

October 18, 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 \$3585 Last week \$3279 (Envelopes \$3141, Children \$4, Plate \$134)

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, Ken Dupere

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of Judy O'Neil and Aaron Babbie. Also please pray for all those in our Community Intention Book and all the sick of our area.

READER/EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS SCHEDULE

October 17 / 18

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

MASS INTENTIONS

October

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
Mon. 19 Sts. John de Brebeuf & Isaac Jogues
9:00AM †(St. Patrick's) Neil Guay by his Mom
Tue. 20 Weekday
9:00AM †(St. Patrick's) Bob & Bettie Fitts by their Children
Wed. 21 Weekday
9:00AM †(St. Patrick's) John Rowe by Lisa Casey
Thur. 22 Weekday
9:00AM †(St. Mary's) Shirley "Dot" LaCount by Michael & Brenda Lavigne
Fri. 23 Weekday
9:00AM †(St. Mary's) Roderick Willette by George & Theresa Miller
Sat. 24 Weekday
9:00AM (St. Mary's) No Mass
(Anticipated) Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00PM †(St. Patrick's) Howard & Flora Lamberton by Faith & Family
4:00PM †(St. Mary's) Donald Charron by his wife Jean
Sun. 25 Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00AM †(St. Mary's) Eleanor Gaudette by Jim & Martine Gonyo
10:00AM †(St. Patrick's) Richard & Colette Letourneau by Arsene, Rose & Rachel Letourneau

BLESSED MARY 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

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY ... Today, on World Mission Sunday, we respond, "Here I Am, Send Me," to our baptismal call to mission, and we offer, at the Eucharistic celebration, our prayers and our generous financial support, through the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, to continue the mission of Jesus. Today we are "sent" out to witness to mission in the world through our prayers and sacrifices for our brothers and sisters around the world. As little as \$25 helps support a catechist for a month in remote Latin America; \$75 provides for the work of religious Sisters caring for orphaned children in Africa; and \$100 assists families in sending their children to schools in Asia. As always, your prayers are your most treasured gift to the Missions. Your prayers and financial help, offered today, WORLD MISSION SUNDAY, support mission priests, religious Sisters and Brothers, and lay catechists who are Christ's witnesses to a world so in need of His healing, love, and peace.

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 ... There is still time to make your donation to the 2020 Bishop's Fund Appeal. We are grateful to those families that have made a sacrificial gift to this year's Appeal. Our parish has raised \$4450.00 toward the effort. 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 begun 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.

MISSALETTES ... For those parishioners who wish to have a missalette to help follow the Mass, there are copies available in the church lobby. If you do take one, please do **not** leave it in your pew. You must take it home with you. Do **not** put it back in the box in the lobby.

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.

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.

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 ... Sundays at 3:00PM: October 18; November 1, 15 & 29 and December 13. Contact Father Venette at hvenette@gmail.com for meeting access.

9TH ANNUAL ANGEL FUND DINNER ... Saturday, November 7, 12:00-6:00PM, VFW, 600 St. Johns Road, Champlain. Turkey Dinner with all the Trimmings. All Tickets \$13. Limited seating. Take-outs available. Call or text 518-569-0169 for reservations.

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