

December 13, 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 \$2362 (Envelopes \$2141, Children \$10, Plate \$211)

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 the happy repose of the soul of Lucette Dion. Also please pray for all those in our Community Intention Book and all the sick of our area.

READER/EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS SCHEDULE

December 12 / 13

4:00PM Pat Racine
10:00AM Melissa Bresnahan

MASS INTENTIONS

December

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 Ancil by Cathy Boulerville & Family
Sun. 13 Third 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
Mon. 14 St. John of the Cross
9:00AM †(St. Patrick's) Lyla "Dolly" Letourneau by Leah & George Letourneau
Tue. 15 Advent Weekday
9:00AM (St. Patrick's) Special Intention by Josie Maskell
Wed. 16 Advent Weekday
9:00AM †(St. Patrick's) Lucille Merchant by Jean & Sharman Birtz
Thur. 17 Late Advent Weekday
9:00AM †(St. Mary's) Darrell Mesec by Morris & Pauline Roberts
Fri. 18 Late Advent Weekday
9:00AM †(St. Mary's) 2nd Anniversary of Donald Tetreault by Suzanne & Family
Sat. 19 Late Advent Weekday
9:00AM (St. Mary's) No Mass
(Anticipated) Fourth Sunday of Advent
4:00PM †(St. Patrick's) Kristin Patterson by Bernard Duffy Family
4:00PM †(St. Mary's) Janet Carey by Claude & Joan Boucher
Sun. 20 Fourth Sunday of Advent
8:00AM †(St. Mary's) Richard "DJ" Eddy by Mark
10:00AM †(St. Patrick's) 7th Anniversary of Gerald Dupree by Arsene, Rose & Rachel Letourneau & Dupree Family

BLESSED MARY CANDLE

Gregory Connelly by his Family

ADVENT WREATH

Darcy Manor by Ann & Donald Keddy

Robert Maskell by his Family

50th Wedding Anniversary Blessings for Allan & Merrie Nautel

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

CHRISTMAS MAILING. ... Parishioners will have received their Christmas mailing. 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 ALL 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.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS COLLECTION ... This weekend, we will take up a second special collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Make a Difference. "Every dollar makes a difference in covering our expenses," says a Trappist abbot. Hundreds of US religious communities struggle to provide for aging members because most senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests served for little pay. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps these communities bridge the gap, offering support for medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Please be generous.

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

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. '

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION ... The Diocese of Ogdensburg's Retirement Plan for Priests has long been supported by a percentage of parish contributions from its annual Christmas collection. This Christmas, to help parishes with financial stress due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the diocese is reducing the contribution from 75% to 50% of the Christmas collection, with the parish keeping the balance. Currently 40 retired priests, and 11 active priests age 70 and older, are expected to receive pension benefits of \$970,000 in 2020-21. Also 100% of the cost of health insurance premiums for retired priests, estimated at \$220,000 this fiscal year, is paid by the Plan. Your generous contribution not only supports current retirees but will also help provide for the retirement needs of priests who will retire in the future. Say thank you to your pastor and all priests of the diocese through a generous contribution to our Christmas Collection.

20-WEEK CLUB TICKETS ... There are **ONLY TWO** 20-Week Club tickets left. 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. Please call the Rectory if you are interested.

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.

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

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.

VIRTUAL CHRISTMAS CAROLING ... The Diocese is continuing its Iron Sharpens Iron Project by inviting all interested to submit videos of your family singing Christmas Carols. Feel free to get dressed up in your Christmas apparel, choose your own scenery/backgrounds, get as creative as you would like. For more information, contact Steve Tartaglia at 315-393-2920 or startaglia@rcdony.org.

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.

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 continue this Sunday, December 13 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 on January 10, 2021 at 7:00PM in St. Patrick's Parish Hall.

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>.

ANGEL TREE ... Many thanks to all who purchased gifts or make monetary donations to this year's Angel Tree. We are always grateful to your continued support.

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.

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

St. Patrick's, 3:00PM & 5:00PM
St. Mary's, 3:00PM & 5:00PM

CHRISTMAS DAY MASS

St. Patrick's, 10:00AM
St. Mary's, 10:00AM

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED!!!

NEW YEAR'S EVE MASS

St. Mary's, 4:00PM

NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS

St. Patrick's, 9:00AM

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