

January 24, 2021

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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 \$2642 **Last week** \$3224 (Envelopes \$3072, Children \$8, Plate \$154)

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, Fr. Clyde Lewis, Darlene Poquette, Derrick Marks, Eleanor Reynolds

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

READER/EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS SCHEDULE

January 23 / 24

4:00PM Pat Racine
10:00AM Arsene Letourneau

MASS INTENTIONS

January

Sat. 23 **Weekday**
9:00AM **(St. Mary's)** No Mass
(Anticipated) Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00PM †**(St. Patrick's)** Gerard Ducharme by Steve & Diane Menard & Family
4:00PM †**(St. Mary's)** Jean Ethier by Isaias & Judy Lopez

Sun. 24 **Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**
8:00AM †**(St. Mary's)** 1st Anniversary of Madeleine Bourdeau by her Siblings
10:00AM †**(St. Patrick's)** John Rowe by Jeff & Renee Morelock

Mon. 25 **Conversion of St. Paul**
9:00AM **(St. Patrick's)** Special Intention for Josie Maskell

Tue. 26 **Sts. Timothy & Titus**
9:00AM †**(St. Patrick's)** Ken Ryan by Faith Lamberton & George Legnard

Wed. 27 **Weekday**
9:00AM **(St. Patrick's)** Special Intention for Rose Moore by her Family

Thur. 28 **St. Thomas Aquinas**
9:00AM †**(St. Mary's)** Magella Coonan Bocare by Gillis & Jeanevieve Gauthier

Fri. 29 **Weekday**
9:00AM †**(St. Mary's)** Ruby Tetreault by Gloria Lafountain

Sat. 30 **Weekday**
9:00AM **(St. Mary's)** No Mass
(Anticipated) Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00PM †**(St. Patrick's)** Donald LaBombard by Allan & Merrie Nautel
4:00PM †**(St. Mary's)** Eleanor Gaudette by a Friend

Sun. 31 **Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
8:00AM †**(St. Mary's)** Sr. Marie Cordata by Gail Wolcott
10:00AM †**(St. Patrick's)** Victor West by his Estate

SANCTUARY LAMP

Caryl MacKinnon by Joyce Ryan

BLESSED MARY CANDLE

Kay Cavanagh by her Family

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

Notes from the Pastor's Desk

FR. LEWIS ... Fr. Lewis' rehab is coming along well. Please keep him in your prayers. He is in Meadowbrook Healthcare, Room #17.

RESPECT LIFE COLLECTION ... The 2021 Respect Life Collection will be taken up this weekend. Grants from the collection benefit pro-life projects in our diocese such as Gabriel Project, March for Life pilgrimages, Birthright, Liferight, educational days, life-affirming Catholic radio programming. Thank you for your support and all you do to build a Culture of Life.

WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE ... will be celebrated in the Church on Tuesday, February 2, 2021 and in parishes on the weekend of February 6-7, 2021. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life, and be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.

BLESSING OF THROATS ... The Feast of St. Blaise is Wednesday, February 3. Due to COVID restrictions, we will have a general blessing of the throats on the feast day as well as after Masses on February 6 and 7. Blessed candles will be available to those who wish to take one home.

PARISH TRUSTEES ... A special thank you to Patricia Racine and Jim Gonyo who continue to serve as our Parish Trustees. We are grateful for their support of our parish.

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION ... Thank you for your generous gift to 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 1/19/21, the total St. Patrick's Christmas Collection is \$5213. \$2606.50 will be sent to the Diocese and \$2606.50 will remain at St. Patrick's.

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.

2020 BISHOP'S FUND APPEAL ... United in Faith - Continuing Christ's Mission ... There is still time to make your donation. Our parish has raised \$12000 toward our goal of \$13061. We are only \$1061 short of our goal! 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>.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL FOR JOYS/SORROWS OF ST. JOSEPH

Requested by Bishop LaValley

Observing the Seven Joys and Sorrows of St. Joseph

When: Sundays from January 31 to March 14

The Devotion to the Seven Sorrows and Seven Joys of St. Joseph is observed on the seven Sundays preceding the March 19 feast of St. Joseph.

9 DAYS FOR LIFE ... Join thousands of Catholics nationwide in the annual Respect Life novena, *9 Days for Life*, Thursday, January 21 – Friday, January 29. Get daily intentions, brief reflections, and more at www.usccb.org/events/2021/9-days-life.

HELP WANTED ... Looking for someone to do light housekeeping, grocery shopping, errands, etc. Please call Roger Trahan at 518-297-8474 for more information and pay details.

20-WEEK CLUB WINNER ...

Week 3 - Lenny & Mandie Bechard (\$50)

CHRISTIAN FORMATION CLASSES ... Christian Formation classes resume this Sunday for 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 1, 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 when classes resume on-site.**

ATTENTION ENVELOPE USERS ... We have begun the preparation of income tax receipts for 2020. 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.**

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

DIOCESAN MASS FOR LIFE ... Bishop LaValley will celebrate a Mass for Life on Sunday, January 24, 2021 at 11:00AM at St. Mary's Cathedral in Ogdensburg. It will be live-streamed at www.rcdony.org/livemass. Join in person or virtually to pray for a deeper respect for human life. For more information contact the Respect Life Office at cminer@rcdony.org

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!

TO REPORT ABUSE ... If you have a complaint of suspected misconduct involving diocesan clergy, religious, employees of volunteers, contact **Victims Assistance Coordinator**, Terriane Yanulavich, Ph.D., LMHC, 5050 Route 374, Merrill, NY 12955, terrianeyanulavich@yahoo.com, 518-651-2267 (days), 518-569-0612 (evenings); or Fr. Christopher Carrara, Episcopal Vicar for Clergy, ccarrara@rcdony.org, 315-393-2920, Ext. 1340. If you have a complaint of suspected sexual abuse or related misconduct by the bishops, contact the **Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service** at 800-276-1562 or www.ReportBishopAbuse.org.

RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Pope St. John Paul II wrote, in The Gospel of Life, "To defend and promote life, to show reverence and love for it, is a task which God entrusts to every person" (no.42). Each one of us is called to oppose abortion by every legal means available and to voice that opinion in the public square. We are called to support women and families whose circumstances may lead them to seek an abortion. "We are asked to love and honor the life of every man and woman and to work with perseverance and courage so that, our time, marked by all too many signs of death, may at last witness the establishment of a new culture of life, the fruit of the culture of truth and love" (The Gospel of Life, no.77). This is our time for witness.

The Church of the North Country continues to accept our responsibility to promote a Culture of Life in a resistant society. For the last several years, here in the Diocese of Ogdensburg, a special Respect Life Collection is taken up to support our diocesan Respect Life efforts. Colleen and John Miner, from our Diocesan Respect Office, faithfully coordinate the steps we need to take in promoting and protecting the dignity and worth of every human life.

Every year at this time, we are given this opportunity to support the efforts this local Church makes in promoting the Culture of Life. Grants from this collection support such ministries as Gabriel Project which aid struggling new mothers with a compassionate ear and with material assistance to care for their newborn child. Grants also assist Birthright, an interdenominational organization helping women with unplanned pregnancies. Other grants have supported educational programs, Catholic radio in the Adirondacks and a variety of other pro-life efforts. Grants have also provided buses for our youth and college students to participate in the annual March for Life in Washington, D.C.

Thank you for your prayers, witness, and generous support of the 2021 Respect Life Collection, helping to build a Culture of Life, one life at a time.

Faithfully yours in Christ, Most Reverend Terry R. LaValley, Bishop of Ogdensburg

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