

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**NOVEMBER 27, 2016**

Matthew's Jesus said that the Son of Man will come at an hour no one can expect. Therefore, all people must stay awake, keep a watchful eye, and be prepared.

**MASS SCHEDULE**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26**

4:00PM + (St. Pat's) Rene Bedard by Therese Bedard

5:30PM + (St. Mary's) Doris Picard by Florence Cardin

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27**

8:00AM + (St. Mary's) Larry Boulerville by Cathy

10:00AM + (St. Pat's) 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of Agnes Beauharnois by Richard, Nancy & Boys

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28**

9:00AM + (St. Mary's) Edmund Poissant by Robert & Sylvia Scriver

9:00AM + (St. Pat's) Linda Martinsen by Pat Racine

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29**

9:00AM + (St. Mary's) Gerard Filion by John Carey

9:00AM + (St. Pat's) 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Lionel Roberts by his Family

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30**

9:00AM + (St. Pat's) *Intention to be provided by Fr. Bryan Stitt*

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1**

9:00AM + (St. Mary's) 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary Donald Smith by Helen and Children

9:00AM + (St. Pat's) Robert & Neil Thomas Guay by their Family

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2**

9:00AM + (St. Mary's) Joseph L. Babbie by Helen Hicks & Ken Peete

9:00AM + (St. Pat's) 10th Anniversary of Virgil Brunell by Gary Brunell

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

11:00AM Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3**

4:00PM + (St. Pat's) 4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Margaret Aubrey by Jeff & Carmen Aubrey

5:30PM + (St. Mary's) Clara Gooley by Linda & Doug Pilon

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4**

8:00AM + (St. Mary's) 11<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Leon Dutil by Kathy & Family

10:00AM + (St. Pat's) Rene Bedard by his Mother, Brothers & Sisters

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** Jane Sample, Gerald Mayo, Darriel Demers.

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

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

**PLEASE BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR YOUR CHRISTMAS MAILING SOON, WHICH WILL INCLUDE THE CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE AND FLOWER ENVELOPE.**

**SANCTUARY CANDLE - Nov. 26 - Dec. 3**

*In Memory of Homer Duquette by His Children*

**VIGIL CANDLE - Nov. 26 - Dec. 3**

*In Memory of Larry Boulerville by Cathy & Family*

**WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP**

November 20	2016	2015
# of Envelopes	(67)	(73)
Envelopes	\$4,221	\$2,702
Plate	139	159
Kids	2	2
Total	\$ 4,362	\$2,863
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**WEEKDAY MASSES**

We will have daily mass at 9:00am at both St. Mary's and St. Patrick's on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Mass will ONLY be at St. Patrick's on Wednesdays.

**ADVENT 2016**

Advent is the beginning of a new liturgical year for the Roman Catholic Church and a period of preparation, extending over four Sundays, before Christmas.

Sometimes people make the mistake of thinking that Advent is part of the Christmas celebrations. In fact, Advent is a separate time of preparation all of its own. For the Catholic Church Christmas doesn't begin until the first Mass is celebrated on Christmas Eve and continues until the Epiphany, which occurs on January 8, 2017.

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

On Sunday, December 11, at the 8:00am Mass we will be administering the Sacrament of the Sick to those with serious ailments, either mental or physical. The very elderly are also eligible. Please bring some parishioners who cannot get to Mass by themselves. The Sacrament is also administered to those who are going to have serious operations in the hospital. Please leave a few front seats open for those who have difficulty moving about.

**FREE SENIOR CITIZENS CHRISTMAS DINNER FOR TOWN OF CHAMPLAIN (65+)**

(Includes residents who reside in Champlain, Coopersville, Perrysmill, Rouses Pt.)

Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup> @ 4:00PM at the Champlain K of C Hall. Reservations required: please call Gloria Tetreault 298-8789 or Laura Trahan 298-8244 ASAP! *This dinner is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus \$3525 and Catholic Daughters Court Lily of the Mohawk #1451.*

**LOOKING AHEAD** Tuesday, December 8 is a Holy Day of Obligation, Immaculate Conception. Mass time here will be at 12:05pm and at St. Patrick's at 9:00am and 7:00pm.

**ROUSES POINT MEAL TRANSPORTER NEEDED** ... This is a temporary position from November 2016 to May 2017 for Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 9:45AM to 11:45AM. For more information, call Tammy Kemp or Debbie Alexander at 561-8320 from 8:00AM - 3:00PM.

**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 \$4,817.85 with 70 households participating. Please prayerfully consider donating to this worthwhile Appeal.

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

All parishioners are welcome to participate in the activities surrounding the CHRISTMAS GIVING. Here's how: take a tag located on the table near the back wall. Please sign your name on the sign-up sheet next to the number which corresponds to the number on the tag so that we can keep track of ALL the tags.

**Keep in mind that the items listed on the tag are ONLY suggested items. You DO NOT have to purchase all the items.**

Gifts should be left UNWRAPPED with the tag attached and returned back the church as soon as possible. All gifts will help needy children in our area.

**ADVENT GIVING TREE**

You are invited to take a tag purchase the item/s and then PLEASE return your gift UNWRAPPED, including NO GIFT BAGS by Monday December 19.

**THERE WILL BE NO SUNDAY MORNING RELIGIOUS ED THIS WEEKEND DUE TO THANKSGIVING WEEKEND!**

**K OF C CORNER**

...**"Keep Christ in Christmas" Poster Contest** - open to all ages 5-14. Applications and instructions are available on the bulletin boards in the entryways to the church. Please return APPLICATION by December 15<sup>th</sup> to Grand Knight Francis Mercaldi or Jack Dawson.

**WORKBOOK FOR LECTORS**

Reminder to all Lectors: please pick up your 2017 *Workbook for Lectors* located in the Sacristy. The new date starts with the First Sunday of Advent, November 27.

**NAMES OF THE DEAD**

During the month of November, we remember the dead. We have a book by the altar of St. Joseph, where you can enter the names of the deceased you wish the community to pray for this month.

**CDA FUND RAISER 2016 WORLD SERIES RESULTS...**

Game 1: Red (Richard) Filion; Game 2: Tom Bechard, Angie Stunzi, Terry Lambertson; Game 3: Bev Lambertson, Carmie Babbie, Amy Gehrig, Daniel Ethier, Mary Ann Irish, Tami Richar, Marie Dupee, Helen Hicks, Gloria Tetreault, Daniel Tetreault, John Callaghan, Buck Lafountain,, Gary Castine, Kim Trombley, Missy Gooley, Danieal Barnes; Game 4: Helen Hicks; Game 5: Jim Boire, Judy O'Neil; Game 6: Francine Wells; Game 7: Robert Gonyo.

**LOOKING AHEAD...**

**COMMUNAL PENITENTIAL SERVICE**

St. Patrick's, December 5<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00pm

Additional confessions will be held here on December 15<sup>th</sup> from 7 - 9pm and every Sunday from 7:15 - 7:45am.

**YOUNG ADULTS TO D.C. FOR MARCH FOR LIFE**

Fr. Bryan Stitt is inviting all college students and young adults (ages 18-35) to join him on this year's Diocesan pilgrimage to Washington, D.C. for the March for Life from Wednesday, January 25 to Saturday, January 28. The four day/three night trip will include the Vigil Mass at the National Basilica with Cardinal Dolan, the March in which we get to join hundreds of thousands in standing up for the dignity of all human life—born and unborn, and visits to other important shrines and memorials. The all-inclusive cost is \$185. For more info, please talk to Fr. Stitt or email Fr. Timothy Canaan (Diocesan Director of Campus Ministry) at [thefrtim@broadstreetcaholics.org](mailto:thefrtim@broadstreetcaholics.org)

**\$500 CASH DRAWING ON JANUARY 1<sup>ST</sup>**

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 for your support!**

**VOCATIONAL DISCERNMENT**

The Vocation Office has scheduled three Operation Andrew dinners and two women's discernment retreat days. Operation Andrew Dinners for Discerning Men will be on Nov. 30 in Ellenburg, Dec. 5 in Carthage, and Dec 13 in Canton. Women's Discernment Retreats will take place on Nov. 26 in Watertown and Jan. 7 in Morrisonville. Please contact Cathy Russell, Vocation Coordinator: 315-393-2920 or [crussell@rcdony.org](mailto:crussell@rcdony.org) with any questions or to register.

**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.

**EMPTY MANGER CAROLING:** Christmas Caroling

Every year the Pro-Lifers in Plattsburgh, bring the joy and hope of Christmas to the darkness of the abortuary with our "Empty Manger" Christmas Caroling day. The purpose of the event is to bring the joy and hope of Christmas to these places of misery and despair. The empty manger is a dual symbol. Like the empty manger lovingly placed in every Christmas crèche in anticipation of celebrating the Nativity of Jesus Christ, it represents the joy that ought to accompany the birth of every child.

This year there will be 2 opportunities to raise your voices in front of Planned Parenthood of the North Country, 66 Brinkerhoff Street, Plattsburgh So mark your calendar for **Friday, December 9th and Saturday, December 17th** both beginning at 10am- 2pm Children welcome too.!