

## Weekend Masses

<b>4:00pm</b>	Saturday	<b>St. Alexander's, Morrisonville</b>
<b>7:30am</b>	Sunday	<b>St. Alexander's, Morrisonville</b>
<b>8:30am</b>	Sunday	<b>St. Joseph's, Dannemora</b>
<b>9:00am</b>	Sunday	<b>St. James, Cadyville</b>
<b>10:30am</b>	Sunday	<b>Assumption, Redford</b>
<b>10:30am</b>	Sunday	<b>St. Alexander's, Morrisonville</b>

### Daily Mass

**9:00am**

All Daily Masses at St. Alexander's Church

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May this  
NEW YEAR 2020  
Be a Song of THANKSGIVING  
An Offering of PRAISE,  
A Celebration of GOD'S LOVE in  
HIS Amazing MERCY & GRACE!  
A Blessed & JOYOUS New Year

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**This Week:**  
Tu. 12/31 - Eucharistic Adoration - No Adoration this week  
- Prayer Group - No prayer meeting this week

**ATTENTION**

All Pastoral Council Members of  
St. James, St. Joseph, Assumption  
and St. Alexander/St. Joseph

There will be a joint meeting for ALL four Parish Councils

**When:** January 15, 2020  
**Where:** St. Alexander's Jubilee Hall  
**Time:** 6:30pm

**A New Year's Prayer**

Heavenly Father, in this time of new beginnings, we recall how the heavens celebrated the birth of Christ. We think back to the new kingdom he proclaimed, and remember the new life we gained in our baptism.

In this time of new beginnings, and at the beginning of this New Year, may we always act as good examples the new life in you that all Christians have and be the same for others. Give us the joy that is ours as adopted members of God's family.

Amen.

**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph - December 29, 2019**

## TITHING - Grateful Giving

St. Joseph's		Assumption
\$ 1,731.00	envelopes	\$ 1,039.00
251.00	plate	215.00
\$ 1,982.00	Total	\$ 1,254.00
\$2,726.00	Total last year	\$1,543.00

**Thank You!**

As of this weekend  
the SJ December 50/50 Drawing  
amount is \$420.

**Thanks!** To all who donated funds for flowers and decorations in memory of loved ones. May God bless our donors and loved ones being remembered, along with all special intentions.

## **A Night to Remember: NYE DANCE, Country and Square**

**Dancing**, 8:00pm until Midnight, Tuesday, December 31<sup>st</sup> at the Church of Assumption Gymnasium. Food Served from 7:00 to 8:00pm. Potluck - Pizza - Dessert - Water - Soda - Coffee - Ice available. Need to B.Y.O.B. FEATURING: Glen Gillispie, Bob Rubado and Anne Marie Petrashune. **RSVP to Jim Mazzotte at 518-293-7808.** Cost: \$25 per couple.

**Pancake Breakfast** - St. Joseph's Treadwells Mill, K of C #7248, next Sunday, January 5th from 8:00am to 12:30pm. Menu: Pancakes, French Toast, Real Maple Syrup, Scrambled Eggs, Home Fries, Sausage, Fruit Cocktail, Beverages! All you can eat! Next Breakfast February 2, March 1, April 5.

**Winter Needs:** If you know of anyone in need of winter clothing, please contact Pat Siskavich at Church of the Assumption 518-293-5169.

**What is your name?** The Feast of the Most Holy Name of Jesus (January 3) reminds us of the power of names. We honor not just the person Jesus, but the Name of Jesus. There is a certain intimacy in knowing a person's name. Think of our prayers for people who are sick or who have died. When we name people, we acknowledge and see them. Think of the people you see regularly in your school, workplace, gym, grocery store, parish. Remember: call them by name. What is your name? Jesus called you by your name at your Baptism. He knows you! Do you know him?

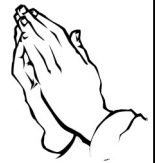
**The Holy Family - God is at the heart of all Christian families.** Today we celebrate and recognize the Holy Family - Jesus, Mary and Joseph - as the model of all Christian families. Saint Joseph set a good example for all of us as his family faced the crisis of Herod's plot to kill Jesus: He listened to God's voice and cared for his family according to the word of God.



Get up, awake the child and his mother and flee to Egypt.

Sirach writes about family relationships and duties, especially that of honoring one's parents all the days of their lives. Paul instructs the Colossians on how to love one another and live for Christ. In the Gospel, Joseph follows the instructions of the angels who led him safely into, and out of Egypt.

## **Prayer Corner**



Following the lead of Christ the Good Shepherd, we heed his voice and invitation to entrust our loved ones to the care of the Almighty God. Let us pray often and with great hope! The following people have asked to be included in the prayers of our Parish Family at Assumption and St. Joseph's:

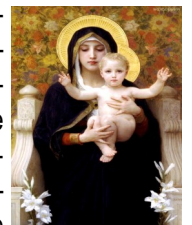
*Jenny Gladwin, Mary Ledwith, Linda Parker, Charlotte Butler  
Rita Finizio, Shirley Shiflett, Herman Brunelle, Joel Rivera  
Aaron Siskavich, Megan Liberty, Wayne Smart, Steve Tedford  
Marion Badger, Mark Rasco, Jim Dowdle, Robert Alexander  
Eleanor Rasco Leggett, Clarence Fournia, Eloise Gundrum  
Carl Johnson, Donna Couture, Rita LaRose, Lana Provost  
Taylor Allen, Lisa Benson, Jill Rasco, Molly LaMora  
Mandi Mawhinney Blanchard, Joyce Ryan, Wanda Sweeney  
Rose Sheffield, Larry Henderson, Marc Dubrey-Smith, Ed Chartier  
Bob LaHart, Candy Gleason, Sherry Provost, Cathy LaValley  
Jimmy Baretsky, Joseph Deschamps, Loretta Boyd  
Karen Baraniak Burkush, John Shusda Sr., Sue Gilmet  
Lisa Brousseau, Jacob Plumadore*

## **JANUARY 1ST**

### **OCTAVE DAY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD**

*Incarnation in all*

The Octave of Christmas reminds us that all people everywhere share in the mystery of Incarnation, the communion of divinity and humanity, revealed in Jesus Christ and realized in all who are likewise born of women. We celebrate this mystery whenever we gather to eat and drink the Sacred Meal. Our task is to recognize the Divine Presence in the least of those with whom we share this mystical Communion, from the Baby born in Bethlehem to the migrant standing at our wall. Resolve this New Year to lend a helping hand. "So they went in haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger."



*The enchanting image of the Christmas Creche, the joyful proclamation of the Mystery of the Incarnation of the Son of God, never ceases to arouse amazement and wonder. The Nativity Scene is like a living Gospel rising up from the pages of sacred Scripture.*

**POPE FRANCIS** wrote an Apostolic Letter recently on the meaning and importance of the Nativity Scene. He encourages us to continue the family tradition of preparing the Christmas Creche, not only in our homes but also in the workplace, in schools, hospitals, prisons and town squares.

**POPE FRANCIS**, who celebrated his 83rd Birthday, December 17th, traveled by helicopter to the hill town of Greccio, north of Rome, where a shrine commemorates the spot where, in 1223, Francis of Assisi used the setting of a cave to create the Nativity Scene for the first time.

**15 DAYS BEFORE CHRISTMAS 1223**, St. Francis asked a local man named John to help him bring to life the memory of Jesus born in Bethlehem, "to see as much as possible with my own bodily eyes the discomfort of his infant needs, how he lay in a manger, and how, with an ox and an ass standing by, he was laid upon a bed of hay."

**JOHN DID AS ST. FRANCIS ASKED.** On that 25 December 1223, Franciscans came to Greccio, with people from the farms in the area, who brought flowers and torches to light up that holy night. When St. Francis arrived, he found a manger full of hay, an ox and a donkey. Those present experienced a new and indescribable joy in the presence of the Christmas scene. From that Nativity scene, everyone went home with joy.

**POPE FRANCIS SAYS.** . . In the creche we find Mary and Joseph. Mary is a mother who contemplates her child and shows him to every visitor. . . In her, we see the mother of God who does not keep her Son only to herself but invites everyone to obey His word and to put it into practice.

**AT MARY'S SIDE IS SAINT JOSEPH.** He is the guardian who tirelessly protects his family. When God warned of Herod's threat, he did not hesitate to flee to Egypt. Once the danger passed, he brought the family to Nazareth. He was the first teacher of Jesus as a boy and then as a young man.

**WHEN WE PLACE INFANT JESUS** in the manger, the Nativity Scene suddenly comes alive. God appears as a child, for us to take Him into our arms. Beneath weakness and frailty, He conceals His power that creates and transforms all things. It seems impossible, yet it is true: in Jesus, God was a child and, in this way, He wished to reveal the greatness of his love.

**STANDING BEFORE THE CHRISTMAS CRECHE**, we are reminded of the time when we were children, eagerly waiting to set it up. These memories make us all the more conscious of the precious gift received from those who passed on the faith to us and our duty to share the same experiences with our children and grandchildren. Read the entire letter! Google: *Admirabile Signum, Pope Francis, Meaning of the Nativity Scene.*

**53rd WORLD DAY OF PEACE - January 1, 2020:** Pope Francis chooses this theme: *Peace as a Journey of Hope: Dialogue, Reconciliation, Ecological Conversion.* Read the Holy Father's Message. Google: Pope Francis World Day of Peace 2020.

**Discernment Retreat** - Young men, have you felt the invitation to follow Jesus Christ as a Catholic Priest? The Vocation Directors of Upstate NY are sponsoring a discernment retreat at Christ the King Retreat House from January 5 - 7. Gather with other young men from across New York State who are considering the call to the priesthood. See the flyer for more information. To register, or if you have questions, contact the Diocese of Ogdensburg Vocation Director, Fr. Chris Carrara at [ccarrara@rcdony.org](mailto:ccarrara@rcdony.org) or 315-393-2920 .

**Plattsburgh Bus to Washington DC:** There will be a bus going down to Washington DC March for Life from Plattsburgh leaving from Saint Peter's Church at 7:45pm on January 23, 2020. It will return to Plattsburgh on January 24, 2020. The cost is \$30 per person. For more information contact: Deacon Randy Smith 518-566-6229.

**Youth Buses for Life: Registration Now Open!** Online registration is now open for the Youth Buses for Life pilgrimage to Washington, DC, for high school students and Virtus-trained adult chaperones to participate in the March for Life. Buses depart the North Country on Thursday, January 23 and return Sunday, January 26, 2020. \$200 includes transportation, 3 hotel stays, 3 breakfasts, 2 dinners, 2 lunches, t-shirt, slingbag and an awesome experience! Registration and more information at [www.rcdony.org/prolife](http://www.rcdony.org/prolife).



**St. Elizabeth Ann Seton**, her Feast Day is this Saturday, January 4th, the anniversary of her death. *Be a trailblazer!* Elizabeth Ann Seton (1774 - 1821) was born into a wealthy Episcopalian family. At 19, she married William Magee Seton with whom she had five children. For a brief time, it was a wonderful life, but soon William's business and health failed. Elizabeth was a poor widow and single mother by the age of 30. Inspired by Catholic friends who helped care for her dying husband, Elizabeth became Catholic in 1805. In the following years this first American-born saint established many firsts: the first religious community of women and the first Catholic school, with several more to follow. Elizabeth Ann Seton's deep faithfulness reminds us that nothing is impossible with God. *"They said to him, 'Rabbi (which means Teacher), where do you stay?' 'Come and see,' he answered."*

### **Church Signs:**

- God loves knee-mail
- This building is prayer-conditioned
- We specialize in faith lifts.
- Seven days without church makes me weak.
- Give God what's right, not what's left.
- Forbidden fruits create many jams.

## **MASS SCHEDULE for the WEEK of December 29, 2019**

**Mo. Dec. 30** - (1 Jn 2:12-17; Lk 2:36-40)

**9:00am St. Alexander's** - Ruth Cody - Bonnie & Erwin; **Bill LePage** - Mrs. Roger Menard

**Tu. Dec. 31** - (*Anticipated Mass for Solemnity of Mary*)

**NOTE: NO 9:00am MASS NEW YEAR'S EVE MORNING**

**4:00pm St. James** - Jerry Miner - Bernice Lapham

**4:00pm St. Joseph's** - Joseph Favreau - Richard & Sheila Aguglia

**We. Jan. 1** - **Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God** (Nm 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21)

**10am St. Alexander's** - Elmer Barcomb - Frederick & Barbara Barcomb

**10am Church of Assumption** - Mason Snider - His Family

**Th. Jan. 2** - **Ss. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen** (1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28)

**9:00am St. Alexander's** - Deceased Devan, Branch, Connor Families - Family

**Fr. Jan. 3** - *Holy Name of Jesus* (1 Jn 2:29-3:6; Jn 1:29-34)

**9:00am St. Alexander's** - Donald Barber - Jon, Judith & Veronica Barber; **Thomas & Beatrice Jefferson** - Abigail St. Louis

**Sa. Jan. 4** - (*Anticipated Mass for Sunday*)

**4:00pm St. Alexander's** - Walton Bull - Melissa Napper; **Jeff LaPorte** - his Brothers & Sisters

**Su. Jan. 5** - **Epiphany of the Lord** - (Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12)

**7:30am St. Alexander's** - Peg DeFayette - her Husband, Bob

**8:30am St. Joseph's** - Clarence & Betty Brennan and Ruth Bigelow - Roger & Christine Bigelow

**9:00am St. James** - Francis & Veronica Patnode - Harry & Debbie Warner

**10:30am Church of Assumption** - Francis Perry - M/M Henry Wilson

**10:30am St. Alexander's** - Reginald Dermody - Jim & Diana Connolly

*Assumption's Sanctuary Lamp*

- In Memory of Bea Gilmet

*St. Joseph's Sanctuary Lamps*

- In Memory of Gary Donovan Sr. by his wife Phyllis, Novia-Lee and Gary

**Environmental Stewardship:** Did you know that January 1 celebrates World Day of Peace, when the Holy Father sends his message to all foreign ministers around the world? The theme for 2020 is "Peace as a Journey of Hope: Dialogue, Reconciliation and Ecological Conversion." As a vital part of the Church what creative acts can I do in my family, my parish, my workplace that express my care for our 'common home' to insure a healthy, peace-filled future for our young children?

**Safe Environment Corner: Did you know? . . .** Did you know. . .no one has the right to have access to children. If people wish to volunteer in a parish or Catholic school, they must follow diocesan guidelines on background checks, safe environment training, and codes of conduct. No one, no matter who they are, has an automatic right to be around children or young people who are in the care of the church without proper screening and without following the rules. The Child & Youth Protection Policy outlines the requirements for volunteers in the Diocese of Ogdensburg. For more information, or to view the policy, visit: <https://www.rcdony.org/safeeny.html>

<b>Liturgical Ministries - 1/5</b>		
Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	
8:30am - SJ		
10:30am - CA	P. J. Lawton	Sarah Lawton *Bonnie Allen Christ Liberty
	<i>SJ Counters for Monday 12/30</i>	<i>Anne's Team</i>
	St. Joseph's	HOME VISITS
A	Alice Mattoon	Assumption Meredith Staley
B	Bonnie & Tim Peets	

**from Scripture:**

**Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23**

**Trust God like St. Joseph did**

By the time Mary gave birth to Jesus, St. Joseph was used to following orders from God without question. So when the angel appeared to him in his sleep urging him to flee to Egypt, Joseph obeyed immediately. He trusted that God would take care of him and his new family.

Joseph's unquestioning obedience is remarkable when we think about what the birth of Jesus must have been like. Mary and Joseph had traveled in the last stages of her pregnancy from Nazareth to Bethlehem. Whether on foot or donkey, it was a dirty, exhausting journey.

Once there, there was nowhere to stay except with the animals. After a short time, they fled to Egypt to escape danger, and stayed there for some years without family or friends. Through it all, Joseph trusted God to protect his family.

Being perfect didn't shield the Holy Family from experiencing pain and difficulty much like we do. Yet Scripture tells us that Mary and Joseph found strength from their faith in God and were guided by his Word. We can do the same.