

September 27, 2009

St. Joseph's Special Collections:

9/27 - St. Mary's Academy (CCD)
10/4 - Fuel
10/11 - Parish Improvement
10/18 - Mission Sunday
10/25 - St. Mary's Academy (CCD)

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WEEKLY COLLECTION

St. Patrick's
Last year
Last week

\$3214
\$3748 (Envelopes \$3352, Plate \$396)

St. Joseph's
Last year
Last week

\$723
\$787 (Envelopes \$738, Plate \$49)

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, Ella Rupert, Barbara Sterling, Evelyn Hatcher, Cheryl Patch, Norman Duquette, Walter Connelly, Therese Connelly, Phyllis Gokey, Arthur Tremblay, Bob Sterling, Msgr. George Phillips, Chud Fosher

Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of Agnes Duquette. Also 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

September 26 / 27

4:00PM Matt Boire
Kathy Guay, Tracy Armstrong
Ashley Boire
7:30PM Martina Oldham
John Oldham, Rita Richmond
8:00AM Douglas DiSabito
Pat Racine, Joseph Bailey
Stephen Grace, Brianna Sterling
10:00AM Arsene Letourneau
Arsene Letourneau, Mary Racicot
Kyler Guay

October 3 / 4

4:00PM Matt Boire
Silva Mary Marnes, Emma Savage
Ashley Boire, Kyler Guay
7:30PM John Oldham
Eleanor Reynolds, Martina Oldham
8:00AM Ted Favro
Mary Racicot, Joe Bailey
Karen Duffy, Stephen Grace
10:00AM Tom Bechard
Terry Bechard, Tracy Armstrong
Joel Herzog, Julia Herzog

MASS INTENTIONS

September

Sat. 26 **(Anticipated) Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
4:00PM Special Blessings for Lebel & Ducharme Families
7:30PM **(St. Joseph's)** In Thanksgiving to the Blessed Virgin
Sun. 27 **Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
8:00AM John & Norman Racine by their Family
10:00AM Alfred & Sophia Favro by Grandchildren & Family
Mon. 28 **Sts. Wenceslaus & Lawrence Ruiz**
8:00AM Henry & Ida Bousquet by Helen Davies
Tue. 29 **Sts. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael**
8:00AM Special Intention by a Parishioner
Wed. 30 **St. Jerome**
8:00AM Communion Service

October

Thur. 1 **St. Therese of the Child Jesus**
8:00AM John Judge by Clyde Lewis Family
Fri. 2 **Guardian Angels - First Friday**
8:00AM Neil Thomas Guay by M/M Charles Duffy
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament following Mass
Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
12:00PM **(Anticipated) Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Sat. 3 4:00PM Eva Favro by Joseph Favro
7:30PM **(St. Joseph's)** Fred & Alice Garceau by Norman & Kathleen Bechard
Sun. 4 **Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**
8:00AM M.B. Widgerson by Carolyn
10:00AM Carol Lewis by Joan Merchant Sharp

**ST. PATRICK'S
SANCTUARY LAMP**

Parishioners of St. Patrick's

**EUCHARISTIC
MINISTERS/LECTORS:**

Your October 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 a found a replacement, just fill in that name. Also, please sign up for November.

Notes from the Pastor's Desk

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY ... This weekend we celebrate Catechetical Sunday. I will introduce and bless all our catechists. They so generously give their time and talent to teaching our children about God and the Church. You who are parents are the first teachers of your children in the ways of faith. However, your responsibility is aided by these dedicated parishioners. Pray for them. Support them. The importance of forming your children in the ways of faith cannot be over-stated. I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate Kathy Guay, Barbara LaBombard and Roxanne Sterling who have each received their Advanced Certification.

FIRST FRIDAY ... Friday, October 2, is First Friday at St. Patrick's. If you plan on taking an hour to adore the Blessed Sacrament on this Friday, please take the time to 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 8:00AM. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be immediately after Mass and end at 12:00PM with Benediction.

SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP ... will resume on Sunday, October 11 following the 8:00AM Mass. All are invited to join us for donuts, coffee and juice.

DONATIONS TO CHURCH EXTERIOR REPAIR ~ \$5620

MANY THANKS!

CHRISTIAN FORMATION REGISTRATION ... There is still time to register for Christian Formation classes (Kathy Guay (297-2767) or the Rectory (297-7361)). Grades 1 through 8 begin on classes on Sunday, October 4, from 8:45 to 9:45AM.

CONFIRMATION STUDENTS ... Orientation Meeting on Sunday, October 18, 7:00PM, St. Patrick's Church Hall. Students and their parents are expected to attend this meeting, which will be held jointly with St. Mary's. Confirmation Classes will begin on November 1 at 7:00PM in the Rectory Meeting Room.

CLEANING UP OF CEMETERY LOTS ... On Tuesday, September 29 at 10:00AM, a group of volunteers will begin to clean up some of the cemetery lots which have not been tended to for quite some time. Any items removed from the lots will be put in plastic bags and placed by the vault at the cemetery entrance. If they are not picked up in a timely fashion, they will be thrown away. We appreciate your understanding in our endeavor to keep our cemetery as clean and well-tended as possible.

VOTIVE CANDLES AT ST. JOSEPH'S ... For a cost of \$125 per year, you may have a candle burned each week at St. Joseph's. If you are interested, please contact the Rectory.

RADIATORS ... Please be reminded not to put anything on top of the radiators at the front and back of the church. The grating is not strong enough to support any type of weight.

ST. PATRICK'S FOOD SHELF ... As quickly as we receive donations, they are distributed and so we are still in need of boxed dinners, spaghetti sauces, pasta, cereal, peanut butter, etc. Items may be dropped off in the Parish Hall daily from 8:00AM to 4:00PM. Many thanks!

HOURS: Sunday, October 4 and 18, 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.

K OF C COUNCIL #2366 MEETING ... Thursday, October 1, 7:00PM.

2009 BISHOP'S FUND APPEAL ... Our parish's Bishop's Fund Appeal activity is coming to a close. If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, please pray about your decision and make a pledge or one-time gift. Pledge cards with envelopes are located at the church entrances. To everyone who has made a gift or pledge, thank you for making a difference in the lives of thousands of people across our diocese.

ATTENTION WYETH EMPLOYEES ... Matching Grant forms are available for current Wyeth employees, but must be done on-line. Wyeth will match your contributions by 50%. These funds will be allocated for St. Mary's Academy in Champlain. If you are a Wyeth employee and are making a donation of \$25 or more, please make your check payable to "St. Mary's Academy" and drop it in the collection basket or mail it directly to the Bishop's Fund Office. Then log-in to the "Inside Wyeth" website, and select "Request a Match". Search for "St. Mary's Academy" and fill in the amount of your donation and the date.

WHY CATHOLIC? LIVING THE BEATITUDES ... SIGN-UP SUNDAY AND PRAYER COMMITMENT ... Today's Gospel calls us to accountability. Who is my neighbor? How do I witness my faith? The cost of discipleship is radical. Jesus invites us to walk in the way of God, the way of love towards Him and one another. Sessions 7-12 of the *Why Catholic?* Life in Christ: Walking with God will focus on the commandments. You are invited to sign-up today. **If you have participated in the past, your facilitator will be in touch with you. If you would like to join for the first time, please fill out a sign-up card which can be found at the church entrances and drop it in the collection basket.** Sharing our faith is one of the most powerful experiences of growing in our faith as well as learning more about it. Those who have participated in a Small Community faith-sharing group know how powerfully the Holy Spirit can work within their lives. *Why Catholic?* sessions will begin the week of October 11. Prayer Commitment Sunday begins today to pray for the success and fruitfulness of the *Why Catholic?* sessions.

YEAR FOR PRIESTS: RESPONSIBILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ... "Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were put around his neck and he were thrown into the sea" (Mark 9:45). These are difficult words to hear from Jesus. Living the Christian life is a challenge. It is lived by the grace, love, and mercy of God. Like Jesus the Teacher, the priest is responsible to teach as Jesus did. His role as teacher is fundamental in handing on the faith. A teacher affects eternity. It is Christ's Word, His teachings, that affects our eternal life. Let us listen attentively to the Scripture readings at Mass and to the homily that teaches us how we may hand on the faith responsibly to others with integrity, humility and accountability. It is the parish priest, the pastor who nourishes and sustains the Christian life in the lives of his people as vital members of the universal Catholic Church. We must pray for more vocations to the priesthood so that the membership of the Church will continue to grow. Pray for your parish priests as they

ANNUAL CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY ... We are again asking for donations of new hats, mittens or socks to hand out to the children at our annual Christmas party. They can be handmade or store-bought. This year we are also asking for gently-used children's coats. Please ensure that they are washed before dropping them off. All items can be brought to the church or rectory. If you have any questions, please call Sharon at 297-6208. Many thanks!

ST. MARY'S, CHAMPLAIN HARVEST DINNER ... Sunday, October 4, 11:30AM to 5:00PM. Menu includes: All-You-Can-Eat Roast Beef Buffet with Trimmings. Adults \$9, Seniors \$8, Children 6-12 \$4.00, Under 5 Free. Country Store, Homemade Goodies, Raffle!

TOWN OF CHAMPLAIN DEMOCRATS ... First Annual Turkey Dinner/Raffle and meet and greet of local candidates, October 9, 5:00PM, Champlain K of C. Cost \$8.

ST. ANN'S CRAFT SHOW & BAKE SALE ... Saturday, October 17, 10:00AM-4:00PM, St. Joseph's Center, Mooers. Crafters interested in space, call Marge at 236-4577.

17TH ANNUAL PLATTSBURGH LIFE CHAIN ... Abortions continue to be committed in Plattsburgh at the rate of 450-500 per year. To show your opposition to this destruction of innocent human life, please plan to attend the 17th Annual Plattsburgh Life Chain on Sunday, October 4. Be not afraid. Stand up for life. Join us on Smithfield Blvd. in Plattsburgh from 2:30 to 3:30PM. Rain or shine. We provide posters, you bring your prayers to end abortion.

PLANNED PARENTHOOD ... We are asking for volunteers to meet at Planned Parenthood in Plattsburgh each Thursday at 10:00AM to pray the Rosary. It is important to show a presence in support against abortions which are performed at that location every Thursday.

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY ... Wednesday, October 7, 7:00PM, St. Peter's. Contemplative Rosary followed by guest lecturer Msgr. Joseph Aubin speaking on the history of Our Lady of Victory. Reception will follow.

continue to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to you.

**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, Craig Jackson, James Gonyo II