

**St. Raphael's Church, Heuvelton**  
**Ss. Philip and James Church, Lisbon**

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**December 12, 2021**

Reverend Kevin O'Brien, Pastor; Deacon Richard Van Kirk; Dr. Carolyn Pierce, Director of Faith Formation (Heuvelton); Mrs. Christine Ward, Director of Faith Formation (Lisbon)

**Mass Schedule and Intentions**

Sat. Dec. 11 4:30pm Intention of Dorothy Perry on her 101<sup>st</sup> birthday by the O'Keefe Family  
Sun. Dec. 12 9:00am William LaBrake by Sister M. Theresa LaBrake  
 10:30am People of the Parish  
Mon. Dec. 13 8:00am No Mass  
Tues. Dec. 14 8:00am Calvin Williams by Ron and Cathy Romano  
Wed. Dec. 15 8:00am Tim Baker by Sister Anne Boyer  
Thu. Dec. 16 8:00am Louise Green by Friends  
Fri. Dec. 17 8:00am Mike Stacy by K of C #258  
Sat. Dec. 18 4:30pm Doug Craig  
Sun. Dec. 19 9:00am James Sullivan by the LaBrake Family  
 10:30am People of the Parish

Please submit bulletin items for both parishes to Renee Grizzuto at [saintraphael@twcny.rr.com](mailto:saintraphael@twcny.rr.com) or [rgrizzuto@rcdony.org](mailto:rgrizzuto@rcdony.org) by **Wednesday** each week. FACEBOOK to Mary Yoltan.

**Marian Candle at St. Raphael's**

Anyone who would like to burn a candle for an intention may do so with a donation of \$4.00. Donation envelopes may be found in the pamphlet rack. ***This week the candle is being lit for Jack Herron.***

**Stewardship St. Raphael's – Weekend of December 5, 2021**

Envelopes			\$985.00
Plate			\$76.00
Bishop's Fund Appeal			\$15,792.00

**Stewardship Ss. Philip & James – Weekend of December 5, 2021**

Envelopes			\$1,130.00
Plate			\$19.00
Bishop's Fund Appeal			\$8,147.00

*Thank you for your generous support!*

Sacrament of the Sick: .... Please call the rectory  
Sacrament of Baptism: .... Please call the rectory for baptismal preparation  
Sacrament of Marriage: .... Please call the rectory at least six months before marriage date.  
Sacrament of Reconciliation: .... Saturday at 3:45pm or by appointment  
Stations of the Cross: Fridays of Lent after Mass

**Please pray for the sick:**

Susan O'Marah, Kris Durant, Rose Link, Alan Chavis, Jr., Mary Dalton, Pat Ball, Valerie LeClair, Heather LeClair, Art Kelly, Adam Wells, Jean Thornhill, Brian Barry, Barbara Walker, Pam Robillard, Louis Bice, Sharon Sobotka, Debbie Putney, Roger Michael, Beverly Kirby, Valerie Pagano, Eloise & Jaxon Bice, Margaret Haggerty, Dan Johnson, LuLu Papp, Sylvia Berbrich, Mary Ames, Louise Davis, Peg L., Stanley Infantine, Tim Tuttle, Cindy McCaffrey, Alson Caswell, Greg Carbino, Cathy Ramie, Julie Bice, Jim Hanna, Scarlet Friot, Pat Terris-Smith, Kelly Tiernan, Spencer Montroy, Yvonne Lewandowski, Michael Pierce, Connie Hynes, Linda Spicer, Megan Ewald, Dot Wells, Amy, Lucy McCabe, Debbie Lytle, Camille Brown, Robert Burnett, Mary Lou Havens, Jeanne Warmuth, Ron DeLuca, Charles Dean, Debbie Migliorini, Glendon Poore, Christopher Woodruff, Jonathan M., Valerie Hazelton, Cathy Priest  
*\*If there is a change of condition or to have names added or removed from the prayer list, please send an email to SR parish, or contact Peggy Chambers (315-344-8865).*

**St. Raphael's Ministries**  
**December 19**

Lector..... 4:30pm – Volunteer  
 10:30am – Barbara O'Keefe  
 Euch. Min... 4:30pm – NA  
 10:30am – NA  
 Cleaning Team..... Polly and Roger Michael  
 Collection Counters... L. Smithers & C. Tyo

**Saints Philip and James Ministries**  
**December 19**

Lector.....Ed Walker  
 Euch. Min..... NA



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

Pope Francis often highlights the role older adults play in conveying faith from one generation to the next. Recently, he noted that "there is no retirement age from the work of proclaiming the Gospel." As we approach the annual Retirement Fund for Religious collection, an appeal that benefits some 26,000 elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests, I am reminded that senior women and men religious never retire from their vows.

The prayer and ministry of older religious are an ongoing witness to the Gospel. In their younger years, they laid the foundation for Catholic schools, hospitals, and works of mercy. Today, many serve in volunteer ministry. Others are frail and need assistance. Yet all remain wholly committed to their vocations, accepting the limitations of aging and embracing the opportunity to spend more time praying for our Church and world.

Most senior religious worked for little pay, and now their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious offers support that helps religious communities provide loving care for older members while ensuring younger ones can continue the good works of their elders.

Many fine religious women and men have served and continue to serve the people of God here in the North Country as teachers, health care providers, pastoral associates, administrators, pastors, and assistant priests. We are richly blessed to have a community of contemplatives, Sisters Adorers of the Precious Blood, supporting us through their ministry of prayer. We are also grateful to those missionaries (Sisters of the Cross of Chavanod, Missionaries of the Sacred Heart, Heralds of the Good News) who have left their home countries to minister here.

I recognize you may be experiencing your own financial difficulties. I ask only that you give what you can. Most importantly, please join me in praying for God's continued blessing on our nation's elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests.

Gratefully yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Terry R. LaValley  
Bishop of Ogdensburg

**The Parish Phase of the Synod:** What is a Synod? Synod literally means "journeying together" or "together on the way." 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. We will hold a listening session on **Wednesday, December 15, 2021**, beginning at 5:30 pm. with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction (In St. Raphael's Church). After Benediction we will move to the parish center. It will be an opportunity for all parishioners of St. Raphael's and Ss. Philip and James to participate in the synodal process and give their input. The listening session will begin with pizza and discussion in the parish center. It will run until 7:00pm. Please plan to attend. The questions to be discussed: (1) *People attend mass for many reasons (learning from scriptures/homilies, feeling stronger connection to God, being part of a community, seeking forgiveness, self-reflection, needing comfort ...). What do you hope to experience at Mass? How can we better extend the mass experience beyond the church walls, both personally and collectively?* (2) A synodal church "journeys together. As Catholics it is sometimes difficult for us to share our faith or discuss religion with others, even with our own parish members. How are the parishioners of St. Raphael's and Ss. Philip & James "journeying together" in sharing our faith and beliefs? How can we create other opportunities to have faith related discussions in an atmosphere where people feel comfortable speaking or maybe just listening?

**Christmas Collection:** The Diocese of Ogdensburg's Retirement Plan for Priests has long been supported by a percentage of parish contributions from its annual Christmas collection. This Christmas, the diocese requests contribution of 75% of the Christmas collection to support the Plan, with the parish keeping the balance. Currently 40 retired priests, and 12 active priests age 70 and older, are expected to receive pension benefits of \$1,020,000 in 2021-22. Also 100% of the cost of health insurance premiums for retired priests, estimated at \$250,000 this fiscal year, 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.