

December 12, 2021

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### WEEKLY COLLECTION

Many thanks to all who continue to support St. Patrick's Church with their offertory gifts, either by mail, personal delivery or when attending Mass. This is very important for the day-to-day operations of our parish. We are truly grateful for your continued support.

Last year \$2362

Last week \$3853 (Envelopes \$3644, Children \$7, Plate \$202)  
Ascension \$335

### PRAYER LIST

(These names will be listed for two months and then removed, unless we hear otherwise. **If a name is removed and needs to be placed on the list again, please call the Rectory.**)

Gary Burton, Rose Moore, Julie Lafountain, Diane Favreau, Ed Sweeny, Ken Dupere, Normand & Brenda Jolicoeur, Eleanor Reynolds, Neil LaCount, Angela Houle, Angelena Polniaszek, Eric Pristera-Polniaszek, Beatrice LaValley, Lee Gadway, Bernard Duffy, Emma Savage, Sandy Barcomb, Rejeanne Lefebvre, Cara Turnbull

Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of George Andre Cartier. Please also pray for all those in our Community Intention Book and all the sick of our area.

**LET US KEEP ALL MILITARY PERSONNEL AND THEIR FAMILIES IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS**

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### December

Sat 11 **Advent Weekday**  
9:00AM **(St. Mary's)** No Mass  
11:00AM **†(St. Patrick's)** Funeral Mass for Ted Favro  
**(Anticipated) Third Sunday of Advent**  
4:00PM **†(St. Mary's)** Melvin Laramie by his Wife & Families  
Sun. 12 **Third Sunday of Advent**  
8:00AM **†(St. Patrick's)** Alfred & Octavia Racine by Andy & Diane Morrelli  
10:00AM **†(St. Patrick's)** 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Margaret Aubrey by Jeff & Carmen  
Mon. 13 **St. Lucy**  
9:00AM **†(St. Patrick's)** Theresa Boutin by Arsene & Rose Letourneau  
Tue. 14 **St. John of the Cross**  
9:00AM **†(St. Patrick's)** Tom Duffy by Pat & Mary O'Connor  
Wed. 15 **Advent Weekday**  
9:00AM **†(St. Patrick's)** Brooke McDowell by a Friend  
Thur. 16 **Advent Weekday**  
9:00AM **†(St. Mary's)** Roger & Denise Coulombe by Pat Gladd  
Fri. 17 **Late Advent Weekday**  
9:00AM **†(St. Mary's)** Steve Douglas by Vickie & Family  
Sat 18 **First Saturday**  
9:00AM **(St. Mary's)** No Mass  
**(Anticipated) Fourth Sunday of Advent**  
4:00PM **†(St. Mary's)** Darrel Demers by Joyce & Family  
Sun. 19 **Fourth Sunday of Advent**  
8:00AM **†(St. Patrick's)** Deceased Members of the Carey Family by their Family  
10:00AM **†(St. Patrick's)** 8<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Gerald Dupree by Arsene, Rose & Rachel Letourneau & Dupree Family

### READERS

8:00AM John Zurlo  
10:00AM Sr. Rani Selvaraj

### BLESSED MARY CANDLE

Gregory Connelly by his Family

### ADVENT CANDLES

Donald & Kevin LaBombard by their Family

Robert Lefebvre by Rollande & Family

Family and Friends by Eleanor Reynolds

**St. Joseph, Model of Workmen,  
Pray for us.**

### Notes from the Pastor's Desk

**RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS COLLECTION ...** This weekend, we will take up a second special collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have offered their lives in service to others — educating the young, comforting the sick, and ministering to the less fortunate. Today, many are frail and need assistance. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps furnish medications, nursing care, and more. Please give generously to today's second collection.

**ANOIDING OF THE SICK ...** This Saturday, December 11, at the 4:00PM Mass at St. Mary's and this Sunday, December 12 at the 10:00AM Mass at St. Patrick's, we will be administering the Sacrament of the Sick to all who desire it. The sacrament, however, is only for those with serious ailments, either mental or physical. The very elderly are eligible. The sacrament is also administered to those who are going to have serious operations in the hospital.

**CEMETERIES CLOSED ...** Please note that our cemeteries are now closed for the season. Due many unforeseen weather factors that we cannot predict, our closing date is November 1, or earlier, depending on the first snowfall. This is to help to maintain the cemetery without ruining the grounds.

**CHRISTMAS MAILING. ...** We are still accepting donations towards the Christmas flowers which will decorate the sanctuary of the church. You may use the envelope that will come in your Christmas mailing. **If you wish to make the donation in memory of your loved ones, please clearly PRINT their names on your envelope.**

**CHRISTMAS EVE MASS ..** All children are invited to participate in the Christmas Pageant at 4:00PM at St. Mary's. If you have little ones or grandchildren who wish to join us, please call St. Mary's Rectory at 518-298-8244 or Kathy Ryan at 518-593-8540. Every child will have a part.

**ST. PATRICK'S FOOD SHELF ...** Wednesdays, 9:30 - 10:30AM or Pat Carey at 518-420-4957.

**20-WEEK CLUB TICKETS** ... are still available. Drawings will begin on January 3, 2022. We are asking all our families to consider purchasing a ticket or selling tickets to their family and friends. The cost is only \$20 per ticket. There are eighteen \$50 prizes, one \$100 prize and two \$500 prizes. There are only 200 tickets to be sold and you may win more than once. Tickets are available at both St. Patrick's Masses, St. Mary's Masses as well as at the Rectory. Please show your support for St. Patrick's by helping to sell all 200 tickets!

**CHRISTMAS COLLECTION** ... The Diocese of Ogdensburg's Retirement for Priests has long been supported by a percentage parish contributions from its annual Christmas Collection. This Christmas, the diocese requests contribution of 75% of the Christmas Collection to support the Plan, with the parish keeping the balance. Currently 40 retired priests, and 12 active priests age 70 and older, are expected to receive pension benefits of \$1,020,000 in 2021-22. Also 100% of the cost of health insurance premiums for retired priests, estimated at \$250,000 this fiscal year, is paid for 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.

**HOLIDAY TRAIN AT HOME** ... Join CP Rail online to celebrate the holidays by listening to great music and donating to help food banks in our area. The concert will be livestreamed on Facebook ([facebook.com/canadian.pacific](https://facebook.com/canadian.pacific)), YouTube and [crp.ca/holidaytrain](https://crp.ca/holidaytrain) on Saturday, December 18 at 8:00PM.

**CHRISTMAS MANGER** ... Many thanks to Penny & Craig Treggett and Steve Barcomb for setting up our outside manger as they have done for so many years. It is much appreciated and adds a nice Christmas touch to our church.

**FAITH FORMATION CLASSES** ... Classes continue this Sunday, December 12 for all grades, including Confirmation.

**SIGN-UP SHEETS** ... There are sign-up sheets for Mass attendance in the upstairs church lobby and St. Mary's lobby for First Communion First-Year Program (1<sup>st</sup> Grade), First Communion Second-Year Program (2<sup>nd</sup> Grade), 8<sup>th</sup> Grade and Confirmation Students. If you do not attend Mass here at St. Patrick's or St. Mary's, please have the pastor at the church you attend sign a bulletin from that church and bring it to your class.

**2021 BISHOP'S FUND APPEAL ... Family of Faith in Action** ... Our parish has raised \$11340 so far towards our goal of \$13061 (only \$1721 to go). If you have not made a 2021 Bishop's Fund Appeal commitment, there is still time. Envelopes are located at the back of the church or you can make your gift online by visiting <https://www.rcdony.org/bfa.html#donate>.

**ST. PATRICK'S RAFFLE** ... Raffle tickets are still available in the church lobby at both St. Patrick's and St. Mary's. Tickets are \$2 each or a book of three tickets for \$5. This 10-prize raffle ticket includes \$3900 in prizes, with the top prize of a 65-inch Sony Smart LED TV, Kobalt Home Tool Set, Full-Size Quilt, \$150 Target Gift Card, \$100 Gas Card, Avon Basket and \$650 in cash prizes. Please offer them to your family, friends, co-workers and others. Tickets can be returned in the collection basket, by mail or dropped off at the Rectory. Drawing will be held on December 19 after the 10:00AM Mass in St. Patrick's Parish Hall. As always, many thanks for your support of St. Patrick's.

**ANGEL TREE** ... Many thanks to all who so generously donated to our Angel Tree this year. We are always grateful for your support.

### 23<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1:00 - 2:00PM

ST. PATRICK'S PARISH HALL

MASKS ARE REQUIRED

**Children and their parents are asked to enter the hall, maintain social distancing, and wait their turn. Santa will be there to greet each child and take pictures. After meeting with Santa, you will leave the hall. We thank you for your understanding!**

**Special Surprise for the Children!!!**

### Retirement Fund for Religious Collection

*Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:*

*Pope Francis often highlights the role older adults play in conveying faith from one generation to the next. Recently, he noted that "there is no retirement age from the work of proclaiming the Gospel." As we approach the annual Retirement Fund for Religious collection, an appeal that benefits some 26,000 elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests, I am reminded that senior women and men religious never retire from their vows.*

*The prayer and ministry of older religious are an ongoing witness to the Gospel. In their younger years, they laid the foundation for Catholic schools, hospitals, and works of mercy. Today, many serve in volunteer ministry. Others are frail and need assistance. Yet all remain wholly committed to their vocations, accepting the limitations of aging and embracing the opportunity to spend more time praying for our Church and world.*

*Most senior religious worked for little pay, and now their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious offers support that helps religious communities provide loving care for older members while ensuring younger ones can continue the good works of their elders.*

*Many fine religious women and men have served and continue to serve the people of God here in the North Country as teachers, health care providers, pastoral associates, administrators, pastors, and assistant priests. We are richly blessed to have a community of contemplatives, Sisters Adorers of the Precious Blood, supporting us through their ministry of prayer. We are also grateful to those missionaries (Sisters of the Cross of Chavanod, Missionaries of the Sacred Heart, Heralds of the Good News) who have left their home countries to minister here.*

*I recognize you may be experiencing your own financial difficulties. I ask only that you give what you can. Most importantly, please join me in praying for God's continued blessing on our nation's elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests.*

*Gratefully yours in Christ, Most Reverend Terry R. LaValley, Bishop of Ogdensburg*

#### CONFESSIONS

**St. Patrick's**, Sundays, 7:15-7:45AM

**St. Mary's**, Saturdays, 3:00-3:45PM

#### CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

**St. Mary's**, 4:00PM

**St. Patrick's**, 6:00PM

#### CHRISTMAS DAY MASS

**St. Mary's**, 8:00AM

**St. Patrick's**, 10:00AM

#### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26

**St. Patrick's**,  
8:00AM & 10:00AM

**St. Mary's**,  
8:00AM & 10:00AM

#### NEW YEAR'S EVE MASS

**St. Mary's**, 4:00PM

#### NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS

**St. Patrick's**, 9:00AM