



**EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

**JANUARY 8, 2017**

*The magi from the east followed the star until it stopped still over the house. They entered, found the child with Mary, prostrated themselves, and did him homage.*

**MASS SCHEDULE**

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 7**

4:00PM +(St. Pat's ) 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Sandra Proulx by Joseph Proulx & Family

5:30PM + (St. Mary's) James Daily by Catherine Gooley

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 8**

8:00AM + (St. Mary's) Carol C. Castine by Theresa Venne

10:00AM + (St. Pat's) 6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Simonne Dessureault by her Family

**MONDAY, JANUARY 9**

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

9:00AM +(St. Pat's) Rene Bedard by Arsene & Rose Letourneau

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 10**

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

9:00AM + (St. Pat's) Susan Arre by Bruce & Joan Seguin

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11**

9:00AM (St. Pat's) Communion Service

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 12**

9:00AM + (St. Mary's) Leo Richard by Doris & Family

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

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 13**

9:00AM +(St. Mary's) Roland Tetreault by Ann & Paul LaPierre

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

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 14**

4:00PM +(St. Pat's ) 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Marcel Bechard by his Wife & Family

5:30PM + (St. Mary's) Roland Jubert by Darlene, Mary & Bob Baker

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 15**

8:00AM + (St. Mary's) Lucille Racine by Eva Woitazek

10:00AM + (St. Pat's) Joe Heath by Donald & Barbara LaBombard

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

Nursing Homes.... Ruby Tetreault, Shirley Morrison, Doris Deso, Gerry Hayes.

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

**VIGIL CANDLES DEC. JAN. 7 - 14**

*(St. Joseph's) In Memory of Paul Cloutier by Elaine (St. Anne) In Memory of Claude & Myrtle Gooley & James LaBarre by Catherine Gooley*

**SANCTUARY LAMP - JAN. 7 -14**

*In memory of all deceased parishioners*

**WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP**

JANUARY 1	2017	2016
# of Envelopes	(61)	(71)
Envelopes	\$2,288	\$2,421
Make-Up		1,500
Plate	75	136
Kids	2	
Total	<b>\$ 2,365</b>	<b>\$4,057</b>

**ATTENTION**

Some parishioners have not been able to find the new parish website by doing a search for it. They've told us that they did a Google search and couldn't find it. There's a good reason for this. We need more traffic to the site to bump it up. Help others find the site by making a visit yourself. Go directly to [stmaryschamplain.org](http://stmaryschamplain.org). or do the Google search and keep scrolling through the results. (The last time I tried to search for "St. Mary's Church Champlain," it was 19th in the list. Help us get up to number one.) Thanks. —Father Stitt

**EPIPHANY FEAST OF LIGHT**

*On this day, dear Savior,  
Your light shines brightly in our midst.  
You are the Light of the World,  
the Light in our darkness,  
ever with us, ever showing us the way.  
On this great feast of Light,  
When the maji came guided by a star,  
may we, like them, offer You gifts  
that symbolize our love for You.  
May we offer You the gold of our faith,  
the myrrh of our repentance  
and the frankincense of our devotion.  
May we bow before You, Holy Savior,  
As the three Wise Men did,  
with great and abiding joy.  
On this day, may we too, stand in Your light and  
so give glory to God. AMEN.*

**CONGRATULATIONS**

For every four 2017 Lotto Calendars you sold or purchased, your name was submitted for a \$500 drawing which was held last Sunday. Congratulations to the lucky winner, **Melvin Laramie**. Thank you to all who helped in this fund raiser. *Also, it is not too late to turn in your numbers if you have not already done so.*

**DID YOU KNOW...***the Baptism of the Lord (Jan. 9) closes the Christmas Season. Ordinary Church time then begins on January 10 and continues until the day before Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lenten Season.*

*Again, thanks to all who made the Christmas Season so beautiful!*

**ST. ANDRE' BESSETTE**

You may have noticed the new St. Andre' Statue that sits on the altar of St. Joseph. Special thanks to *Celine Paquette* for her generous donation of the Statue to St. Mary's. As you know, St. Andre' was a significant figure of the Roman Catholic Church among French-Canadians, credited with thousands of reported miraculous oil healings associated within his pious devotion to Saint Joseph. We will have the blessing of the statue at the 5:30pm Mass this weekend.

**ENVELOPE USERS**

The 2016 end of year Financial Statements will be available to envelope users in the coming days ahead. Anyone, wishing to make up their envelopes for 2016, are asked to please do so as soon as possible so that it will be included on your statement. Thank you for your generosity throughout the year!

**Sunday Morning Religious Ed Class this weekend, January 8 from 9:30 - 10:30am.**

**Also, Confirmation Class Sunday evening January 8 from 7 - 8pm in the Church.**

**ARE YOU A REGISTERED PARISHIONER?**

Do you come to church here regularly? Do you receive any mail from the parish throughout the year? If not, you may not be on our parish mailing list. Please call or stop by the parish office to register.

**REMINDERS DURING FLU SEASON**

- Parishioners should not share the sign of peace if feeling ill.

- It is recommended that parishioners receive Communion in the hand. Communion on the tongue does present hygienic problems during flu season.

- Hand sanitisers are available on the radiator covers for use by parishioners.

**PLATTSBURGH MARCH FOR LIFE: Champlain Valley Gathering to support life. All are welcome.**

Sunday, January 22nd. Gathering at 12:15pm at St. John 23<sup>rd</sup> Newman Center. March begins at 12:45pm to St. John the Baptist Church. Program starts at 1pm. Guest speaker, Dale Barr, is a mom and nurse from Cornwall, Ontario, Canada. She has been active in Silent No More Awareness Campaigns as a regional coordinator for Eastern Ontario. As a teenager, Dale had an abortion. She's shared her story at the Washington, DC and Ottawa, Ontario March for Life Rallies. Dale is married and a mother of four on earth and one in heaven. All are welcome to the March and presentation at St. John's Church in Plattsburgh. Reception to follow in the parish center. For additional info contact Mr. Jack Lukasiewicz 518.562.1175.

**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.

**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 ...** 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. Please call the Rectory to request Vigil or Sanctuary candles for 2017.

**CAMP GUGGENHEIM REGISTRATION:** Registration for the 2017 season is now open! Register soon to ensure a spot for an incredible week of fun and growth in faith! Go to [www.rcdony.org/camp](http://www.rcdony.org/camp) to register! For more information contact the Office of Youth Ministry at 315-393-2920 or [vlalonde@rcdony.org](mailto:vlalonde@rcdony.org)

**FOR THE NEW YEAR  
GOD OUR FATHER, you bring us**

to the threshold of another year.  
Help us to face its responsibilities,  
joys, and sorrows  
with the conviction of your constant love.  
We are sorry for the unfaithfulness of the past;  
wasted time,  
destructiveness,  
and failure to live up to our baptismal commitment.  
Confident of your forgiveness,  
we willingly forgive those who have wronged us.  
May each days thoughts, words, and actions  
bring us to everlasting life,  
where we will praise you and Jesus and  
the Holy Spirit for ever.

**INTERNATIONAL WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY: January 18-25**

The theme of this year's Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is "Reconciliation-The Love of Christ Compels Us." (cf. 2 Cor 5:14-20).

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity has a history of over 100 years, in which Christians around the world have taken part in an octave of prayer for visible Christian unity. By annually observing the WPCU, Christians move toward the fulfillment of Jesus' prayer at the Last Supper "that they all may be one." (cf. John 17:21). For more information, including suggestions for observing the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, posters, music and prayercards, scripture readings and reflection questions, a sample prayer service see the USCCB Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Page.

**AREA EVENTS**

Spaghetti Dinner...All You Can Eat Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday January 14th, at St. Alexander's Morrisonville from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM. Adults \$8.00 - Children 6 - 12 years \$5.00 - under 5 years Free! Take Outs will be available Call 518-561-5039

All you can eat Breakfast...Sunday, January 22 from 7:30am - 12:30pm at St. Ann's Hall, Mooers Forks. Adults: \$8, 6-12: \$5; and under 5: free.

Chicken & Biscuit Dinner...Saturday, January 14 from 5 - 7:30pm at the American Legion Post 912 in Rouses Pt. Adults: \$8; under 12: \$5; under 5: free.

**SAVE THE DATE - MAY 28<sup>TH</sup> ....**

**ST. MARY'S 50<sup>TH</sup> BAZAAR!!**