



# St. Mary's Cathedral Parish

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## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 6, 2009

### Mass intentions for this week

#### Monday, December 7 - Ambrose, bishop & doctor

10:50 (SJ) Kathryn "Tina" Williams by the Pagano Family  
5:00 Novena Prayers  
5:15 (Antic.) Neil Payne, 34th Anniv., by his children

#### Tuesday, December 8

##### Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00 AM - Bonnie Haney by Sharon Garvey  
10:50 (SJ) Myrtle Mae Lockhart by Kevin and Angela Fee  
12:00 For the People of the Parish and the Diocese

#### Wednesday, December 9 - Advent Weekday

10:50 (SJ) Eileen Beitzel by Jack and Betty Mellon  
12:00 Harold Robinson, 5th Anniv., by Mary Ruth

#### Thursday, December 10 - Advent Weekday

10:50 (SJ) *Notre Dame*  
12:00 Gerald Newtown by Ada Blair

#### Friday, December 11 - Damasus I, pope

10:50 (SJ) Sharon Moore Hamic by John and Patricia  
Harrington and Allen Bromling  
12:00 Joan Fielding by Warren and Belle

#### Saturday, December 12 - Our Lady of Guadalupe

4:00 (Antic.) For the People of the Parish and the Diocese

#### Sunday, December 13 - Third Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM - Ruth Luckie by the estate of Catherine Lewis  
11:00 AM - Robert Garvey, Anniv., by his family

- Please note the changes in this week's Mass schedule. -

**Next Sunday's Scripture Readings:** Zephaniah 3:14-18a;  
Philippians 4:4-7; and the Gospel of Luke 3:10-18.

### A Time of Giving!

The **Giving Tree** to benefit the residents of St. Joseph's Nursing Home still has gift tags, with suggestions, available. They have been so appreciative of your gifts over the past several years. Many of our elderly have no one to visit or bring them a little cheer during the holiday season. We encourage you to take one of these tags and purchase a gift, and return it, with the tag attached, by **December 13**. Thank you for your generous hearts.

### See you at our Coffee House

The St. Mary's Cathedral Music Ministry will, once again, host a very special evening of entertainment provided by Barbara Heller Rogers and friends in the Bishop Brzana Memorial Hall **this Sunday evening, December 6, from 6-8 PM**. There will be a wonderful selection of coffees, teas, cocoa, and sweet treats. Several raffle items and door prizes will be available throughout the evening. Cost is \$5 per person, and children under 12 are free. See you there!



### Sanctuary Candles - In Memory Week of December 6

**Main Cathedral** - Phil White, Jr., by his family

**Deacon Winter Chapel** - Deceased members of the Theodore and Sarah LaVenture family by Margie Barney and Walt and Ann Corrice

### Holy Day Mass Schedule

**Tuesday, December 8**, is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. On this Holy Day of Obligation, we attend Mass to commemorate that Mary was conceived without original sin in the womb of St. Anne. Masses here at the Cathedral are at 9:00 AM and 12 Noon with an anticipated Mass on Monday at 5:15 PM. *Masses at Notre Dame Church are at 6:45 AM and 7:00 PM with an anticipated Mass on Monday at 5:00 PM.*

### Advent Penance Service

Again this year, St. Mary's Cathedral will join Notre Dame Church for an Advent Reconciliation Service. The Service will be held at Notre Dame Church on **Sunday, December 13, at 4:00 PM**. *(Please note the time change.)* There will be several priests from our area hearing confessions at that time. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is a reminder of Jesus' unending mercy. Receive His forgiveness. Meet Him at Christmas with a clean conscience and joyful heart. All are invited to participate.

### Attention all Liturgical Ministers

**New schedules** will soon be prepared and will include the weekends of January 2-3 thru April 24-25, 2010. Please be sure to call the rectory at 393-3930 by **Monday, December 14**, if you are not available during any of this time period. Also, **sign-up sheets for the Christmas Masses are posted on the bulletin board in the sacristy**. Please sign-up, as soon as possible, so that we can plan for these special liturgies. By signing up early, you save us lots of phone calls, and we truly appreciate that!

**A letter from Father Terry ...**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The twenty-second annual appeal for the Retirement Fund for Religious will be conducted in our parishes the weekend of December 12 and 13. At our Masses on that Third Sunday of Advent we will find John the Baptist instructing the crowds to be generous in word and deed and to act justly. What an appropriate context in which to reflect on the generous ministry of the women and men of consecrated life.

Throughout their lives, women and men religious adhere to the instruction of the Baptist through lives of service and prayer, freely sharing their gifts of faith and grace. For generations, the religious congregations cared for their elderly members. In recent decades, however, elderly religious began to outnumber the number of religious earning stipends. In 1972, special legislation enabled religious to enter the Social Security system. However, their benefits average only one-third those of the average recipient. Thousands of elderly women and men religious now need assisted living or skilled nursing care.

Ninety percent of the proceeds from this collection will be distributed by the Diocese and benefit the religious communities that serve here today and those who have served in the past. The remaining ten percent will be sent to the National Religious Retirement Office for national distribution. Last year's contributions from Catholics in the North Country totaled \$149,373.49. These funds were distributed locally among thirty-three communities of women and men.

Please join me in expressing our gratitude to these women and men who have made great contributions to the Church of Ogdensburg by generously contributing to this year's Appeal. We pray that all religious may continue to be beacons of faith and hope who lead others to Christ.



Gratefully yours in Christ,

*Rev. Terry R. LaValley*

Reverend Terry R. LaValley, J.C.L.  
Diocesan Administrator

**Gift Ideas**

As you think about Christmas gifts, may we offer some suggestions? You only need travel as far as the rectory office to purchase any of these special items: Sr. Mary Christine Taylor's book, *Mary's Parish*, on the history of the Cathedral (\$20); our parish cookbook, *Feeding the Flock*, (\$5); the print, "Comes the Dawn", by Stephen Chambers (\$20); **holiday parish note cards** in boxes of 10 (\$3); and a relaxation/meditation instrumental CD (\$12) or **cassette** (\$8) by Ernie Hadley.

Please take a moment and stop by our **display board**, in the Cathedral vestibule, where you will find an assortment of inspirational CD's, books, and brochures. For only \$3 you can obtain a CD and learn more about our Catholic faith or for 50 cents each you may purchase a brochure.

Many new Advent and Christmas titles are now available, including the following CD's: *The True Meaning of Christmas*; *Prepare the Way of the King - Making the Most of Advent*; *Glory to the New Born King - Traditional Christmas Carols and Hymns*; and *Mary: Handmaid of the Lord*. They may be purchased for \$3 each or in a bundle of four for \$10. These would make wonderful Christmas gifts!

**Bishop's Fund Appeal**

Our sincere gratitude to those who have supported this year's Bishop's Fund Appeal. To date, 253 individuals/families in our parish have made a gift or pledge to this year's Appeal. As of November 24, we have received \$41,409.28 (82.02%) toward our parish goal of \$50,484.88. If you have not yet had an opportunity to do so, your gift can still be placed in the collection basket or mailed to the Bishop's Fund Office. On-line giving is also available at [www.dioogdensburg.org/development](http://www.dioogdensburg.org/development). Thank you, once again, for your generosity and support. Please remember - every gift makes a difference - every gift counts.

Capital Campaign Phase I goal.....	\$1,200,000.00
Capital Campaign Phase II goal.....	\$ 400,000.00
Cash received.....	\$ 819,203.94
Outstanding pledges.....	\$ 588,662.29
Total cash and pledges as of November 30.....	\$1,407,866.23

Number of donors: 386



**God's plan for giving - tithing**  
**November 21-22, 2009**

Envelopes.....	\$ 5,969.00
Plate.....	\$ 496.00
Children's Envelopes.....	\$ 12.47
Miscellaneous/Donations.....	\$ 535.00
Total.....	\$ 7,012.47
Envelopes last year.....	\$ 7,177.00

**November 28-29, 2009**

Envelopes.....	\$ 5,839.04
Plate.....	\$ 462.00
Children's Envelopes.....	\$ 6.00
Miscellaneous/Donations.....	\$ 501.44
Total.....	\$ 6,808.48
Envelopes last year.....	\$ 7,506.00

**May God bless you for your continued generosity.**

**Cleaning of the Church**

The members of the Altar Society will be gathering on **Thursday, December 17, at 9:00 AM** for a general cleaning of the Church. If you are available, your help would be very much appreciated!

**Remember in Prayer**

**We pray for loved ones who are ill:**

Davalene Layng, Leward Lucia, Ann Losurdo, Joan Cutway, Jean Seeley, Dennis Moore, Wanda Taylor, Randy Livingston, Stanley Seymour, Geraldine Sansoucy, Mike Cagler, Allen Bromling, Jeff Potter, Elmer Martel, Justin Roethel, Tori Elliott, Michele Cline, Marie Craven, Janet Knill, and Mary Jane LaFave.

**We also request your prayers for:**

Those who care for the sick and all our military men, women, and their families.

**This Week at a Glance**

**Sunday, December 6**

- Religion classes for all grades.
- Adult Choir rehearsal at 10:00 AM in the choir loft.
- Coffee House to be held in the Bishop Brzana Memorial Hall from 6-8 PM.

**Monday, December 7**

- St. Vincent de Paul Society meeting at 9 AM in the rectory.
- RCIA meeting in the rectory at 7 PM.

**Wednesday, December 9**

- Legion of Mary meeting at 3:30 PM in the rectory.

**Thursday, December 10**

- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Deacon Winter Chapel after the 12 noon Mass until 5 PM.

**Sunday, December 13**

- Religion classes for all grades.
- Adult Choir rehearsal at 10:00 AM in the choir loft.
- Penance Service with Notre Dame at 4:00 PM.

**Christmas Children's Choir**

Elementary school children who would like to sing in the Children's Choir at the 4 PM Mass on Christmas Eve are asked to practice with us after the 11 AM Mass each weekend through December 20.



**Christmas flowers**

You recently received in the mail an offering envelope for flowers. We ask that you place your envelope, in memory of your loved ones, in the Offertory basket at any time. These names will be published in the bulletin after Christmas. We thank you for helping us continue the tradition of beautifying our church during this special season of Christmas.

**PJ's 4 Christmas**

Two area children, 8<sup>th</sup> grade student Camille Marshall and 5<sup>th</sup> grade student Abby Marshall, are on a quest to see that all children in our area have a new pair of PJ's to open on Christmas Eve. They will be working with the Neighborhood Center's Christmas Program. They have a goal of 1000 PJ's. A drop box will be available at SMDA, 315 Gates Street, for anyone wishing to help these two young ladies reach their goal. Monetary donations may also be made to: Ogdensburg Neighborhood Center Christmas Program, 330 Ford Street, Ogdensburg, NY.

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**St. Vincent de Paul Society**

1115 Ford Street 393-6579  
Store Hours: 1:30 - 4:00 p.m. Monday - Friday  
12:30 - 3:00 p.m. Saturday  
Store is closed during July and August

**Weekend Liturgies**

Saturday 4:00 p.m. anticipated  
Sunday 8:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

**Reconciliation**

Saturday 3:00 - 3:45 p.m.  
Sunday 10:15 - 10:45 a.m.  
or by contacting Father Terry

**Nocturnal Adoration**

Thursday before the First Friday of each month in Deacon Winter Chapel beginning with Holy Hour for Vocations at 8:00 p.m. and concluding at 7:00 a.m. on First Friday.

**Eucharistic Adoration**

First Friday and Thursdays (except the Thursday before the First Friday of the month) in Deacon Winter Chapel beginning after the noon Mass until 5:00 p.m.

**Daily Liturgies/Holy Days**

As listed in the bulletin.

**Baptism**

First Sunday of the month at 11:45 a.m. Sponsors are to be at least 16 years of age, have received Holy Communion and Confirmation, and practice their Catholic faith. A baptized person who belongs to a non-Catholic ecclesial community may be admitted in the company of a Catholic sponsor, serving as a Christian Witness.

**Marriage**

As arranged with the parish staff.

**Project Rachel**

Alternatives to Abortion: 393-2255 or 393-2660

**Elizabeth Ministry**

Contact Sister Mary Teresa LaBrake, G.N.S.H., at 393-3930.

**PLEASE NOTE:**

The Knights of Columbus Friday Night Fish Fry Buffet is suspended until after the first of the year due to scheduled holiday parties.

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