

**EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**FEBRUARY 26, 2017**

No one can serve two masters. Therefore, we must choose either to live for the world or to live for Christ. We should not be concerned about what we are to eat or wear, for the Lord provides all these things to his people. Instead, we must seek first his kingdom.

**MASS SCHEDULE**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25**

4:00PM +(St. Pat's )Mary Proulx by Theresa & Francis LeBlanc

5:30PM + (St. Mary's)5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Jean Paul Tetreault by Gloria & Family

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26**

8:00AM + (St. Mary's) Monroe & Elsie West by Bruce & Jane West

10:00AM + (St. Pat's) Emile & Adele Proulx by their Family

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27**

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

9:00AM + (St. Pat's) Jerry Hill by Donald & Barbara LaBombard

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28**

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

9:00AM + (St. Pat's) Ione Duffy by Eva Woitazek

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1 - ASH WEDNESDAY**

9:00AM + (St. Pat's) Reginald Mayo by Helen Sample & Family

*Followed by Stations of the Cross*

12:05PM + (St. Mary's) Robert Bechard by Marie Dupee

7:00PM + (St. Pat's) Souls in Purgatory (All Souls Envelopes)

**THURSDAY, MARCH 2**

12:05PM + (St. Mary's) Elsie Mayo by Andy & Diane Morrelli

9:00AM + (St. Pat's) Stanley Spiegel by his Family

**FRIDAY, MARCH 3**

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

*followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament*

11:00AM (St. Pat's) Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

11:15AM (St. Mary's) *Stations of the Cross*

12:05PM + (St. Mary's) Bessie Castine by Larry & Norma Barcomb & Family

**SATURDAY, MARCH 4**

4:00PM +(St. Pat's) 6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Phyllis Gokey by her Family

5:30PM + (St. Mary's) Orville Babbie by Donnie & Bernice Barcomb

**SUNDAY, MARCH 5**

8:00AM + (St. Mary's) 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Russell Seymour by his Family

10:00AM + (St. Pat's) Ashley Caroline Houle by Cindy & Steve Major

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** Paul Irish, Lyman Pearl, Andrea Hayward, Patrick Leibach, Jane Sample.

**Nursing Homes** - Gerald Mayo, Ruby Tetreault, Shirley Morrison, Doris Deso, Gerry Hayes.

**SANCTUARY LAMP - FEB. 25 - MARCH 4**

*Special Intention by a Parishioner*

**ST. JOSEPH'S VIGIL CANDLE - FEB. 25 - MARCH 4**

*In Memory of Connie & Jim Wells by Eleanor Filion & Family*

**WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP**

FEBRUARY 19	2017	2016
# of Envelopes	(69)	(66)
Envelopes	\$1,985	\$2,092
Plate	160	155
Kids		
Total	\$2,145	\$2,247

**BUILDING AND GROUNDS UPDATE - CHURCH CLEANING**

Beginning on Monday and continuing for several weeks, there will be some cleaning activity in the church. Through our insurance with the Diocese of Ogdensburg we were able to acquire a professional cleaning company to remove the soot in the interior of the church caused by the malfunction of the boiler last year. The soot is very visible and managed to make its way on the ceiling, walls, statues etc. The company is very excited to begin the work and believe we will be very pleased with the outcome. Please note that the cleaning will not interfere with the Lenten Daily Masses, as they will be working around our schedule. As a precaution, we ask that you please use care when entering into the main part of the church as there will be some equipment around. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding!

**EASTERN EUROPE COLLECTION**

On Ash Wednesday, March 1, we will take up the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. This collection supports the Church in over 20 countries, many of which are still struggling to recover in the aftermath of Soviet rule. Funds from this collection support pastoral care, catechesis, building renovations, and seminary formation. Your support restores the Church and builds the future in this region.

**FAQs ABOUT LENT 2017**

**...When does Lent start?** *Lent begins on Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>.*

**...Ash Wednesday Mass at St. Mary's will be offered at 12:05pm.** For those unable to attend our mass times, please take advantage of the 9:00am or 7:00pm at St. Patrick's.

**...When does Lent 2017 End?** *As a liturgical season, Lent ends on Holy Thursday, immediately before the Mass of the Lord's Supper that evening, when the Easter Triduum begins.*

**...Holy Thursday 2017 falls on April 13.**

**...As a penitential season-the 40 days of Lent-Lent ends on Holy Saturday, the day before Easter Sunday. Holy Saturday falls on April 15<sup>th</sup> this year.**

**60 TICKETS LEFT TO SELL IN OUR 20-WEEK CLUB FUND RAISER.**

**HELP US MEET OUR GOAL BY MARCH 1<sup>ST</sup>!**  
We will not be able to do our first drawing until ALL tickets are sold!

**WELCOME**

*"We are blessed to have you with us today."*

If you are visiting, recently moved into the parish, or don't receive envelopes at this time but would like them, please take advantage of the "Welcome Envelopes" located in the pews. Just fill in your name and address and drop in the collection. Also, please feel free to use these envelopes if you have forgotten your own at home.

**LENTEN RULES AND REGULATIONS**

**ABSTINENCE...**All Catholics who have reached their 14th birthday are bound to abstain totally from meat on the following days: Ash Wednesday, Fridays of Lent, & Good Friday.

**FASTING....**All Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 are bound also to observe the Law of Fast on the following days: **Ash Wednesday (March 1) and Good Friday (April 14).** Fasting, that is, eating less, involves limiting oneself to a single full meal and avoiding food between meals. Lighter nourishment may be taken on two other occasions in the course of the day.

**PRAYER & PENANCE...**The entire season of Lent should be observed in a spirit of prayer and penance. Spending extra time in prayer or Bible study, attending daily Mass, voluntary sacrifice and self-denial, combined with works of charity and service to others, are all excellent ways to obey the Lord's command to reform our lives and to prepare for the joyful celebration of Easter.

**EASTER DUTY...**All Catholics who have reached the age of reason must confess their serious sins in the Sacrament of Penance at least once a year. They must also receive Holy Communion at least once each year between the First Sunday of Lent (March 5th) and Trinity Sunday (June 11th).

*Full copies of the Lenten Rules and Regulations are available on the radiator covers. Please take one home.*

**CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES RICE BOWL**

*"What I Give Up I Give to Others"*

Looking for a little something extra to do for Lent? Give your Lenten sacrifices to your CRS Rice Bowl. \$1 A DAY for 40 days of Lent means: 1 month of food for a family, 2 years of seed for a farmer, 3 months of clean water for 4 families. Please find Rice Bowls located on the radiator covers. Remember to turn them back in at the end of Lent. Thank you for your generosity!

**ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASS...**this class offers adults over the age of 18 the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Initiation into the Catholic Church. Anyone interested, who has been Baptized, made their First Communion can join. The starting date for classes will be March 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at St. Mary's Rectory with Fr. Lewis.

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE, PLATTSBURGH: Begins Ash Wednesday**

From March 1 through April 9, you're invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You're also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside Planned Parenthood, 66 Brinkerhoff St, Plattsburgh, daily 7 am-7pm, and also to help spread the word about this important community outreach.

**CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS...**meetings will resume on March 9<sup>th</sup> at the K of C at 6:30pm. Please make every effort to attend the dinners/meetings.

**SAVE THE DATE FOR THIS YEAR'S 50<sup>TH</sup> BAZAAR!! MAY 28**

**PARADE GRAND MARSHALL:** Most Rev. Terry R. Lavalley, Bishop of Ogdensburg. Help get your organization/group/club to consider entering a float in the parade for which monetary prizes along with trophies will be awarded. Contact Molly Ryan 593-3762 to enter or mfryan01@gmail.com or contact the parish office.

**NEW this year:** Garden tractor pull - contact Jerrad LaValley @ 645-6072 or email: jerrad.lavalley@yahoo.com

**Amusements** - will feature a variety of bounce houses provided by Taylor Rental. Fun for ALL ages.

**Pig Roast** - includes pork, potatoes, coleslaw, roll and beverage.

**Country Store** - to feature a contest for pickles, cakes and other booked good categories. Prizes will be awarded. Also looking for craft items to sell.

**LENTEN PROGRAM IN CHAMPLAIN**

Father Stitt will be hosting a video series on Sundays of Lent. The videos are from Bishop Barron's new program, CATHOLICISM: The Pivotal Players, a multi-part film series that illumines a handful of saints, artists, mystics, and scholars who not only shaped the life of the Church but changed the course of civilization. Bishop Barron was the keynote speaker at the Lake Placid event last fall, and is now on a new journey to unlock the truth behind the Catholic Church's most influential people, including St. Francis of Assisi, Michelangelo, and St. Catherine of Siena. Please consider joining us at the Champlain Catholic Men's Club (the former Kof C Hall) on 3.Oak Street each Sunday at 1:00pm from March 5 to April 9. Each session will last 1.5 hours. Refreshments will be served. All are welcome.

**UNLOCKING THE MYSTERY OF THE BIBLE!** ... If you would like to have a deeper relationship with God and a better understanding of your faith, then join us for *Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible*. You will not only benefit personally from being part of this study; you will also help to bring about a profound renewal in our parish as we grow closer to Christ. St. Patrick's will begin Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible on Thursday, March 2 at 6:30PM in the Parish Center and continues each Thursday through Lent (plus two sessions after Easter) The study consists of eight informative and engaging half-hour videos presented by Jeff Cavins. Each video will be followed by a lively group discussion. The length of each session will be 75 minutes. Registration forms can be found at the church entrances. The cost per person is \$20. For more information, contact Fr. Bryan Stitt at 518-297-7361 or stittamdg@gmail.com. Registration is required.

**AREA HAPPENINGS**

.....Chicken & Biscuit Dinner on Saturday, Feb. 25 from 5 - 7:30pm at the American Legion Post 912, Rouses Pt. Adult: \$8; under 12: free, under 5: free.

....**BREAKFAST** ... Sunday, February 26, 8:00AM to Noon, American Legion Post 912, 29 Pratt Street, Rouses Point. Menu includes: Scrambled Eggs & Eggs Cooked to Order, Sausage, Ham, Home Fries, Toast, Baked Beans. Hosted by Sons of the American Legion to benefit various charities.

.....Sacred Heart Chazy, Fish Fry - on Friday, March 24 from 4:40 pm - 7:30 pm at the Parish Center..