

The Catholic Communities of

St. Mary's of the Fort & St. Joseph Churches
St. Francis of Assisi & Our Lady of Fatima Churches
St. George & St. Patrick Churches

December 24, 2017 † Fourth Sunday of Advent

Parish Office at Constable

St. Francis of Assisi Church
5 Poplar St., P.O. Box 78
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Parish Office at Fort Covington

St. Mary's of the Fort Church
3 Burns Holden Rd., P.O. Box 499
Fort Covington, NY 12937
Hours: Mon. 7:30AM - 3:30PM
Tue. 1:00PM - 3:30PM
Wed. CLOSED for bookkeeping
Thur. 7:30AM - 3:30PM
Fri. Time varies by both office needs
Phone: 518-358-2500
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Website: smsjcatholics.com

Parish Office at Chateaugay

St. Patrick's Church
132 W. Main St., P.O. Box 908
Chateaugay, NY 12920-0908
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& Chateaugay

Bulletin: To place announcements for the bulletin, please submit by 2PM on Mondays.

Sacraments of Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation: Adults - please contact the Pastor. Youths - register for Christian Formation classes.

Sacrament of Marriage: Six months minimum notice is expected. Pre-Cana preparation required.

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick: Ask for "Priest-on-Call" at the hospital or Nursing Home. Call the Pastor for home visits.

Home Visits for Holy Communion: To receive Sacraments at home, please contact the Pastor or Parish Office.



"Behold, you will
conceive in your
womb and bear a
son, and you shall
name him Jesus."

Parish Pastor

Rev. Thomas Kornmeyer
Phone: 518-483-2775 (Rectory)

Rev. John Looby (Retired)
In residence at St. Francis Rectory

Pastoral Associate

Deacon Brian Dwyer
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Permanent Deacon

Garry Burnell
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Sunday Mass Schedule

Anticipated (Saturday)

4:00PM St. Joseph's, Bombay
4:00PM St. George's, Burke
5:30PM Our Lady of Fatima in
Westville

Sunday Masses

9:00AM St. Francis, Constable
11:00AM St. Mary's of the Fort
11:00AM St. Patrick's, Chateaugay

Sacrament of Penance

Thirty minutes before each weekend Mass until 10 minutes prior to Mass begins or contact pastor for an appointment.

No Matter What...

*Your present status is in the Catholic Church,
No matter what your current family or marital situation is,
No matter what your past or present religious affiliation,
No matter what your own personal history,
No matter what your age, background, race or color,
No matter what your own self-image or lack thereof,
You are invited, welcomed, accepted, loved and respected at
St. Mary's, St. Joseph's, St. Francis & Our Lady of Fatima.*

Weekly Stewardship

Due to required early submissions of the bulletin to LPi, the collection totals for Dec. 17th & Dec. 24th will be in the Dec. 31st bulletin.

Sanctuary Candles In Memory/Honor of

St. Mary's of the Fort Church
For Jerry & Alan Savage by the Family



St. Joseph's Church
For Ruth LaBar by the Family



St. Francis of Assisi Church
Douglas & Irma Fleury and Harold & Nina Sprague
by Dick & Bev

Our Lady of Fatima Church
For the Families of the Parishes

St. Mary's & St. Joseph's Parishes

UPDATE: Parish & Finance Council Meeting

The Dec. 20th meeting has been rescheduled due to and will now meet Tuesday, Jan. 9th at 6:00PM at St. Mary's Parish Center, Ft. Covington.

St. Mary's & St. Joseph Parishes New Email Address

Please note that there is a new email address for St. Mary's & St. Joseph's: smsjoffice@gmail.com



Hospice of the North Country Needs Volunteers

While Hospice does not promote itself as a faith HOSPICE based organization, there is still the undeniable link to the spiritual aspect in every area of services that we provide to our patients. There is no denying that this time in our patients' lives causes deep reflection and often thoughts turn to their eternal spiritual state. It is helpful to have volunteers that understand this aspect of life. If you would like to become a volunteer or have questions, please contact Julie Rowe, Director of Volunteer Services, at 518-483-3200.

Priesthood Discernment Retreat

The NYS Vocation Directors announce the annual priesthood discernment retreat to be held January 2nd-4th at Christ The King Retreat House in Syracuse.

For more information or to register, contact the Vocations Office at crussell@rcdony.org, your pastor or Fr. Doug Lucia at dlucia@rcdony.org

Prayers for Deacon Garry Burnell

Please keep Deacon Garry in your prayers for a full recovery from his recent open heart surgery. Their winter address is located under the Mass schedule in the back of the bulletin.

Vocations: We Are Called

"Be it done unto me according to your word." Docile obedience to the Lord's will is the fruit of humble prayer. If God is inviting you to a deeper consecration as a priest, deacon, brother or sister, talk to Fr. Tom or Fr. Doug Lucia at 315-386-2543, dlucia@rcdony.org or Fr. Tom Higman at 518-594-3907, thigman@rcdony.org or Cathy Russell, Diocesan Vocation Coordinator at 315-393-2920 ext. 1450, or email: crussell@rcdony.org



Holy Family School

12 Homestead Park, Malone, NY

For more information, call the school at 518-483-4443 or email Principal, Mrs. Marianne Jadlos at: hfsprincipal@hfsmalone.org. visit our new and improved website at: hfsmalone.org for all the latest HFS news.

December 24: Fourth Sunday of Advent

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 / Rom 16:25-27 / Lk 1:26-38

Mary said YES!. She didn't have to. She could have said 'thanks but no'. She could have said 'when it is more convenient'. We can learn a lot from Mary's yes. How do we respond to the promptings of the Holy Spirit. Are we even open to listen? How often do we say things like: someone should do something about that? Maybe that someone is you! Or perhaps we have an inspired idea for something, but out of fear or false modesty, we keep it to ourselves. Mary's yes was courageous. She trusted God's will for her. Perhaps today we can find a quiet place, and ask Mary for help to know and say yes to God's will in our own lives. Have a joy-filled and blessed Christmas season!

From Deacon Burnell in Florida

Christmas has the root meaning of: *Christ-Mass or Mass of Christ*. Those who would substitute "Happy Holidays" for "Merry Christmas" are omitting much more than the title: Christ. What is blanked out is the fact that the birthdate of the Messiah-King is rightly celebrated in the supreme act of divine worship called: The Mass.

May all have a joyous Christmas, a blessed New Year, and Paradise at the end of our days!



CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

The Diocese of Ogdensburg's Retirement Plan for Priests has long been supported by parish contributions from its annual Christmas Collection. Currently 40 retired priests, and 8 active priests age 70 and older, are expected to receive pension benefits of \$892,000 in 2017-18. 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.

Religious Education Program Thanks Pontius Pines & Val's Country Creations!

St. Mary's and St. Joseph's Religious Education families enjoyed making fresh Advent wreaths once again this year. This event would not be possible without the generous donation of fresh greens by Theresa Pontius of Pontius Pines and Valerie Hapeman of Val's Country Creations. Thank you for your continued support of our Religious Education Program.

Christmas Message from Fr. Tom

May the eternal star of Christ our Lord shine brightly on you and your families during this holy season of Christmas and throughout 2018. May you be blessed with good health, prosperity, and family love. Thank you so much for your support and kindness as we grow together in the body of Christ. Many blessings!

Christmas Message from Deacon Brian

Let us all rejoice in the Lord for our Savior has been born in the world. Today true peace has come down to us from heaven. (Entrance antiphon from Mass during the night at Christmas)

We indeed rejoice as we celebrate the Nativity of the Lord. Jesus first gift to his apostles at Pentecost was peace. We all long for this great gift and often try to find it with passing joys of the world. True peace is found in Christ. As we adore the Christ Child this Christmas let us be "true seekers" of a deep and abiding relationship with the "Prince of Peace".

Be assured of my prayers for you and all your loved ones this Christmas and always. May God be praised.

Christmas Mass Schedule

Please note: There are 2 Mass obligations that weekend.

Christmas Vigil - Dec. 24 **Christmas Day - Dec. 25**
4:00PM - St. Patrick's 9:00AM - St. Joseph, Bombay
4:00PM - St. Francis' 10:30AM - Our Lady of Fatima
6:00PM - St. Mary's 11:00AM - St. George's, Burke

Regional Mass Schedule - Christmas

Christmas Vigil - Dec. 24 **Christmas Day - Dec. 25**
4:00PM - Notre Dame, Malone 9:30AM - St. John Bosco
4:00PM - St. Joseph's, Malone
7:00PM - St. Helen's, Chasm Falls
10:00PM - Notre Dame, Malone

"David & Mary" - Bishop Robert Barron

For the fourth Sunday of Advent, the Church asks us to juxtapose stories of David and Mary. David decides that he wants to build a temple for the Lord, but God does not favor his plan; Mary hears what God wants to do through her, and she acquiesces. It is always a matter of following the promptings of the divine will and not our own desires, even when we are convinced that those desires are good and holy. Thomas Merton said, "Lord, the fact that I think I'm following your will doesn't mean that I am in fact doing so..." That acknowledgement takes great humility and spiritual perception.

2017 Bishop's Fund Appeal

With a goal of \$1,280,000, the Bishop's Fund Appeal as of Dec. 6, 2017 is at 92.10% of its goal with cash and pledges totaling \$1,197,279.07 received.

Parish	Goal	Gifts	Pledges	Donors	%
CWTR	\$6,274.00	\$6,602.00	\$745.00	61	117.10
St. Mary's	\$6,183.00	\$3,777.00	\$550.00	44	69.98
St. Joseph's	\$3,905.00	\$3,207.50	\$472.50	31	94.24

Christmas 2017

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

I have asked the youth of our Diocese to provide me with a cover design for this year's Christmas card. I received many fine pieces of art, many of which were captioned with verses from Scripture. One citation that surfaced on a few cards is from St. Luke's Infancy Narrative: "**The angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.'**" (Luke 2:10)

What an appropriate message for each of us to reflect upon this Christmas. We should give careful attention to this angelic proclamation that offers such hope and heavenly happiness to all people. Fear, bad news and division seem to be having their way in our world today. In the midst of such darkness, we remember that there is no reason to be afraid because God brings Good News of great joy for all of God's people through His Son, born of Mary.

"Do not be afraid." I need not provide a list of serious concerns that today cause so many to fear what tomorrow may bring. No matter the heartache, this is a season of hope and joy. Jesus is the One who rescues humanity from sin and delivers us from the condition of alienation from God. With His birth, the Christ Child brings an unfathomable gift that we must unwrap to enjoy. He brings salvation to all humanity. But in order to enjoy the salvation won for us, our personal encounter with Jesus must be tended to through a lifelong journey of love and service.

Just a few weeks ago, I consecrated the Diocese of Ogdensburg to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, the Mother of Jesus. We know that Mary submitted humbly and totally to God's will, even without fully understanding it. By saying "yes" to God's mysterious will, she enabled salvation to enter the world through the birth of her Son. We must tug at her sleeve, she who desires so much to lead us, all of us, to Jesus.

We want to follow Jesus. Christ-led and Christ-fed, we can be hope-filled and not weighed down by the menace of evil. As we celebrate the birth of our Savior and greet a New Year, let us unwrap the gift of salvation offered by making Mary's words our own: "*Let it be done to me according to thy word.*"

May the Christ Child bring you and your loved ones the Gift of Love, the Blessing of Hope and the Promise of Peace. A blessed Christmas and joy-filled New Year!

Faithfully yours in Christ,

Terry R. LaValley



Most Reverend Terry R. LaValley
Bishop of Ogdensburg



Solemnity of Mary Mass Schedule

Monday, January 1st

9:00AM - St. Mary's, Ft. Covington
11:00AM - St. Patrick's, Chateaugay

Upcoming Events

- Jan. 5: Constable Food Pantry, 1:00PM-4:00PM.
Jan. 7: Pancake Breakfast, 7:30AM-11:30AM, Fort Covington Adult Center.
Jan. 7: St. Mary's/St. Joseph's Rel. Ed., 9AM-10:45AM.
Jan. 7: St. Francis Rel. Ed., 10AM-11:45AM.
Jan. 9: St. Mary's & St. Joseph's Parish & Finance Council meeting at 6PM at St. Mary's Parish Center.



Fort Covington Adult Center
PANCAKE BREAKFAST
Sunday, Jan. 7, 2017, 7:30AM-11:30AM

Menu: Pancake w/Local Real Maple Syrup, Eggs (any style) Toast, Sausage Patties, Bacon, Ham, Homemade Sausage Gravy & Biscuits, Home Fries, Assorted Homemade Muffins & Doughnuts, Coffee, Tea Milk & Juice

Cost: Adults: \$9.00, Children: Ages 6-12 \$5.00
Children 5 and Under Free

Surviving Divorce: 12 Week Program

The Diocesan Family Life Office is pleased to announce an exciting new ministry that will bring hope and healing to those who have experienced the pain and loneliness of a broken marriage. Surviving Divorce features twelve video presentations that cover topics such as shock and grief, anger and forgiveness, money issues, dealing with children and a former spouse, and annulment and remarriage. This program is for the newly separated and divorced and those still struggling with issues many years later. It will help them find answers to their questions, restore their hope, and begin authentic healing.

The twelve-week program begins on January 25th from 6:30 to 8:30pm at St. Mary's Church in Canton and will meet weekly in the sacristy. The cost of the program for participants includes the Surviving Divorce Personal Guide and all program materials is \$25. For more information or to register, please call Steve Tartaglia at 315-393-2920 or go to <http://www.rcdony.org/family-life/surviving-divorce-support-group.html>

Liturgical Ministers Schedule

- Saturday Dec. 30, 2017 4:00PM St. Joseph's**
Lector: Mary LaPointe
Chalice: Rita Savage, Donna Brosseau
- Saturday Dec. 30, 2017 5:30PM Our Lady of Fatima**
Lector: Brenda Chatland
Chalice: Karen & Bruce Welch
- Sunday Dec. 31, 2017 9:00AM St. Francis**
Lector: Caroline Durant
Chalice: Bev Sprague, Phyllis Santamore
- Sunday Dec. 31, 2017 11:00AM St. Mary's**
Lector: Phillis Walrath
Chalice: Mary Beth Stark, Chris Smith

Responsorial Psalm

"Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord."

All Councils Members

St. Francis & Our Lady of Fatima

Trustee's: Jack Fleury Rod Lauzon
Parish: Myron Brady Brian Cartier
Ernest Daoust Dick Onufer
Mike Shea Lori Tulip

Finance: Deb Fleury (also Parish) Peg Lester
Shirley Kelly (also Parish)

K of C: Mike Shea, Grand Knight, 483-2739
A & R: Susan Ryan, President 518-651-9095
Cemetery: Bruce Welch, 483-0236
Brian Cartier, 358-4411

St. Mary's of the Fort

Trustee: Faylene Chapman Cindy Healy
Parish: Danielle French Shilo Leduc
Kay Spinner

St. Joseph's, Bombay

Trustee: Ray Brosseau Patricia Niles
Parish: Alison Benedict Shirley Therrien

Finance Council

(Along with Trustee's of St. Mary's & St. Joseph's)
Jerry Mahoney, Jerry Rufa, Chris Smith

Ministries

Prayer Line: To offer or receive intentions, call Betty Clary at 518-358-2184 or Jean Robinson at 518-483-3128.

Alcoholics Anonymous: Open meeting 7:00-8:00PM each Thursday at St. Francis Church.

Cemeteries

St. Francis & St. Bridget's Cemeteries: Contacts: Bruce Welch 518-483-0236 for burial lots; Brian Cartier 518-932-8125 regarding maintenance.

St. Mary's & St. Joseph's Cemeteries: Contact Jay Brockway at 315-705-5330.

Parish Hall Rental

Please visit the Diocesan TULIP Insurance website to obtain insurance at: <https://eventus.ajgrms.com> prior to booking the parish hall for private use.

Constable Food Pantry Schedule

The next Constable Food Pantry will be Friday, Jan. 5th & Jan. 26th from 1:00PM to 4:00PM. Please bring your own containers.

Eucharistic Adoration

Could you not watch with me for one hour? (Mk 13:47)

St. Joseph's, Malone: Tuesdays following 6:45AM Mass until 1:00PM

St. Mary's, Ft. Covington: 6PM-7PM, please consult parish bulletin for date.

Notre Dame, Malone: Thursdays, 7PM-8PM w/confessions

St. Patrick's, Chateaugay: 1st Fridays, 9AM-10AM

St. Anne's, St. Regis Falls: 1st Saturday following the 4:30PM anticipated Mass.



*Where the spirit of
the Lord is,
there is freedom.*

THIS WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday - December 23, 2017

Anticipated for 4th Sunday of Advent

- (SM) 4:00PM Bill Brockway by Margaret Snyder
(SP) 4:00PM For the People of the Parishes

Sunday - December 24, 2017 - 4th Sunday of Advent

- (SF) 9:00AM Anniv.-Corleen Premo by the Ernie Premo Family

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday - December 24, 2017 Christmas Vigil

- (SF) 4:00PM Bonnie Law by Richard & Mary Bell
(SP) 4:00PM Roger Cayea by his Family
(SM) 6:00PM Bill Harvey by the Family

Monday - December 25, 2017 Christmas Day

- (SJ) 9:00AM Warren Garrow by Carol Ann Guinn & Mark McCabe
(OLF) 10:30AM Watson & Marion Fleury by Jim & Sandy
(SG) 11:00AM Francis P. Erno by his Family

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday December 26, 2017

- (SP) 8:30AM Communion Service
(SM) 8:30AM **No Mass**

Wednesday December 27, 2017

- (OLF) 8:30AM **No Mass**
(SP) 8:30AM Beulah & Arthur LaDuke by the Family

Thursday December 28, 2017

- (SP) 8:30AM Mary Lou Jones by John & Nancy Alix

Friday December 29, 2017

- (SJ) 8:30AM **No Mass**
(SP) 8:30AM Jean & Robert Grimshaw by the Family

NEXT WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday - December 30, 2017

Anticipated for Feast of Holy Family

- (SJ) 4:00PM Anna Boulais by Gerald & Jennifer Lauzon & Family
(SG) 4:00PM Annette Trombley by Sally Martin
(OLF) 5:30PM Anniv.-Paul Matthews by Pat & Family

Sunday - December 31, 2017 - Feast of Holy Family

- (SF) 9:00AM For the People of the Parishes
(SM) 11:00AM Genevieve Latreille by Robert G. Main Jr.
(SP) 11:00AM Leonard & Vida Dora by Mary Lou & Judy

- (SJ) Bombay (SG) Burke (SF) Constable
(SM) Ft. Covington (SP) Chateaugay (OLF) Westville

Winter address for Deacon Garry & Arletha

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