

January 31, 2021

FR. CLYDE A. LEWIS, PASTOR
Fr. Duc Nguyen, Parochial Vicar
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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 \$3018 **Last week** \$2069 (Envelopes \$1986, Children \$4, Plate \$79)
Respect Life \$381

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, Joan Seguin

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

READER/EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS SCHEDULE

January 30 / 31

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

MASS INTENTIONS

January

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

February

Mon. 1 **Weekday**
9:00AM †**(St. Patrick's)** Aline Terry by Anne & Cindy Cary
Tue. 2 **The Presentation of the Lord**
9:00AM **(St. Patrick's)** Special Blessings for the Class of 1951 by Jackie Ducharme
Wed. 3 **Feast of St. Blaise**
9:00AM †**(St. Patrick's)** Agnes Beauharnois by M/M Michael Baker
Thur. 4 **Weekday**
9:00AM **(St. Mary's)** Special Intention by a Parishioner
Fri. 5 **St. Agatha - First Friday**
9:00AM †**(St. Mary's)** Leon Dutil by Jim & Jane Forkey
Sat. 6 **Weekday**
9:00AM **(St. Mary's)** No Mass
(Anticipated) Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00PM †**(St. Patrick's)** Ken Ryan by his Family
4:00PM †**(St. Mary's)** Jim Cayea by Pat & Gene Gladd
Sun. 7 **Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
8:00AM †**(St. Mary's)** Pat Pepin by James Harrington
10:00AM †**(St. Patrick's)** Priscilla Menard by Barbara Guay

SANCTUARY LAMP

Special Intention for All Essential Workers

BLESSED MARY CANDLE

Speedy Recovery for Eleanor Reynolds by Carol Manor & Family

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

Notes from the Pastor's Desk

FR. LEWIS ... has returned home from Meadowbrook Rehab. We extend our well wishes for his continued successful recovery.

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.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR CONSECRATED LIFE: Celebrating the men and women dedicated to discipleship ... The Church celebrates World Day of Prayer For Consecrated Life on February 6-7, 2021. On this day we recognize the countless men and women who live consecrated life in various ways as well as their contributions to the growth of the Church. We especially pray for those men and women in our diocese who daily live the vows of poverty, chastity and obedience while belonging to a community and tirelessly working in ministry. Through their example of discipleship, may we be inspired to deeper communion with Christ and may there be an increase in vocations to the consecrated life. If you would like to speak with a religious priest, brother or sister, or would like more information, contact the Vocation Office at 315-393-2920 or email Fr. Chris Carrara at ccarrara@rcdony.org or Cathy Russell at crussell@rcdony.org.

CANONICAL STATUS OF THOMAS HIGMAN ... For those of you who saw the recent article in the Press Republican concerning Thomas Higman, attached please find a clarification of his canonical status.

20-WEEK CLUB WINNER ...

Week 4 - Barbara Guay (\$50)

2020 BISHOP'S FUND APPEAL ... United in Faith - Continuing Christ's Mission ... There is still time to make your donation. Our parish has raised \$12065 toward our goal of \$13061. We are only \$996 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>.

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.**

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!

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.

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP ... In this year dedicated to St. Joseph perhaps he can be a valuable guide in our daily challenge to be good stewards of God's creation. Often one can feel overwhelmed by the task of caring for our natural resources and succumb to temptation to do nothing. Sister Madaliva, CSJ reminds us, "For Joseph it wasn't a question of success, but it was being faithful to the mix we call life." Maybe one lesson for us is to be humble enough to do the simple thing in front of us, i.e. putting on a sweater instead of turning up the heat; turning off that light when I don't need it; turning off the water faucet while not needed.

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.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION CLASSES ... Christian Formation classes continue 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.**

K OF C COUNCIL #2366 MEETING ... Thursday, February 4 at 7:00PM in St. Patrick's Parish Center. Masks are required.

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

THE SEARCH ... A VIRTUAL DISCUSSION VIA ZOOM ... The office of New Evangelization will offer an opportunity to view and discuss Formed.org program THE SEARCH.

The Search is a 7-episode program that explored the deepest questions of the human heart: Why am I here? What's life all about? What happens when we die? — and guides you through the great big story of everything, as astrophysicists, psychologists, neuroscientists, artists, chemists and professors point to one big (surprising) conclusion: Jesus Christ, and the Catholic Church. What do you seek?

We will meet seven consecutive Mondays from 6:30-8:00PM starting February 1, 2021 to view and discuss The Search episodes via Zoom.

Feb 1: Episode 1: What Do You Seek?
Feb. 8: Episode 2: Who Are You?
Feb. 15: Episode 3: Why a God?
Feb. 22: Episode 4: What's our Story?
Mar. 1: Episode 5: Who is Jesus?
Mar. 8: Episode 6: Am I Saved?
Mar. 15: Episode 7: Why a Church?

Online Registration form is at <https://www.rcdony.org/theseach>. For more information, contact Marika Donders at mdonders@rcdony.org or 315-3932920 ext. 1380.

WHAT IS GOD ASKING OF YOU RIGHT NOW? ... Have You Considered Commissioned Lay Ministry? ... How can you become a lay minister to further God's kingdom? You could become a Commissioned Lay Minister in your parish. A new Formation for Ministry class will be starting in the Fall. Pray and ask God if this would be right for you! For more information about the <https://www.rcdony.org/formation/candidate.html>. Stay tuned for more information. Contact: Cathy Russell crussell@rcdony.org, Director.

CLOSING OF PPC: Attention All Pro-lifers ... Plattsburgh Pregnancy Center on 62 Brinkerhoff Street, in Plattsburgh, has received notice of the resignation of its two anchor people, effective February 1, 2021. If they are not replaced by others, the center will need to close at the end of January. If you are interested in submitting an application for one of those positions, or know someone who is, please send inquiries to the PPC Board: plattsburghpregnancycenter@yahoo.com or call 518-324-2010

Prayer to St. Joseph

Joseph, you were a man who carried into dark of anxious sleep the haunting mystery of deep, unsettled doubt. But yet, within, and all untouched, your citadel of trust was calm, serene and still and flamed your unstarred night into the answering of dawn in God's unchanging will. O carpenter of faith, build our inwardness into a city lamped with trust; and when we, too, must face the nights and tread the desert's way, let us, like you, take Mother and Child into the Egypt of each day. Good St. Joseph, come to our aid in these times of anguish and difficulty. Take under your protection the critical and troubling circumstances of the day. Keep us calm and serene, so aware of your Presence. AMEN.

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



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January 21, 2021
Feast of St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr

Dear Brothers in Christ:

I share with you my great concern over recent developments in the Diocese of Ogdensburg. It is with a heavy heart that I must clarify for you the canonical status of Thomas Higman. It is important that you be aware of this in your ministry so as to prevent any possible confusion among the faithful.

In September of 2020, the Diocese of Ogdensburg became aware of Tom's intention to function as an Episcopalian cleric. Out of fraternal concern for him and for the faithful, I wrote to Tom and urged him not to follow through on this intention. I invited Tom to meet and discuss this matter with me. I wrote of the implications of such a decision and urged him not to move ahead with these plans. I did not receive a response to my appeal to him.

Tom, of his own free will, had requested from Pope Francis the favor of laicization, that is, being returned to the lay state and dispensed from the obligations of priestly ordination, including the promise of celibacy. On September 18, 2019, Pope Francis personally granted Tom's request. In accepting this dispensation, Tom freely and knowingly agreed to the conditions for this dispensation from the Holy Father. Principal among these conditions was his wholehearted agreement "*not to exercise Holy Orders and to give good example, thereby showing himself a devoted son of the Church.*"

In announcing, a few days ago, his service "*as Associate Priest at Trinity Episcopal Church in Plattsburgh,*" Tom has broken his word to Pope Francis. Thomas Higman has formally broken communion with the Roman Catholic Church and is, thereby, in *schism*. By his own action and choice, Thomas Higman is *excommunicated* from the Catholic Church.

All Roman Catholics are cautioned to neither seek nor request any of the sacraments from Thomas Higman. It may be helpful for some pastors whose parishioners have an association with Tom to clarify his canonical status by sharing this information with them.

How lamentable it is that during this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, a rupture of unity within our own local Church should occur. Let us work and pray for unity within the Church and among all Christians. We keep Tom in our prayers.

Fraternally yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Terry R. LaValley
Bishop of Ogdensburg