

December 13, 2009

St. Joseph's Special Collections

12/13 - Religious Retirement
12/20 - Fuel
12/25 - Christmas
12/27 - St. Mary's Academy (CCD)

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WEEKLY COLLECTION

St. Patrick's
Last year \$4415
Last week \$4200 (Envelopes \$3858, Plate \$342)
Immaculate Conception \$638

St. Joseph's
Last year \$493
Last week \$648 (Envelopes \$605, Plate \$43)
Immaculate Conception \$85

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

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of Roger Proulx and Mary Delbel. Also please pray for all those listed in our Community Intention Book and all the sick of our area.

LECTOR/ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULE

December 12 / 13

4:00PM Carole Lefebvre
Kyler Guay
7:30PM Brenda Jolicoeur
8:00AM David FitzGerald
Karen Duffy, Stephen Grace
10:00AM Arsene Letourneau
Alyssa Menard

December 19 / 20

4:00PM Carole Lefebvre
Celine Houle
7:30PM John Oldham
8:00AM Gary Brunell
Brianna Sterling, Karen Duffy
10:00AM Connie Boutin
Kyler Guay

MASS INTENTIONS

December

Sat. 12 **(Anticipated) Third Sunday of Advent**
4:00PM _Eleanor LaBombard by Rita Bechard
7:30PM **(St. Joseph's)** Armand, Paul, Theresa & Anita by Betty & Richard
Sun. 13 **Third Sunday of Advent**
8:00AM _Harold & Bette Mero by their Family
10:00AM _10th Anniversary of Noel J. Favro by Sherry Favro
Mon. 14 **St. John of the Cross**
8:00AM Communion Service
7:00PM *Penance Service*
Tue. 15 **Advent Weekday**
9:00AM No Mass
10:00AM *Funeral Service for Mary Delbel (St. Mary's, Champlain)*
Wed. 16 **Advent Weekday**
8:00AM Communion Service
Thur. 17 **Late Advent Weekday**
9:00AM _James & Rose Dunlavy by Ray Dunlavy
7:15PM *Confessions (until 8:15PM)*
Fri. 18 **Late Advent Weekday**
8:00AM No Mass
Sat. 19 **(Anticipated) Fourth Sunday of Advent**
4:00PM _Christina Boyer by Cherry & Creighton Carter
7:30PM **(St. Joseph's)** Emile & Adele Proulx by Mary & Pauline Proulx
Sun. 20 **Fourth Sunday of Advent**
8:00AM _Phyllis & John Mastracchio by the Mastracchio Families
10:00AM _Richard Duffy by Arsene & Rose Letourneau

**ST. PATRICK'S
SANCTUARY LAMP**

Parishioners of
St. Patrick's

ADVENT CANDLES

Rose & Otto Friedli
by Ruth Fitzgerald

Bob Aubrey by Carol Manor

Good Health for Family Members
by a Parishioner

Notes from the Pastor's Desk

WELCOME ... once again to Fr. Normand Cote who will be celebrating our Masses at St. Patrick's and St. Joseph's on Saturday.

2010 CALENDARS ... Be sure to pick up your 2010 Calendar. There is one for St. Patrick's and one for St. Joseph's and they can be found in our church lobbies. Parishioners are encouraged to take a copy. Many thanks to Border Press for the nice job.

COLLECTION FOR RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS THIS WEEKEND ... Data submitted to the National Religious Retirement Office reveals that the average annual cost of care for women and men religious age 70 and over has more than doubled since 1989. The number of religious over the age of 70 is 35,000 in 2009. Your donation to the Retirement Fund for Religious provides critical support to religious institutes in meeting the escalating costs of elder care. The religious of the Diocese of Ogdensburg recognize the economic difficulties that the people of the North Country are experiencing as a result of the present economic downturn. "We are grateful for any contribution that you make for the care of our members

at this time in our history.”

CHRISTIAN FORMATION CLASSES ... Christian Formation classes continue this weekend for Grades 1 to 8. Confirmation Classes will be held at 7:00PM in the Parish Center.

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.

“ANGEL TREE” ... There is still time to pick up an angel from our “Angel Tree”. After you have chosen an angel, please sign your name on the sign-up sheet next to the number which corresponds to the number on the angel so that we can keep track of all the angels. **Remember that the items listed on the angel are only a wish list so please purchase what you feel comfortable giving.** Gifts should be left unwrapped with the angel attached to them and brought to St. Patrick's Rectory or Sacristy by **Tuesday, December 15.** Thank you for your generosity.

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION ... The annual Christmas Collection will be divided between our parish for its needs and the Priests' Retirement Fund of the Diocese of Ogdensburg. Say thank you to your pastor and the dedicated priests who have served you in the past through a generous contribution to our Christmas Collection.

MEMORY TREE LIGHTING & ORNAMENT PLACING ... sponsored by our Local Teen Girl Scouts, Friday, December 18, 7:00PM, Village of Rouses Point, next to the Gazebo. An ornament may be placed in honor of someone in the military or in memory of a loved one. You may make your own ornament or one will be provided. Please contact Kim McGoldrick at 570-8114 or bnk@primelink1.net for more information.

ECUMENICAL CHRISTMAS CAROLING ... All those interested in caroling in our surrounding villages are invited to meet on Sunday, December 20, 2:00PM at Three Steeples Church. Contact Penny Treggett (297-4014) for more information.

2009 BISHOP'S FUND APPEAL ... Thank you to the 22 St. Joseph's families that have made a gift to this year's Bishop's Fund Appeal. The parish has reached 77.11% of its goal of \$1,401.92. The total in gifts received and pledges is \$1,081.00. Also, thank you to the 104 St. Patrick's families that have made a gift to this year's appeal. The parish has reached 88.56% of its goal of \$11,398.50. The total in gifts received and pledges is \$10,095.00.

If you have not made a gift to the Bishop's Fund, please prayerfully consider making your pledge or one-time gift today. The Bishop's Fund Appeal provides us the opportunity to share our blessings with others as we continually serve those who most need our help throughout the Diocese of Ogdensburg. To make a gift, place your Bishop's Fund pledge envelope in the collection basket or mail it to: The Bishop's Fund Appeal, P.O. Box 150, Ogdensburg, NY.

CHRISTMAS MAILING ... Parishioners from both parishes will have now received their Christmas mailing. The mailing includes the schedule for Christmas and New Year's services and envelopes for Christmas and Christmas flowers. As in the past, we are accepting donations toward the Christmas flowers which will decorate both our churches. You may use the envelope that has come in your Christmas mailing. If you wish to make the donation in memory of your loved ones, please include their names on the envelopes.

ST. PATRICK'S FOOD SHELF ... Many thanks to Lakeside Coffee for its recent donation to our food shelf. Thanks also to all who have made donations as this comes at a time of the year when the need seems to be the greatest. 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. **Please note that a box has been set up at St. Joseph's for donations as well.**

HOURS: Sunday, December 20, 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.

REMINDER FOR 2010 MASS SCHEDULE ... Beginning on Saturday, January 2, 2010, the Mass Schedule will be as follows:

Saturday: St. Patrick's 4:00PM, St. Mary's 5:30PM, St. Joseph's 7:30PM
Sunday: St. Mary's 8:00AM, St. Patrick's 10:00AM

Envelope users need not be concerned as your envelopes will be forwarded to the appropriate church no matter which church you attend. Many thanks for your cooperation and understanding.

10th ANNUAL ST. PATRICK'S CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY
Sunday, December 13, 2009
1:00 to 3:00PM
St. Patrick's Parish Hall
Come and see Santa and Mrs. Claus!!
SURPRISES FOR THE FIRST 100 CHILDREN
ALL ARE WELCOME!!

2009 CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

CONFESSIONS

St. Patrick's, December 14:
7:00 PM
(Communal Penitential Service -
Priests available until 9:00PM)

St. Patrick's, December 17:
7:15 - 8:00 PM

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

St. Patrick's, 4:00 PM
(Children's Mass with Adult Choir)
St. Patrick's, 6:00 PM
(Mero Family Musicians)
St. Joseph's, 8:00 PM
(Christmas Carols)

CHRISTMAS DAY MASS

St. Patrick's, 9:00 AM

NEW YEAR'S EVE MASS

St. Joseph's, 4:00 PM (Anticipated)

NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS

St. Patrick's, 9:00 AM