

**16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME-
JULY 23, 2017**

Jesus told the crowd the parable of the wheat and the weeds, the parable of the mustard seed, and the parable of the yeast. Through parables, he encouraged his disciples, assuring them that God's saints would shine like the sun in the heavenly reign.

MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, JULY 22

4:00PM + (St. Pat's) Marie Sterling by her Family
5:30PM + (St. Mary's) Mary Louise Connelly Juneau by her Family

SUNDAY, JULY 23

8:00AM + (St. Mary's) Georgianna Castine by Connie Hamilton
10:00AM + (St. Pat's) Kevin LaBombard by Donald & Barbara LaBombard

MONDAY, JULY 24

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

TUESDAY, JULY 25

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

WEDNESDAY, JULY 26

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

THURSDAY, JULY 27

9:00AM + (St. Mary's) 12th Anniversary of Lloyd R. Lagrow by the Family

FRIDAY, JULY 28

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

SATURDAY, JULY 29

4:00PM + (St. Pat's) Vic & Louise West by Bob & Maria Fosher

5:30PM + (St. Mary's) 1st Anniversary of Darrell Mesec by Nancy & Family

SUNDAY, JULY 30

8:00AM + (St. Mary's) Phil Rabideau and the Arno Family by Theresa Rabideau
10:00AM + (St. Pat's) Ann Bechard by her Family

PRAYER REQUESTS: Deacon Laszlo, Fr. Clyde Lewis, Paul Irish, Andrea Hayward, Patrick Leibach, Jane Sample.

DECEASED: Please pray for the repose souls of John Carey and also Connie Hamilton, mother of Darcy Castine. May they rest in peace.

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

Please pray for all of our Military including: Reese Tucker, Avery Trombley, Shawn LaFontaine.

SANCTUARY LAMP - JULY 22 - 29

In Memory 39th Anniversary of Albert Gooley by
Doug and Linda Pilon

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

July 916	(83)	(67)
Envelopes	\$3,283	\$2,206
Plate	222	130
Kids		4
Total	\$3,505	\$2,340

WELCOME...Fr. Bill Gordon who is still with us to celebrate our weekend masses for a bit longer. Also, a warm welcome to all parishioners and visitors with us today.

MPDO APPEAL

The second collection next Sunday (7/29-7/30) will be taken up for the **Missionary Projects of the Diocese of Ogdensburg**. This special collection will support our Solidarity of Faith efforts in the Diocese Of Lattakia in Syria as well as continued financial support of our former mission in Mollendo, Peru while also supporting the U.S. Bishop's annual appeal for Latin America and to help any other missionary projects throughout the world that the Diocese might deem appropriate as part of its evangelization effort.

Special envelopes for this collection are in your envelope sequence. Thank You.

SPECIAL THANKS

....to those who helped last Sunday with the reception for our newly Commissioned Lay Minister, Pat Gladd.

...to *Reggie LaFontaine* for repairing and repainting the outside Sacristy door. Looks 100% better

FRIENDLY REMINDER: THE PARISH OFFICE WILL CLOSED ON FRIDAYS FOR THE REMAINDER OF JULY AND AUGUST!

PLEASE READ!!!

CEMETERY REQUIREMENTS... All cremations & full burials in both Church St. and Prospect St. Cemeteries are to be done by our approved grave digger. Absolutely NO digging without the permission of the Parish Office. This ensures that each burial is in accordance with the REQUIRED SPECIFICATIONS and that accurate locations and proper recordings of burials can be maintained. Foundations for monuments are also to be approved by the Parish Office. Thank you!

Please note: Fr. Lewis will begin saying daily mass at St. Mary's and St. Patrick's. This week daily Mass will be at St. Patrick's on Monday and at St. Mary's on Thursday both at 9:00am. Please check your bulletin each week for the mass times.

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

"It's Time! Say 'Yes' to God's Plan for Married Love." The theme for this year's National NFP Awareness Week (July 23-29) challenges us to embrace God's beautiful plan for marriage. It's time that we reacquaint ourselves with God's design for marriage that has been revealed to us in the Scriptures and Church teaching. It's time that we, as parish families, married couples and as individuals, recommit ourselves to teaching our youth the beauty of the sacrament of Holy Matrimony. It's time to look critically at what society is telling us about love, marriage, and sex in light of God's law of love. Yes, we know it's time. In fact, that is one of the reasons why we have chosen Strengthening Faith Formation in Family Life as an important diocesan priority, particularly through family catechesis. It's time!

We need to reclaim our rich faith heritage concerning the Sacrament of Marriage and God's loving plan for husband, wife and children. It's time to support and embrace the precious gift of the family. Whenever we try to bring God into the public square, we are often scolded for "imposing" our beliefs, our individual morality on others. More and more, expressing concern for the common good and any discussion of right and wrong bring a negative response. It's Time! Say 'Yes' to God's Plan for Married Love.

In their pastoral letter, Marriage: Love and Life in the Divine Plan, the U.S. Bishops write that "God's plan for marriage is a firm foundation, a truthful guide, a trustworthy light for the way." So, we continue to preach the truth about marriage and responsible parenthood. It remains a trustworthy light for our world, darkened by sin and self-gratification, by fostering faithful and generous life-giving spousal love.

This week, the Church engages in a national educational campaign on the gift of Natural Family Planning. NFP is about giving oneself freely, totally, faithfully, and fruitfully to another person in marriage. To many, such a commitment seems nearly impossible today. To make oneself totally vulnerable, to sacrifice for the love of another is the heroism of the marital vocation. Such a self-less witness for life is a tangible sign of hope.

Please visit our NFP office at our diocesan website: www.rcdony.org to learn more about this important element of the Church's teaching on marriage. We are truly blessed to have Suzanne and Angelo Pietropaoli serve as our diocesan directors of Natural Family Planning. Please contact them at the NFP office at 518-483-0459 or via email at apietropaoli@rcdony.org for more information or assistance in this important ministry that makes for stronger marriages and healthy, happier families.

*Faithfully yours in Christ,
Most Reverend Terry R. LaValley
Bishop of Ogdensburg*

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - the remainder of the Vacation Bible School dates at St. Patrick's has been cancelled due to lack of interest.

K OF C PILGRIMAGE

The annual NYS Council Pilgrimage is scheduled at St. Ann's Shrine on July 23 with Mass celebrated by Bishop LaValley at 12:15pm. A BBQ following Mass, sponsored by the Peru Council is open to all K of C families on a donation basis. Rosary and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament will close out the day in late afternoon.

Summer Retreat: "Praying with the Psalms of Creation" is being held on August 11-13, 2017 in Guggenheim Lodge, Saranac Lake. Facilitators: Sister Bethany Fitzgerald, SSJ, Adult Faith Educator, Paul Gibaldi, Adirondack Wilderness Guide and photographer with Fr. Paul Kelly as celebrant of Liturgy on Saturday. Suggested Offering: \$145 (includes all meals Friday evening through Sun. afternoon). Theme: Like the Psalmist who prayed with the mystery and magnificence of God's presence in creation, retreatants are invited to discover anew the whispers of God's love in the midst of the Adirondack mountains. Like Jesus who often revealed lessons for living from the natural world, participants are invited to ponder the mysteries of Creation revealed in the season of summer. To register, call 315-2126592 or email srbethssj@gmail.com by August 9.

CEMETERY REMINDERS

As of July 1, 2017, the cost to open and close a grave will be \$500. The opening and closing of cremation remains at \$150.

NO ARTIFICIAL flowers or arrangements allowed in our cemeteries. Also, please remember it is your responsibility to care for planted or potted flowers. As a parish, we should do all we can to cooperate with the established rules. Thank you!

COMMUNITY EVENTS

...**Sacred Heart Parish, Chazy** - indoor yard sale in conjunction with Chazy Town Wide Sale on Saturday, July 29 from 8 - 4.

..**St. Patrick's Rouses Pt. Car Show** - Sunday, Aug. 20 from 10am to 3pm. **Please note: Sunday Mass will be at 8:00am at St. Patrick's and at 10:00am at St. Mary's for this day ONLY!**

...**CTC Customer Appreciation Day** - Saturday, Aug. 12 from 9am - 2pm. Garage Sale/Raffle Drawings. All benefi the local libraris in Champlain, Rouses Pt., Mooers, Altona.

REMEMBER TO VISIT: www.stmaryschamplain.org for current bulletins, mass times, and much more!