

**December 20, 2009**

**St. Joseph's Special Collections**

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

**FR. CLYDE A. LEWIS, PASTOR**

**St. Patrick's Church**  
**Trustee:** Mary Racicot ~ 297-6138  
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 Patricia Carey ~ 297-8060  
**Christian Formation Coordinator:**  
 Kathy Guay ~ 297-2767

**St. Joseph's Church**  
**Trustee:** Edward Bechard ~ 297-2115  
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**WEEKLY COLLECTION**

<b>St. Patrick's</b>		<b>St. Joseph's</b>	
<b>Last year</b>	\$3807	<b>Last year</b>	\$670
<b>Last week</b>	\$3289 (Envelopes \$2924, Plate \$365)	<b>Last week</b>	\$635 (Envelopes \$579, Plate \$56)
<b>Religious Retirement</b>	\$1587	<b>Religious Retirement</b>	\$196

**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

Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of Jeanette Brunelle. Also please pray for all those listed in our Community Intention Book and all the sick of our area.

**LECTOR/ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULE**

<b>December 19 / 20</b>	<b>December 24 / 25</b>	<b>December 26 / 27</b>
4:00PM Carole Lefebvre <i>Celine Houle</i>	4:00PM Pat Racine	4:00PM Carole Lefebvre <i>Joel Herzog, Julia Herzog</i>
7:30PM John Oldham	6:00PM Mary Racicot	7:30PM Martina Oldham
8:00AM Gary Brunell <i>Brianna Sterling, Karen Duffy</i>	8:00PM Eleanor Reynolds	8:00AM Pat Racine <i>Stephen Grace, Karen Duffy</i>
10:00AM Connie Boutin <i>Kyler Guay</i>	9:00AM Gary Brunell	10:00AM Volunteer <i>Alyssa Menard, Celine Houle</i>

**MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>December</b>		<b>ST. PATRICK'S SANCTUARY LAMP</b>
Sat. 19	<b>(Anticipated) Fourth Sunday of Advent</b>	In Memory of Manor & Aubrey Families by Carol Manor
4:00PM	_Christina Boyer by Cherry & Creighton Carter	
7:30PM	<b>(St. Joseph's) Emile &amp; Adele Proulx by Mary &amp; Pauline Proulx</b>	
Sun. 20	<b>Fourth Sunday of Advent</b>	
8:00AM	_Phyllis & John Mastracchio by the Mastracchio Families	
10:00AM	_Richard Duffy by Arsene & Rose Letourneau	
Mon. 21	<b>Late Advent Weekday</b>	
8:00AM	Communion Service	<b>ADVENT CANDLES</b>
Tue. 22	<b>Late Advent Weekday</b>	Cyril Manor by his Wife & Family
9:00AM	_M/M George H. Ducharme & George & M/M Wilbur Jennings & Joe by their Family	
Wed. 23	<b>Late Advent Weekday</b>	Special Blessings for Special People
8:00AM	Communion Service	Military & their Families
Thur. 24	<b>Christmas Eve</b>	Souls in Purgatory
4:00PM	<b>Christmas Mass with St. Patrick's Choir</b>	
	Parishioners of St. Patrick's & St. Joseph's	<b>CHRISTMAS CANDLE</b>
6:00PM	<b>Christmas Mass with Mero Family Musicians</b>	Richard Ballman by his Family
	Parishioners of St. Patrick's & St. Joseph's	
8:00PM	<b>Christmas Mass with Christmas Carols</b>	
	Parishioners of St. Patrick's & St. Joseph's	
Fri. 25	<b>Nativity of the Lord</b>	
9:00AM	Parishioners of St. Patrick's & St. Joseph's	
Sat. 26	<b>(Anticipated) Holy Family of Jesus, Mary &amp; Joseph</b>	
4:00PM	_M/M H.D. Ashline Sr. by Carolyn	
7:30PM	<b>(St. Joseph's) Lorraine Ashline by her Family</b>	
Sun. 27	<b>Holy Family of Jesus, Mary &amp; Joseph</b>	
8:00AM	_3 <sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of Virgil Brunell by Gary Brunell	
10:00AM	_Jules Trahan by St. Patrick's Pastoral Council	

**2009 CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULE**

<p><b>CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES</b>  <b>Thursday, December 24</b>  <b>St. Patrick's, 4:00 PM</b>                  (Children's Mass with Adult Choir)  <b>St. Patrick's, 6:00 PM</b>                  (Mero Family Musicians)  <b>St. Joseph's, 8:00 PM</b>                  (Christmas Carols)</p> <p><b>CHRISTMAS DAY MASS</b>  <b>Friday, December 25</b>  <b>St. Patrick's, 9:00 AM</b></p>	<p><b>NEW YEAR'S EVE MASS</b>  <b>Thursday, December 31</b>  <b>St. Joseph's, 4:00 PM (Anticipated)</b></p> <p><b>NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS</b>  <b>Friday, January 1</b>  <b>St. Patrick's, 9:00 AM</b></p>
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**CHRISTIAN FORMATION CLASSES ...** There are Christian Formation classes this weekend for Grades 1 to 8.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**"ANGEL TREE" ...** Many thanks for all your generosity with our "Angel Tree". Gifts were purchased for approximately 70 angels and will be distributed to local families.

**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.

**10th ANNUAL CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY ...** was held last weekend here at St. Patrick's. The children and their families enjoyed a visit by Santa and Mrs. Claus. Milk, cookies and apples were available and each child received a present from Santa Claus. Many thanks to the following for their donations towards the party: Sunmount DDSO IRA, Price Chopper, Crowley's, V. Fraas, Sandys' Deli, Freeport Forwarding, Cornerstone Drug & Gift, Kinney Drugs, Chazy Orchards and Buffalo Jeans. Thanks to Kathy Guay for taking the pictures, Josh and Mary for their kitchen help, Juanita Barcomb, Sharon Ramsey and all those who donated mittens, hats and coats and helped to decorate and clean up the hall.

**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.

### **Notes from the Pastor's Desk**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

"How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good tidings, announcing peace, bearing good news, announcing salvation and saying to Zion, "Your God is King!" (Isaiah 52:7) The good tidings—the Gospel of boundless mercy—has been brought to us by no less a person than the Son of God Himself. He came into this world like one of us born of a human mother. Jesus Christ is God's definitive gift of love to all of us.

That's the glad tidings we celebrate. That kind of news, that kind of Gift can't be improved upon! This Sacred Season is an opportune time for us to reflect upon the good tidings, the gift of love, that our hearts long to hear. Within the walls of the blessed places we call "home," where our families grow in self-giving and faith, the Good News of God's unconditional love for us is made real. The daily experience of that merciful love brings joy within our homes, stability in our society and builds up the Church, the Body of Christ.

This great and mighty act of God, the Incarnation, which we celebrate every Christmas, is such a proof of His love for all of humanity and His mercy for us that we could never and should never despair of receiving that mercy, no matter how seriously we have sinned. Our homes should be havens for such mercy, forgiveness and reconciliation.

Therefore, let us, as the prophet bids us, "shout for joy and break out in song" together with all the Christians of the earth on this great festival. It is the festival of God's infinite love and mercy, the festival of our salvation. Nothing greater could have happened to human nature. The Incarnation is the event of human history.

As our family of faith of the Diocese of Ogdensburg awaits the glad tidings of a new shepherd, we entrust all our families to the Holy Family where merciful love Himself found a home. May you and your family experience and celebrate God's reconciling love this Christmas and throughout the New Year!

Your Brother in Christ,  
Reverend Terry R. LaValley  
Diocesan Administrator

### **2009 BISHOP'S FUND APPEAL TOTALS ...**

St. Joseph's total \$ 1,081.00 (Goal \$1,401.92)  
St. Patrick's total \$10,095.00 (Goal \$11,398.50).

If you have not made a gift to the Bishop's Fund, there is still time 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. Thanks!

**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS ...** We are still accepting donations toward the Christmas flowers which will decorate both our churches this Christmas season. 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. The listing of memorials/donations will be included in the January 3 bulletin.

**ST. PATRICK'S FOOD SHELF ...** Many thanks to all who have made 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, 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.

**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.**

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

*Teddy Voitazek, Mandy McCammon, Chad McCammon, Michael Garrand Jr., Paul Langley, Mike Casey,  
Patrick Rosenberg, Colleen Kelly, Jarred Hayes, Ben Brassard, Craig Jackson, James Gonyo II, Justin R. Moore*