



## *St. Agnes & St. Brendan*

Welcome on this Feast of Christmas

A special welcome to those who are single, married, divorced, “it’s complicated,” gay, filthy rich, dirt poor, or no hablo Ingles. There is a place for you if you are over 50 but not grown up yet or a teenager growing up too fast. We welcome soccer moms, NASCAR dads, Bills fans and Patriot fans, starving artists, tree-huggers, those in recovery and those who are still addicted. We welcome you if you sing like Pavarotti or can’t carry a note in a bucket. You are welcome here if you’re just browsing, just got bored, just woke up, or just got out of jail. We don’t care if it is your first time in a church or if you have been to church more times than the Pope. We welcome you if you are having problems or are feeling overwhelmed or if you don’t like “organized religion.” If you are looking for a fresh start, a fresh cup of coffee, or a hug from a new friend, there is a place for you here. We welcome those who are wearing “church clothes” and those who are wearing their only clothes.

We are so glad to see those who are inked, pierced, or both, those who could use a prayer right now, those who haven’t been to church since Aunt Carol’s funeral, and those who were dropped off by the Whiteface Shuttle and wound up here by mistake. We welcome seekers and doubters, bleeding hearts and jaded cynics, the lost, and found....and YOU!

## THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

### A BLESSED CHRISTMAS

Thank you very much for your warm Christmas greetings and gifts! Every day as I stand at the Altar of God, you are in my heart and prayer. A blessed Christmas and a peaceful New Year! Fr. John

*December 25, 2021*

*Inspired by our Gospel Reading this week:*

God  
Is  
Love.

Love  
came as  
a babe in  
Bethlehem to  
be there within us,

so we could find him:

see him, touch him, hear him,

let him hold our hand,

know him better,

love him more.

His name is  
Jesus.

“We  
can only  
stand in awe-struck silence  
and wonder at this love  
that is beyond all  
telling.”\*

\* Rahner, Encounters with Silence

### The Solemnity of Mary

**New Year's Eve, Friday, December 31:**  
5:30 p.m. at St. Agnes

**New Year's Day, Saturday, January 1:**  
4 p.m. at St. Brendan's in Keene  
5:30 p.m. at St. Agnes

**Sunday January 2:**  
8 a.m. and 10 a.m. at St. Agnes

### A CHRISTMAS GIFT

At the front doors of the church you will find your gift! "Life is Messy" by Matthew Kelly is an easy read about the brokenness of life and how we hold it together. We live in challenging times - this is the right book for these times! Merry Christmas - Fr. John

### CHRISTMAS ASSISTANCE TO THE NEEDY

The exceptional generosity of so many parishioners touched many needy families with love. Thanks to all who brought gifts ranging from sleds to mittens to gas cards! This is truly God's mercy at work!

### POPE CALLS A SYNOD:

**What is a Synod?** Synod literally means "journeying together." The purpose of a synod is to listen to what the Holy Spirit is saying to the Church through all the members of the faithful: Bishops, Priests, Deacons, Religious, Laity, young and old, those at that center of the faith community and those on the periphery. We need to listen to the Holy Spirit and listen to each other so that we may discern the path ahead. **What is this Synod About?** The Title of the Synod is "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission." We are asked to consider how we journey together and how we are co-responsible for the mission of the Church. "What the Lord is asking of us is already in some sense present in the very word 'Synod.' Journeying together." (Pope Francis) News, resources can be found at <http://150.rcdony.org>.

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### MASKS FOR ALL

The rise in Covid-19 cases in the Adirondacks has created a heightened awareness for the need to be vigilant. A face mask while in the church is mandatory. Sanitizing hands is also very important and keeping some social distance is encouraged. "Getting vaccinated is a simple yet profound way to care for one another, especially the most vulnerable" - these words from Pope Francis are important for all of us. If you have not yet been vaccinated, please prayerfully consider doing so! And let us keep in prayer all who are suffering from this virus and our exceptionally committed health care workers.

### CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

The Diocese of Ogdensburg's Retirement Plan for Priests has long been supported by a contribution of 75% from the Christmas collection, with the parish keeping the balance. Currently 40 retired priests, and 12 active priests age 70 and older, are expected to receive pension benefits. 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 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 TABLE CLOTH RAFFLE

Thanks to all who supported this raffle and special thanks to Maria Ziegler for creating such a beautiful cloth! Jim Leahy was our winner and our school benefited greatly! Thanks Catholic Daughters!

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Looking for wholesome, faith-based, interactive videos for your children to watch? Check out Children's Liturgy of the Word with Heidi Wittle. To watch, go to YouTube and search Heidi Wittle—videos are listed by week.



### Christmas Flowers Given in Memory/Honor of:

#### St Agnes:

|                   |                             |
|-------------------|-----------------------------|
| Peter Kunkel      | Zofia Kunkel                |
| Waclaw Pekowski   | John Wilkins                |
| John Rickard      | Francis Jennings            |
| Dominic Fis       | Dolores "Dee" Albert        |
| Dianne Delf       | Lonna Burnett               |
| Zofia Pekowska    | Millard & Louise Smith      |
| Walter G. Clarke  | Egidio E. Cimaglia          |
| Daniel J. McGuire | Joseph Griffin              |
| Erik Lamb         | Joseph & Elenor DiBucci     |
| Emelie Lamb       | Alfred & Sadie Paris        |
| Susan Jessie      | Helen & James Brown         |
| Maureen Fisher    | Blanche Southmayd           |
| Mary Musgrove     | Eduardo Gimeno              |
| Denny Allen       | Mary Kelley                 |
| Michael Quinn     | George & Kay Sullivan       |
| William Morrison  | Wm. & Elizabeth Knights     |
| Bruce Knights     | Conrad & Ella Beneshan      |
| Bucky Seney       | Christian & Francis Ortloff |
| John J. Moorehead | Abigail Moorehead           |
| Michael Kurtz     | Robert M. Moorehead         |
| Melvin Kurtz      | Mary Moorehead Jones        |
| Peter M. Kurtz    | Mildred & Richard Chabot    |
| Jim Kordziel      | Marjorie & Leroy Jones      |
| Jim Walch         | Merle & Audrey Personius    |
| Bob & Mary Urban  | Dan & Suzanne Kurtz         |
| Dick Persico      | Charles "Chuck" Fox         |
| Mary Kelley       | George & Katherine Smith    |
| Saige Borden      | Holy Souls in Purgatory     |

Deceased members of the Albert, Kuczkowski, Lawrence, Moscatello, and Gimeno families  
The Dattola, Goddeau, George G. Smith, Deloria, Strack, Ryan, and Theodore Debyah families

#### St Brendans:

|                   |                        |
|-------------------|------------------------|
| Vern McDonald     | Phil McDonald          |
| Bucky Snow        | Homer ( Slug) Snow     |
| C. Marie Beede    | Rita & Dick Hartson    |
| Janice A Anigheri | Brett Lawrence         |
| Rosalyn Carey     | Francis & Celia Hickey |

Deceased siblings, parents and friends of Mary Lawrence

December 25, 2021

SB: Saint Brendan's in Keene; All other Masses at St. Agnes Church.

**The Nativity of the Lord**

Friday, December 24<sup>th</sup>

4:00PM (SB) Prayers for Deceased Parishioners by Mary Lawrence

4:00PM Parishioners Living and Deceased

8:00PM Parishioners Living and Deceased

Saturday, December 25<sup>th</sup>

10:00AM Parishioners Living and Deceased

Sunday, December 26<sup>th</sup> The Holy Family of Jesus Mary & Joseph

8:00AM Greg Thayer by Jerry & Judi Strack

10:00AM Jeannine Butler by the Byrne family

Monday, December 27<sup>th</sup> Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist

8:30AM Adam Strider by Erin Day

Tuesday, December 28<sup>th</sup> The Holy Innocents

5:30PM Ann Dunn by Ted & Katie Volz

Wednesday, December 29<sup>th</sup>

8:30AM Bill Hovey by Lee Kemper

Thursday, December 30<sup>th</sup>

8:30AM Mimo Sponable by Doris & Don Jellig

7:00PM Rosary

Friday, December 31<sup>st</sup>

8:30AM Deceased members of the Sherman family by Ted & Katie Volz

Friday, December 31<sup>st</sup> The Solemnity of Mary

5:30PM Tracy Sileo by the family

Saturday, January 1<sup>st</sup>

4:00PM (SB) Tina Leonard by the Champine & Brown families

5:30PM Johnny Rickard by Doris Spotts

Sunday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> Epiphany of the Lord

8:00AM Johnny Rickard by Judy & Ben Cross

10:00AM Bryah Gifford by Patti & Emily McConvey

**TUESDAY 4:30 ADORATION**

Tuesday Adoration and Confessions will resume during Lent, beginning on Tuesday, March 8.

**ARE YOU GLUTEN INTOLERANT?**

We have Church-approved low-gluten hosts that have 0.01% gluten and should be safe for most people with this intolerance. For a low-gluten host, receive from Fr. John and raise your hand to indicate your desire.

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### Sacraments of Baptism and Matrimony

*Please call the Parish Office - 518-523-2200*

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

St. Brendan, Saturday 3:30 p.m.

St. Agnes, Saturday after 5:30 p.m. Mass

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

On the First Friday of each month from 7-8 p.m.

### St. Agnes School Catherine Bemis, *Principal*

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### Parish Trustees

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## READINGS FOR JANUARY 2

Reading I: Is 60:1-6

Resp Psalm: Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13.

Reading II: Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6

Gospel: Mt 2:1-12

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