



DECEMBER 31 , 2017

Joseph and Mary brought Jesus to the temple to be consecrated. Simeon, a holy and pious man, took the child in his arms, and Anna, the prophetess, gave thanks to God.

MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30

4:00PM + (St. Pat's) Richard Anctil by his Family
5:30PM + (St. Mary's) Ronald & Anna Gooley by Homer & Mary Bushey

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

8:00AM + (St. Mary's) Jack Favreau by Class of 62'
10:00AM +(St. Pat's) 7th Anniversary of Dorothy Sweeny by her Family

NEW YEAR'S EVE, SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD DECEMBER 31

4:00PM + (St. Mary's) Elton Burky by Steve & Linda Burky & Family

NEW YEAR'S DAY, SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD JANUARY 1

9:00AM+ (St. Pat's) Barbara Jean Bodette Sommese by Paul Corbiere

TUESDAY, JANUARY 2

9:00AM +(St. Pat's) Eleanore Gladd by Doris & Gary Neale

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3

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

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4

9:00AM + (St. Mary's) Lucille Racine by Eva Woitazek

FRIDAY, JANUARY 5

9:00AM + (St. Pat's) Rene Bedard by Ron & Lori Langlois
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

11:00AM Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6

4:00PM + (St. Pat's) 11th Anniversary of Sandra Proulx by Joseph Proulx & Family

5:30PM + (St. Mary's) Kevin Castine by Donald & Family

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7

8:00AM + (St. Mary's) Iona & Albert Morrelli by Andy & Diane
10:00AM +(St. Pat's) 1st Anniversary of Lawrence Pelkey by Sheila & Brian Pelkey & Family

PRAYER REQUESTS: Patrick Leibach, Janet Carey, David Poole, Pauline Scriver, Pat Lewis, Ron Frennier, Deacon Laszlo, Jane Sample.

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

Please pray for all of our Military including: Maritza St. John-Lester, Reese Tucker, Avery Trombley, Shawn LaFontaine.

NO SUNDAY MORNING RELIGIOUS ED UNTIL

JANUARY 7th 2018!

ENJOY YOUR BREAK!

VIGIL CANDLE - 30

(St. Joseph) Elton Burky by Steve & Linda Burky & Family

SANCTUARY LAMP - 30

In Memory of Phillip, Mildred, Richard Anctil and Carl & Carol Castine by Calvin & Judy Castine

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

DECEMBER 24	2017	2016
	(65)	(64)
Envelopes	\$2,240	\$2,049
Make-ups		
Plate	106	
Kids	2	
Total:	\$2,348	\$2,049
Christmas	\$2,811	\$2,092

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous gift of \$2,811 in our Christmas Collection. Like every North Country parish we forward 75% of the collection to the diocese to fund pensions for retired priests. Pension needs for the future as well as obligations for the next year are being met thanks to your generosity!

MANY THANKS

To all who helped in any way to decorate our church for the Christmas Season. We have a beautiful church and the decorations certainly enhance the beauty of it.

Thanks also to Deacon Hinerth, the Music Ministry, the altar servers, the little children who participated in the Christmas Eve Pageant, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers & Ushers. We truly appreciate all of your help.

THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

The Church celebrates the Birth of the Lord until the Feast of the Baptism of Jesus which is January 8th.

NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULE —

New Year's Mass

(St. Mary's) Sunday, Dec. 31 @ 4:00PM
(St. Pat's) Monday, January 1, at 9:00AM

Parish Office Closed

Monday, January 1

ADDITIONAL CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS...

... LaPorte, Goyette Families, Theresa Castine, Lillian Myles by Roy & Geraldine Goyette

...Nevader & Stump Families by M/M George Nevader

...Members of Lucy Mayo Family

...John Paul Tetreault, Roland & JoAnne Tetreault, Paul Demers by Dan & Kathy Tetreault

...Joseph & Anita Sarchioto by Christine Prell

...A. Matott & L. Cote Family by M/M Alfred Matott

...Paul Cloutier & Rochester & Trombley Families by Elaine Cloutier

FROM FR. LEWIS....many thanks for your Christmas Cheer. I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude for your gifts and kind wishes this Christmas season, not only for the personal gifts, but also the gifts to our parish throughout the year.

We all need a New Year's Day, a moment to examine and renew, a moment to firm up our determination, a moment to reconsider or establish goals, a moment to refresh our minds and direct our wills.

BEST WISHES FOR A HAPPY NEW YEAR

FILLED WITH JOY, PEACE AND LOVE!

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 sanitizers are available on the radiator covers for use by parishioners.

A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU

Thank you to all who do so much for the good of St. Mary's Parish Family: our Trustees, Parish Council, Finance Council, Cemetery, Christian Formation Programs, the Knights of Columbus, the Catholic Daughters, the Parish Music Ministry, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Ushers, Greeters, Altar Servers, ALL volunteers and finally to our parishioners and friends. "Thank You". You are appreciated.

2017 BISHOP'S FUND APPEAL

If you have not already contributed to the Bishop's Fund Appeal, it is not too late. To date St. Mary's total toward the goal of \$8,026 is \$7,421.24. Thank you to all who have so generously contributed. Pledge envelopes are located on the radiator covers or log onto the diocesan website www.rcdony.org.

CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL BULLETIN

Extra Christmas Memorial Bulletins are available on the radiator covers. Please be sure to pick up a copy.

"Perfectly YOURSELF" By Author Matthew Kelly

Please take a book as you leave church located in the rear of the church.

Just be yourself! People say it all the time, but how do we actually live it? For more than a decade Matthew Kelly has been helping people discover the best-version-of-themselves. Now, in Perfectly Yourself, he addresses the opportunities and obstacles that we encounter once we decide to ask life's big questions: Who am I? What am I here for? Focusing on nine powerful and practical lessons, Kelly shows us how to find lasting happiness in a changing world.

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM BISHOP LAVALLEY

(in case you missed it last week)

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

I have asked the youth of our Diocese to provide me with a cover design for this year's Christmas card. I received many fine pieces of art, many of which were captioned with verses from Scripture. One citation that surfaced on a few cards is from St. Luke's Infancy Narrative: **"The angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.'" (Luke 2:10)**

What an appropriate message for each of us to reflect upon this Christmas. We should give careful attention to this angelic proclamation that offers such hope and heavenly happiness to all people. Fear, bad news and division seem to be having their way in our world today. In the midst of such darkness, we remember that there is no reason to be afraid because God brings Good News of great joy for all of God's people through His Son, born of Mary. "Do not be afraid." I need not provide a list of serious concerns that today cause so many to fear what tomorrow may bring. No matter the heartache, this is a season of hope and joy. Jesus is the One who rescues humanity from sin and delivers us from the condition of alienation from God. With His birth, the Christ Child brings an unfathomable gift that we must unwrap to enjoy. He brings salvation to all humanity. But in order to enjoy the salvation won for us, our personal encounter with Jesus must be tended to through a lifelong journey of love and service.

Just a few weeks ago, I consecrated the Diocese of Ogdensburg to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, the Mother of Jesus. We know that Mary submitted humbly and totally to God's will, even without fully understanding it. By saying "yes" to God's mysterious will, she enabled salvation to enter the world through the birth of her Son. We must tug at her sleeve, she who desires so much to lead us, all of us, to Jesus.

We want to follow Jesus. Christ-led and Christ-fed, we can be hope-filled and not weighed down by the menace of evil. As we celebrate the birth of our Savior and greet a New Year, let us unwrap the gift of salvation offered by making Mary's words our own: "Let it be done to me according to thy word." May the Christ Child bring you and your loved ones the Gift of Love, the Blessing of Hope and the Promise of Peace. A blessed Christmas and joy-filled New Year!

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

LOOKING AHEAD,...

...February 24 @ 10:00am - First Penance.

...May 27th - BAZAAR!!

...June 9 @ 5:30pm - First Communion.

NEW PARISHIONERS...Welcome! We warmly invite you to join our faith community. To register please visit the parish office Monday through Friday or you can pick up one of the registration/census forms located on the radiator covers, fill out and return