

March 1, 2009

FR. CLYDE A. LEWIS, PASTOR

St. Joseph's Special Collections:

- 3/1 - Eastern Europe
- 3/8 - Parish Improvement
- 3/15 - Fuel
- 3/22 - Holy Father/CRS
- 3/29 - St. Mary's Academy (CCD)

St. Patrick's Church
Trustee: Jules Trahan ~ 297-5214
Trustee: Mary Racicot ~ 297-6138
Pastoral Council Vice-President:
 Patricia Carey ~ 297-8060
Christian Formation Coordinator:
 Kathy Guay ~ 297-2767

St. Joseph's Church
Trustee: Edward Bechard ~ 297-2115
Trustee: James Menard ~ 298-5301
Pastoral Council Vice-President:
 Richard Laurin ~ 298-5084

WEEKLY COLLECTION

St. Patrick's

Last year \$2979
Last week \$3318 (Envelopes \$2821, Plate \$497)

St. Joseph's

Last year \$503
Last week \$629 (Envelopes \$609, Plate \$20)

PRAYER LIST

(These names will be listed for two months and then removed, unless we hear otherwise)

Sharon Ramsey, Bea St. Pierre, Willard Aubrey, Bobby Duprey, George Cronkrite, Ella Rupert, Barbara Sterling, Gerald Gaudette, Sr., Aline Bedard, Gordon Duffy, Barbara Guay, Evelyn Hatcher, Danny LaBombard, Cheryl Patch

Please pray for all those listed in our Community Intention Book and all the sick of our area.

LECTOR/SPECIAL EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS/ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULE

February 28 / March 1

- 4:00PM Carole Lefebvre
Kathy Guay, Pat Carey
Ashley Boire, Celine Houle
- 7:30PM Eleanor Reynolds
Chud Foshier, Brenda Jolicoeur
- 8:00AM Douglas DiSabito
Gary Brunell, Joe Bailey
Brianna Sterling, Karen Duffy
- 10:00AM Joey Proulx
Tom Bechard, Joan Seguin
Laura Bechard

March 7 / 8

- 4:00PM Volunteer
Kathy Guay, Pat Carey
Megan Boumil
- 7:30PM Brenda Jolicoeur
Chud Foshier, Eleanor Reynolds
- 8:00AM Jean Birtz
Pat Racine, Gary Brunell
Stephen Grace, Brianna Sterling
- 10:00AM Connie Boutin
Pat Carey, Connie Boutin
Alyssa Menard

MASS INTENTIONS

February

- Sat. 28 **Lenten Weekday**
9:00AM Veronica Lashway by Gary Brunell
(Anticipated) First Sunday of Lent
4:00PM Christina & Romeo Boyer by Romeo & Nancy Boyer
7:30PM **(St. Joseph's)** Michel Gariépy by his Wife & Girls

March

- Sun. 1 **First Sunday of Lent**
8:00AM 3rd Anniversary of Theresa MacCallum by her Family
10:00AM Mildred Chagnon by Dick & Dolly Mazza
- Mon. 2 **Lenten Weekday**
9:00AM Emily Weierstall by Gail & Richard Weierstall
5:30PM 19th Anniversary of Bernadette Lefebvre by Carole Lefebvre
- Tue. 3 **Lenten Weekday**
9:00AM Ann Kent by Clyde Lewis Family
5:30PM Virgil & Alda Brunell by Gary Brunell
- Wed. 4 **Lenten Weekday**
9:00AM Marie Carpenter by Fern, Bruce & Joan
5:30PM Raymond Penfield by M/M Harvey Boutin
- Thur. 5 **Lenten Weekday**
9:00AM Theresa Gilpin by M/M Charles Duffy
5:30PM Henry & Rose Brunell by Gary Brunell
6:30PM **No Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament**
- Fri. 6 **First Friday**
9:00AM Kenneth LaFountain by Thelma LaFountain & Family
followed by Stations of the Cross
12:00PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
5:00PM Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
5:30PM Clyde Lewis Sr. by Donald & Barbara LaBombard
- Sat. 7 **First Saturday**
9:00AM Mary Grace Ladd by Joseph Bailey
(Anticipated) Second Sunday of Lent
4:00PM Sandra Proulx by Leo & Sue Oliner
7:30PM **(St. Joseph's)** Paul Holbert by Leo & Frances Major
- Sun. 8 **Second Sunday of Lent**
8:00AM 13th Anniversary of Gregory Connelly by his Family
10:00AM Harry & Cecilia McManus by Harry, Melissa, Devan & Meara

ST. PATRICK'S SANCTUARY LAMP

Parishioners of St. Patrick's

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS/LECTORS:

Your March schedule is available for pick-up in the Sacristy. If you have been scheduled either as a Eucharistic Minister or Lector and you are not available, please cross your name out on the sheet posted in the Sacristy. If you have found a replacement, just fill in that name. Also, please sign up for April.

***** REMINDER *****

RICE BOWL DINNER
 (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 ... will be taken up this weekend. The theme for this year's collection is "Believe in the power of the Spirit of Love." This collection needs your help to continue to revitalize and to foster the Spirit of Love in its parishes and communities. Please be generous with your support of the Central and Eastern Europe Collection.

FIRST FRIDAY ... Friday, March 6, is First Friday at St. Patrick's. If you plan to take an hour to adore the Blessed Sacrament on this Friday, please sign up on the sheets provided at the entrances to the church proper. We need to insure that at least two people are present during the time of exposition. Mass is at 9:00AM at St. Patrick's. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be at Noon and end at 5:00PM with Benediction.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION CLASSES ... Christian Formation classes continue this Sunday for all grades, including Confirmation.

ATTENTION ENVELOPE USERS ... There are still tax receipts in the St. Patrick's Church lobby that have not been picked up. If you received a tax receipt in 2007, there is one prepared for you for 2008. Please stop by and pick it up. Thank you for your cooperation. Please note that all St. Joseph's parishioners who use envelopes have had a tax receipt prepared for them and it can be picked up in the St. Joseph's Church lobby.

ST. PATRICK'S FOOD SHELF NEW HOURS ...

Sunday, February 22, March 8 and 22, 11:30AM to 12:30PM

Saturday, March 7 & 21, 10:00AM to 11:00AM

If you have a need, please call 297-6208 or 297-8060 for an appointment.

Food Shelf is in need of canned meats and cereals. Thank you for your continued generosity.

ON SITE FOOD DEMONSTRATION ... Sponsored by JCEO and Cornell Cooperative Extension. Four classes (March 10, 17, 24 & 31), St. Patrick's Parish Hall, 11:00AM to 12:00PM. Learn new and healthy recipes. Attend all 4 classes for a chance to win new crockpot or set of cookware. To register, call 298-2373.

ALL YOU CAN EAT BREAKFAST ... Sunday, February 22, 8:00AM to Noon, St. Ann's Center, Route 11, Mooers Forks. Menu includes: Sausage, Ham, Eggs, Home Fries, Pancakes, French Toast, Toast, Coffee, Juice, Milk. Adults \$7, 6-12 \$4, 5 & Under Free.

ALL YOU CAN EAT BREAKFAST ... Sunday, March 1, 8:00AM to Noon, St. Joseph's Parish Center, West Chazy. Menu includes: Pancakes, Sausage, Ham, Scrambled Eggs, Home Fries, Beverages. Adults \$6, 6-10 \$3, 5 & Under Free.

CORN BEEF & CABBAGE DINNER ... hosted by Rouses Point K of C, Thursday, March 12, 6:30PM, St. Patrick's Parish Center. Menu includes: Corn Beef, Cabbage, Potatoes, Carrots, Onion, Rutabagas, Rolls, Dessert, Coffee, Tea, Milk. Cost \$8. For tickets or reservations call: Bill (297-2808), Bob (297-6456), Claude (297-3526), Ben (297-6465), Rectory (297-7361).

ST. PATRICK'S DINNER ... Tuesday, March 17, 4:30 to 7:00PM, Three Steeples United Methodist Church. Menu includes: Corned beef or ham, potato, cabbage, carrots, dessert, beverage. Adults \$8, Children 5-12 \$4, Under 5 Free.

ROSARY ALTAR MEETING ... Monday, March 2, 1:00PM in the Rectory Meeting Room.

WHY CATHOLIC? Life in Christ: Walking with God ... February 28 - March 1, 2009 - Freedom and Responsibility of Human Acts ... What makes an action good or evil? God gave us free will. "Freedom characterizes properly human acts. It makes the human being responsible for acts of which he is the voluntary agent. His deliberate acts properly belong to him (CCC #1745)". Living the Commandments, that is, Love of God and Love of Neighbor, calls us to a relationship with God and with one another. The law of God written in our hearts calls us to overcome our self-centeredness in order to be other-centered. How may I love more? What does love demand of me in my relationship with God and with others? Come and share your love of God and others in a Small Community faith-sharing group. Together we build the Body of Christ.

****** FOOD SHELF DONATIONS ******

As part of our Why Catholic? Lenten Session, we are asking all parishioners to participate by bringing an item for our food shelf. These items can be placed in the baskets on the altar both at St. Patrick's and St. Joseph's or brought up during the offertory for those who wish to do so. Thank you for your generosity.

ST. PATRICK'S FESTIVAL ... Our St. Patrick's Festival will be held on **Sunday, March 22, 2009.** We will have a concession stand on Sunday morning with a light breakfast and there will be a children's booth with games, a religious articles booth, a Rosary Altar Booth with Raffles, a 50/50 Raffle and the auction items will be on display. A Turkey Dinner with all the trimmings will be served from Noon to 2:00PM. The Auction will take place from 2:00 to 3:00PM. The big ticket raffle and any other raffles will be drawn around 3:00PM following the Auction.

20-WEEK CLUB ... Tickets are available and can be purchased from the Rectory or the Pastoral Council Members (Fr. Lewis, Pat Carey, Jackie Ducharme, Peg Rivers, Mary Racicot, Carole Lefebvre, Kathy Guay, Pat Racine, Mary Ballman, George Legnard or Bernard Duffy or Jo-Anne Ryan). The cost is \$20 per ticket. The first week's drawing is on May 4. The drawings will continue each week through September 13. There will be **eighteen** \$50 prizes, **one** \$100 prize and **two** \$500 prizes. There are only **200** tickets to be sold so make sure to get your ticket soon!

RAFFLE TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE ... Tickets for our big raffle are now available. They can be found at both church entrances, St. Patrick's Rectory and at St. Joseph's as well. The Raffle includes over \$2500 in cash and prizes with a top cash prize of \$500. Ticket donations are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. The presenter of the \$500 prize will receive \$25 if he/she has indicated his/her name on the ticket stub. We ask that you take some tickets for yourself as well as offer them to your friends.

With this 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 concession stand and other various expenses associated with the festival. We will also be looking for new items for our auction. Please call the Rectory and let us know as soon as possible if you would like to make a donation. **Our goal for the festival is \$10,000** which will be used for the renovation of the Parish Center bathroom and dining hall. With your help, we hope to be able to reach this.

Lenten Regulations 2009

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 (March 1, the First Sunday of Lent, until Trinity Sunday, June 7).
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, Michael Garrand Jr., Paul Langley, Mike Casey, Patrick Rosenberg, Colleen Kelly, Jarred Hayes, Ben Brassard, Darryl Jon Ducharme & his Troop, Craig Jackson

**ST. PATRICK'S RAFFLE TICKETS AVAILABLE AT CHURCH ENTRANCES
Over \$2500 in cash and prizes - \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00**