

December 27, 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 \$2980 Last week \$3233 (Envelopes \$3060, Children \$9, Plate \$164)

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, Shirley Rap, Jackie Ducharme, Eric Pristera-Polniaszek, Ken Dupere, Normand & Brenda Jolicoeur, Tim Neverett, Claude Dessureault, Fr. Clyde Lewis, Darlene Poquette

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

READER/EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS SCHEDULE

December 26 / 27

4:00PM Pat Racine  
10:00AM Joey Proulx

MASS INTENTIONS

December

Sat. 26 St. Stephen  
9:00AM (St. Mary's) No Mass  
(Anticipated) The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph  
4:00PM †(St. Patrick's) Ila Comeau by Mark & Kay Papin  
4:00PM †(St. Mary's) Lawrence & Florence Baker, Ruth, Rita & William Baker by Robert, Mary & Darlene Baker  
Sun. 27 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph  
8:00AM †(St. Mary's) Tina Marie Lapan by Gene & Pat Gladd  
10:00AM †(St. Patrick's) Muriel & Harold Thompson by Gail & Richard Weierstall  
Mon. 28 The Holy Innocents  
9:00AM †(St. Patrick's) Bob Guay by his Family  
Tue. 29 Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord  
9:00AM †(St. Patrick's) Lucette Dion by Carole Lefebvre  
Wed. 30 Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord  
9:00AM †(St. Patrick's) 1st Anniversary of George Marnes by a Friend  
Thur. 31 (Anticipated) Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God  
4:00PM †(St. Mary's) Janet Carey by Gene & Pat Gladd

January

Fri. 1 Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God  
9:00AM †(St. Patrick's) Gerard Ducharme by Arsene & Rose Letourneau  
Sat. 2 Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen  
9:00AM (St. Mary's) No Mass  
(Anticipated) Epiphany of the Lord  
4:00PM †(St. Patrick's) John Rowe by Pam & Russ Gadway  
4:00PM †(St. Mary's) Brandon Barrie by Veronica & Bobby LaCount  
Sun. 3 Epiphany of the Lord  
8:00AM †(St. Mary's) Pat Pepin by Florence Cardin  
10:00AM †(St. Patrick's) 4th Anniversary of Lawrence Pelkey by Sheila & Brian Pelkey & Family

SANCTUARY LAMP

Albert Bechard by Joan & Family

BLESSED MARY CANDLE

Kay Cavanagh by her Family

NEW YEAR'S EVE MASS

St. Mary's, 4:00PM

NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS

St. Patrick's, 9:00AM

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!!

GLUTEN-FREE HOSTS ... are available from Fr. Duc, Fr. Alan or Deacon Noel.

Notes from the Pastor's Desk

MANY THANKS FOR YOUR CHRISTMAS CHEER ... On behalf of Fr. Lewis and Fr. Duc, we would like to take this opportunity to express their gratitude for all your gifts and kind wishes this Christmas season, not only for the personal gifts, but also the gifts to our parish throughout the year. Special thanks to Deacon Noel Hinert; thanks to all who helped decorate our church; to the choir; readers and special Eucharistic Ministers; thanks to all our staff who help to make our parish run so smoothly; thanks to all who have, in any way, helped to make the Christmas season and every season so special; and a special thanks to all who help the needy.

FR. LEWIS ... Please keep Fr. Lewis in your prayers as he continues to rehab from his ankle surgery at Meadowbrook Healthcare, Room #17.

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION ... Thank you for your generous gift in our Christmas collection. Like every North Country parish, we will forward 50% of the collection to the diocese to fund pensions for retired priests. Pension needs for the future as well as obligations for the next year are being met thanks to your generous donation. As of 12/23/20, the St. Patrick's Christmas Collection is \$1840. The actual total will be available in next weekend's bulletin. Many thanks for all your generosity.

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION ... The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, January 1, is a Holy Day of Obligation. We will have a Anticipated Mass at St. Mary's on Thursday, December 31 at 4:00PM and a 9:00AM Mass on Friday at St. Patrick's.

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 Communion be brought to you.

**THANK YOU ...** As the Christmas season comes to an end, we would like to express our thanks to all those who helped in any way during this time. We appreciate all the donations to our food shelf, the Angel Tree, Christmas flowers, etc., but especially to those who give their time as well by helping with the Food Shelf, etc. We are grateful to all of you now and throughout the year.

**CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS ...** Many thanks to all who donated to our Christmas Flowers the Christmas Season. Attached to this bulletin is a partial list of those donations. If you wish, there is still time to make a donation as the remainder of the memorials will be published in next weekend's bulletin.

**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 should walk to the back of the church and come up the main 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. Those who are not able to come to Communion should remain in their seats and a Eucharistic Minister will bring Communion to them.

**PRAYING THE ROSARY ...** Please join us on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday mornings at St. Patrick's and Thursday and Friday at St. Mary's at 8:30AM and to say the Rosary whenever there is a 9:00AM Mass. All are welcome!

**K OF C COUNCIL #2366 MEETING ...** Thursday, January 7, 7:00PM at St. Patrick's Parish Center. All members are asked to where their masks.

**ANNUAL SUPER BOWL FUNDRAISER ...** sponsored by the Champlain Catholic Men's Club. Contact Roy or Brenda Cardin at 518-726-0280 or 518-420-3765 for tickets.

**2020 BISHOP'S FUND APPEAL ... United in Faith - Continuing Christ's Mission ...** There is still time to make your donation. Our parish has raised \$9600 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>.

**CHRISTIAN FORMATION CLASSES ...** There are no Christian Formation Classes this weekend. They will continue on Sunday, January 10 for Grade 1, 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 that Grades 2, 3 & 4 are all being done remotely at this time. Also note that Grade 1 will be held in downstairs of St. Patrick's Parish Center for the remainder of the school year.**

**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 CLASS ...** Sunday, January 10, 2021 at 7:00PM in the downstairs of St. Patrick's Parish Center.

**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.

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

**ATTENTION ENVELOPE USERS ...** We will be beginning preparation of income tax receipts for 2020 shortly. Please note that these receipts will be in the form of a letter which will show a separate total for church contributions (parish offerings) and a total for extra contributions (special collections, parish improvement, etc.) with a grand total at the bottom. **If you would like to receive a tax receipt, please indicate this on your envelope, drop a note in the collection basket or call the Rectory. Receipts can be e-mailed, picked up or mailed directly to each parishioner who requests one.**

### CHRISTMAS PRAYER

*Lord Jesus Christ, when, on a winter's night I look up through the clear air at the stars, I can be very close to You and to Your native Bethlehem. It was at night that You first came to this earth. It was under the same stars that now gleam in this night sky that Mary first held You in her arms. It was by the faint light of these stars still shining tonight that the shepherds found their way to the stable, and discovered You, as the angels had said they would, lying in a manger. Dear Christ, it is especially at Christmas time that I see and understand how close You are to those who live on the land. We have so many reminders of You! The stars and moon at night and the sun by day, the same stars under which You were born; the same moon that shone that night on Bethlehem; the same sun that brightened Your first days on earth. The stable, and the farm animals that shared their quarters and their warmth with You, their creator. The sheep and the shepherds that came to adore You, rough men, but good, truthful, honest, and sincere. O Jesus, Son of the everlasting God, You are so wonderfully made one of us at Christmas time! You are our God, but You are our Brother, too. You are our King, but You come as a helpless little baby, longing for our love. Help us today and always to see You in all those with whom we come in contact. Let us never forget Your own instruction, that whatever we do for the least of those around us, we do for You. Help us always to serve You in the generous, selfless spirit of this season, and we shall then be real Christians, more and more like You, other Christs. Amen.*

**BULLETIN COVERS ...** As we begin 2021, we would like to take the time to thank the businesses who advertise on the back of our bulletin cover. Your support is much appreciated. We encourage our parishioners to patronize these businesses. Many thanks to all our advertisers who continue to support us each year. As always, a special thank you to The Border Press for all their work in revising, editing and preparing our bulletin covers for us each year. Please note that we will not have a new bulletin cover until later this year. As we were not printing bulletins for a number of months during 2020, we will continue to use the printed covers from 2020.

**2020 HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION ...** As the new year begins next week, it is a good opportunity to review the Holy Days of Obligation for the coming year. Friday, January 1 (Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God), Thursday, May 13 (Ascension of our Lord), Sunday, August 15 (Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary), Wednesday, December 8 (Immaculate Conception) and Saturday, December 25 (Christmas, Nativity of the Lord) are Holy Days of Obligation. Monday, November 1 (All Saints) is not a Holy Day of Obligation as it falls on a Monday.

**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

## 2020 CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIAL DONATIONS

The following parishioners have made donations to our Christmas Flowers and they, as well as their loved ones, will be remembered during this Christmas Season:

M/M Allan Nautel; Kevin Favreau; Kirsten Boumil; Pat Racine; M/M Brian Kavanaugh; Hilda Fresn; Elaine Favreau; Robert Sterling; M/M Nelson Matott; M/M Gary Begor; Beatrice LaValley

The following parishioners have marked their Christmas flower envelopes with specific intentions:

Robert Maskell, Laurier & Bernadette Lefebvre, Caroline & Albert Jefferson & Leo Bedard by Rollande Maskell  
Virgil & Alda Brunell, Henry & Rose Brunell, Leon & Grace Wheeler & Adam Brunell by Gary Brunell  
Rene & Marion Anctil & Eldan & Theresa Burdeau by M/M William Anctil  
Letourneau & Olsson Families by M/M William Letourneau  
Gus & Mary Stunzi & Fabian & Alice Belair by M/M Francis Stunzi  
Ralph Gilpin, Theresa Gilpin, Alida Choiniere & Paul Choiniere by M/M Ralph Choiniere  
J. Bruce Seguin, Albert & Agnes Bechard & Fern, Dawn & Ester by Joan Seguin  
Eva Favro & Family by Joseph Favro  
Favro & Surprenant Families by M/M Gary Favro  
Neil Guay & Family, Robert Guay & Family, John Rowe & Earl & Ruth Legnard & Family by Virginia Guay  
Eva & Peter Gosselin, Delphis Gosselin & Mary & Frank Bailey by Michelle Gosselin  
Connelly/Favreau Families, Bechard/Lefebvre Families, Evan MacDougal & Neighbors & Friends by M/M Norman Bechard  
Parents, Grandparents, Cousins, Aunts & Uncles & Evie Trudeau by M/M Robert Juneau  
Ryan, Barcomb, Burton & Trower Families by M/M Steve Barcomb  
Savage, DeCosse & Gadway Families by Emma Savage  
Charles & Bernice Gonyo & Gerald & Marjorie Bushey by M/M James Gonyo  
Deceased Family Members of Clement Aubrey & Albert Manor by Carol & Family  
Jules Trahan, M/M Emery Trahan, M/M Anthony O'Leary & M/M Denis O'Leary & Michael by Lucille Trahan  
Maynard Houle & Ashley Houle by Angela Houle  
Hyde & Pepin Families by Shirley Hyde  
Steve Major, Ashley Houle & Maynard Houle by Cindy Major  
Gil LaDuke & Family & Friends by Sue LaDuke  
Deceased Family Members of Earl Merchant & J. Girard Birtz by M/M Jean Birtz  
Marra & Treggett Families by Craig & Penny Treggett  
Charles & Ione Duffy by M/M Colin Duffy  
Clement & Flo Boisjoli by Theresa Schwartz  
Jimenez, Cardenas & Maskell Families by M/M William Maskell  
Theresa & Ernest Ducharme, Agnes & Fernand Dupere & Diane Bushey by M/M Kenneth Dupere  
Pete LaFontaine, Kelly Harcott, Bernadette Duffy & Rollen & Ruth Bechard by Roberta LaFontaine  
Coonan & Keddy Families & Darcy Manor by M/M Donald Keddy  
Deceased Parents & Deceased Relatives and Friends by Loyal Sterling  
Pete LeBlanc by Theresa LeBlanc  
Merrill & Andrée LaPorte by M/M Dennie Laporte  
Ryan & Burton Families by M/M Ken Ryan  
Robert LeBlanc by Josette LeBlanc  
Richard & Colette Letourneau, Jerry Dupree & Gerald Dupree by M/M Arsene Letourneau  
Rose Hogan by John Hogan  
Keddy & Coonan Families, Darcy Manor & George & Pat Dion by M/M Alexander Kulevich  
Ken Perry, Denise Bedard, Edna Bouchard & Paul Bouchard by Louise Perry  
Bombardier, Fredette, Breyette & Swinton Families by M/M Ronald Fredette  
LaFave, Plumadore, Lavarney & Rascoe Families by M/M Stephen LaFave  
LaBombard & Sample Families by Helen Sample  
Yvonne LaBonte & Wilford LaBonte by Hector LaBonte  
Fernand & Agnes Dupere & Edward & Beatrice Quain by M/M John Quain  
Leon & Ruth Trombly & Family, Hiram & Agnes Rochester & Family & Gary Neale by Doris Neale