

# THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF SAINT MARY

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**Sacrament of Baptism** – For Children to be Baptized, please call the Rectory to schedule a meeting.

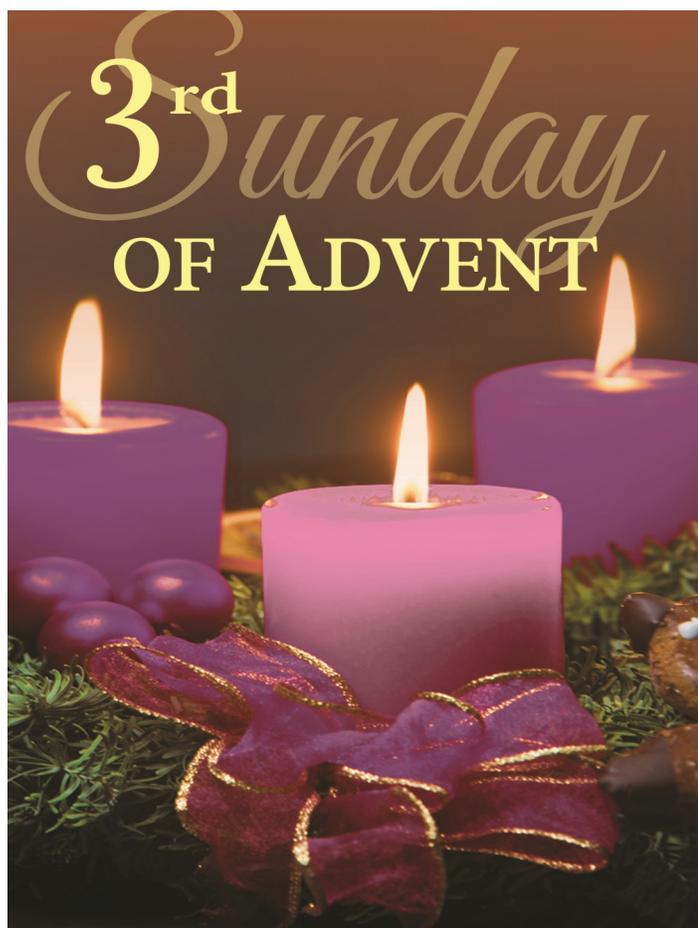
**Sacrament of Penance** – Tuesday from 5:40pm until done, Saturday 3:45—4:45, pm and by appointment.

**Marriage** – Make arrangements with the Pastor at least six months in advance. Pre-Cana instruction is necessary.

**Anointing of the Sick** – Please advise the parish office of the serious illness or hospitalization of a parishioner.

**Communion for shut-ins** – Please notify the Rectory if anyone is unable to attend Sunday Mass regularly.

\*\*\* **New Parishioners** – Register at the Rectory at any time. \*\*\*



## OUR SACRED PURPOSE:

*Christ-led,*

*Christ-fed,*

*and Hope-filled*

The Diocese of Ogdensburg joyfully invites the people of the North Country to the journey of faith through the proclamation of the Gospel, the celebration of the Eucharist and the Sacraments, and the loving service of neighbor.

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**December 16, 2018**

### Pastor's Corner

Gaudete Sunday is our day to light the rose candle of our wreath, and dust off our rose colored vestments (Thanks to all of you who remembered to wear rose/pink today!). Much more importantly, it's the day to lighten up on our Christmas preparations and rejoice in anticipation of the coming of the Lord. I hope it is a blessed and joyful day for you all.



There are, however, still many preparations to come. Confessions on Tuesday, School Concert on Wednesday, Silent Night on Thursday—and that's just this week!

Please also help us get ready for Christmas Day: Sign ups for the Liturgical ministers for the Christmas Masses are now (finally) at the doors of the Church. Also, you can sign up to help with the meal on the table inside the front doors of the church.

—Fr. Bryan Stitt



Our schedule will be on Christmas eve: 4:00 PM, 6:00 PM, 10:00 PM and on Christmas Day 9:00 AM.

### Liturgical Ministry Sign up for Christmas

Lectors, Servers, Greeters, and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Please sign up on the sheets at the Church doors for which Masses you'll be attending

### Children's Nativity Procession

We're looking for as much children's participation as possible at Christmas Masses. We hope that many of our young parishioners will help us by serving at the altar and as greeters at all the Masses. But at the 4:00 PM we'll also have some dressing like the Holy Family, shepherds and magi. (Last year we also tried to offer this at the 6:00 PM, but almost all of our kids were at the 4:00 PM. This year, it will just be at the 4:00) Hopefully this will allow youth that are visiting at Christmas to participate as well. All will get a chance to help welcome Jesus at the manger. Contact the office to let us know if your child would like a costume you'll be attending.

## This Tuesday



### The Power of Mercy

Tuesdays are one of our normal days for Confessions here at St. Mary's, but **Tuesday, December 18th** is going to be even more so than normal.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered from **6 AM to 10 PM in the Confessional at the back of the chapel**—enter from the parking lot

between the school and the rectory. Make sure to take advantage of the Sacrament of Mercy as part of your Christmas preparations.

There will be some visiting priests with us for the day:

Fr. Jack Downs from 9:00 AM to Noon.

Fr. Steve Rocker from 5:10 PM to 6:30 PM

### Christmas Dinner for Shut-Ins

Volunteers needed on Dec. 24 from 8:00 am to 10:00 am for meal prep.



On Christmas morning, help is needed for meal prep at 10:00 am and meal delivery at 10:45 am. With enough help we hope to be done by noon. The sign up sheet to help is on the table inside the front doors of the Church.

Any question? Please call John Beaudette at 315-386-5235 OR 315-854-2129. Call John or the rectory to request a meal.

### 2018 Christmas Candles



To burn for the Twelve Days of Christmas, Beginning Christmas Eve, Dec. 24.

In Memory of/ In Honor of :

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Requested by:

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Please return this form and a \$25 offering to the Rectory or place in the collection basket

**MUST SUBMIT REQUEST TODAY, THE 16TH**

Do you or a family member or a friend or an acquaintance need a hot meal on Christmas day? Contact the rectory to have meal delivered to you (315)386-2543



Merry Christmas

The Diocese of Ogdensburg's Retirement Plan for Priests has long been supported by parish contributions from its annual Christmas Collection. Currently 37 retired priests, and 9 active priests age 70 and older, are expected to receive pension benefits of \$872,000 in 2018-19. Also 100% of the cost of health insurance premiums for retired priests is paid by the Plan. Your generous contribution not only supports current retirees but will also help provide for the retirement needs of priests who will retire in the future. Say *thank you* to your pastor and all priests of the diocese through a generous contribution to our Christmas Collection. Past priests from St. Mary's and St. Henry's who will benefit are Frs. Elliott, Kramberg, Poissant, Downs and Canaan.

**Campus Corner**

**Newman Club Weekly Meetings**

Wednesdays:

SUNY Canton-6:45pm-7:45pm in the

Fishbowl Room of the Library

SLU 8-9pm-Room 242 of the Student Center



Can you plan to join us after the 9:00 AM Mass on Sunday the 23rd? Many hands make light work!



**Come to the Movies**

To mark the 200th anniversary of the composition of the beloved hymn "Silent Night," we'll be showing the beautiful movie by the same name that came out just a few years ago. The showing will be at the school on Thursday, December 20th at 6:45 PM

**St. Mary's Christmas Baskets for our American Veterans**

Please pick up a flyer in the back of church for all the information concerning this worthy cause. This year's project will be dedicated to Mr. Jack Regan. Help us show our vets that they are thought of during the Holidays.



Religious give thanks. "This money is pure gift," writes a religious sister of the support made possible by the Retirement Fund for Religious. "It enables us to continue providing care for our elderly sisters." Your gift to last week's collection helps hundreds of religious communities meet pressing retirement needs while continuing to serve the People of God. Thank you for your generosity!

**Principal's Corner**



**Children's Concert and Family Fun night—Dec. 19 at 6:30pm**



**Christmas Break—Dec. 24 to Jan 4**

Please pick up a **weekly children's bulletin** for your child. They are located in the bulletin holders in church.



**Not Feeling 100%?**

It probably would be best not to shake hands at the sign of peace. Feel free to smile and wave.

**Feeling okay, but concerned about the sick around you?**

Feel free to do the same!



**Surviving Divorce: 12-week program**

The Surviving Divorce Program offers support and healing for people who are separated or divorced. The groups meet once a week for 12 weeks. New groups are starting in Massena and Watertown in late January.

For more information, contact Steve Tartaglia at 315-393-2920.

*Dear Jesus, Divine Physician and Healer of the sick, we turn to you in this time of illness. O dearest comforter of the troubled, alleviate our worry and sorrow with your gentle love, and grant us the grace and strength to accept this burden. Dear God, we place our worries in your hands. We place our sick under your care and humbly ask that you restore your servant to health again. Above all, grant us the grace to acknowledge your will and know that whatever you do, you do for the love of us. Amen.*

- Nolan Joe Redmond
- Sam Bisonette
- Annette Hurley
- Leward & Betty Lucia
- Judy Ruddy
- Linda Evans
- Anne Meadows
- Sue Dean
- Doni Peters
- Shirley Lamendola
- Janis Striggles

- Joel Rivera
- Trina Anderson
- David Datush
- Arlene Maroney
- Debbie Gainey
- Katie Coakley Ba
- Phyllis Cunningham
- Val Bernier
- Lucas Duvall
- Abuse Victims and their families



**UPDATE: Diocesan/Parish Capital Campaign**

Positive momentum continues to grow for the *It's Our Church, It's Our Future* Capital Campaign. As of Dec. 10th, St. Mary's has raised **\$280,500.99** from **103** donors. When we subtract the amount designated for our Bishop's Fund Appeal Goal of \$35,000 and the 25% designated to the Diocesan Projects (or our indirect needs – Camp Guggenheim, Priest Retirement, Education of Seminarians, St Mary's Cathedral extensive work), so far, the income coming back to St. Mary's, if all pledges are honored, is **\$184,100.24** for our needs (The school roof loan, brick repair on the church, the wheelchair ramp and on going religious education for every member of the parish). It is my hope that everyone will participate so that our very much needed parish projects will be able to get done. So if you have yet to make a donation or pledge we are really counting on all parishioners to make this happen. Thank you in advance for your generosity!



The Church Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for

**Mike Mace**

by  
His Family

If you desire to have the Vigil Lamp lit for a loved one or for your intention, please contact the Rectory.

### Attention Lectors

Your Guidebooks for the new Liturgical year are available in the Sacristy. Please pick up your copy as soon as you can. Call the rectory if your copy is missing.



**Amateur Greeters?** We've got some well trained Greeters here at St. Mary's who are good welcoming people by holding doors, passing out bulletins, and sometimes doing both at the same time! But don't feel you have to be a "professional" to do so. If it feels like you've got an extra 5 minutes and you're willing/able to help us out, please feel free to step in—we won't force you to give up your amateur status and go pro if you don't want to !

# Schedule

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## December 15 & 16, 2018

### Sat. 5:00 pm

**Lectors:** Brad Mintener, Bernie Proulx  
**Eucharist:** Carolyn Shelmidine, Sandy Bartlett, Michael Christy, Freda Michaud  
**Altar Servers:** (need)  
**Greeters:** Jim Barry

### Sun. 9:00 am

**Lectors:** Joan Hyde, Russel Backus  
**Eucharist:** Keith Zimmerman, Virginia Burwell, Joe Tebo, Marion Larson  
**Altar Servers:** Nicole White, Gavin Thompson  
**Greeter:** Cheryl Curry

## December 22 & 23, 2018

### Sat. 5:00 pm

**Lectors:** Carol O'Horo, Edd White  
**Eucharist:** Julie Guarino, Sarah Campbell, Anne Ryan-Ruud, Pat Furgal  
**Altar Servers:** Christian Guarino  
**Greeters:** Mary Thivierge

### Sun. 9:00 am

**Lectors:** Paul Schrems, Mel Schrems  
**Eucharist:** Pam Neal, Norma Jean Lapoint, Maureen Howard, Allie Withee  
**Altar Servers:** Gavin Thompson, Nicole White  
**Greeter:** Barb teRiele

### **Reading for Sunday December 16:**

Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [6]/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18

### **Reading for Sunday December 23:**

Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-18 [4]/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45



## **MASS & PARISH SCHEDULE**

<b>Sunday, December 16:</b>	<b>Third Sunday of Advent</b>
9:00 am Mass	Dcn. Robert & Msgr. James Ruddy by Judy Ruddy & Family
5:00 pm Mass	Brian Casey by Larry Casey and Diane Drummond
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<b>Monday, December 17:</b>	<b>Late Advent Weekday</b>
8:15 am Mass	For the People of the Parish
6:45 pm	R.C.I.A. Class (Library)
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<b>Tuesday, December 18:</b>	<b>Late Advent Weekday</b>
6am-10pm	<u>Day of Confession</u>
4:00 pm	Holy Hour for Vocations
5:10 pm Mass	Howard & Rita Shannon by their Estate
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<b>Wednesday, December 19:</b>	<b>Late Advent Weekday</b>
8:15 am Mass	(Maplewood) Nick Spadaccini by Connie Shoulette
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<b>Thursday, December 20:</b>	<b>Late Advent Weekday</b>
4:45 pm	Rosary for Life
5:10 pm	Larry Goodrow by his Wife and Family
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<b>Friday, December 21:</b>	<b>Late Advent Weekday/St Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church</b>
8:15 am Mass	Patricia Infantine by Marilyn Infantine Mintener and Brad Mintener
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<b>Saturday, December 22:</b>	<b>Late Advent Weekday</b>
	<i>No Morning Mass</i>
	<i>Vigil Mass: Fourth Sunday of Advent</i>
3:45-4:45 pm	Confession
5:00 pm Mass	Katherine Henschel by Joan Pope
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<b>Sunday, December 23:</b>	<b>Fourth Sunday of Advent</b>
9:00 am Mass	LaRosa & Stenta Family by Rosaria Marano
5:00 pm Mass	For the People of the Parish

<b>Week of December 9</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>
Envelopes	\$8,721.00	\$5,889.00
Plate	\$957.70	\$864.37
Children's Envelope	\$2.25	\$1.00
Fuel		\$45.00
Religious Retirement		\$544.06
Campaign for Human Dev.	\$137.00	
Immaculate Conception	\$1,536.00	\$1,348.00
Donation	\$100.00	
Christmas Flowers		\$130.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$11,453.95</b>	<b>\$8,821.43</b>

*Thank you for your support and generosity each and every week!  
Please continue to remember how important your weekly offering is to the  
life of our parish!*