

August 30, 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 \$2287 (Envelopes \$2212, Children \$8, Plate \$67)
Assumption \$419

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, John Rowe

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

READER/EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS SCHEDULE

August 29 / 30

4:00PM Pat Racine
10:00AM David FitzGerald

MASS INTENTIONS

August
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)
Mon. 31 Weekday
9:00AM †(St. Patrick's) Robert Rochester by Russ & Pam Gadway
September
Tue. 1 Weekday
9:00AM †(St. Patrick's) Anne Ballman Bashaw by Noel & Therese Hinerth
Wed. 2 Weekday
9:00AM †(St. Patrick's) John McCaffrey by Maureen Allen
Thur. 3 St. Gregory the Great
9:00AM (St. Mary's) Edward & Eva Favreau by their Children
Fri. 4 First Friday
9:00AM †(St. Mary's) Denise Gooley by Jeffrey Gooley
Sat. 5 Weekday
9:00AM (St. Mary's) No Mass
(Anticipated) Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00PM †(St. Patrick's) Deceased Members of the Jefferson Family by Brian, Paul & Patty
4:00PM †(St. Mary's) Lorraine Joanne Dempsey by Erik Dempsey
Sun. 6 Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00AM †(St. Mary's) Anna Gooley by Jean & Sharman Birtz
10:00AM †(St. Patrick's) Albert Gokey by Allan & Merrie Nautel
10:00AM †(St. Patrick's) Souls in Purgatory (All Souls Envelopes)

SANTUARY LAMP

In Loving Memory of
Bruce Seguin by Joan

BLESSED MARY CANDLE

Kay Cavanagh by her 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.stpatricksrpnj.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.

NO FIRST FRIDAY AT EITHER PARISH ... Due to our parish restrictions at this time, we will not have First Friday Exposition and Benediction at St. Mary's or St. Patrick's.

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: 9:15AM 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.

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!!

TAKE OUT ONLY HARVEST DINNER ... Sunday, September 27, Sacred Heart Church, Chazy. All dinners are \$12 and include roast turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, turnip, corn, coleslaw, cranberry sauce, rolls, apple or pumpkin pie.

Noon - 2:00PM: Prepaid home delivery within 5 miles and prepaid curbside pick up ONLY

2:00-4:00PM: Unreserved take out ONLY

For information to reserve and prepay for your dinner, call Noreen at Sacred Heart Rectory 518-846-7650 by September 15.

ROUSES POINT K OF C MEETING ... Thursday, September 3, 7:00PM in the Parish Center. There will be social distancing and masks should be worn until seated.

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

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

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 the NYS guidelines.

ST. MARY'S RAFFLE THIS SUNDAY AT 4:00PM... Tickets for St. Mary's Raffle, which will be held this 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.

Excerpt from Bishop Terry LaValley's Letter of July 14, 2020 concerning the return to Masses for our parishioners

"... 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 3 OF 3 ... If the pastor were not able to offer Holy Mass and no other priest were available to cover for the weekend, what would we do as a parish?

Over the last two weeks we covered the why and the what of SCAPs. We conclude this three-part series on Sunday Celebration in the Absence of a Priest by looking at the who. To help us do so Fr. Stitt, the Diocesan Director of Worship shared this story: One Sunday when I was in high school back in Crown Point, the Deacon showed up for the 9:30 Mass. "Father isn't available, and he has asked me to lead a prayer service (we'd now say a "Sunday Celebration in the Absence of a Priest")." There was some confusion—"What will this be?" There was some excitement (at least on my part)—"This might be shorter!" But this announcement was also met with some decisive action. I remember the Perry family quietly getting up and excusing themselves. They knew that there was a Mass being offered just 10 miles away, and if they left then, they would make it in time. Years later Fr. Stitt asked Bishop LaValley: "Did the Perry's do the right thing by leaving?" The Bishop's response was an unequivocal "Yes." If it is possible of us to make it to Mass, we should. The Perry family knew that it was both possible and practical for them to make it. For some there in the church in Crown Point so many years ago, it would not have been. So, if it were deemed impossible or impractical, a SCAP would have been a good thing to take part in. That is part of the who—whoever is unable to make it to Mass. The second half is "Who would lead the prayer." Well just as in Crown Point, an ordained Deacon would be the obvious first choice to lead a SCAP. So, if one of these would ever happen here in Rouses Point, Deacon Noel Hinert would most likely lead it. If he were not available, our second choice would be Sr. Jessy Xaxier. And if neither of them was available, Jack Dawson or Pat Gladd would step up. All three have been trained as to how to lead a SCAP, and while none of them is looking forward to doing so, they are ready if we need them to. Even though the Holy Mass will always get first dibs and they would not take any offence if people followed the example of the Perry family of Crown Point.

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