



**JANUARY 7, 2018**

**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

*The maji 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 6**

4:00PM + (St. Pat's ) 11<sup>th</sup> 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) 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of Lawrence Pelkey by Sheila & Brian Pelkey & Family

**MONDAY, JANUARY 8**

9:00AM + (St. Pat's) Robert & Neil Guay by Virginia



**TUESDAY, JANUARY 9**

9:00AM +(St. Pat's) Roger Ahrens by Mary & Char Archabald

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10**

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

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 11**

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

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 5**

9:00AM + ( St. Mary's) Elsie Mayo by Veronica & Bob Lacount

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 12**

4:00PM + (St. Pat's ) 11<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Marcel Bechard by his Wife & Family

5:30PM + (St. Mary's) Darriel Demers by wife Joyce, Children and Grandchildren

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 13**

8:00AM + (St. Mary's) Georgianna Castine by Karen, Kaley & Katie

10:00AM +(St. Pat's) 7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Simonne Dessureault by her 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.

**SUNDAY MORNING RELIGIOUS ED**

**JANUARY 7<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 - 10:30am**

**Class will also be held for grades 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 in the sacristy.**

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE DROP BOX ON THE PORCH TO LEAVE PAPERS, ETC. IF OFFICE IS CLOSED.**

**VIGIL CANDLE - JANUARY 6-13**

*(St. Joseph ) Donald Allen Sr. By Kaley & Katie*

*(St. Ann) Georgianna Castine by Kaley & Katie*

**SANCTUARY LAMP - JANUARY 6-13**

*In Memory of Deceased Parishioners*

**WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP**

DECEMBER 31	2017	2016
	<b>(62)</b>	<b>(60)</b>
Envelopes	\$1,919	\$1,704
Make-ups		
Plate	122	104
Kids		
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$2,041</b>	<b>\$1,808</b>
<i>Sol. of Mary(Jan. 1)</i>	<b>\$ 524</b>	<b>\$480</b>

**CHRISTMAS COLLECTION**

*Thank you for your generous gift of \$2,947 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!*

**DID YOU KNOW.....***the Baptism of the Lord (Jan. 8) closes the Christmas Season. Ordinary Church time then begins on January 9 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!**

**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.*

**TAKING DOWN DECORATIONS**

**Our Church looked beautiful for Christmas, but now it's time to take the decorations down and pack them away for another year. If you are interested in lending a hand, please join us on Tuesday at 10am at the Church.**

**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 is \$7,441.24. We are at 92.7% and only \$584.76 away from meeting our goal of \$8,026. 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](http://www.rcdony.org).**

**"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.

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 NEW YEAR**

**FILLED WITH JOY, PEACE AND LOVE!**

**LOOKING AHEAD: RESPECT LIFE SECOND COLLECTION: January 27/28**

The Diocese of Ogdensburg Respect Life Second Collection will be held in our parishes in January, commemorating the anniversary of the Supreme Court's Roe v. Wade decision of 1973 which legalized abortion in our nation. In 2018, this collection will be held the weekend of January 27/28. The purpose of the collection is to support & encourage efforts that affirm & promote the respect of human life from fertilization to natural death.

**INFORMATIONAL WORKSHOP ON ANNULMENTS**

**Sponsored by the Matrimonial Tribunal of the Diocese of Ogdensburg.**

- Monday, January 29 from 6:30 - 8:00pm Emmaus Room - St. Peter's, Plattsburgh

This free workshop is for people who wish to explore beginning the annulment process and will be conducted the Staff of the Matrimonial Tribunal. Topics covered: Marriage/Divorce - what is my status as a divorced person in the Church? Do I need an annulment? The Annulment Process and forms. The Tribunal Staff will be on hand to answer any individual questions. To register or for questions contact 315-605-1087.

**MARCH FOR LIFE IN PLATTSBURGH, NY: Champlain Valley Gathering to support Sacredness of Life.**

Sunday, 14 January: Our March begins at St. John the 23rd Newman Center, Broad St. Plattsburgh at 12:30pm and ends at St. John the Baptist Church. Approximately a 15-minute walk. Those who are not able to walk may go directly to St. John's church. Presentation begins at 1pm. Guest speaker is Mr. Jack Lukasiewicz, Chairman of the Champlain Valley Right to Life. He has assisted in promoting pro-life events including the Plattsburgh Good Friday Stations of the Cross Prayer Service, Clinton County Fair Right to Life Booth, National Life Chain Sunday, and National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children. Deacon Jack serves in Our Lady of Victory (OLV) Parish and is member of its Knights of Columbus Council 13127. A reception follows in St. John's Parish Center. For additional info contact [deaconjack@olvc.org](mailto:deaconjack@olvc.org)

**LOOKING AHEAD,...**

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

**...May 27<sup>th</sup> - 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

**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 everlasting life, where we will praise you and Jesus and the Holy Spirit for ever.