

January 10, 2010

St. Joseph's Special Collections

- 1/10 - Fuel
- 1/17 - St. Mary's Academy (CCD)
- 1/24 - Respect Life

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WEEKLY COLLECTION

St. Patrick's		St. Joseph's	
Last year	\$4018	Last year	\$490
Last week	\$3751 (Envelopes \$3437, Plate \$314)	Last week	\$612 (Envelopes \$590, Plate \$22)
Solemnity of Mary	\$859	Solemnity of Mary	\$74

PRAYER LIST

(These names will be listed for two months and then removed, unless we hear otherwise. If a name was removed and needs to be placed on the list again, please call the Rectory.)

Bea St. Pierre, Barbara Sterling, Norman Duquette, Evelyn Hatcher, Aline Terry, Rose Bombardier, Cheryl Patch, Mamie Myers

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of Catherine Dupee and Gerald Gaudette. Also please pray for all those listed in our Community Intention Book and all the sick of our area.

LECTOR/ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULE

January 9 / 10		January 16 / 17	
4:00PM	Volunteer Kyler Guay	4:00PM	Ted Favro Julia Herzog, Celine Houle
7:30PM	Brenda Jolicoeur	7:30PM	John Oldham
10:00AM	Arsene Letourneau Joel Herzog & Julia Herzog	10:00AM	Connie Boutin Alyssa Menard

MASS INTENTIONS

January

Sat. 9 **(Anticipated) The Baptism of the Lord**
 4:00PM _ Millie Sample by Andy & Barb Guay
 7:30PM **(St. Joseph's)** Leo Major by Norman & Rejeanne Lefebvre

Sun. 10 **The Baptism of the Lord**
 10:00AM _ Richard Favreau by Thelma LaFountain

Mon. 11 **Weekday**
9:00AM _ Souls in Purgatory by Aline Bedard

Tue. 12 **Weekday**
9:00AM _ James Hanna by Kathleen Hanna

Wed. 13 **Weekday**
 8:00AM Communion Service

Thur. 14 **Weekday**
9:00AM _ Colleen Frenya by her Friends

Fri. 15 **Weekday**
9:00AM _ Charles Davies by wife Helen & Family

Sat. 16 **(Anticipated) Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 4:00PM _ 3rd Anniversary of Sandra Proulx by Joseph Proulx & Family
 7:30PM **(St. Joseph's)** Albert Proulx by Mary & Pauline Proulx

Sun. 17 **Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 10:00AM _ 3rd Anniversary of Gerry Rowe by John & Family

**ST. PATRICK'S
SANCTUARY LAMP**

Parishioners of St. Patrick's

**ATTENTION
ALL
LECTORS AND
ALTAR SERVERS**

Please take the time to fill in the sign-up sheet in the Sacristy letting us know what Mass you would prefer to be scheduled at since we will no longer have the 8:00AM Mass.

Notes from the Pastor's Desk

FOR YOUR INFORMATION ... As you may have noticed, we have begun using the “_” symbol before most of our Mass intentions listed above. The purpose of this symbol is to signify that the Mass is for a deceased person(s). If the symbol is not used, the Mass may be for a special intention, birthday or wedding anniversary.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS ... As we have larger numbers at our Masses, especially the 4:00PM, we will be needing Eucharistic Ministers to assist in distributing Communion to the parishioners as well as to the choir. Therefore, please take the time sign-up in the Sacristy for the Masses that you are available. We will need three Eucharistic Ministers for each Mass.

SIGN OF PEACE ... Some parishioners have questioned why we do not do the sign of peace anymore. A few months ago, a directive was issued from the Diocese to discontinue the sign of peace during this cold and flu season. We have just received notice that this practice has been reinstated. Therefore, those wanting to extend the sign of peace to their neighbors may do so if they wish, while still respecting those who would prefer not to. The choice is yours.

THANK YOU ... As the Christmas season comes to an end, we would like to express our thanks to all those who helped in any way during this time. We appreciate all the donations to our food shelf, the Angel Tree, Christmas flowers, etc., but especially to those who give their time as well by helping with the Children's Christmas Party, decorating the church, caring for the plants, putting up and taking down decorations, etc. We are grateful to all of you now and throughout the year.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION CLASSES ... Christian Formation classes resume this weekend, including Confirmation, which will be held in the Parish Center at 6:30PM.

REMINDER TO FIRST, SECOND, EIGHTH AND NINTH GRADE STUDENTS ... Don't forget to sign up on Sundays and Holy Days! Sign-up sheets are in the upstairs church lobby.

2010 CALENDARS ... There are still copies of the St. Patrick's and St. Joseph's 2010 calendars available. If you have not already done so, please pick up your copy in the church lobbies.

90TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION ... Family and friends of Roland LeBlanc are invited to join him in celebration of his 90th Birthday on Sunday, January 17 from 1:00 to 3:00PM at the American Legion Post 912. All are welcome!

ROSARY ALTAR CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON ... Monday, January 11, 2010 at 1:00PM at Best Friends Restaurant. RSVP Jackie (297-7011) if you plan to attend.

AMERICAN LEGION POST 912 SPAGHETTI DINNER ... Friday, January 15, 5:00PM. Adults \$8, Children under 12 \$5. Take-outs available.

34TH PLATTSBURGH MARCH FOR LIFE ... sponsored by the Champlain Valley Right to Life Sunday, January 17, 1:30PM, Newman Center, 90 Broad St., followed by a program at St. John's Church, 20 Broad St. at 2:00PM. Guest speaker will be Rita Diller, National Director of Stop Planned Parenthood (STOPP).

ST. PATRICK'S FOOD SHELF ... Many thanks to Lakeside Coffee, Rouses Point Gourmet Group and K of C #2366 for their recent donations to our food shelf. At the same time, we are asking that you please check the expiration dates on the food that is donated as we must try to ensure that the food being given out is not outdated. Many thanks for your cooperation.

HOURS: Sunday, January 17, 11:30AM to 1:00PM

If you have a need, other than on the Sundays listed, please call 297-6208 or 297-8060 for an appointment.

ATTENTION ENVELOPE USERS ... Anyone wishing to make up their envelopes for 2009, please do so as we are beginning preparation of income tax receipts for the year. Please note that these receipts will be in the form of a letter which will show a separate total for church contributions (parish offerings) and a total for extra contributions (special collections, parish improvement, etc.) with a grand total at the bottom. These letters will be automatically done for those who requested a letter last year. If you would like to receive a receipt, please indicate this on your envelope, dropping a note in the collection basket or calling the Rectory. **Please note that a letter will automatically be done for all St. Joseph's parishioners who have been using envelopes for 2009.**

JANUARY JOB SEARCH WORKSHOPS ... Wednesdays, January 13, 20 & 27, 7:00 - 9:00PM, Dodge Memorial Library. A trainer from the Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library System will present a slideshow and provide printed handouts with lists of resources, including information about the new Learning Express test practice and job skills database. Call 297-6242 for more information.

CHRISTMAS COLLECTIONS ... Many thanks for your very generous contributions to our Christmas collection. Like every North Country parish, we forward 60% plus \$500 per priest 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 generous donations. The breakdown of the collections at both St. Patrick's and St. Joseph's is shown below. Please note that the Priest's Retirement Fund is \$500 for each priest in a parish. Since there is only one priest at St. Patrick's and St. Joseph's, the amount is divided equally between the two parishes.

As of January 8, the St. Patrick's Christmas Collection is \$4605. It will be broken down as follows:

\$2763.00	60% of collection for Priests' Retirement Fund and their Special Needs
+ 250.00	Priest's Retirement Fund
\$3013.00	Sent to Ogdensburg
\$1592.00	Remains at St. Patrick's

As of January 8, the St. Joseph's Christmas Collection is \$506. It will be broken down as follows:

\$303.60	60% of collection for Priests' Retirement Fund
+250.00	Priest's Retirement Fund
\$553.60	Sent to Ogdensburg
\$47.60	Additional funds sent from St. Joseph's

Why Catholic?—Feast of Epiphany—Small Community Leader Training Sessions ... The King of All ... The Mission of Jesus is the Mission of the Christian - "...and the Holy Spirit descended upon Him..." It is the same Holy Spirit that descended upon us at our Baptism. What a dramatic moment for Jesus to begin His mission and a dramatic moment for each of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus! Jesus was sent forth by the Father to begin preaching about the Kingdom of God. Our baptism reveals that we are especially loved and chosen by God to continue the mission of Jesus in our home, parish, workplace, and community. What does your baptism mean to you? A strong prayer life nurtures and sustains the mission of the Church. **Training for Small Group Leaders will be held on Wednesday, January 27, 1:00-3:00PM or 7:00-9:00PM at St. Peter's Emmaus Hall.** Disciples' Prayer begins Sunday, January 16/17. Sign-Up Sunday and Prayer Commitment Sunday is Sunday 23/24. Sessions begin on February 15, 2010.

Please call the Rectory by January 15 if you plan to attend this training session at St. Peter's. The books for the new session are available at the Rectory and should be brought to the session.

NOTE OF THANKS ... On the weekend of December 19-20 I was blessed to be able to speak at the masses at St. Patrick's. I first wanted to thank you all for allowing me to speak. Having moved away from Rouses Point a number of years ago, it was incredible to see from the outside how warm and welcoming a parish you are. Second, I would like to thank you for your generosity. Even with the holidays around the corner I was able to raise almost \$800 for my mission, money that will be going directly to feeding the poor, building homes, and to spreading the Gospel. I could never thank you enough for your support, and so I will leave that up to our generous God. I look forward to the next time I will be home so that I will be able to share the amazing things that God is doing in our world today through us, his humble servants. If you would like to keep in touch with me and my mission, make a further donation, or if you would like to see where your prayers and financial support are going, feel free to e-mail me at missions.james@gmail.com or visit our website at www.fmcmiissions.com. May the peace of Christ be with all of you throughout this New Year.

God Bless, James Franke

***LET US KEEP THESE MEN AND WOMEN AND ALL OTHER MILITARY PERSONNEL
AND THEIR FAMILIES IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS***

Teddy Woitazek, Mandy McCammon, Chad McCammon, Paul Langley, Mike Casey, Patrick Rosenberg, Colleen Kelly, Jarred Hayes,
Ben Brassard, Craig Jackson, James Gonyo II, Justin R. Moore, Richard LaFlame, Ray LaFlame, Richard John Lebel