted only on the monuments and out of the way for mowing of the grass. No permanent flowers are to be planted.

LETTER TO ST. PATRICK'S/ST. MARY'S PARISHIONERS RE REOPENING

Bishop LaValley has granted us permission to reopen our churches for public worship for congregations limited to **91** persons at St. Patrick's upstairs and **45** persons downstairs in the Parish Hall AND **106** persons at St. Mary's in the Church and **20** persons in the Parish Center. We rejoice that some of us can come together to worship God and receive the Eucharist that strengthens and unites us. It will be a challenge to limit attendance at Mass to these numbers, and we ask for your cooperation and patience as we begin our journey toward normal worship and practice. Right now, it is safer for those over 60 and those with underlying health issues to remain at home. I realize this is a sacrifice, but it is for your own safety. We will begin this reopening on Saturday, June 13th, at the 4:00 P.M. Anticipated Mass at both St. Mary's and St. Patrick's.

We have developed a plan for the two parishes that will allow us to celebrate Mass and the Sacraments in a safe and responsible way. While we have "flattened the curve" of the coronavirus, there are still risks to all of us that require our attention and caution. Our parishes' plan conforms to the requirements set forth in Bishop LaValley's decree for reopening our churches for public worship. That decree and its requirements were drafted with the assistance of medical professionals and public health officials to assure that we are following the best practices for protecting our own health and the health of those around us. If all of us follow our parishes' plan, we will be safe in gathering for our worship. Even if we are not showing symptoms, each of us should think of ourselves and everyone we meet as a potential carrier of the virus. If we adhere to the precautions set forth in our plan, the risks of infection are substantially reduced. Wearing our masks, washing our hands and keeping our distance protects us and others.

Our parishes' plan is displayed at the entrance of our two churches and parish hall and center. It is also on our two websites. I am also including a copy of the plan with this letter. Let me highlight some ways in which you can help us safely return to worship.

1. Bishop LaValley has continued his dispensation from attending Sunday Mass until further notice. The plan outlines some media places where you can watch or hear Mass while remaining at home. If you are remaining home and would like to have Holy Communion brought to your home, please call one of the two rectories.
2. If you are over 60 years of age, have underlying medical issues, are not feeling well, have a cough, a fever over 99.6, shortness of breath, loss of taste or smell, vomiting, sore throat, fatigue, unexplained muscle aches, headache or had contact with anyone who has COVID-19, **please stay home for your well-being and that of others.**
3. St. Patrick's parishioners should enter the church at the front entrance only. They may leave using either entrance. St. Mary's parishioners should enter the church at the front entrances only.. They may leave through the front entrances of the church and parish center.
4. Initially, the number of people able to physically attend Mass will be limited. Please respect these limits and do not enter church if the approved number has already been admitted to church, parish hall or parish center. We will post a sign on the doors when we have admitted the maximum number.
5. Wear a face covering while in church to protect you and others.
6. Please note that all seating will be assigned so as to maximize the seating capacity of the church/parish center/parish hall.
7. Please sanitize your hands as you enter and exit the church, parish hall or parish center. Sanitizer is provided at the doors of the churches, parish halls and parish center.
8. Please keep a safe social distance of at least 6 feet between you and others who are not part of your household. This means we cannot hold hands during the Our Father and there will be no exchange of peace.
9. Note that there will be no holy water in the fonts, no choir, no offertory procession, no bulletins, missalettes or hymnals.
10. Distribution of Holy Communion will be different. This will be explained at Mass and we ask for your cooperation. Keep at least six feet between you and others as you approach the Communion stations.
11. Holy Communion will be distributed under the form of bread only. We ask you to receive Holy Communion in the hand to reduce the risk of spreading the virus.
12. The collection basket will not be passed during Mass. Instead, a basket for your contribution will be placed near the entrances of the churches, parish hall and parish center.. Please drop your envelope or donation into the basket on your way in or out of church. Thank you in advance for your support of your parish.
13. The Presiding Priest and others will sanitize their hands before distributing Holy Communion. Parishioners will remove their masks prior to approaching the Communion station and will replace their masks after receiving.
14. On a regular basis we will clean our churches, parish hall and parish center, and disinfect them after every service.
15. Missalettes, song books and other common items will be removed from the pews. Parish bulletins can be found on the parish websites.
16. You will be asked to maintain appropriate social distancing as you leave church or parish hall. You are asked to return to your cars and return home to avoid congregating at the exits of the church, parish hall, and parish center, and in the parking lots or anywhere on church property.
17. Due to the limitations placed on the number who may attend Mass due to social distancing, we will celebrate weekend Masses at the following times until further notice: **Saturday Afternoon Anticipated Sunday Mass at 4:00 P.M. in BOTH churches; Sunday Morning Mass at 8:00A.M. in St. Mary's; Sunday Morning Mass at 10:00A.M. in St. Patrick's Church AND DOWNSTAIRS in the Parish Hall.** Confessions will be held in BOTH churches from 3:00 P.M. until 3:45 P.M. on Saturday.

Our return to public worship will be a challenge. There will be challenges and frustrations. We are asked to behave in new ways to remain healthy. Social distancing, avoiding crowds, hand sanitizing, personal hygiene and wearing face masks are behaviors that will be with us or a while. How well we learn those behaviors will determine how successful we will be at returning to normal worship and keeping people healthy and safe. Please do your part. We will do ours! God bless you.

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