

August 23, 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.

Last year \$2826 Last week \$3071 (Envelopes \$2895, Children \$0, Plate \$176)

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, Ed Sweeny, James Lefebvre, Shirley Rap, Jackie Ducharme, Eric Pristera-Polniaszek, Bob Dessureault, Diane Marks, Claire Vacca, Ken Dupere

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

READER/EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS SCHEDULE

August 22 / 23

4:00PM Pat Racine
10:00AM Douglas DiSabito

MASS INTENTIONS

August
Sat. 22 The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
9:00AM (St. Mary's) No Mass
(Anticipated) Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00PM †(St. Patrick's) 20th Anniversary of Vicki Connelly by Jerry, Shawn & Shelby
4:00PM †(St. Mary's) 1st Anniversary of Chris Gosselin by wife, Kim
Sun. 23 Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00AM †(St. Mary's) Gerard Ducharme by Dean & Nancy Hamilton
10:00AM †(St. Patrick's) Cecile & Abram Fosher by Bob & Maria Fosher
10:00AM †(St. Patrick's) Souls in Purgatory (All Souls Envelopes)
Mon. 24 St. Bartholomew
9:00AM †(St. Patrick's) Neil Thomas Guay by his Mom
Tue. 25 St. Clare
9:00AM †(St. Patrick's) Brandon Gadway by Russ & Pam Gadway
Wed. 26 Weekday
9:00AM †(St. Patrick's) Donald LaBombard by Carol & Real Pinsonneault
Thur. 27 St. Monica
9:00AM (St. Mary's) Aurel Parsons by Jane Boulерice
Fri. 28 St. Augustine
9:00AM †(St. Mary's) Claire Tetreault by Chuck & Alice Bombard
Sat. 29 The Passion of St. John the Baptist
9:00AM (St. Mary's) No Mass
(Anticipated) Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00PM †(St. Patrick's) Anne Ballman Bashaw by Sr. Mary Ann Gour
4:00PM †(St. Mary's) Maria Surprenant by Claude & Joan Boucher
Sun. 30 Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00AM †(St. Mary's) Jane Zmudzinski by Linda Rivers
10:00AM †(St. Patrick's) Lorraine Falace by Bob & Mary Ann Hebert
10:00AM †(St. Patrick's) Souls in Purgatory (All Souls Envelopes)

BLESSED MARY CANDLE

Earl Burton by Joyce & Ken Ryan

ST. JOSEPH'S CANDLE

Arnold Beal by his Family

Please note that there will not be a 9:00AM Mass on Saturdays 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 were pleased to see all who have come back and hope to see more of you soon. Even though there is limited seating, we are able to seat 91 parishioners in our church and 45 in our parish hall. Because of the low numbers who have come so far, seating has not been too much of an issue. Please keep in mind that as the numbers increase, it will be necessary for the assigned seats to be enforced so that the required social distancing is maintained. We also ask that everyone wear a mask. We hope everyone will understand and comply with the rules that are necessary so that we can remain safe and healthy.

RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION Please come to Communion using the main aisle. Parishioners should alternate exiting their pews from side to side and forming a single line in the middle of the aisle while maintaining 6 feet social distancing. Once the center pews are empty, those in the side pews may cross to the middle aisle as well. After receiving Communion, you should exit the church and not return to your pew.

STEWARDSHIP ... Many thanks to all who continue to support St. Patrick's Church with their offertory gifts, either by mail, personal delivery or when attending Mass. This is very important for the day-to-day operations of our parish. We are truly grateful for your continued support.

NO PRINTED BULLETINS ... For the time being, we will not be providing paper copies of the weekly bulletin. You may find the bulletin on line on our website(www.stpatricksrpny.org) and on Facebook on the St. Patrick's Church page.

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

WHEN VISITING OUR CHURCH ... We ask that those of you who come to visit our church during the week for Mass or just to pray, please use the hand sanitizer which is located at both church entrances. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

CONFESSIONS & HOLY COMMUNION ... St. Patrick's and St. Mary's will have confessions Saturdays from 3:00 to 3:45PM or you can call to make an appointment. You may also call the Rectory and request that Holy Communion be brought to you.

OUR CHURCH IS OPEN AT THE FOLLOWING TIMES:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 8:00AM to 4:00PM
Friday: Not open so church can be sanitized for weekend Mass
Saturday: 2:45PM to 5:00PM
Sunday: 9:00AM to 11:00AM

CHRISTIAN FORMATION ... No decisions have as yet been made regarding Christian Formation Classes for the upcoming school year. As soon as information is available, it will be passed on to you.

FIRST COMMUNION ... No date has been set as yet for the 2019-2020 school year.

GUGGENHEIM SUMMER CAMP 2020: Virtual online experience ... "There is always a way" and the staff at Summer Camp Guggenheim has found a way to keep in touch with campers this summer even though we are not able to gather in person. Please feel free to check in each week on the Summer Camp Guggenheim page and Youth Office Instagram page. For more information contact Tom Semeraro, Director of Youth Ministry at tsemeraro@rcdony.org or 315-393-2920 ext. 1415.

CDA COURT #1451 ... Next meeting will be held on Thursday, September 10, 6:00PM at St. Mary's Parish Center (note different time and location). There will be no meal or auction, but we will have the 50/50 drawing. To be reviewed and/or voted on: budget, dinner committees, yearly agenda, fundraising Ideas. Please wear a mask and we will practice social distancing as well. Hope to see you there!!

CONFIRMATION ... Confirmation for the 2019-2020 school year has been scheduled for Saturday, October 3, 4:00PM at St. Mary's, Champlain.

COVID CLARIFICATION ... Do people need to continue wearing masks throughout the entire time they are in the church - especially when it is hot? Wearing masks is essential. All those who are not taking a speaking part during the liturgy are required to keep their masks on as long as they are able to. If they are unable, they must refrain from moving about, singing, or projecting their voices in other ways. This is in line with the intention of their NYS guidelines.

ST. MARY'S RAFFLE ... Tickets for St. Mary's Raffle, which will be held on Sunday, August 30 at 4:00PM in St. Mary's Parish Center, are available in St. Patrick's Church Lobby or at St. Mary's Rectory.

ST. PATRICK'S FOOD SHELF ... is open Wednesdays, 9:30 - 10:30AM or call Pat Carey at 518-420-4957 for an appointment.

Excerpt from Bishop Terry LaValley's Letter of July 14, 2020 (Memorial of St. Kateri Tekakwitha ~ Lily of the Mohawks) concerning the return to Masses for our parishioners

"... Our churches are now open, albeit, with noticeable changes. I am so grateful to our pastors, staff and parishioners who worked hard to implement guidelines and introduce liturgical adaptations to reduce the risk of spreading the virus. Thank you for cooperating with the measures we have taken to provide a safe environment in which to gather for public worship.

My sisters and brothers, now is the time to come back to Mass. Now is the time for healthy adults and children to re-engage with your parish family. We are a Eucharistic people. Of course, we need to observe all the guidelines that have been issued. We don't want to risk setting back the progress we have made.

With that in mind, we know we don't social distance Jesus. He is essential! Please contact your parish office to confirm Mass times in your parish, both daily and Sunday Masses. Also, inform your pastor if someone desires a home visit, seeks to celebrate the Anointing of the Sick or wants to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance, but is unable to come to Church. It is crucial that we tend to our ministerial life, as best we can, while observing the precautions, and help refuel our parishes so that they are running on all sacramental, liturgical, and pastoral cylinders. I am humbled and grateful for your remarkable financial support of your Church during these uncertain and worrisome times. Your faith and your support are so inspiring!

Some of our parishioners have underlying health conditions or are of a vulnerable age where the prudent decision might be to remain at home for the foreseeable future. In these cases, I continue to dispense the faithful from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass. The Sunday 8:00am Masses will continue to be livestreamed from St. Mary's Cathedral. "

SUNDAY CELEBRATIONS IN THE ABSENCE OF A PRIEST (SCAPs) ... PART 2 OF 3 ... If the pastor is not able to offer Holy Mass and no other priest is available to cover for the weekend, what would we do as a parish?

First of all, the Church, Bishop LaValley, and Fr. Lewis all agree, this would be very extraordinary. How so? Here are 3 ways: 1. If a priest is available, he would offer Mass. Without the priest there is no Eucharist and without the Eucharist, there is no Church. So, if we can find a substitute priest, we will always happily receive him. 2. There should only be one SCAP per weekend. The guidelines are clear about that. So say something happened to the priest on Saturday afternoon, and no Mass was able to be offered at 4:00PM, we would hope that we could find a priest for the 10:00AM. If not, then a SCAP would be offered at 10:00AM. If you could make it back at 10:00AM (or to another local Mass) that would be ideal. If it would not be possible, that would be okay too—we all know that God does not ask us to do the impossible. 3. Holy Communion probably would not be distributed at a SCAP. As Catholics, we all know and love the reception of Holy Communion and we want to be able to receive. But it would be unusual to have enough of the Blessed Sacrament in the tabernacle for us to be able to distribute Communion. If for some reasons the number of people in church was low and we had sufficient number of Hosts in the tabernacle, then we would/could distribute. Again, we are not talking about the ideal circumstances. We just want to have a plan for the unexpected. Next week we will be talking about the who of SCAPs: who would participate, who would help, and most obviously who would lead the prayer.

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