

## 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

**Pastor:** Rev. Scott R. Seymour / frscott@stalexanders.org

**Deacon:** Michael J. Howley / deaconmike@stalexanders.org



**Baptism, Reception** into the Church, **Anointing** and **Communion** for the sick: please call the rectory.

**Confessions:** before Mass

**Marriage:** call the rectory at least six months before the desired date.

**Bulletin Deadline:** Tuesday, 5pm.

**Bulletin** available on the internet at [stjosephdannemora.grainofwheat.net](http://stjosephdannemora.grainofwheat.net) or [assumptionredford.grainofwheat.net](http://assumptionredford.grainofwheat.net) or

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### **ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH**

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**CA Cemetery:** Charles Perry

**CA TRUSTEES:** Mary Vann

Scott Liberty

**CA Representatives on Pastoral Council**

David Dormann, Mary King, Scott Liberty, James Mazzotte, Joanne Plumadore, Mae Rasco

### **ST. JAMES CHURCH**

26 Church Road

Cadyville, NY 12962

#### PRAYER LINE

(To request prayers, call one:)

**Molly Whalen: 492-7242**

**Phyllis Maggy: 492-7178**

**Theresa Pellerin: 492-7712**

**Pat Siskavich: 293-7195 or 293-5169**

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Nancy Clancy, Robert Munn, Dick Harrica, Anna Lucia, Matt Munn, Fred Talford



## ASH WEDNESDAY DAY OF FAST AND ABSTINENCE

When we do without, we grow within. Is there any spiritual practice more tied to Lent than fasting? Forgoing creature comforts is the biblical way to express our sorrow for sin. It's a sacrifice that reminds us of what Jesus sacrificed. It also has the knack of clearing the clutter from our hearts so that our minds can focus on prayer. Make the most of your fasting this Lent by taking some advice from St. Peter Chrysologus: *"Fasting is the soul of prayer, mercy is the lifeblood of fasting. So if you pray, fast; if you fast, show mercy; if you want your petition to be heard, hear the petition of others. If you do not close your ear to others, you open God's ear to yourself."*

**"Return to me with your whole heart, with fasting."**

### **This Week:**

Tu. 2/25 - **SJ Church will be open on Tuesdays all Day**

- **Eucharistic Adoration** - 6:00 - 7:00pm, SJ Church

- **Prayer Group** - 7pm, SJ Church Sacristy

We. 2/26 - **CHARISMATIC PRAYER GATHERING** - St. Alexander's following 6:00pm Ash Wednesday Mass

Fr. 2/28 - **Bread & Soup** - 5:00pm, St. James Parish Center

- **Adoration & Stations** - 6:00pm, St. James Church

#### **EACH FRIDAY EVENING OF LENT FOR ALL FOUR PARISHES**

ST. JAMES

February 28

March 20

ASSUMPTION

March 6

March 27

ST. JOSEPH

March 13

April 3

#### **Disciples in Mission Lenten Program**

Su. 3/1 - **No Greater Love** - 11:30am to 1:00pm, St. Alexander's

Tu. 3/3 - **HEALING MASS/ RECONCILIATION** - 6:30pm, St. Alexander's

We. 3/4 - **No Greater Love** - 6:00pm to 7:30pm, St. Joseph's

Th. 3/5 - **No Greater Love** - 6:00pm to 7:30pm, St. Alexander's

Tu. 3/10 - **No Greater Love** - 10:00am to 11:30am, St. Alexander's

## 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - February 23, 2020

## TITHING - Grateful Giving

St. Joseph's		Assumption
\$ 1,477.00	envelopes	\$ 1,378.00
211.50	plate	218.00
\$ 1,688.50	Total	\$ 1,596.00
\$2,279.00	Total last year	\$1,759.00

**Thank You!**



As of this weekend the St. Joseph's February 50/50 Drawing amount is \$255.

### Items Wanted for the Auction:

Church of the Assumption's Auction & Spaghetti Dinner is scheduled for Sunday, April 26. Spaghetti will be served 11:30am to 1:30pm at the Saranac American Legion on Wilson Road, Redford; the Auction will follow. If you have any new or lightly used items in excellent condition to donate (toiletries, candles, books, etc. but no TVs or Computers), please bring them to the Assumption rectory garage in Redford. Large items to be picked up - call Pat Siskavich at 293-7195.



**Sacred Heart Parish Annual Fish Fry:** Friday, March 6 from 4:30 to 7:30pm. Menu: Fried Fish, Macaroni & Cheese, French Fries, Cole Slaw, Rolls, Beverage & Dessert. Adults: \$12. Children 6-12: \$6. Take Outs: \$12.

K of C #7248 **All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast** - St. Joseph's Church Hall. Menu: Pancakes with Real Maple Syrup, French Toast, Scrambled Eggs, Home Fries, Sausage, Fruit Cocktail, Coffee, Milk and Orange Juice. Time: 8:00am to 12:30pm. Adults: \$8. Children: \$4. 5 and Under: Free. **When:** Mar. 1, Apr. 5.

**40 Days for Life:** On Ash Wednesday, February 26, at 10am, a Prayer Vigil will begin our "40 Days for Life" Spring Campaign at 66 Brinkerhoff, Plattsburgh. Everyone encouraged to attend and pray for the intention of Respect and Protection of Life, especially for the Child in the Womb. Info, especially if you'd like to volunteer to help: Nancy Belzile 518-593-6024/[40daysforlife.com/Plattsburgh](http://40daysforlife.com/Plattsburgh).

**Priesthood Discernment Groups:** Have you felt the invitation to follow Jesus Christ as a Catholic Priest? Discernment group meets in Plattsburgh: St. Peter's Church Upper Room on the following dates: Mar. 1 & 29, Apr. 19, May 3 & 10. Register or Questions: Fr. Howard Venette [pastorsmoll@stmaryti.org](mailto:pastorsmoll@stmaryti.org) or 518-585-7144.

## 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time -

**Strive for perfection in love.** Jesus expands on the law that his followers knew well. As God loves all people without partiality—the bad and the good, the just and the unjust - so are all who follow him to do. Certainly this can be difficult, but it is not impossible. For by Christ's sacrifice, we have been made children of the Father. With his help, and God's grace, we are capable of striving for the perfection in love to which we are called.



Love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you.

In Leviticus, the Lord declares his statutes to Moses for the Israelites, calling them to holiness and love. In our second reading, Paul instructs the Corinthians, calling them to holiness as temples of the Holy Spirit. In the Gospel from Matthew, Jesus preaches a new standard of love and justice, calling his followers to love their enemies.

### 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, Ed Chartier  
Rose Sheffield, Larry Henderson, Marc Dubrey-Smith  
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, James Collins

A very special thank you to the Church of Assumption,  
for hosting the Sliding Party!  
Great fun, fellowship and laughs!!!



PIC-COLLAGE

## Why do Catholics call Fat Tuesday “Shrove” Tuesday?

Commonly known as Fat Tuesday or Mardi Gras, the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday has been traditionally spent feasting (especially on pancakes). It is also called “Shrove Tuesday,” recalling the tradition of going to Confession. The word “shrove” comes from “shrive” - the English word for confessing one’s sins and receiving absolution. In fact, there was a custom of churches ringing the “shriving bell” on this day. The goal was to start Lent with a clean soul and a repentant spirit.

### LECTORS - ALL FOUR PARISHES MESSENGERS OF GOD’S WORD

Present Lectors from all four parishes have received a letter of invitation for the Lector Workshop. If anyone was missed, please let us know. New Lectors and Religious Education students are encouraged to join the Ministry of Lector. Choose which ever Workshop, held at St. Alexander’s, is convenient. It is necessary for all Lectors to attend.

**Please register! Call Office 518-561-5039.**

**THURSDAY, MARCH 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm**

**MONDAY, MARCH 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am**

Ministry of Lector guidelines will be effective for all four parishes on the Fourth Sunday of Lent, March 21/22. If unable to attend either Workshop, please advise. Those not able to attend and are scheduled on or after March 21/22 will obtain a substitute until they have been instructed. Fr. Gordon is the Workshop facilitator.

**Find your new heart during Lent:** The root of the word “convert” means to “change,” or “transform.” Think of turning from sin and evil toward grace, virtue, goodness, and God. It is the transformation of the human heart, by an act of God’s grace. *“A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will take out of your flesh the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh”* (Ezekiel 36:26).

**A new heart.** God desires our conversions more than we ever could. With the perfect heart of a Father, he pursues and draws us to himself. Conversion begins by offering him our whole heart so he can remake it as his own.

**Break the heart of stone.** There can be no healing or conversion when we harbor unconfessed sin. Make a full Confession to a priest in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Don’t worry if you have been away for a while. The priest will be happy to guide you and to welcome you back to God’s friendship.

**A new spirit.** When we have a soft and tender heart of flesh, we are able to receive God’s holy will. Our new spirit requires renewal every day. Daily prayer, frequent Confession, and regular reception of the Holy Eucharist will keep our hearts filled with God’s love.

## Our special collection on **Ash Wednesday**, February 26, supports

the Church in Central and Europe. Your gift helps restore the Church and build the future in more than 20 countries recovering from communist oppression.

Funds from this collection support reconstruction, education, formation, and outreach to alleviate poverty. Please be generous. For more information, visit: [www.usccb.org/ccee](http://www.usccb.org/ccee).



### LENT 2020

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

Pope Francis concludes his Lenten Message this year with a challenge for you and me: “...to become what Christ asks His disciples to be: the salt of the earth and the light of the world” (cf. *Mt. 5:13-14*). Lent is always a graced time for reflection on our growth in discipleship. The Holy Father urges us to fix our eyes on the Paschal Mystery and be converted to an open and sincere dialogue with Jesus as the means to zealous discipleship.

This is an especially urgent call given the troubled times in which we live. At the Chrism Mass back in 2014, the Diocese set out to do precisely this. We fixed our eyes on the Church of the North Country and presented a Pastoral Vision that is Christ-led, Christ-fed and Hope-filled. Our Envisioning Process helped us establish Diocesan Priorities and Goals. Now, six years later, with *20/20 Pastoral Vision*, we continue to keep our eyes and hearts focused on: following Jesus as disciples in mission; nourishing our lives through the Sacraments, particularly the Eucharist; and instilling hope for the future through pastoral planning.

For generations, the Church has taught the value of fasting, almsgiving and prayer in helping us be the salt of the earth and the light for the world. They are important means for us to stay focused on our Diocesan Priorities of: *Creating a Culture of Vocations, Strengthening Faith Formation in Family Life and Building Parishes with Living Stones*.

As we begin this Holy Season of Lent, we persevere in our mission as local Church to be passionate disciples of Jesus Christ. I encourage you to continue to be active participants in the faith life of your parish. Be a source of loving support for your priests.

My prayer is that these next forty days, as disciples in mission, we might pray fervently for peace in our world and for healing and the purification of our Church. We pray for the courage and humility to be the salt of the earth and light of the world. May our prayer “penetrate deep within us and chip away at our hardness of heart in order to convert us ever more fully to God and His will.”

Gratefully yours in Christ  
+ TERRY R. LAVALLEY  
Bishop of Ogdensburg

## **MASS SCHEDULE for the WEEK of February 23, 2020**

**Mo. Feb. 24** - (Jas 3:13-18; Mk 9:14-29)

**9:00am St. Alexander's** - Daniel Saucier - the Stickle Family; **In Thanksgiving to Our Mother Mary** - a Parishioner

**Tu. Feb. 25** - (Jas 4:1-10; Mk 9:30-37)

**9:00am St. Alexander's** - Bernard J. Whalen - his Family; **In Honor of St. Peregrine** - a Parishioner

**We. Feb. 26 - ASH WEDNESDAY** (Jl 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20—6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18)

**8:00am St. James** - Fred LaMora - Chuck & Jane Barton

**12:00Noon St. Joseph's** - Scott Drollette - Skip & Phyllis Maggy

**4:00pm Church of Assumption** -William J. Walsh Family - Estate

**6:00pm St. Alexander's** - Deacon Ed Mazuchowski - Skip & Phyllis Maggy

**Th. Feb. 27** - (Dt 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25)

**9:00am St. Alexander's** - Parishioners of All Our Parishes; Gary Donivan - Marsha & Bob Cook

**Fr. Feb. 28** - (Is 58:1-9a; Mt 9:14-15)

**9:00am St. Alexander's** - Donald Barber - John, Judith, Veronica Barber

**Sa. Feb. 29 - (Anticipated Mass for Sunday)**

**4:00pm St. Alexander's** - George Thew - John & Peg; Bobby, David & Allen Parker - Mom & Dad

**Su. Mar. 1 - 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent** - (Gn 2:7-9, 3:1-7; Rom 5:12-19; Mt 4:1-11)

**7:30am St. Alexander's** - Leo & Lillian Ducharme - their Estate

**8:30am St. Joseph's** - Jeff King - Fred & Annette LaGoy

**9:00am St. James** - Mass for the Unborn - K-of-C #6067

**10:30am Church of Assumption** - Marge Rezey - Pat & Gloria; Diann Crawford - Sheila Brender

**10:30am St. Alexander's** - Spellman & Brennan Families - their Estate

Assumption's Sanctuary Lamp

- Special Intention

St. Joseph's Sanctuary Lamps

• For all our sick & shut-ins, those in hospitals & nursing facilities



### **Our Faith Community Prays for the Repose of the Soul of:**

**Robert Davidson**

The Lord calls us to be merciful as our God is merciful. The Lord calls us to do God's will. Pray for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life. If God is calling you, talk to Fr. Scott, Fr. Gordon or Fr. Christopher Carrara to 315-393-2920 ext. 1340/[ccarrara@rcdony.org](mailto:ccarrara@rcdony.org) or Cathy Russell, the Diocesan Vocation Coordinator at 315-393-2920 ext. 1450/[crussell@rcdony.org](mailto:crussell@rcdony.org). See us at [www.myvocation.net](http://www.myvocation.net).

**Environmental Stewardship:** Lent is a time to live more simply and with joy as we draw closer to our Creator God. One suggestion for Lenten reading is Laudato Si: On Care for Our Common Home and let it be your guiding light for the changes it all us to as followers of Jesus. Free copies are available from Dynamic Catholic publishing co or on-line [LAUDATO SI' - Vatican](http://LAUDATO SI' - Vatican).

### **WHAT IS A LENTEN DAY OF FAST?**

Catholics between 18 & 59: **EAT LESS** - just one full meal and avoid eating between meals. Only **TWO DAYS OF FASTING**: Ash Wednesday (February 26) and Good Friday (April 10)

### **WHAT IS A LENTEN DAY OF ABSTINENCE?**

Catholics 14-years-old and everybody else older (Yep! That's 100-years-plus!): **NO MEAT**. There are **8 Days** Ash Wednesday and the 7 Fridays of Lent (includes Good Friday).

*SJ Counters for  
Monday 2/24*

*Steve's Team*

	St. Joseph's	HOME VISITS	Assumption
A	Alice Mattoon		TBD
B	Nancy Clancy		

### **From Scripture: Matthew 5:38-48 Forgive and Pray**

The ancient concept of justice - "an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth" - is from Exodus 21:24, Leviticus 24:20 and Deuteronomy 19:21, and was originally meant to limit violence and prevent blood feuds. Instead, Jesus introduced a new approach, one that would bring about a different kind of justice.

Jesus directed his followers and us to "be perfect," which included being merciful. God requires our treatment of others—to mirror his treatment of his enemies. As Christians, we are to imitate Christ, who forgave his executioners from the Cross: *Father, forgive them, they know not what they do*" (Luke 23:34).

Forgiveness doesn't mean letting the person get away with their offense. Forgiveness means letting go of our anger at the offender and entrusting the situation to God's care. We can't do this alone: we rely on God's grace. We get this from the Holy Spirit and also from receiving the Eucharist at Mass. By receiving the Eucharist, we are nourished by the Body and Blood of Christ, who strengthens us to lead a more perfect life.

### **Safe Environment Corner: Did you know...**

The Director of the Diocesan Safe Environment Office conducts Compliance Reviews at all Catholic schools and at least ten parishes annually to ensure that these entities are adhering to the Child and Youth Protection Policy. For more information, or to view the policy, visit: [rcdony.org/safeenv](http://rcdony.org/safeenv).