

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**DECEMBER 18, 2016**

*Mary was betrothed to Joseph, but before they wed, Mary became pregnant through the power of the Holy Spirit. Joseph decided to break the engagement. He changed his mind when an angel in a dream told him to receive Mary as his wife.*

**MASS SCHEDULE**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17**

4:00PM + (St. Pat's) Margaret ( Peggy) Hogle by Donald & Barbara LaBombard

5:30PM + (St. Mary's) Darrell & Jean Lintner by Mary Chaffin & Jon Lintner & Families

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18**

8:00AM + (St. Mary's) Sonny Babbie by wife Henrietta

10:00AM + (St. Pat's) 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of Gerald Dupree by Arsene, Rose & today. Rachel Letourneau

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 19**

9:00AM + (St. Mary's) Genevieve Rodier by M/M Francis Miller

9:00AM +(St. Pat's) 68<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Joseph Favro Sr. by Ted Favro

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20**

9:00AM + (St. Pat's) Edwin Sterling by Friends & Family

9:00AM + (St. Mary's) Albert Morrelli by Barbara Southwick

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21**

9:00AM + (St. Pat's) Marguerite, Carl & Steven Monty by their Family

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22**

9:00AM + (St. Mary's) Charles Ashline by Jeff & Lorena Lees

9:00AM + (St. Pat's) Eric & Jason Coke & All Victims of Terrorism by Mom

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23**

9:00AM +(St. Mary's) Elsie Mayo by Alice Mossey

9:00AM + (St. Pat's) NO MASS

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24 - Anticipated Nativity of the Lord**

4:00PM (St. Mary's *with pageant & Choir*) Parishioners of St. Mary's

4:00PM (St. Pat's ) Parishioners of St. Patrick's

6:00PM (St. Mary's *with Choir*) Parishioners of St. Mary's

6:00PM (St. Pat's) Parishioners of St. Patrick's

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25 - Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)**

9:00AM (St. Pat's) Parishioners of St. Patrick's

10:00AM (St. Mary's *with Choir*) Parishioners of St. Mary's

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** Neil Seymour (Paul's brother) Jane Sample, Gerald Mayo, Darriel Demers.

**Deceased:** Please pray for the souls of Betty Trombley, Andre Bedard and Ken Phaneuf. May they rest in peace.

Nursing Homes.... Agatha Dubois, Ruby Tetreault, Doris Deso, Gerry Hayes.

Military: Reese Tucker, Avery Trombley, Shawn LaFontaine, Tyler Bursey.

**SANCTUARY LAMP - DEC. 17 - 24**

*For all deceased parishioners*

**VIGIL CANDLE DEC. 17 - 24**

*In Memory of Paul Cloutier by Elaine*

**WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP**

December 4	2016	2015
# of Envelopes	(71)	(67)
Envelopes	\$2,358	\$2,187
Plate	116	204
Kids		
Total	<b>\$2,474</b>	<b>\$2,391</b>

**OUR SEMINARIAN**

Welcome to Leagon Carlin, seminarian of the Diocese of Ogdensburg. Leagon is from St. Peter's Church in Plattsburgh and currently in his 3rd year of College Seminary. (That means, God-willing, he has just 5 1/2 more years until his priestly ordination.) He is visiting our parishes this weekend to share a little of his vocations story and tell us what it is like to be a young man studying for the priesthood

**NATIVITY MOVIE**

This Sunday 3:00 PM at St. Patrick's Parish Center. Come see the 2007 Award winning film The Nativity Story. "The only thing better is praying with the Scriptures yourself!" says Fr. Lewis. Pop corn and Fr. Stitt's famous hot chocolate will be provided. Feel free to bring cookies to share and/or a comfortable chair for yourself. (Running time: 1hr 40min)

**THANK YOU**

Thanks to the members of the Knights of Columbus #3525 for setting up the outside manger. A great job as always.

**BLESSING OF THE OUTDOOR CRECHE'**

Following the 5:30pm Mass this weekend we will have the Blessing of the outside creche'. Please join us!

**CHRISTMAS COLLECTION**

The second collection at all Christmas Masses will be for the support of Priests' Retirement. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Because Christmas fall on Sunday this year, we will take up two collections, the **first collection** will be for the **regular Sunday** collection and the **second** will be the **Christmas Collection**.

The Diocese of Ogdensburg's Retirement Plan for Priests has long been supported by parish contributions from its annual Christmas Collection. Currently 38 retired priests, and 9 active priests age 70 and older, are expected to receive pension benefits of \$860,000 in 2016-17. Also, 100% of the cost of health insurance premiums for retired priests 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. **The Christmas envelope is in your Christmas packet.**

**ST. MARY'S HAS A NEW WEBSITE - stmaryschamplain.org**

Please take a moment to check out our new website and help to spread the word. Many parishioners that are away for the winter months would love to keep current with what's happening!

**NOTE: Pageant rehearsal for the 4:00pm Christmas Eve Mass will follow the 8:00am Mass this Sunday.**

**2016 Christmas Schedule**

**Confessions**

**Sunday - 7:15 - 7:45 AM**

**MASSES**

**Christmas Eve**

4:00 PM- with Pageant & Choir

6:00 PM - with Choir

Christmas Day 10:00AM with Choir

New Year Solemnity of Mary, The Mother of God  
*(Due to January 1 falling on a Sunday, we are following normal weekend schedule.)*

**Saturday, December 31**

5:30 PM *(Anticipated)*

**Sunday, January 1**

**CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL FLOWERS/DECORATIONS**

The flowers and decorations for Christmas may be given in memory or in honor of loved ones. Please use the envelope which was included in your Christmas mailing. You may also submit your memorials in a plain envelope with the deceased names on the envelope. Please print clearly. **A Christmas Memorial Bulletin will be printed separately.**

**COME HOME FOR CHRISTMAS**

We all know someone who has simply stopped practicing their faith. As we celebrate Jesus' birth, God wants all people to join in the praise. Invite them to come to Church with you this Christmas!

**K OF C CORNER**

...December 21<sup>st</sup> - Supper night for husband and wife/guest at 6:30pm. Cocktails @ 5:30pm.

... Friday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> Hayride beginning at 5:00pm. All are invited!

**ST. MARY'S CHRISTMAS GIFT GIVING PROGRAMS**

REMINDER: GIFTS FOR THE BIRTHRIGHT TREE ARE DUE BY MONDAY, DECEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup>!

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR WONDERFUL GENEROSITY IN ALL OF OUR GIFT-GIVING PROGRAMS!**

**2016 BISHOPS FUND - "Mercy in Motion"**

It is not too late to donate to the Bishop's Fund Appeal. To date St. Mary's parishioners have contributed a total of **\$6,922.85** with 77 households participating. Please prayerfully consider donating to this worthwhile Appeal.

**REMINDER: please take advantage of the drop box on the rectory porch located underneath the window to the left. The box is checked on a daily basis and is the safest way to leave things when the office is closed.**

**VIGIL CANDLES ...** For the past few years, we have been offering Vigil Candles in memory or in honor a loved one in the votive light stand near the statue of St. Joseph. These candles burn for 7 days for an offering of \$10. This is a great way to remember someone (living or deceased) on special occasions. As you may have noticed, there are usually only a few candles lit each week. Therefore, we will only have one candle by the statue of St. Joseph and one candle by the statue of St. Ann. The intention would still be announced in the bulletin each week, but we would only have these two candles available. Please call the Rectory to request Vigil or Sanctuary candles for 2017.

**ST. MARY'S CEMETERIES ARE OFFICIALLY CLOSED FOR THE WINTER MONTHS!**

**FINAL CHANCE TO WIN \$500 ON JANUARY 1ST**

For every four (4) lotto's you sell or purchase at \$20 each your name will be submitted in the drawing for \$500 on January 1<sup>st</sup> following the 8:00am Mass. **PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR STUBS BY DECEMBER 23<sup>RD</sup> TO BE ELIGIBLE.** This is a major fund raiser for our parish, please make every effort to try and sell or purchase the four you were mailed. Thank you to all who have purchased or sold some. We appreciate your support!

**CHRISTMAS ARTWORK CONTEST FOR MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD ASSOCIATION MCA:**

Attention all little artists in the Diocese.....Announcing the annual MCA Christmas artwork contest for students grades K-8 where 24 winners will be displayed in the National Shrine in Washington DC. Deadline is January 31, 2017. For more information and detailed guidelines, see the flyer above.

**COMMUNITY CORNER**

St. Mary's Mission Center pre-Christmas Bag Sale: Tues from 4-6 and again on Thursday 1 - 4. \$5.00 for 13 gallon bag of gently used items. New items are \$15 for 13 gallon bag. Bags are included.

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS NEXT WEEK**

**The Parish Office will be open Monday through Friday with regular business hours.**

**HOWEVER, THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 26<sup>TH</sup>!**

**Christmas Decorating....**

You are welcome to come help

decorate the Church

for Christmas on

**Sunday December 18**

**around 10:45am.**

A few men are needed for the higher decorating!