

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 15, 2017

John exclaimed, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world." He continued, "I saw the Spirit come down like a dove....I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God."

MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14

4:00PM +(St. Pat's) 10th 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

MONDAY, JANUARY 16

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

9:00AM +(St. Pat's) Susan Arre by Therese Fosher

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17

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

5:15PM + (St. Mary's) Lucille Merchant by Rose Moore

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18

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

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19

9:00AM + (St. Mary's) Pauline & Jerry Gooley by Arthur Gonyo

9:00AM + (St. Pat's) Burton Merchant by Mary & Joe LaValley

FRIDAY, JANUARY 20

9:00AM +(St. Mary's) Mary Louise Chevalier by Weldon Dragoon

9:00AM + (St. Pat's) Richard Anctil by Rodney & Wendy Vice

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21

4:00PM +(St. Pat's) 10th Anniversary of Lena Bombardier by her Children & Grandchildren

5:30PM + (St. Mary's) Connie Wells by Catherine Gooley

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22

8:00AM + (St. Mary's) Keith Favreau by Paul & Linda Seymour

10:00AM + (St. Pat's) Terry Blair Elwood by Jennifer Blake Blair

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.

SANCTUARY LAMP - JAN. 14 - 21
In memory of all deceased parishioners

NEWLY BAPTIZED

We welcome into our parish family, Sophia Marie Parker, child of Kevin & Shawna Parker

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

JANUARY 8	2017	2016
# of Envelopes	(62)	(69)
Envelopes	\$2,172	\$2,464
Plate	83	145
Kids	2	
Total	\$ 2,257	\$2,609

RESPECT LIFE COLLECTION

The Respect Life second collection will be held the weekend of January 21-22, commemorating the anniversary date of the Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion in our nation. The collection is used to advance Respect Life initiatives in our diocese by means of grants. The fund is to support and encourage efforts that affirm and promote the respect of human life from fertilization to natural death. Last year twenty Respect Life grants were awarded. Grant applications are available on the Respect Life website: www.rcdony.org/pro-life. They must be received by the Respect Life office by the end of February. Thank you for all you do for life.

PLEASE NOTE: Daily Mass on Tuesday at St. Mary's will be at 5:15pm.

THANKS

...to Roy, Dale and Heath Cardin for taking down the outside manger. We certainly appreciate all that you do for your parish.

...to Bill LaBombard, Francis Seymour, and Robert/Rosemary Juneau for always coming to the rescue when we are in a bind.

..to parishioners Reginald & Mike LaFontaine for taking down the large Christmas trees in church and to Shirley Coulombe & Pat LaFontaine who also helped with the undecorating of the Christmas Season.

We truly appreciate all that everyone does to help keep our parish running smoothly.

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. 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

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

Stewardship Sunday is a time to reflect upon your unique gifts and talents. It is a time to consider how you can best serve our parish with your time, talent and treasure. We appreciate all that each of you do to help support our parish and hope that you will continue to do so. We also take the time this weekend to review our financial reports for the last two fiscal years (2014-2015 and 2015-2016). Copies of this report are in your pews. Please be sure to take a copy home.

PLEASE NOTE; THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, JANUARY 16TH IN OBSERVANCE OF MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. HOLIDAY. *We normally follow the same schedule as the Diocese of Ogdensburg.*

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday, Jan. 17 @ 6:30pm in the Church - meeting for parents of children making their First Penance.

Wednesday, Jan. 18- Bazaar Meeting at 6:30pm at the rectory.

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!

NO Sunday Morning Religious Ed or Confirmation Classes this weekend, January 15 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

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. To register call or stop by the parish office.

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 23rd 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 Lukaszewicz 518.562.1175.

SAVE THE DATE - MAY 28TH

ST. MARY'S 50TH BAZAAR!!

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 to register! For more information contact the Office of Youth Ministry at 315-393-2920 or vlalonde@rcdony.org

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

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.

COLLEGE NEWMAN SPRING RETREAT: attention all North Country college students

"Fearfully and Wonderfully Made", February 10-12, Wadhams Hall, Ogdensburg, NY. If you are an area college student, please join us for our annual Catholic Campus Ministry Spring Retreat! Come take a rest from the business of campus for Faith, Fellowship, and Formation! Cost is \$20 and includes meals and lodging. Please contact your local Campus Minister or Amanda Conklin at aconklin@stlawu.edu or 315-386-2543 for more information or to register.

MARRIAGE WEEK...National Marriage Week is an annual collaborative campaign to strengthen individual marriages, reduce the divorce rate, and build a culture that fosters strong marriages. The 2017 National Marriage Week is February 7-14. There are several websites with resources to help parishes and families prepare to celebrate National Marriage Week.

The link to the National Marriage Week page on the USCCB website is www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/marriage-and-family/national-marriage-week.cfm.

The CatholicMatch Institute is focused on promoting the benefits of marriage and strengthening existing marriages. They are offering free content that not only encourages marriage enrichment for existing couples, but also promotes purposeful dating for single Catholics who want to get married. Their website: <https://www.catholicmatch.com/institute/resources/national-catholic-marriage-week>.