

November 29, 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 \$2867 Last week \$2139 (Envelopes \$2068, Children \$0, Plate 71)
Human Development \$360

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, Fr. Clyde Lewis

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

READER/EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS SCHEDULE

November 28 / 29

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

MASS INTENTIONS

November

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 Boulерice 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
Mon. 30 St. Andrew
9:00AM †(St. Patrick's) Clarence, Mabel, Clarence Jr., Harold, Betty, Donald, Danny & Bobby LaBombard by Robert, Mary & Darlene Baker

December

Tue. 1 Advent Weekday
9:00AM (St. Patrick's) Richard Foshier by Bob & Maria Foshier
Wed. 2 Advent Weekday
9:00AM †(St. Patrick's) Ruth Badger by Erma Grimnes
Thur. 3 St. Francis Xavier
9:00AM †(St. Mary's) Clara Gooley by Marcel & Barbara Filion
Fri. 4 Advent Weekday - First Friday
9:00AM †(St. Mary's) Gerard Ducharme by Barbara Guay
Sat. 5 Advent Weekday
9:00AM (St. Mary's) No Mass
(Anticipated) Second Sunday of Advent
4:00PM †(St. Patrick's) Leo Bedard by Jeff & Carmen Aubrey
4:00PM †(St. Mary's) Madeleine Bourdeau by her Siblings
Sun. 6 Second Sunday of Advent
8:00AM †(St. Mary's) Frank & Lillian Cote by Rita & Louis Bedard
10:00AM †(St. Patrick's) Melissa Lloyd Merchant by Ted Favro

SANCTUARY LAMP

George Burton by
Joyce & Ken Ryan

BLESSED MARY CANDLE

Blessings Received by
George & Peggy Rivers

ADVENT WREATH

Burton & Ryan Families
by Joyce & Ken Ryan

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

Notes from the Pastor's Desk

FR. LEWIS' RECOVERY ... Fr. Lewis is now recovering from his ankle surgery in Meadowbrook Healthcare, Room #17. We ask that you all keep him in your prayers.

NEW DIRECTIVE FROM THE DIOCESE OF OGDENSBURG ... Due to the increasing number of COVID-19 infections, we ask that our parishioners, age 2 and older, wear masks or cloth face coverings during Masses (except for when receiving Holy Communion) to decrease the spread of airborne droplets and the subsequent risk of transmission. Wearing face coverings is a risk-reduction measure that permits as many people as possible to attend Mass in person. In particular, this helps guard against transmitting the virus to the elderly and immunocompromised members of the congregation and to those who assist in their care. We appreciate your cooperation with this request.

THANKSGIVING DAY COLLECTION ... Many thanks to all who made monetary donations and brought food at our Thanksgiving Day Mass. We are always very grateful for your continued generosity.

ANointing OF THE SICK ... Next 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.

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.

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

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

CHRISTMAS MAILING. ... Parishioners will be receiving their Christmas mailing soon. The mailing includes the schedule for Christmas and New Year's services and envelopes for Christmas and Christmas flowers. As in the past, we are accepting donations towards the Christmas flowers which will decorate sanctuary. You may use the envelope that will come in your Christmas mailing. If you wish to make the donation in memory of your loved ones, please clearly PRINT their names on your envelope.

RESERVATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES ... As we are limited in the numbers who can attend Masses, we will require reservations for our Christmas Masses. We will have three Masses: Christmas Eve, 3:00PM and 5:00PM and Christmas Day, 10:00AM. Please call the rectory (518-297-7361) or e-mail (stpats@twcny.rr.com) to let us know how many people will be attending. We will have couples seated in the side pews, singles seated at either end of the large pews and families in the large pews to ensure that we get the maximum people seated safely. We cannot guarantee which pew you will have, but you will be guaranteed a spot if you call ahead to reserve. We will also have room for additional people to sit in the parish hall where sound only will be provided. We appreciate your cooperation and understanding as we work to keep everyone safe.

20-WEEK CLUB TICKETS ... There are about TEN 20-Week Club tickets still 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!

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.

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. 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.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD ... Many thanks to all who participated in Operation Christmas Child this year. We collected 16 shoeboxes with a number of parishioners providing the \$9 postage fee and a few donations as well. We appreciate your support.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION CLASSES ... There are no Christian Formation Classes this Sunday. They will continue on December 6 for Grades 1 & 2, 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 ... begin next 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.

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.

ANNUAL SUPER BOWL FUNDRAISER ... The Champlain Knights of Columbus Council #3525 will be conducting their Annual Super Bowl Fundraiser. Tickets can be obtained by contacting Roy or Brenda Cardin at 518-726-0280 or 518-420-3765.

VIRTUAL PRIEST DISCERNMENT SESSIONS: Attention Men Hearing the Call ... Zoom in to Priest Discernment ... Sunday, December 13, 3:00PM. 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.

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

