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The mission of the Roman Catholic Church of St. Mary in Potsdam, a community including the campuses of Clarkson University and SUNY Potsdam, is to foster the salvation of souls in Christ Jesus through evangelization by means of the sacraments, worship, service, education and fellowship.

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St. Patrick's

St. Patrick's Catholic Parish exists to unite the faith life of the people through worship, service, education, and fellowship.

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Saturday, December 25, 2021 – The Nativity of the Lord

9:30am (St. Mary) (Latin Mass) People of the Parishes

Sunday, December 26, 2021 - The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

8:00am (St. Patrick) James & Margaret Long by Bar & Mary Aiken

9:30am (St. Mary) (Latin Mass) Intentions of Stacy VanMeerden by Chris Sanchez

11:00am (St. Mary) LaSala, Sergi, Rinaldo & Spagnolo Families by Ralph & Theresa LaSala

Monday, December 27, 2021 - St. John

7:30am (St. Patrick) Joan Waite by Ray Waite & Family

Tuesday, December 28, 2021 - The Holy Innocents

7:30am (St. Mary) David Manning by Rita Manning & Family

Wednesday, December 29, 2021 - 5th Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

7:30am (St. Patrick) Caroline Cole by Nancy Demo

Thursday, December 30, 2021 - 6th Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

5:15pm (St. Mary) Dr. Gerald Regan by Kathy Olsen & Ann McGowan

Friday, December 31, 2021 - Mary, Mother of God

5:15pm (St. Mary) People of Our Parishes

Saturday, January 1, 2022 - Epiphany of the Lord

9:30am (St. Mary) (Latin Mass - *Octave of the Nativity of the Lord*)

Intentions of Mary Deugaw Sanchez by Kathleen Hepburn

4:00pm (St. Mary) Intentions of Troy Sennhauser by Kerry Williams

5:45pm (St. Patrick) Robert Collins, Jr. by Rosemary "Mom" Collins

Sunday, January 2, 2022 - Epiphany of the Lord

8:00am (St. Patrick) Katheryn Hayes by Mary McKinley

9:30am (St. Mary) (Latin Mass - *Holy Name of Jesus*) People of the Parishes

11:00am (St. Mary) Gisela Gotsch by Mary & Phil Shatraw

Confessions: *Friday: 4:30-5:30pm Saturday: 2:45-3:45pm* (St. Mary)
5:30pm (St. Patrick) until Mass

Sacramental Life

Baptism: Parents should contact the pastor.

Marriage: Please call the parish office at least six months in advance and before finalizing a date.

Anointing of the Sick: Please advise the parish office of the serious

illness or hospitalization of a parishioner.

Weekday Mass - as published in the bulletin

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From Fr. Joe...

I hope and pray your celebration of this Christmas season got off to a great start! Many, many thanks to all who were involved in making our parish celebrations so beautiful: to our parish staffs, those who decorated our churches, those who provided the music, and those who assisted at the liturgies, I extend my most sincere gratitude. I'm very grateful, too, for all the Christmas cards, sweets, and gifts that have come my way. I'm so blessed to be your pastor! Your thoughtful kindness is greatly appreciated.

As we'll very soon be switching out our calendars yet again, know of my prayers that you and yours enjoy many heavenly blessings in 2022. Happy New Year!



BROWNBAG SERIES Lunchtime Discussion via Zoom

The Office of New Evangelization will be running a new Brownbag Chat starting Wednesday, January 5 from noon-1pm via Zoom. We will use the Revive Parishes Series by Bishop Andrew Cozzens on **The Mystery of the**

Eucharist in the Life of the Church. We anticipate running the series in seven sessions. In each session, we will watch a video together via zoom and then have an informal discussion.

Description of the Series:

The Eucharist is indeed Jesus Christ, and as Catholics, a gift that requires our response. And what a gift it is! In this groundbreaking new course, Bishop Cozzens breaks open the new document published by the USCCB: "The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church."

This is the perfect companion resource!

If you would like to join us this series of lunchtime chat discussions, please sign up online at <https://www.rcdony.org/brownbag>. For more information, contact Marika Donders at mdonders@rcdony.org

Readings for the week of December 26, 2021

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

Monday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40

Friday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18

Saturday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21



St. Patrick's Sanctuary Light the week of December 26th in memory of Tim Hatch by John & Donna Collins

St. Mary's Sanctuary Light the week of December 26th in memory of Frieda Wells & Lee Norman by Their Family



By order of Governor Hochul, masks are required in all public indoor spaces in New York State—including churches—beginning December 13, 2021, for everyone over two years of age. Thank you for your cooperation.

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

On January 1, Feast of Solemnity of Mary, the Church asks us to join in prayer for the World Day of Peace. Beginning in 1967 with Pope Paul VI, each pope addressed heads of state and governments especially, and all people in the world. We are called to create a culture of care as a path to Peace, one that will promote justice and peace between individuals, communities, peoples and nations. Mary, Queen of the Universe, pray for us.



From Fr. Joe and the Staffs of St. Mary's & St. Patrick's

Lord, grant me peace above all else no matter the circumstances I may face this year.
— Philipians 4:6-7

Vocations

"He gave power to become children of God." If you think you may be called to share the Father's love as a priest, deacon, sister or brother, contact Fr. Christopher Carrara, Vocation Director, ccarrara@rcdony.org, ext. 1340 or Sister Mary Eamon Lyng the Diocesan Vocation Coordinator at (315)393-2920, ext. 1345 elyng@rcdony.org. See us also at www.myvocation.net.

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Families can be very difficult things to negotiate. This is true not only of our families of origin, the current family of which we are a part, the family of our Church, our society, and our global family as well. Everything human can be found in family stories. Those stories speak of wonderful life-giving successes as well as painful spirit-robbing abuses. Our greatest joys and our greatest wounds are usually connected with the experience of family. Our needs, experiences, and unresolved baggage often color what we bring to our familiar relationships. They contribute to our level of defensiveness, how guarded and protected we become, and what prejudices we believe.

In order to break the cycle of dysfunction we have to remember that it is not only by human effort that we negotiate the difficult and challenging events of our lives. There is a Divine Effort at work as well. For sure, the human effort can create quite a mess and easily destroy lives. This is true of any family with which we are associated. Today's Feast of the Holy Family serves to help us understand that there is a Divine Story being told as well. It is a story of perseverance in the face of hardship, determination in the face of despair, healing when we see nothing but wounds, and light where there is darkness.

Do we believe that God is always working, guiding, restoring, and leading? Unless we do, we will never be free from the imperfections and wounds that bind us and never be able to understand what it really means to forgive. Pope Francis tells us that the "light which comes from the Holy Family encourages us to offer human warmth to other families." While this is most certainly true, we can only really begin to do this when we realize that we are still works in progress, not anchored to the wounds and sins of our past, and still a leading star in God's continually unfolding story of love. The Holy Family persevered and radiated warmth because they knew they were not alone. We can too.

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HE CHOSEN SEASON 2: discussion

Join the Office of New Evangelization and the parishes of St. Mary of the Fort in Fort Covington/St. Mary in Waddington for a viewing and discussion of the second season of THE CHOSEN, either in-person or via zoom. It is highly recommended that participants have seen season 1 before participating in this second series of 8 episodes. We will watch the video via zoom. If you prefer, you

can meet in person at either location St. Mary's Parish Center, Waddington or Fort Covington Adult Center in Fort Covington. Our first session will be January 4, 2022 from 6:30-8pm. Online Registration is required at www.rcdony.org/chosen.

<http://stmaryspatrick.net>

HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULES

HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, & JOSEPH

Sunday, December 26

8:00am at St. Patrick's

11:00am at St. Mary's

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD*

**Not a holy day of obligation this year*

Friday, December 31

5:15pm at St. Mary's

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Saturday, January 1

4:00pm at St. Mary's

5:45pm at St. Patrick's

Sunday, January 2

8:00am at St. Patrick's

11:00am at St. Mary's

TRADITIONAL LATIN MASSES**

***The Extraordinary Form follows a different calendar*

SUNDAY IN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY

Sunday, December 26

9:30am at St. Mary's (Latin Mass)

OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Saturday, January 1

9:30am at St. Mary's (Latin Mass)

HOLY NAME OF JESUS

Sunday, January 2

9:30am at St. Mary's (Latin Mass)

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Thursday, January 6

5:15pm at St. Mary's (Latin Mass)

HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, & JOSEPH

Sunday, January 9

9:30am at St. Mary's (Latin Mass)

31Club: Prayer for Religious Vocations

Dec.27 Kathy Olsen, Margaret Curtin

Dec.28

Dec.29 Bill Simmons

Dec.30 Tom & Shirley McKenna

Dec.31 Mary Enslow, Janet Pike

Jan. 1 Dona Eggleston, Kinga Snell

Jan. 2 Midge Enslow

Bishop's Fund Update

St. Patrick's - Goal: \$15,937 To Date: \$13,293
83.41%

St. Mary's - Goal: \$25,844. To Date: \$26,781.50
103.63%

Collection Report Envelope, Plate & Mail

Due to the early submission dates for the bulletins, the collection reports for December 18 & 19, December 25 & 26 and the January 2 & 3 will appear in the January 9th bulletin.

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