

# 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 during normal office hours.



## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



A voice came from the heavens, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." - Mt 3:17

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## 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.

**January 12, 2020**

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## Pastor's Corner

This week we Catholics finally catch up to what some folks were doing on December 26th: taking down their Christmas trees! This is the official end of the Christmas season with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.



As we hear the booming voice from the cloud revealing Christ's identity to the world, it's a fair time for us to reflect on the truth of each of our identities too. Each of us is a son or daughter of God: blessed and beloved. The beloved part is because God just can't help Himself: He loves His kids! And the blessed part reminds us that He is oh, so generous with us. He gives us so many gifts.

Just like any loving parent who is generous with his or her children, God wants us to use the gifts that He bestows upon us.

It came up at a recent staff meeting that some parishioners might want a reminder of all the good ministries that we offer here in the parish. Booklets have been prepared and can be accessed at the doors of the church, but for the next couple months we'll also feature in our bulletin a Ministry of the week. We'll start alphabetically with: Altar Servers.

Finally, thanks in advance to all of you who are able to help us take down the decorations after the 9:00 AM Mass.

I hope you all have a blessed week!

Fr. Bryan Stitt

## Christmas Collection

Thank you for your generous gift in our Christmas collection. Like every North Country parish we forward 75% of the collection to the diocese to fund pensions for retired priests. Pension needs for the future as well as obligations for the next year are being met thanks to your generous donation.

Through your generous contributions, \$6,135.69 will be sent to the Priests' Pension Fund.

## What to do at St. Mary's?

*#1 in a Series on Ministries of the Parish*



**Altar Servers**—starting with third graders who made their First Holy Communion the previous year—these boy and girl altar servers assist with the miracle of miracles: the celebration of the Mass. They are encouraged to continue serving through high school and beyond.

**Knights of Our Lady (K.O.O.L.)** are high school boys who receive special training for more liturgies and serve as masters of ceremony for the younger servers.

**Adult Servers** are used primarily for funerals and serving when there are no youth altar servers. These adults also receive special training but do not wear vestments for Mass.

## Who is that man?

Meet our maintenance staff, left to right, RJ Crawford, Ed Dumas, and Leonard Coffey. They are responsible for the daily upkeep of the school, church, and rectory as well as snow removal and cleaning. Thank you for all the hard work you've put in to help our school and facility run smoothly!



## Mass Attendance

January 4 & 5

5:00 PM Saturday	101
9:00 AM Sunday	146
5:00 PM Sunday	50



## Pancake Breakfast

Sunday February 9

8:30 am—11:30 am

St. Mary's School Gym

**All are Invited**

### Menu

*Pancakes, Sausage, Eggs, Toast, Fresh Fruit,  
Coffee, Tea, Orange Juice,  
Gluten Free Available*

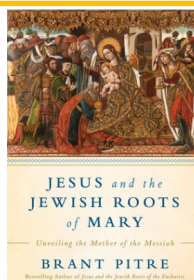
\$7.00 per person

\$5 Ages 5-10

Children under 5 FREE

Families with more than four members \$30.00

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## Did you get your present?

If you were away, we gave out 320 copies of this great book at our Christmas and New Year's celebrations.

At the time of printing we still have some left—don't be the only person on your block missing out!



## Campus Corner

Have a great Winter Break!  
We look forward to seeing you in the New Year!



### PYXES

Thanks to all of you who have returned pyxes. We're still missing quite a few. If you are still regularly bringing Our Lord in the Most Blessed Sacrament to the sick, you're welcome to keep the pyx (as long as the Blessed

Sacrament has been consumed or returned to the tabernacle and the pyx is purified, of course.)

If you are no longer active in this important ministry, please return your pyx to the sacristy or parish office.

And if you're interested in beginning this ministry, we'd be happy to train you to do so.

### Family Tech Talk!

Let's Talk About Tech. And Eat Food!

Texting, livestreaming, Snapchat, Fortnite. What are kids doing on the Internet? Who are they communicating with? And how does screentime affect their brain development and behavior? Learn about social networking, texting, gaming, and how to help your child use the Internet responsibly at our Family Tech Talk Night! Join us on **Wed. Jan. 15 at 5:30pm** in the **St. Mary's Gym** for a potluck dinner and the Family Tech Talk! Bring your favorite dish to pass!

Questions? Please contact **Karley Wake at 315-317-5713**.



*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.*

*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*

*Amen.*



Nolan Joe Redmond	Peggy Cashman	Natalie teRiele	Doni Peters
Sam Bisonette	Camille Brown	David Datush	J.J. Crooks
Shirley Lamendola	Debbie Gainey	Carol Gainey	Fred Rycroft
Phyllis Cunningham	Katie Coakley Ba	Judy Ruddy	Don Tracy
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	Abuse Victims & their Families		

## UPDATE: This week!

The Surviving Spouse Friendship and Support Group

did **not** go to breakfast on **January 2**.

Instead, we plan to go to lunch at **11:30am** at the **Best Western in Canton NY**, on **January 15, 2020**. Please let Lita know if you can attend; callers will also be in touch. If you have any questions, feel free to call Lita Maroney, at **315-379-1650**.



If you are new to Canton or have never formally registered in the parish, please contact the rectory. We look forward to meeting you.

If you have not received Father Stitt's Christmas letter in the mail, that means our contact information for you is incomplete. Please give us a call so your information can be updated.

(315)386-2543

### It's that time of year again!



The parish office will be mailing out year-end donation receipts shortly. Please watch your mail for their arrival. NOTE: please let us know if you have moved so we can update our records. If you have not received them by January 31, call the rectory.

What goes up, must come down. We will take down the Church decorations this Sunday after the 9:00 AM Mass. Any help will be appreciated. Many hands really do make light work.



## Parish Support

Thank you for your support & generosity each week!

Please continue to remember how important your weekly offering is to the life of our parish!

**Note that due to space constraints, the contributions report on is in abbreviated form this week**

Save the hassle of writing checks and using envelopes, set up direct deposit for your offering.

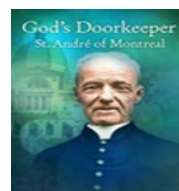
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Watch: **God's Doorkeeper: The Story of St. Andre Bessette**  
Study: **Disciple (Teens): Living the Creed, Season 1: Baptism and Confirmation**  
Listen: **Stealing Home**



# Schedule

## January 11, and January 12, 2020

### Sat. 5:00 pm

Lectors: Brenda Sanderson, Carol O'Horo  
 Altar Servers: *Volunteer*  
 Eucharist: Cathleen O'Horo, Nancy Layhee,  
 Patricia Furgal, Sandra Bartlett  
 Greeters: Mary Thivierge

### Sun. 9:00 am

Lectors: Melissane Schrems, Paul Schrems  
 Altar Servers: Gavin Thompson, Nicole White, Eleanor Bailey  
 Eucharist: Helen Dominy, Dawn White,  
 Norma Jean Lapoint, Joseph Tebo  
 Greeters: Helen Dominy

## January 18, and January 19, 2020

### Sat. 5:00 pm

Lectors: Brad Mintener, Edd White  
 Altar Servers: Christian Guarino  
 Eucharist: Anne Ryan-Ruud, Joan Hyde  
 Michael Christy, Juliette Guarino  
 Greeter: Jim Barry

### Sun. 9:00 am

Lectors: Jordan Tanguay, Melissane Schrems  
 Altar Servers: Sam Roiger, Zadok Roiger  
 Eucharist: Shelly Roiger, Joan Hyde,  
 Barbara teRiele, Joshua Parker  
 Greeters: Brian Lee

# Parish Support

<u>Week of December 23</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
Envelopes	\$5,405.00	\$4,649.00
Plate	\$751.20	\$792.00
Children's Envelope	\$2.00	\$2.00
<u>On-line Giving</u>		<u>\$457.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,158.20</b>	<b>\$5,900.00</b>

<u>December 25</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
Nativity of the Lord, Christmas	\$7,394.80	\$8,180.92

<u>Week of December 30</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
Envelopes	\$4,324.00	\$3,101.00
Plate	\$650.00	\$634.00
On-line Giving		\$172.00
<u>Children's Envelope</u>	<u>\$1.00</u>	<u>\$2.25</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,975.00</b>	<b>\$3,909.25</b>

<u>January 1</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
Solemnity of Mary	\$1,357.75	\$1,503.05

<u>Week of January 6</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
Envelopes	\$5,196.00	\$4,737.00
Plate	\$632.00	\$611.00
On-line Giving		\$432.00
<u>Children's Envelopes</u>		<u>\$1.30</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,828.00</b>	<b>\$5,781.30</b>

## MASS & PARISH SCHEDULE

<b>Saturday, Jan. 11:</b> 3:45-4:45 pm  5:00 pm Mass	<b>Christmas Weekday</b> Confessions <b>Vigil: Baptism of the Lord</b> Deceased Members of the Thivierge Family by Lee and Mary Thivierge
<b>Sunday, Jan. 12:</b> 9:00 am Mass  10:00 am 5:00 pm Mass 6:00 pm	<b>Baptism of the Lord</b> Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Mussaw by their daughter, Betty Religious Education Classes Helen Wilson by Judy Wilson and Family Confirmation I & II Classes
<b>Monday, Jan. 13:</b>  8:15 am Mass	<b>Weekday/ Saint Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</b> For All the People of the Parish
<b>Tuesday, Jan. 14:</b> 4:00 pm 5:15 pm Mass  6:45 pm	<b>Weekday</b> Holy Hour for Vocations Intentions of Anna McKenna and Family by Maryanne Meyers RCIA Class
<b>Wednesday, Jan. 15:</b> 10:30 am Mass	<b>Weekday</b> (Maplewood) Ken Smith by his Daughters
<b>Thursday, Jan. 16:</b> 8:15 am Mass  4:50 pm	<b>Weekday</b> Melvin "Mel" Jaskowski by his son, Mike Jaskowski Rosary for Life (in private)
<b>Friday, Jan. 17:</b> 8:15 am Mass	<b>Saint Anthony, Abbot</b> Margaret Smith by Her Family
<b>Saturday, Jan. 18:</b> 3:45-4:45 pm  5:00 pm Mass	<b>Weekday</b> Confessions <b>Vigil: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Carol Walker by Sean Barkley
<b>Sunday, Jan. 19:</b> 9:00 am Mass 5:00 pm Mass	<b>Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> <b>No Religious Education Classes</b> Philip Helfter by his wife, Bonnie For All the People of the Parish
<b>Monday, Jan. 20:</b>	<b>Martin Luther King Jr. Day</b> <i>Office and School Closed</i>



*The Church Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for*

**the Benefactors of St. Mary's School**

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

### Reading for January 12, 2020

IS 42:1-4, 6-7

Ps. 29:1-2,3-4,3,9-10 (11b)

Acts 10:34-38

Matthew 3:13-17



### Reading for January 19, 2020

IS 49:3,5-6

Ps. 40:2,4,7-8,8-9,10 (8a, 9a)

1 Cor. 1:1-3-3

John 1:29-34