

October 25, 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 \$2778 Last week \$4068 (Envelopes \$3938, Children \$0, Plate \$120)
Mission Sunday \$518

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, Normand & Brenda Jolicoeur

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

READER/EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS SCHEDULE

October 24 / 25

4:00PM Gary Brunell
10:00AM Melissa Bresnahan

MASS INTENTIONS

October

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
Mon. 26 Weekday
9:00AM †(St. Patrick's) Leo Bedard by George & Peggy Rivers
Tue. 27 Weekday
9:00AM †(St. Patrick's) Victor West by his Estate
Wed. 28 Sts. Simon & Jude
9:00AM †(St. Patrick's) Dolly Letourneau by Arsene & Rose Letourneau
Thur. 29 Weekday
9:00AM †(St. Mary's) Edmund Poissant by the LaPierre Family
Fri. 30 Weekday
9:00AM †(St. Mary's) Ellen Price by Cynthia & Rolla Parker
Sat. 31 Weekday
9:00AM (St. Mary's) No Mass
(Anticipated) Feast of All Saints
4:00PM †(St. Patrick's) 5th Anniversary of Robert LeBlanc by Josette & Family
4:00PM †(St. Mary's) Madeleine Bourdeau by her Siblings

November

Sun. 1 Feast of All Saints
8:00AM †(St. Mary's) Gerard Ducharme by Walter & Carol Hamilton
10:00AM †(St. Patrick's) Donald LaBombard by his Family

SANCTUARY LAMP

In Loving Memory of Fern Wilder
by Joan Seguin

BLESSED MARY CANDLE

Walter Connelly Sr. by his Family

ST. JOSEPH CANDLE

Anne Bashaw 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

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 \$6950.00 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.

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.

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

TO ALL OUR PARISHIONERS ... As more people are returning to Mass, please be aware of the following: Did you use the hand sanitizer provided at the church entrance? 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.

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

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

CEMETERY REMINDER ... All real and artificial flowers should be removed from cemetery lots by November 11. Flags will be removed by American Legion Post 912. Christmas wreaths are permitted.

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 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 Family 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 Hinerth would most likely lead it. If he were not available, our second choice would be Sr. Jessy Xavier. 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 offense if people followed the example of the Perry family of Crown Point.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SURVEY ... If you have not had a opportunity to complete the questionnaire, please contact the Rectory (518-297-7361) or Sue Lefebvre (518-298-2485) to have one sent to you. We are hoping to begin classes in early November, but everyone will be informed as soon as all appropriate plans are in place. 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 and return it to Sue Lefebvre at jslefebvre92@gmail.com so that plans can be made.

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.

ALL SOULS' DAY ENVELOPES ... All parishioners envelopes for the Feast of All Souls will be placed beside the Tabernacle at St. Patrick's. We pray for all those listed on these envelopes during the month of November. Any monetary offerings will be used for Masses for the souls in purgatory.

MISSION CENTER ... The Mission Center will no longer accept toys, furniture or glassware. They are streamlining their operation to concentrate on collecting and distributing quality usable clothing, collectibles and books. They are open for drop-offs on Saturday, 9:30AM-Noon, Tuesday, 2:00 -5:00PM and Thursday, 12:30-3:30PM.

VIRTUAL PRIEST DISCERNMENT SESSIONS: Attention Men Hearing the Call ... Zoom in to Priest Discernment ... Sundays at 3:00PM: 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.

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