

October 11, 2020

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WEEKLY COLLECTION

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.

Last year \$4531 Last week \$2519 (Envelopes \$2296, Children \$0, Plate \$223)

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

READER/EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS SCHEDULE

October 10 / 11

4:00PM Gary Brunell
10:00AM Arsene Letourneau

MASS INTENTIONS

October

Sat. 10 Weekday
9:00AM (St. Mary's) No Mass
(Anticipated) Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00PM †(St. Patrick's) 24th Anniversary of Jeannine Pelkey by Sheila & Brian Pelkey & Family
4:00PM †(St. Mary's) Arnie Beal by his wife, Marlene & Children
Sun. 11 Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00AM †(St. Mary's) Roderick Willette by George & Theresa Miller
10:00AM †(St. Patrick's) Donald LaBombard by his Family
Mon. 12 Weekday
9:00AM †(St. Patrick's) Ila Comeau by Evelyn & Timothy Gonyo
Tue. 13 Weekday
9:00AM †(St. Patrick's) Lawrence & Geneva Gadway by Russ & Pam Gadway
Wed. 14 Our Lady of the Rosary
9:00AM †(St. Patrick's) Donald LaBombard by Sr. Mary Ann Gour
Thur. 15 St. Teresa of Jesus
9:00AM †(St. Mary's) Jason Bechard by Adam Bechard
Fri. 16 Weekday
9:00AM †(St. Mary's) Leon Dutil by Marty & Lynn McCarthy
Sat. 17 Weekday
9:00AM (St. Mary's) No Mass
(Anticipated) Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00PM †(St. Patrick's) Evan MacDougal by his Family
4:00PM †(St. Mary's) 2nd Anniversary of Lee Dupee by his Mom
Sun. 18 Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00AM †(St. Mary's) Frank & Lillian Cote by Rita & Louis Bedard
10:00AM †(St. Patrick's) Deceased Members of the Jefferson Family by Brian, Paul & Patti

BLESSED MARY CANDLE

Leo Major by his Family

ST. JOSEPH CANDLE

Sr. Germaine Bechard 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

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY ... Next weekend, we will take up a second special collection for World Mission Sunday. We are called through our Baptism to be part of the Church's missionary efforts, through prayer, self-sacrifice, and support of the Mission Church through material aid. This year, Pope Francis asks us to respond to that call, saying, "Here I Am, Send Me!" To "send" ourselves, we can: PRAY for the Church's worldwide missionary work OFFER financial HELP and CHARITY through the collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith for vulnerable communities throughout Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Pacific Islands.

PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ... Monday, October 12 in observance of Columbus Day!

RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION Holy Communion is now taking place during Mass and not at the end. 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. When arriving at the front, please go to the priest or Eucharistic Minister who is on the side where you were sitting so that you can easily return to your pew.

2020 BISHOP'S FUND APPEAL ... United in Faith - Continuing Christ's Mission ... Our parish's 2020 Bishop's Fund Appeal is coming to a close. We are grateful to the 42 families that have made a sacrificial gift to this year's Appeal. Our parish has raised \$4450.00 toward the effort. If you have not made a 2020 Bishop's Fund Appeal commitment, please pray about your decision and make a pledge or one-time gift. Please remember - every gift makes a difference - every gift counts. Any gifts received after the Appeal reaches its goal will be used to further supplement the Bishop's Good Samaritan Fund which assists families in need in our community and throughout the Diocese. Pledge envelopes are located at the back of the church or you can make your gift online by visiting <https://www.rcdony.org/bfa.html#donate>. If you are dropping your envelope in the collection basket, please include your name so that St. Patrick's and St. Mary's envelopes can be separated.

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

BULLETINS ... We have once again began providing paper copies of our bulletin. They are available **after** Masses at the church entrances. Please take your bulletin home with you and do not leave it in the church. You may also find the bulletin on line on our website(www.stpatricksrpny.org) and on Facebook on the St. Patrick's Church page.

WELCOME BACK TO ALL OUR PARISHIONERS ... As more people are returning to Mass, please be aware of the following: Are you wearing your mask? Are you sitting where the pew is marked with masking tape? In order to keep our social distancing, you should be sitting where the masking tape is in front of you - either in the middle of the pew or at either end. If you wish to sit together as a couple, please sit in the side pews. If you are a family of three or more, you may sit together, but the pew in front of you and behind you needs to be empty. We ask that you listen to the volunteers who are there to assist in the seating as they are just doing what we have been told to ensure that our church stays open. 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 hope everyone will understand and comply with the rules that are necessary so that we can remain safe and healthy.

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.

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 wear your mask and use the hand sanitizer which is located at both church entrances. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

OUR CHURCH IS OPEN AT THE FOLLOWING TIMES ... Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday: 8:00AM to 4:00PM; Thursday and 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

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

OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH ... As Catholics, we believe that every life is sacred, from the moment of conception until natural death. Every person is made in the image and likeness of God, and so each and every person has inherent dignity.

COVID CLARIFICATION ... Wearing masks is essential. All those who are not taking a speaking part during the liturgy are required to keep their masks on. If they are unable, they must refrain from moving about, speaking, singing, or projecting their voices in other ways. This is in line with the intention of the NYS guidelines.

SUNDAY CELEBRATION IN THE ABSENCE OF A PRIEST (SCAP) ... PART 1 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?*

For the record, we are not hoping for this day. Nor are we even expecting it. But we want to be ready just in case. While Catholics normally have an obligation to attend Mass each Sunday, we all know there are extenuating circumstances (illness, care for a family member, essential work, not to mention blanket dispensations by the local Bishop in times of pandemic are some obvious examples). Hopefully, barring these circumstances, Mass will be available. In some cases, we must drive farther than we are used to or go at a different time. But in very extraordinary times when none of these options are a possibility, a SCAP can be offered. Here at St. Patrick's (and in most parishes across the Diocese) we have parishioners who have been trained to lead others in prayer. In the next couple of weeks, we will share with you who would be offering these SCAPs and what they would look like. But for now, it is important to know: If you can make it to Mass, there is no substitute for that. If you cannot, it is still good to come together as the people of God and pray. And that is where a SCAP can come in.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SURVEY ... Families should have received in the mail a questionnaire on how, when and where we can go forward with our Religious Education Program. Parents are asked to fill out the questionnaire by October 15 and return it by mail or in the collection basket. Classes will **not** be held in our Parish Center classrooms, but rather in St. Patrick's Parish Hall, St. Patrick's Parish Center Basement and St. Mary's Parish Center. We urge you to complete this survey so that plans can be made. If you do not receive the questionnaire, please call the Rectory (518-297-7361) or Sue Lefebvre (518-298-2485).

NEW STUDENTS ... If you are new to the parish or have a child who is in First Grade, please contact the Rectory or Sue Lefebvre for more information on our Religious Education Program.

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

VIRTUAL PRIEST DISCERNMENT SESSIONS: Attention Men Hearing the Call ... Zoom in to Priest Discernment ... High School Junior men & older are invited to join Father Howard Venette & guests for 60-minute virtual discernment sessions on the following Sundays at 3:00PM: October 18; November 1, 15 & 29 and December 13. Contact Father Venette at hvenette@gmail.com for meeting access.

CP HOLIDAY TRAIN ... Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, CP will be shifting focus and holding a virtual holiday-themed concert for the 2020 season instead of operating its brightly-lit trains across the U.S. and Canada. CP will still make a donation to our food shelf as they have done in the past. We are very grateful to them.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES ARE NOW AVAILABLE IN THE DOWNSTAIRS CHURCH LOBBY ... 1) Take a shoebox, fill it with the appropriate requested items, and bring it back to the church for mailing; or 2) Purchase some of the requested items and they will be placed in shoeboxes as needed; or 3) Make a donation to Operation Christmas Child to be used to purchase items. If you are able to, please provide the \$9.00 cost for shipment of each shoebox. Brochures are available which further explain how to pack your shoeboxes. Boxes must be returned to St. Patrick's during the week of November 16-23, 2020. We hope you will consider participating in this worthwhile cause. **Do not include: Candy, Toothpaste, Gum, Used or Damaged Items, War-Related Items, Seeds, Food, Liquids or Lotions, Medications or Vitamins, Breakable Items or Glass Containers or Aerosol Cans.**

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

