

November 22, 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 \$3402 Last week \$2761 (Envelopes \$2678, Children \$0, Plate \$83)

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, Ken Dupere, Normand & Brenda Jolicoeur, Tim Neverett, Claude Dessureault

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

READER/EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS SCHEDULE

November 21 / 22

4:00PM Gary Brunell
10:00AM Joey Proulx

MASS INTENTIONS

November

Sat. 21 The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
9:00AM (St. Mary's) No Mass
(Anticipated) Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
4:00PM †(St. Patrick's) Lyla "Dolly" Letourneau by George & Family
4:00PM †(St. Mary's) Magella Bocare Coonan by Gloria Tetreault
Sun. 22 Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
8:00AM †(St. Mary's) 15th Anniversary of Leon Dutil by wife, Kathy & Family
10:00AM †(St. Patrick's) John Rowe by Virginia Guay
Mon. 23 Weekday
9:00AM †(St. Patrick's) Deceased Members of the Jefferson Family by Brian, Paul & Patti
Tue. 24 St. Andrew Dung-Lac
9:00AM (St. Patrick's) Kay McCaffrey Brown by Maureen Allen
Wed. 25 Weekday
9:00AM †(St. Patrick's) Patricia Pepin by Shirley Hyde & Janice St. John
(Anticipated) Thanksgiving Day
7:00PM (St. Mary's) Janet Carey by Louis & Rita Bedard
Thur. 26 Thanksgiving Day
9:00AM †(St. Patrick's) Gabriel Bedard by Harry & Cecile Denton
Fri. 27 Weekday
9:00AM †(St. Mary's) Joseph Tony Filion by his Family
Sat. 28 Weekday
9:00AM (St. Mary's) No Mass
(Anticipated) First Sunday of Advent
4:00PM †(St. Patrick's) Deceased Members of O'Connor, West, Boland & Relihan Families by Pat & Mary
4:00PM †(St. Mary's) 12th Anniversary of Larry Boulerville by Cathy & Family
Sun. 29 First Sunday of Advent
8:00AM †(St. Mary's) Eleanor Gladd by her Family
10:00AM †(St. Patrick's) Anna Maria Kelly by Joan Seguin & Family

SANCTUARY LAMP

67th Anniversary Wedding Blessings for Norman & Kathleen Bechard

BLESSED MARY CANDLE

Walter Connelly Jr. by his Family

ST. JOSEPH CANDLE

Andy Juneau by his Family

2021 WORKBOOKS FOR LECTORS are available for pick-up in the Sacristy. The book begins with the First Sunday of Advent, November 29. Please check off your name when you take your workbook.

Notes from the Pastor's Desk

FR. LEWIS' ANKLE SURGERY ... Fr. Lewis has had his ankle surgery. We ask that you all keep him in your prayers through his recovery. We also thank Fr. Duc Nguyen and Fr. Alan Shnob for taking care of all the Masses at St. Patrick's and St. Mary's during this time.

SPECIAL COLLECTION ... This weekend, our special collection will support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. In the United States, one in six people lives in poverty. With this collection, you support programs that address the causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those struggling across the country. In addition, 25% of the funds remain in our diocese. Learn more at www.usccb.org/cchd/collection.

THANKSGIVING DAY COLLECTION ... At our Thanksgiving Day Mass at St. Patrick's at 9:00AM, we will have a monetary collection which will be used for the needy of our area and a food collection which will be used for stocking our food shelf. Items may be left in the baskets in the downstairs lobby. Many thanks for your continued generosity. St. Mary's Church will have an anticipated Thanksgiving Day Mass on Wednesday, November 27 at 7:00PM.

20-WEEK CLUB TICKETS ... There are still 20-Week Club tickets available. Our plan is to try to sell all 200 tickets by the end of the year and begin the drawings in January 2021. We are asking all our families to consider purchasing a ticket or selling tickets to their family and friends. The cost is only \$20 per ticket. There are eighteen \$50 prizes, one \$100 prize and two \$500 prizes. There are only 200 tickets to be sold and you may win more than once. Tickets will be available at both St. Patrick's Masses as well as at the Rectory. Please show your support for St. Patrick's by helping to sell all 200 tickets!

ECUMENICAL THANKSGIVING SERVICE ... will be a virtual event this year. It will take place on Tuesday, November 24 at 7:00PM at the Mooers Wesleyan Church with only clergy and tech support in attendance. Those wishing to watch it live can find it on the Mooers Wesleyan Church Facebook page and also on Hometown Cable.

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

SENIOR CHRISTMAS DINNER ... For the safety of all concerned, it has been decided to **CANCEL** the dinner at this time. It is hoped to have the dinner next year.

ANOIDING OF THE SICK ... On Saturday, December 5, at the 4:00PM Masses at St. Mary's and St. Patrick's, we will be administering the Sacrament of the Sick to all who desire it. The sacrament, however, is only for those with serious ailments, either mental or physical. The very elderly are eligible. The sacrament is also administered to those who are going to have serious operations in the hospital.

CHANGES TO OUR SEATING PLAN ... As a result of the difficulties experienced by our volunteers over the past months regarding our seating for Masses, we have changed our seating plan. All couples (or two people who wish to sit together) are asked to sit in the side pews. The large pews will accommodate families and single persons. Every second pew will be blocked off (the same as the side pews). Families may all sit together in one large pew, while single persons will sit at either end of the large pew. Unfortunately, this will impact the numbers we can have at each Mass, but this is the only way we feel that it will make it easier for our volunteers who are trying to help keep everyone safe and healthy.

ADVENT WREATH CANDLES ... Our Advent Wreath will be lighted on Sunday, November 29. There are still a few candles available. If you would like to reserve a candle for your special intention, please call the Rectory. The cost is \$5 per candle.

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.

CONFESSIONS ... As well as the regular weekly confessions at St. Patrick's and St. Mary's (Saturdays from 3:00 to 3:45PM), we are also having confessions at St. Patrick's on Monday, December 7 at 7:00PM and at St. Mary's on Thursday, December 10 at 7:00PM. You may also call the Rectory (518-297-7361) to make an appointment or request that Holy Communion be brought to you.

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

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. Our parish has raised \$8850 toward our goal of \$13061. Pledge envelopes are located in the downstairs front lobby or you can make your gift online by visiting <https://www.rcdony.org/bfa.html#donate>.

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. 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.

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.

CEMETERY REMINDER ... Please remove real and artificial flowers from your cemetery lots. Christmas wreaths are permitted.

ANGEL TREE ... Our "Angel Tree" has been set up in our upstairs lobby and angels are slowly coming in. After you have chosen an angel, sign your name on the sign-up sheet next to the number which corresponds to the number on the angel so that we can keep track of all the angels. You may also choose an angel and attach money instead of purchasing gifts, if that is easier for you. Gifts should be left unwrapped with the angel attached to them and then brought to St. Patrick's Rectory or Sacristy as soon as you are able to.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION CLASSES ... continue this Sunday, November 22 for Grades 1 to 4, 8:45-9:45AM (St. Patrick's), Grades 5 & 6, 9:15-10:15AM (St. Mary's) and Grades 7 & 8, 6:30-7:45PM (St. Mary's). All students are asked to wear masks.

PLEASE NOTE ... There are no sign-up sheets for Grades 1, 2, 8 and Confirmation for this school year, but students are still expected to attend Mass.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES ... are scheduled to begin on Sunday, December 6 with an Orientation Meeting at 7:00PM in St. Patrick's Parish Hall. Parents and Students are asked to wear their masks.

ANNUAL CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY ... Due to strict protocols in our church, we will not be holding our Annual Children's Christmas Party. If you have a need for Christmas toys, please contact Sharon Ramsey at 518-297-6208.

VIRTUAL PRIEST DISCERNMENT SESSIONS: Attention Men Hearing the Call ... Zoom in to Priest Discernment ... Sundays at 3:00PM: November 29 and December 13. Contact Father Venette at hvenette@gmail.com for meeting access.

CP HOLIDAY TRAIN ... The CP "Holiday Train at Home" virtual concert will be held on Saturday, December 12 at 8:00PM and will last for approximately one hour and fifteen minutes. Headlining the concert will be Serena Ryder and The Trews, with featured performances by JoJo Mason, Logan Staats and Kelly Prescott. The show will be available to stream via our Facebook page [facebook.com/canadian.pacific](https://www.facebook.com/canadian.pacific) or @CanadianPacific and will remain there for future viewing until the end of the year. CP will still make a donation to St. Patrick's which will help us to assist those in need throughout our community. We are very grateful to them. As we usually also receive food donations from those attending the Holiday Train, we will still accept those donations at St. Patrick's Church. Many thanks to all of you as well.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES NEED TO BE RETURNED BY NOVEMBER 23, 2020

Many thanks to all who filled shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. As of the printing of this bulletin, 14 boxes were returned as well as a monetary donation. Many thanks to those who donated the \$9 postage as well.

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