

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 16, 2018 † Third Sunday of Advent

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 week-end Mass until 10 minutes prior to Mass begins or contact pastor for an appointment.

Eucharistic Adoration

St. Patrick's, Chateaugay: 1st Fridays, 9AM-10AM
St. Mary's, Ft. Covington: Please consult inside parish bulletin for schedule.

Parish Office at Constable

St. Francis of Assisi Church
5 Poplar St., P.O. Box 78, Constable, NY
Phone: 518-483-0486
Hours: Tues. 9AM-12:30PM, Fri.-TBD
Email: officecwtr@gmail.com
Website: cwtrcatholics.org

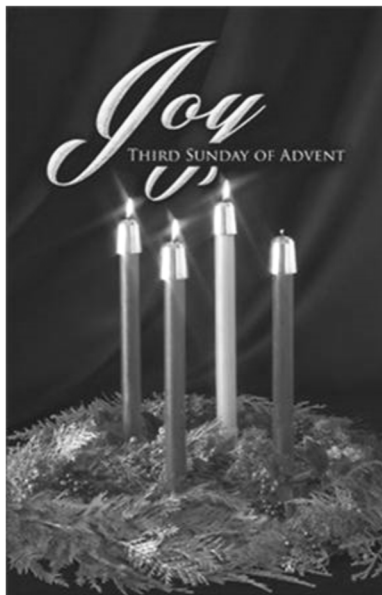
Sacraments of Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation:

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.



Parish Pastor

Rev. Thomas Kornmeyer
Phone: 518-483-2775 (Rector)
Rev. John Looby (Retired)
In residence: St. Francis Rector

Pastoral Associate

Deacon Brian Dwyer
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Permanent Deacon

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

Parish Office at Fort Covington

St. Mary's of the Fort Church
3 Burns Holden Rd., P.O. Box 499, Fort Covington, NY
Phone: 518-358-2500
Hours: Mon. & Thurs. 8:00AM - 4:00PM,
Tue. 1:00PM - 4:00PM
Wed. Closed for bookkeeping
Fri. Time varies by office needs
Email: smsjoffice@gmail.com
Website: smsjcatholics.com

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
CWTR SM SJ

Envelopes
Childs env.
Plate
Fuel
Votives
Thrift Store

Due to early submission of
the bulletin, collection totals
will be in the next bulletin.

Totals
Budget needs \$ 2,580.92 \$ 2,359.44 \$ 1,743.19

Sanctuary Candles In Memory/Honor of



St. Mary's of the Fort Church
For the Families of the Parish

St. Joseph's Church
For the Families of the Parish

St. Francis & Our Lady of Fatima Churches
For the Families of the Parishes

Homemade Pie Raffle!

Raffle tickets will be sold before the 11AM Mass at St. Mary's of the Fort and are 2 tickets for \$5.00. Winners will be drawn at the end of Mass! Sign up sheet for bakers are in the back of the church. Last Pie Raffle brought in \$95.00!

News from the K of C, Council 9991

Knights of Columbus are asking for your help to bring Christmas Dinners to those less fortunate. Last year \$2,800 was spent buying gift certificates to Aldi's. This allows the families to buy what they like. Please give your donations to a Knight or drop into the Sunday Collection Basket and mark it K of C Christmas Fund. We already have a list of more then 30 children.

Thanks in advance, and Merry Christmas.
Rod Lauzon, Grand Knight

Retirement Fund for Religious

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!

Early Submission Dates for the Bulletin

The early submission dates for December for the bulletin.

The bulletin for Dec. 30 will be sent out on Dec. 21

The bulletin for Jan. 6 will be sent out on Dec. 28

If you have announcements, please submit early in order to allow publication for the respective dates above. Thanks!

Vocations: We Are Called

"All were asking in their hearts." Are you considering a vocation as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Talk to Fr. Doug Lucia at 315-386-2543, dlucaia@rcdony.org or Cathy Russell, Diocesan Vocation Coordinator at 315-393-2920 ext. 1450, or email: crussell@rcdony.org See us also on Facebook or at www.myvocation.net

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 website at: hfsmalone.org for all the latest HFS news.

Sunday, Dec. 16, 2018 Third Sunday of Advent

Zep 3:14-18a / Phil 4:4-7 / Lk 3:10-18

REJOICE! The first two readings this Sunday speak of rejoicing, and so we should. But what form should our rejoicing take? How can we rejoice when there is so much suffering and sadness and anger in the world? As we await the Lord in joyful expectation, does it change the way we live? In today's Gospel, John the Baptist answers the question "What should we do?" We too must ask this question: What is it we are called to do? Share from what we have received, perform acts of charity and justice, advocate for the poor and the marginalized in our society, give of our time and talent, be Christ's hands and feet in the world today and light a candle in the darkness and be messengers of hope. In all things, we are called to love.

Christmas Mass Choirs - CWTR

Anyone who would like to come up and sing with the Choir during the Christmas Masses. No matter how young or old you are, we would love having you!

"Shout to the Lord, all you earth, burst into jubilant song and music" -Psalms

Ziploc Outreach Project

Again this year, during the Advent and Christmas seasons, our parishes will be collecting health/hygiene products for donation to the North Country Mission of Hope based in Plattsburgh, NY for distribution to families affected by disasters in our country and elsewhere in the world.

The following items will be put in gallon size Ziploc bags:

Hand towel	Washcloth
Hand soap	Shampoo
Toothbrush	Toothpaste
Deodorant	Comb
Chapstick	Hand sanitizer

Your donation of one item or a Ziploc bag fully packaged will be greatly appreciated. Boxes will be placed in each of the church's lobbies for your donations.

Gaudete! -Bishop Robert Barron

The third Sunday of Advent is traditionally called Gaudete Sunday, Rejoice! Sunday. God is a community of joy and the purpose of creation and redemption is to share that joy. Everything in Christian life--from law and ritual to doctrine and moral praxis--is meant to lead us into deeper joy.

Christmas Mass Schedule

Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve 4:00PM - St. Patrick's
4:30PM - St. Mary's of Fort
6:30PM - St. Francis of Assisi
Dec. 25 - Christmas Day 9:00AM - St. Francis of Assisi

Regional Christmas Mass Schedule

Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve 4:00PM - Notre Dame, Malone
6:00PM - Notre Dame, Malone
7:00PM - St. Helen's, Chasm Fall
10:00PM - Notre Dame, Malone
Dec. 25 - Christmas Day 9:30AM - Notre Dame, Malone

Decorators Wanted at St. Mary's of the Fort Church

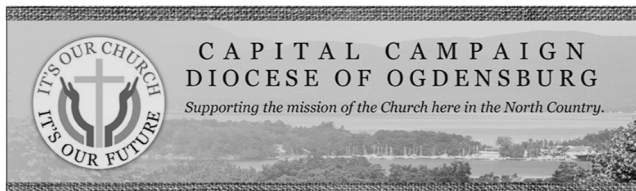
WANTED: People to help decorate at St. Mary's on Saturday, Dec. 22nd at 1PM... many hands make lighter work.

Festival of Lessons and Carols

Performed by Northern Adirondack Vocal Ensemble, Drew Benware, artistic director, Marie-Claire D'Arcy, organ
Northern Adirondack Vocal Ensemble (NAVE) will give two performances of A Festival of Lessons and Carols on Saturday, December 22nd at 7:30 p.m. at St. Peter's Church in Plattsburgh and Sunday, December 23rd at 4:00 p.m. at St. Agnes in Lake Placid. Anthems, carols, and hymns illuminate the Christmas story with community readers and congregational singing. Admission donation \$10.00.

Christmas Collection for Support of the Priests Retirement Plan

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.



Church	Goal	Received so far	Donors
CWTR	\$121,721	\$ 84,112	34
St. Mary's	\$ 96,342	\$ 77,300	35
St. Joseph's	\$ 77,451	\$ 21,160	15

Communion Antiphon:

"Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear. Behold, our God will come, and he will save us."

From Deacon Brian

The season of Advent reminds us: to stay alert, be vigilant, as to help us prepare for the Lord's coming at Christmas and at the end of time.

Coming together as a community of faith is a wonderful opportunity to help us prepare. I would ask you to take advantage of the daily masses offered in our churches as well as communion services. Hearing God's Word and to receive the Eucharist is a precious gift and a beautiful way to begin our days. During this "busy season" let's take time out to unplug from all the busyness and to recharge our spiritual lives for the battle ahead.

I know the announcement of our "winter schedule" last week may have caught some off-guard, I know many were disappointed but mainly I was encouraged by the support and understanding of the people of God. This schedule will allow one priest to be able cover the masses on the weekend. Another factor with bringing in priests to cover for long periods of time is the financial strain it places on parish budgets. Weekend stipends for a priest covering from outside is \$175. In addition they receive the mass stipends, and mileage. So by the time we get to the end of December our parishes will have paid roughly \$1,500-\$2,000.

As we draw near to the celebration of the Nativity of the Lord let us once again open our hearts to receive the Lord in a profound way so we too can share in the priesthood of Christ by virtue of our baptism. We must more than ever commit ourselves to ask the Lord to send US to announce the Good News, to be bold and unafraid in our proclamation. The celebration of the Eucharist is the source and summit of our Christian life no matter what Church it's celebrated in. Let us take this challenging opportunity not to retreat but rather lock arms as parish communities to love and serve the Lord and one another. When we do this we are Church, we are the Body of Christ, united in Faith and Hope. Let us respond with a willing YES to serve our Lord.

Let us continue to pray for Fr. Tom for his health and well being and for all our priests who serve us so faithfully.

Have a Blessed Week!!

From Deacon Garry

May the wonders of His birth fill your hearts with hope and joy at Christmas.

(Prayers please for Deacon Garry as he is in the hospital and awaiting news for gall bladder surgery.)

"Baptism in the Holy Spirit" by Bishop Robert Barron

Our Gospel for this third Sunday of Advent is of extraordinary importance, for it speaks to us of the transformation, the transfiguration of the self, which is unique to Christianity. To be baptized in the Holy Spirit is to be immersed in the ocean of the divine love. When we are dipped into this reality, we become capable of something that neither Aristotle nor Plato nor the Founding Fathers nor the prophets themselves dreamed possible: we can love with the very love of God.

Upcoming Events

Dec. 16: St. Mary's/St. Joseph's Rel. Ed., 9AM-10:45AM.
Dec. 16: St. Francis Rel. Ed., 10AM-11:45AM.
Dec. 30: St. Francis Rel. Ed., 10AM-11:45AM.
Jan. 6: St. Mary's/St. Joseph's Rel. Ed., 9AM-10:45AM.
Jan. 11: Constable Food Pantry, 1PM-4PM.

The Light is ON for You.

Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation
Tuesday, December 18 at Notre Dame, Malone
* Confessions available 6:00AM - 10:00PM *
* Eucharistic Adoration ongoing throughout the day. *

Planned Giving

Please Consider Our Parish in Your Estate Plans

When considering gifts in your Will or estate plans please remember our parish. Gifts can be made to our parish in the following manner: Specific dollar amount: a percentage of your estate or a particular asset such as savings bond, life insurance, real estate or other valuables. For more information contact: Scott Lalone, Executive Director, Development Office 393-2920, slalone@rcdony.org.

Environment Stewardship

A Tip for Christmas Shopping: Resist the "gospel of consumption" that says 'more is better.' Embrace the Christian spirituality that says 'less is better' and proposes a growth marked by moderation and the capacity to be happy with little. Laudato Si #222. Buy less, waste less and enjoy it more!

Liturgical Ministers Schedule

Saturday Dec. 22, 2018 4:00PM St. Joseph's
Lector: Sonja Mitchell
Chalice: Donna Brosseau, Darlene Nason

Saturday Dec. 22, 2018 5:30PM Our Lady of Fatima
Lector: Pat Matthews
Chalice: Jim & Ethel Debyah

Sunday Dec. 23, 2018 9:00AM St. Francis
Lector: Diane Fleury
Chalice: Phyllis Santamore, Nancy Lamondie

Sunday Dec. 23, 2018 11:00AM St. Mary's of Fort
Lector: Kathleen Lauzon
Chalice: Mary Beth Stark, Jocelyn Kelly

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



All Councils Members

St. Francis & Our Lady of Fatima

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

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

K of C: Rod Lauzon, Grand Knight, 483-3772
A & R: Shirley Therrien, President 518-358-2659

Cemetery: Bruce Welch, 483-0236
Brian Cartier, 358-4411

St. Mary's of the Fort

Trustee: Mark Peets Kathleen Lauzon
Parish: Danielle French Shilo Leduc
Kay Spinner Cindy Healy

St. Joseph's, Bombay

Trustee: Jennifer Reardon Christopher Jock
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 Requirement

Contact the parish office for hall availability.
Visit TULIP website: www.onebeaconentertainment.com
Under TULIP-Event Insurance, click on Purchase or Quote.
Enter facility ID code: Contact the parish office for ID code.
Complete the first three steps of the form to obtain a quote.
When ready to purchase, complete form and payment. For assistance, contact OneBeacon Entertainment TULIP help desk at 800-507-8414.

Constable Food Pantry Schedule

The next Constable Food Pantry scheduled date is Friday, January 11th. Please bring your own containers.

Regional Eucharistic Adoration

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

St. Mary's, Ft. Covington: Please consult the bulletin.
Notre Dame, Malone: Tuesdays following 6:45AM Mass until 1:00PM

Notre Dame, Malone: Thursdays, 7PM-8PM w/confessions
St. Patrick's, Chateaugay: 1st Fridays, 9AM-10AM with confessions.

Responsorial Psalm

"Cry out with joy and gladness; for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel."

THIS WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday - December 15, 2018

Anticipated - Third Sunday of Advent

- (SJ) 4:00PM Anniv-Barbara Lantry by Sharon
(SG) 4:00PM Donald Mangan by Walter Brockway
(OLF) 5:30PM Odena Chatland by the Family

Sunday - December 16, 2018 - Third Sunday of Advent

- (SF) 9:00AM Eileen LaChance by the Fleury Family
(SM) 11:00AM For the People of Our Parishes
(SP) 11:00AM Bill Boyea by Arthur & Evelyn McCormick

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday: December 17, 2018

- (SP) 8:30AM Communion Service

Tuesday: December 18, 2018

- (SP) 8:30AM Communion Service
(SM) 8:30AM Jim Reagan by Marilyn Furnia

Wednes.: December 19, 2018

- (OLF) 8:30AM Corleen Premo by her Family
(SP) 8:30AM Communion Service

Thurs.: December 20, 2018

- (SM) 8:30AM Communion Service
(SP) 8:30AM Donald Mangan by Gerard & Kathy Yandow

Friday: December 21, 2018

- (SJ) 8:30AM Mildred Horton by M/M Dean Yaddow
(SP) 8:30AM Vilda & Leonard Dora by Mary Lou & Judy

NEXT WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday - December 22, 2018

Anticipated - Fourth Sunday of Advent

- (SJ) 4:00PM For the People of our Parishes
(SG) 4:00PM Frank Gokey by Ben & Darlene Benoit
(OLF) 5:30PM Tim & Rick Burnell by Mom, Dad & Family

Sunday - December 23, 2018 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

- (SF) 9:00AM Ernest & Ann Premo by Jim & Sandy
(SM) 11:00AM Eunice Harvey by Judy Tierney
(SP) 11:00AM Roger Cayea by his Family

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

If Salmon River or Malone Central School, is closed or on a two hour delay due to weather then daily mass will be canceled, office will be closed and all parish activities will also be canceled.



Mary's Place Thrift Store - New Hours

St. Mary's Center, Ft. Covington

Come browse our selection of
gently used & religious items!

Thurs.: 11am-4pm, Fri.: 11am-4pm Sat.: 9am-2pm

For information/contact: 518-521-9349

(Closed when SRCS is closed due to weather.)

Special Hours: Mary's Place at 3 Burns Rd., Fort Covington, will be open from 9am-Noon on Monday, Dec. 17 for your holiday shopping convenience.

Gift certificates are available.