

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 23, 2018 † Fourth 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

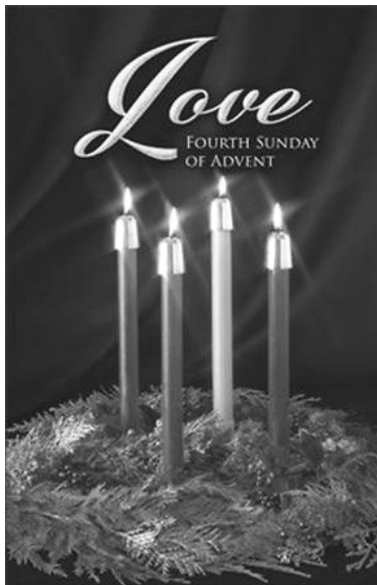
St. Francis of Assisi Church
5 Poplar St., P.O. Box 78, Constable, NY
Phone: 518-483-0486
Hours: Tues. 9AM-12:30PM, Fri.-TBD
Email: officecwtr@gmail.com
Website: cwtrcatholics.org

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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Chateaugay, NY 12920
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Permanent Deacon

Garry Burnell
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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.*

**Due to early submissions of the bulletin,
the collection totals are running behind.**

Weekly Stewardship for 12/9/18

	CWTR	SM	SJ
Envelopes	\$ 1,992.00	\$ 1,912.00	\$ 1,034.00
Child envs.		.25	
Plate	499.00	96.00	69.00
Fuel	115.00	94.00	137.00
Votives	6.00		
Thrift Store		513.50	
Christmas	10.00		
Rel. Retire.	660.00	534.75	390.00
Imm. Concept.	90.00	176.00	157.00
Totals	\$ 3,372.00	\$ 3,326.50	\$ 1,787.00
Budget needs	\$ 2,580.92	\$ 2,359.44	\$ 1,743.19

Our Lord blesses us a hundredfold for our Stewardship Sacrifices. Thank you for your support of your parish.



Sanctuary Candles In Memory/Honor of

St. Mary's of the Fort Church
For Fernand Charlebois by the Family

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

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

From Deacon Brian

"For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord"

(Responsorial Psalm for the Vigil Mass for Christmas)

As we gather again to celebrate the Nativity of the Lord we are reminded of God's great love for his people. That the Lord indeed is Emmanuel, God is with us. Because of this great mystery we too are called to forever sing of the Lord's goodness. Like Mary and Joseph, we too have experienced difficult journeys in life and have felt the weight of uncertainty but have trusted that God will always guide us in the path of righteousness.

The Angel instructed the Shepherds to "Be not afraid, for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy. A Savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord" We too are called to proclaim this message by the witness of our lives. Our world needs more of the Joy of the Gospel and to reject all that is contrary to that message. We too must give Birth to a new attitude, a new mindset, we too must give birth to a bigger heart with more, love, charity, generosity, and mercy.

Be not afraid. God is with us. Please be assured of my continued prayers and support as we walk the journey of joys and challenges not in isolation but rather together united in the peace and hope of the Living Christ.

Merry Christmas!!

Vocations: We Are Called

Hebrews tells us that it is by God's will that 'we have been consecrated.' How is God calling you to grow in holiness? If He may be inviting you to the priesthood, diaconate or consecrated life, talk to Fr. Doug Lucia at 315-386-2543, dlucia@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 Jadloos at: hfsprincipal@hfsmalone.org. Visit our website at: hfsmalone.org for all the latest HFS news.

Sunday, Dec. 23, 2018 Fourth Sunday of Advent

Mi 5:1-4a / Heb 10:5-10 / Lk 1:39-45

We have a beautiful gospel today. Mary set out in haste to visit Elizabeth and what follows is a joyful greeting between the women and their infants. Today a lot of our interactions are no longer face to face, in person. We text and email and connect on Facebook and Twitter. But we are called to be Christ-bearers like Mary. We are called to share the gift of faith and salvation that we have received. Perhaps this week we can make an effort to be truly present to others, to visit a neighbor in need or an elderly relative who might be lonely, and in so doing, bring the love of Christ. Have a blessed Christmas.

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.

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

Please note: Once we begin our winter schedule we would remind you of the importance of using your parish envelopes no matter where you attend church. Parishes will send all envelopes back to your home parishes. Even with churches closed for the winter the bills remain. If you are not an envelope user please consider it and if you would like to receive a packet contact the parish office. Thanks again for your continued support of your parish and for your patience and understanding during this time of transition.

Merry Christmas

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

Holy Day of Obligation Mass Schedule Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God

Dec. 31st: 4:30PM at St. Patrick's, Chateaugay
Jan. 1st: 10:00AM at St. Mary's, Ft. Covington

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.

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.

Christmas 2018



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

At the Christmas Vigil Mass, we will hear St. Matthew tell us that "*All this happened to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: 'The virgin shall be with child and give birth to a son, and they shall call him Emmanuel,' a name which means God is with us*" (Mt. 1:22-23). Sometimes, when faced with the uncertainties and anxieties of life, it's difficult to remember this awesome mystery of our faith: throughout all life's struggles, God is with us!

To migrant families who are frightened and feel so vulnerable because government leaders have failed you—Emmanuel: God is with you! To children robbed of innocence because Church leaders have failed you—Emmanuel: God is with you! To moms, dads and children in Latakia and so many other places who are terrorized and feel isolated because you courageously live your Christian faith—Emmanuel: God is with you! Yes, believe it: God is with us! Our God never fails us.

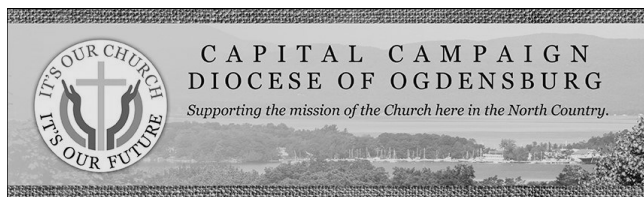
Christmas 2018 is a beautiful occasion to recommit ourselves to embracing this truth of our faith. God has entered our world, was born among us, never to abandon us. Our God's unconditional love and boundless mercy became flesh in the Person of Jesus Christ so that we might touch and see God's constant compassion for every one of us.

In many ways, this has been a painful year. However, the upcoming days of the Christmas season are a graced time for you and me to focus our prayerful attention on all who yearn to experience, in a tangible way, God's Presence in their lives. In this moment, when the Babe of Bethlehem brings light into gloom and darkness and the heavenly choirs sing of God's Peace, we seek forgiveness and conversion of heart for the times we have failed to be instruments of God's loving and merciful presence...when we have fostered polarization rather than reconciliation and healing.

Advent, Christmas, 2019—all indicators that this is a time of new beginnings. 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,

Most Reverend Terry R. LaValley
Bishop of Ogdensburg



Church	Goal	Received so far	Donors
CWTR	\$121,721	\$ 97,012	36
St. Mary's	\$ 96,342	\$ 77,300	35
St. Joseph's	\$ 77,451	\$ 21,210	16

Early Submission Dates for the Bulletin

The early submission dates for December for the bulletin.

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

If you have announcements, please submit early in order to allow publication. Thanks!

Upcoming Events

- Dec. 30: St. Francis Rel. Ed., 10AM-11:45AM.
Jan. 6: Pancake Breakfast, Fort Covington Adult Center, from 7:30AM-11:30AM,
Jan. 6: St. Mary's/St. Joseph's Rel. Ed., 9AM-10:45AM.
Jan. 11: Constable Food Pantry from 1PM-4PM.
Jan. 13: St. Francis Rel. Ed., 10AM-11:45AM.

Fort Covington Adult Center
PANCAKE BREAKFAST
January 6th, 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

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@rcdon.org.

Environment Stewardship

A Tip for Late Shoppers: Shop locally, purchase items produced in our North Country and share them with family and friends. Benefits? It saves transportation costs. Profits remains in our local communities. It celebrates the gifts of the earth and people who nurtured them.

Liturgical Ministers Schedule

- Saturday Dec. 29, 2018 4:00PM St. Joseph's**
Lector: Danielle French
Chalice: Rita Savage, Donna Brosseau
- Saturday Dec. 29, 2018 5:30PM Our Lady of Fatima**
Lector: Jan Chatland
Chalice: Cindy Ashlaw, Pat Matthews
- Sunday Dec. 30, 2018 9:00AM St. Francis**
Lector: Connie Gerow
Chalice: Mike & Sue Shea
- Sunday Dec. 30, 2018 11:00AM St. Mary's of Fort**
Lector: Angie Bashaw
Chalice: Charlotte Lauzon, Phillis Walrath

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 is Friday, January 11th, 1PM-4PM. 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

"Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved."

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



THIS 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

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday: December 24, 2018 Christmas Eve

- (SP) 4:00PM Carlton McDonald by Irene & Family
(SM) 4:30PM Warren Gorrow by the Family
(SF) 6:30PM All Souls Intention

Tuesday: December 25, 2018 Christmas Day

- (SF) 9:00AM Watson & Marion Fleury by Jim & Sandy

Wednes.: December 26, 2018

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

Thurs.: December 27, 2018

- (SM) 8:30AM Communion Service
(SP) 8:30AM Vivian Yelle by Bill Wood & Brenda

Friday: December 28, 2018

- (SJ) 8:30AM James Cusson by the Henderson's
(SP) 8:30AM Arthur & Beulah LaDuke by the Family

NEXT WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday - December 29, 2018

Anticipated - Feast of the Holy Family

- (SJ) 4:00PM Jerry Savage by Rose & Jim Reardon
(SG) 4:00PM Donald McDonald by Walter Brockway
(OLF) 5:30PM Anniv.-Paul Matthews by the Family

Sunday - December 30, 2018 - Feast of the Holy Family

- (SF) 9:00AM For the People of our Parishes
(SM) 11:00AM Anniv.-Manuela Soto by Lee, Donna Smith
(SP) 11:00AM For the People of our Parishes

- (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.)

Gift certificates are available.