

February 21, 2010

St. Joseph's Special Collections

2/21 - Eastern Europe
2/28 - Parish Improvement

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WEEKLY COLLECTION

St. Patrick's		St. Joseph's	
Last year	\$3387	Last year	\$374
Last week	\$3607 (Envelopes \$3155, Plate \$452)	Last week	\$486 (Envelopes \$430, Plate \$56)

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, Thelma LaFountain, Daniel LaBombard

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of Ellen Decosse and Ron Zak. Also please pray for all those listed in our Community Intention Book and all the sick of our area.

LECTOR/EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS/ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULE

February 20 / 21	February 27 / 28
4:00PM Ted Favro Silva Mary Marnes, Pat Racine, Pat Carey Joel Herzog, Julia Herzog	4:00PM Pat Racine Silva Mary Marnes, Tracy Armstrong Celine Houle
7:30PM Martina Oldham	7:30PM Eleanor Reynolds
10:00AM Connie Boutin Tom Bechard, Terry Bechard, Connie Boutin Celine Houle	10:00AM David FitzGerald Mary Racicot, Pat Carey Alyssa Menardl, Kyler Guay

MASS INTENTIONS

February	
Sat. 20	(Anticipated) First Sunday of Lent Ruth Legnard by Allan & Merrie Nautel
4:00PM	
7:30PM	(St. Joseph's) Chudleigh Foshier by M/M Lenard Barcomb
Sun. 21	First Sunday of Lent
10:00AM	Glenn Wilder by Ann
Mon. 22	The Chair of St. Peter
9:00AM	Eva & Peter Gosselin by their Girls
Tue. 23	Lenten Weekday
9:00AM	Ruth Legnard by M/M Charles Duffy
Wed. 24	Lenten Weekday
5:30PM	21 st Anniversary of Shirley Jefferson by Paul Jefferson
Thur. 25	Lenten Weekday
9:00AM	Ethel Ashline by Carolyn
Fri. 26	Lenten Weekday
9:00AM	Ruth Legnard by Venita McChesney
Sat. 27	Stations of the Cross
4:00PM	(Anticipated) Second Sunday of Lent
7:30PM	Donna Farmer by Owen & Laurie
Sun. 28	(St. Joseph's) John Bechard by his Wife & Family
10:00AM	Second Sunday of Lent
	Jules Trahan by Joan & Bruce Seguin

ST. PATRICK'S SANCTUARY LAMP

Philip DiDomenico
by his Family

***** REMINDER *****

RICE BOWL DINNERS
(with homemade soups, rolls, fruit,
beverage)
FOLLOWING
5:30PM MASS
ON WEDNESDAYS
IN ST. PATRICK'S
PARISH HALL
ALL ARE INVITED!

Notes from the Pastor's Desk

COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE ... Great needs remain in the Church of Central and Eastern Europe. Some parishes still need a proper place to celebrate Mass; some dioceses cannot maintain necessary social and charitable works; most cannot support basic pastoral works; most cannot support basic pastoral work. Today, we ask you to donate generously to the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Give faith to the future.

NORTH COUNTRY CATHOLIC ... The annual North Country Catholic subscription campaign begins this weekend. The price for a year's subscription to the paper is \$25 for Catholics within the Diocese of Ogdensburg. Support for the Catholic Press in the North Country through patron subscriptions at \$35, \$50, \$100 and \$250 allows the newspaper to maintain an affordable subscription rate for all. The North Country Catholic is the best way for us to be informed and stay connected with the 108,000 members of our diocesan family. Please enter your subscription today. Extra issues of the paper and subscription envelopes are available at the entrances to the church.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO HAITIAN RELIEF ... Please note that individuals who make a contribution to charities providing relief to Haiti in 2010 may include such contribution as an itemized deduction for their 2009 federal income tax return, as long as the contribution is made prior to March 1, 2010.

ST. PATRICK'S RAFFLE TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE!!
Over \$4100 in cash and prizes
\$1 each or 6 for \$5.00
DRAWING TO BE HELD ON SUNDAY, MARCH 21 AT 3:00PM

CHRISTIAN FORMATION CLASSES ... There are no Christian Formation classes this weekend. They will resume on February 28.

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.

RICE BOWL DINNERS ... We have begun our Rice Bowl Dinners in the Parish Hall after the 5:30PM Masses on Wednesdays. The dinners consist of soups, crackers/rolls, fruit and a beverage. There is no charge for these dinners. The purpose is to make a donation to Operation Rice Bowl based on what you would normally spend on a supper. Last year, over \$1010 was raised. 75% of contributions to Operation Rice Bowl support Catholic Relief Services' development projects overseas and Lenten education activities in the United States. 25% of contributions remain in our diocese to fund local hunger and poverty alleviation programs. As was done last year, different organizations in our parish will each take a week and have its members prepare the soups. If you wish to make a donation towards the cost of rolls, fruit, crackers or beverages rather than making a soup, that would be appreciated as well. We hope you will join us for these dinners for good company and delicious soups!

ST. MARY'S ACADEMY ... is inviting parents and children (Pre-K - Grade 6) to spend a day at the school during February and March. St. Mary's has a dedicated staff and strong academic program where gospel values are taught and lived. They have soccer and basketball teams as well as skating, skiing and bowling during the winter months. There is an aftercare program and tuition assistance is available. Please call Sister Marie Cordata (298-3372) or visit their website for more information (www.stmarysacademy.net).

ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY ... The St. Patrick's Rosary Altar Society is always looking for new members. Please note that members need not be parishioners of St. Patrick's. Meetings are held on the first Monday of each month. Call Jackie Ducharme at 297-7111 for more information.

ST. PATRICK'S FOOD SHELF ... Sunday, February 21, 11:30AM to 1:00PM. If you have a need, other than on the Sunday listed, please call 297-6208 or 297-8060 for an appointment.

ATTENTION ENVELOPE USERS ... There are still 2009 tax receipts on the table in the St. Patrick's Church lobby that have not been picked up. Please note that if you made a donation to the 2009 Bishop's Fund, it is not included in your total. There is a letter included in your envelope showing the amount you gave. If you do not see your receipt, please call the Rectory or sign the sheet that is on the table. St. Joseph's parishioners who have been using envelopes for 2009 will find their receipts in the St. Joseph's Church lobby.

ROSARY ... Each Tuesday at 11:00AM, the Rosary will be prayed at the Senior Housing on Manor Drive in Rouses Point. All are welcome.

MONTHLY SUNDAY MORNING BREAKFASTS ... February 21 and March 21, 8:00AM to Noon, St. Ann's Center, Mooers Forks. Menu: Sausage Patties/Links, Ham, Eggs (to Order), Home Fries, French Toast, Pancakes, Coffee, Orange Juice, Milk, Cinnamon Roll and more! Cost \$7.

ALL YOU CAN EAT BREAKFAST ... Sunday, March 7, 8:00AM to Noon, St. Joseph's Parish Center, West Chazy. Menu includes: Pancakes, Sausage, Ham, Scrambled Eggs, Home Fries, Beverages. Adults \$7, 6-10 \$3, 5 & Under Free.

FISH FRY ... Friday, March 12, 5:00PM to ???, American Legion Post 912, Pratt Street. Cost \$8. All are welcome!

FOURTH ANNUAL HAM RAFFLE ... Friday, March 19, 7:00PM, St. Joseph's Parish Center, West Chazy. Lots of prizes! Everyone welcome!

Why Catholic? Christian Prayer: Deepening My Experience of God ... Session 2: Prayer in the Old Testament ... Jesus' prayer is rooted in the prayers in the Jewish prayer tradition. His direct address to God, His praise of God's work in creation and salvation history, and His emphasis on the prayer of petition as found in the Our Father were expressed in the Book of Psalms. The prayer of the Old Testament figures, e.g. Abraham, Isaac, Moses, the prophets, and the People of God flourished in the shadow of the dwelling place of God's presence on earth, the Ark of the Covenant, and the Temple, under the guidance of their shepherds, especially King David, and of the prophets (CCC 2591-2594). It is never too late to join a Small Community Faith Group to learn more about the prayer of our ancient ancestors and to share your own prayer experiences.

2010 ST. PATRICK'S FESTIVAL

Our St. Patrick's Festival will be held on **Sunday, March 21, 2010**. A Turkey Dinner with all the trimmings will be served from 11:30AM to 2:30PM. We have decided not to hold our auction this year. Instead, we will have 47 items on our big ticket raffle totaling over \$4100 in cash and prizes. These items will include cash prizes as well as many of the items which were part of our auction in the past. **Three books of tickets have just been mailed out to all our parishioners. We would appreciate your help in disposing of as many tickets as possible. They are \$1 each or 6 tickets for \$5. If you did not receive any or would like more, they are available at the church entrances or the Rectory.** The Rosary Altar Society will have their Craft/Jewelry Table with raffles, but will also have a White Elephant Table. Therefore, we are looking for new and used items in good condition as well as jewelry. These items can be dropped off daily in the Parish Hall from 8:30AM to 3:30PM. We will also have a children's booth with games, a religious articles booth and a 50/50 Raffle.

In conjunction with our festival, we will have two 20-Week Clubs. Tickets for the first 20-Week Club will be available next week. The cost is \$20 per ticket. The drawing for the first 20-Week Club will be on May 3 and continue each week through September 13. The second 20-Week Club is planned to run from October through February.

With the above in mind, we are looking for cash donations that will be used for our raffle ticket as well as to purchase items for our dinner and other various expenses associated with the festival. Please call the Rectory and let us know as soon as possible if you would like to make a donation.

LENTEN PARISH MISSION ... at St. Mary's Parish, Champlain, presented by Fr. J. Roger McGuinness. Theme: From Darkness to Light: A Journey with Jesus. Mission Masses will be held as follows with the Sacrament of Reconciliation available after each Mass: February 27, 5:30PM and February 28, 8:00AM ~ *The Second Sunday of Lent*; March 1, 7:00PM ~ *Eucharistic Spirituality*; March 2, 7:00PM ~ *Cross Stamped Spirituality*; March 3, 7:00PM ~ *Resurrection Spirituality*.

Lenten Regulations 2010

1. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting (for ages 18 to 59).
2. **All Fridays of Lent, including Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, are days of abstinence from meat** (ages 14 and older).
3. The entire season of Lent should be observed in a spirit of prayer and penance, such as extra time in prayer, attending daily Mass, voluntary sacrifice and self denial, works of charity and service to others.
4. All Catholics who have reached the age of reason must confess their *serious sins* in the Sacrament of Penance at least once a year and receive Holy Communion at least once each year during the Easter season (February 20, the First Sunday of Lent, until Trinity Sunday, May 30). This law is referred to as the Easter Duty.

5. Although other seasons are more suitable, the celebration of marriage and the Nuptial Mass are not forbidden during Lent, according to the New Code of Canon Law.

**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