

December 6, 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 \$1734 (Envelopes \$1591, Children \$0, Plate \$143)
Thanksgiving \$90

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

December 5 / 6

4:00PM Gary Brunell
10:00AM Douglas DiSabito

MASS INTENTIONS

December

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
Mon. 7 St. Ambroise
9:00AM †(St. Patrick's) Donald LaBombard by his Family
Tue. 8 Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
9:00AM †(St. Patrick's) Eva Favro by Ted Favro
7:00PM †(St. Mary's) Theresa Seymour by the Surprenant Family
Wed. 9 Advent Weekday
9:00AM †(St. Patrick's) Albert Gokey by Gloria Tetreault
Thur. 10 Advent Weekday
9:00AM †(St. Mary's) Poor Souls in Purgatory by Helen Bechard
Fri. 11 Advent Weekday
9:00AM †(St. Mary's) Eleanor Gaudette by M/M Neil Walker
Sat. 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe
9:00AM (St. Mary's) No Mass
(Anticipated) Third Sunday of Advent
4:00PM †(St. Patrick's) 9th Anniversary of Margaret Aubrey by Jeff & Carmen
4:00PM †(St. Mary's) Marion & Rene Anctil by Cathy Boulerville & Family
Sun. 13 Thihrd Sunday of Advent
8:00AM †(St. Mary's) Neil Sturgeon by the Lemieux Family
10:00AM †(St. Patrick's) Bill, Kay & Joe Jennings & Ducharme Family by Jackie Ducharme

BLESSED MARY CANDLE

Kay Cavanagh by her Family

ADVENT WREATH

Cyril Manor by Carol & Family

Souls in Purgatory by Barbara LaBombard

2021 WORKBOOKS FOR LECTORS

are available for pick-up in the Sacristy. Please check off your name when you take your workbook.

Notes from the Pastor's Desk

FR. LEWIS' RECOVERY ... Fr. Lewis is still 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.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS COLLECTION ... Next weekend, we will take up a second special collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Help our elders. In good times and bad, senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have dedicated themselves to service and acts of mercy. Today, they pray for an aching world. Yet years of serving for little or no pay have left their religious communities without enough retirement savings. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Please be generous.

ANointing OF THE SICK ... This Saturday, December 5, at the 4:00PM Masses at St. Patrick's and St. Mary'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.

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

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.

ADVENT WREATH CANDLES ... Our Advent Wreath is now being lit. 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.**

20-WEEK CLUB TICKETS ... There are about **FIVE** 20-Week Club tickets still available. Please help us to sell these last few. Drawings will begin 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!

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. 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 ... All gifts should be returned to St. Patrick's Rectory no later than Monday morning, December 7. Many thanks to all who purchased gifts or made donations.

SENIOR CHRISTMAS DINNER ... For the safety of all concerned, it has been decided to **CANCEL** the dinner at this time.

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

CHRISTIAN FORMATION CLASSES ... Christian Formation Classes resume this Sunday, 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 this 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.

HOLY HOUR ... Follow Me ... A Time to Pray and Discern Vocation ... There will be a Holy Hour for Vocations on Sunday, December 13, 2:00PM, St. Alexander's, Morrisonville.

ANNUAL SUPER BOWL FUNDRAISER ... The Champlain Catholic Men's Club 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.

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. 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 has still made 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.

<p>CONFESSIONS</p> <p>St. Patrick's, December 7, 7:00PM</p> <p>St. Mary's, December 10, 7:00PM</p>	<p>CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES</p> <p>3:00PM & 5:00PM</p> <p>CHRISTMAS DAY MASS</p> <p>10:00AM</p>	<p>NEW YEAR'S EVE MASS</p> <p>St. Mary's, 4:00PM</p> <p>NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS</p> <p>St. Patrick's, 9:00AM</p>
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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. Please note that St. Mary's will have the same Masses as St. Patrick's.

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