

# The Catholic Communities of

St. Mary's of the Fort & St. Joseph Churches  
St. Francis of Assisi & Our Lady of Fatima Churches  
St. George & St. Patrick Churches

December 10, 2017 † Second Sunday of Advent

## Parish Office at Constable

St. Francis of Assisi Church  
5 Poplar St., P.O. Box 78  
Constable, NY 12926  
Hours: Tues. 9AM-12:30PM, Fri.-TBD  
Phone: 518-483-0486  
Email: [officecwtr@gmail.com](mailto:officecwtr@gmail.com)  
Website: [cwtrcatholics.org](http://cwtrcatholics.org)

## Parish Office at Fort Covington

St. Mary's of the Fort Church  
3 Burns Holden Rd., P.O. Box 499  
Fort Covington, NY 12937  
Hours: Mon. 7:30AM - 3:30PM  
Tue. 1:00PM - 3:30PM  
**Wed. CLOSED for bookkeeping**  
Thur. 7:30AM - 3:30PM  
Fri. Time varies by both office needs  
Phone: 518-358-2500  
Email: [smsjoffice@gmail.com](mailto:smsjoffice@gmail.com)  
Website: [smsjcatholics.com](http://smsjcatholics.com)

## Parish Office at Chateaugay

St. Patrick's Church  
132 W. Main St., P.O. Box 908  
Chateaugay, NY 12920-0908  
Hours: Mon.-Thurs., 8AM-2:15PM  
Phone: 518-497-6673/Fax: 518-497-6165  
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Facebook: Catholic Community of Burke  
& Chateaugay

Bulletin: To place announcements for the bulletin, please submit by 2PM on Mondays.

**Sacraments of Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation:** Adults - please contact the Pastor. Youths - register for Christian Formation classes.

**Sacrament of Marriage:** Six months minimum notice is expected. Pre-Cana preparation required.

**Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick:** Ask for "Priest-on-Call" at the hospital or Nursing Home. Call the Pastor for home visits.

**Home Visits for Holy Communion:** To receive Sacraments at home, please contact the Pastor or Parish Office.



*"O people of Sion,  
behold, he Lord will  
come to save the  
nations, and the Lord  
will make the glory  
of his voice heard  
in the joy  
of your heart."*

Isaiah 30:19,30

## Parish Pastor

Rev. Thomas Kornmeyer  
Phone: 518-483-2775 (Rectory)

Rev. John Looby (Retired)  
In residence at St. Francis Rectory

## Pastoral Associate

Deacon Brian Dwyer  
P.O. Box 595  
Chateaugay, NY 12920  
Phone: 518-497-6673  
Email: [bdwyer1974@gmail.com](mailto:bdwyer1974@gmail.com)

## Permanent Deacon

Garry Burnell  
Phone: 518-483-1878  
Email: [gararl111@gmail.com](mailto:gararl111@gmail.com)

## Sunday Mass Schedule

### Anticipated (Saturday)

4:00PM St. Joseph's, Bombay  
4:00PM St. George's, Burke  
5:30PM Our Lady of Fatima in  
Westville

### Sunday Masses

9:00AM St. Francis, Constable  
11:00AM St. Mary's of the Fort  
11:00AM St. Patrick's, Chateaugay

## Sacrament of Penance

Thirty minutes before each weekend Mass until 10 minutes prior to Mass begins or contact pastor for an appointment.

### No Matter What...

*Your present status is in the Catholic Church,  
No matter what your current family or marital situation is,  
No matter what your past or present religious affiliation,  
No matter what your own personal history,  
No matter what your age, background, race or color,  
No matter what your own self-image or lack thereof,  
You are invited, welcomed, accepted, loved and respected at  
St. Mary's, St. Joseph's, St. Francis & Our Lady of Fatima.*

### Weekly Stewardship of 12/3/17

	<b>CWTR</b>	<b>SM</b>	<b>SJ</b>
Envelopes	\$ 2,410.00	\$ 1,740.00	\$ 955.00
Child. Envs.		4.50	
Plate	415.00	93.49	54.00
Fuel	406.00	441.35	284.00
Votives	14.00		
Human Dev.	15.00	15.00	20.00
Mission Sun.			20.00

Totals \$ 3,260.00 \$ 2,304.34 \$ 1,333.00

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Budget needs: \$ 2,580.92 \$ 2,359.44 \$ 1,743.19

Our Lord blesses us a hundredfold for our Stewardship Sacrifices. Thank you for your support of your parish.



### Sanctuary Candles In Memory/Honor of

St. Mary's of the Fort Church

For Dolly by the Family

St. Joseph's Church

For Seminarians by Gisele Boulais

St. Francis & Our Lady of Fatima Churches

For the Families of the Parishes



***Eternal Rest Grant Unto Him, O Lord***  
*Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of James Lindley. May he rest in peace.*

### Sacrament of Reconciliation Schedule

Sunday Dec. 10th for 30 minutes following the 11:00AM Masses at:

St. Patrick's, Chateaugay

St. Mary's of the Fort, Ft. Covington

### **St. Mary's & St. Joseph's Parishes Parish & Finance Council Meeting**

Wednesday, Dec. 20th at 6:00PM at St. Mary's Parish Center, Ft. Covington.

### **UPDATED: Parish Office Closed**

The parish office at Fort Covington will be closed from Dec. 18th to Dec. 26th now due to my summons for trial jury duty. In order to use up vacation time before the end of the year, vacation time has been rescheduled to Dec. 26th to 29th. In the event that jury duty is cancelled, my vacation time will go back as planned to the week of Dec. 18th.

### **K of C Council 9991 Meeting**

The K of C Council will be meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 12th at 6:30PM at St. Francis Church, Constable.

### **Christmas Fund Drive K of C Council 9991, Constable**

The Knight's of Columbus are still in need of donations. We now have 56 children. Please put your donations in the collection basket and mark the envelope K of C Christmas Donation. You can also call 483-3772, 483-2278 or 483-2739. Thank you.

### **Vocations: We Are Called**

John the Baptizer made ready the way of the Lord. Who will make ready the way today? If God is calling you, talk to Fr. Tom or Fr. Doug Lucia at 315-386-2543, [dluca@rcdony.org](mailto:dluca@rcdony.org) or Fr. Tom Higman at 518-594-3907, [thigman@rcdony.org](mailto:thigman@rcdony.org) or Cathy Russell, Diocesan Vocation Coordinator at 315-393-2920 ext. 1450, or email: [crussell@rcdony.org](mailto:crussell@rcdony.org)



### **Holy Family School**

12 Homestead Park, Malone, NY

For more information, call the school at 518-483-4443 or email Principal, Mrs. Marianne Jadlos at: [hfsprincip@hfsmalone.org](mailto:hfsprincip@hfsmalone.org). visit our new and improved website at: [hfsmalone.org](http://hfsmalone.org) for all the latest HFS news.

### **December 10: Second Sunday of Advent**

Readings: Is 40:1-5, 9-11 / 2 Pt 3:8-14 / Mk 1:1-8

Our second reading from St. Peter today tells us to await new heavens and a new earth. Our prophets remind us that we are to prepare for this, but do we really believe it? Or have we become complacent like the community to whom Peter is writing in his day? As we go through the seasons year after year, we may still believe that Jesus will come again as we pray in the creed every Sunday, but do we think that he may come in our lifetime? Would you be ready for his return. This season of Advent, as we pray for the coming of the salvation of the world, let us prepare ourselves to receive our savior. By repentance of our sins and practicing the virtues, let us make straight a highway for our Lord that we may see his glory.



### **Hospice of the North Country Needs Volunteers**

While Hospice does not promote itself as a faith HOSPICE based organization, there is still the undeniable link to the spiritual aspect in every area of services that we provide to our patients. There is no denying that this time in our patients' lives causes deep reflection and often thoughts turn to their eternal spiritual state. It is helpful to have volunteers that understand this aspect of life. If you would like to become a volunteer or have questions, please contact Julie Rowe, Director of Volunteer Services, at 518-483-3200.

### **Religious Retirement Collection**

Help religious communities. "Your generous contribution helps us to care for our retired sisters and enables our younger sisters to continue in active ministry," writes a religious sister. Your gift to today's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide medications, nursing care, and more for thousands of senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. It also helps ensure younger members can continue the good works of their elders!

### **UPDATED: Early Submission Dates for the Bulletin**

There will be early submission dates for the bulletins so if an announcement needs to be placed, please submit early:

For Dec. 24th bulletin - send information by Dec. 14th

**For Dec. 31st bulletin - send information by Dec. 18th.**  
**(this date has changed to accommodate for jury duty)**

**Responsorial Psalm:** "Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation."

## St. Mary's Decorating for Christmas

Decorating for Christmas at St. Mary's will follow Sunday Mass on December 17th. Everyone is welcomed...."many hands make light work"!



December 9, 2017

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

On December 9 and 10, our parishes will conduct the appeal for the Retirement Fund for Religious, an annual collection that benefits 32,000 elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests.

Our senior religious are a treasure. Their dedication and hard work laid the foundation for Catholic schools, hospitals, and numerous social service organizations across the North Country. We are indebted to the many religious communities of men and women who have served and continue to serve across our Diocese. We are grateful for their ongoing prayer and witness that enriches us in countless ways. I am sure you can recall a sister or brother who made a positive difference in your life.

Most religious worked for years for small stipends, leaving a substantial gap in retirement savings. Rising health-care costs and decreased income compound the challenge to meet day-to-day needs such as medications and nursing assistance. The Retirement Fund for Religious offers financial support that helps religious communities provide quality, loving care for older members while ensuring younger religious can continue the good works of their elders.

I understand you are asked to support many worthy causes. I invite you to give what you can. Most importantly, please pray for God's continued blessing on all our women and men religious. Rest assured they are praying for us!

Faithfully yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Terry R. LaValley  
Bishop of Ogdensburg



*"No one likes to be caught by surprise. Jesus uses the example of a man traveling abroad and entrusting his household to servants. The man's return isn't known in advance, so the servants and gatekeeper have to work every day as though their employer is returning any day now."*

*We do not know the day or the hour when Christ will come the second and final time. He will come at the end of each person's life but in a universal and final sense, He will come at the end of this world. The Catechism of the Catholic Church paragraph #671 explains this season of "Advent" (the "Coming" of Christ): Though already present in his Church, Christ's reign is nevertheless yet to be fulfilled "with power and great glory" by the King's return to earth... That is why Christians pray, above all in the Eucharist, to hasten Christ's return by saying to him: Maranatha! "Our Lord, come!"*

*So the season of Advent is not just the preparation for Christmas, the "First Coming" of Jesus; in fact, the first two weeks of Advent focus on the "Second Coming" of Jesus in His glory. This is why Christ the King tells each of us to "watch!" and be ready for Him to come for us at any moment, especially in the Mass and Holy Communion."*  
— Fr. Rendell Torres

## St. Francis Church Decorating for Christmas

Decorating for Christmas at St. Francis will be on Sunday December 17th at 1:00PM. Everyone is welcomed...."many hands make light work"!



## Ziploc Outreach Project

Again this year during the Advent and Christmas seasons, our parishes will be collecting health/hygiene products for donation to the North Country Mission of Hope based in Plattsburgh, NY for distribution to the poor in Nicaragua. The following items will be put in gallon size Ziploc bags:

Hand towel	Washcloth	Hand soap
Shampoo	Toothbrush	Toothpaste
Deodorant	Comb	Chap Stick
Hand Sanitizer		

Your donation of one item or a Ziploc bag fully packed will be greatly appreciated. Boxes will be placed in each of the church's lobbies for your donations.

### 4th Sunday of Advent Mass Schedule

**Please note: There are 2 Mass obligations that weekend. (1 for Sunday and 1 for the Nativity of the Lord.)**

#### **4th Sunday of Advent - Dec. 23rd (Anticipated Sunday)**

4:00PM - St. Mary's of the Fort, Ft. Covington

4:00PM - St. Patrick's, Chateaugay

#### **4th Sunday of Advent - Dec. 24th (Sunday)**

9:00AM - St. Francis of Assisi, Constable

### Regional Mass Schedule - 4th Sunday of Advent

Sunday, Dec. 24th, 9:30AM at St. Joseph's, MALONE

### Christmas Mass Schedule

**Please note: There are 2 Mass obligations that weekend.**

#### **Christmas Vigil - Dec. 24 Christmas Day - Dec. 25**

4:00PM - St. Patrick's 9:00AM - St. Joseph, Bombay

4:00PM - St. Francis' 10:30AM - Our Lady of Fatima

6:00PM - St. Mary's 11:00AM - St. George's, Burke

### Regional Mass Schedule - Christmas

#### **Christmas Vigil - Dec. 24 Christmas Day - Dec. 25**

4:00PM - Notre Dame, Malone 9:30AM - St. John Bosco

4:00PM - St. Joseph's, Malone

7:00PM - St. Helen's, Chasm Falls

10:00PM - Notre Dame, Malone

(More will be included as they are received.)

### St. Mary's & St. Joseph Parishes New Email Address

Please note that there is a new email address for St. Mary's & St. Joseph's. The old Timewarner email address was too long and there have been some issues with the Outlook email program therefore the new email is:

**[smsjoffice@gmail.com](mailto:smsjoffice@gmail.com)**

## Upcoming Events

- Dec. 10: St. Mary's/St. Joseph's Rel. Ed., 9AM-10:45AM.  
Dec. 17: St. Mary's/St. Joseph's Rel. Ed., 9AM-10:45AM.  
Dec. 17: St. Mary's Church decorating after 11AM Mass.  
Dec. 17: St. Francis Rel. Ed., 10AM-11:45AM.  
Dec. 17: St. Francis Church decorating at 1:00PM.

## Bishop Chbeir's Upcoming Visit

Bishop LaValley announced the Solidarity in Faith initiative last April in response to Pope Francis' call to assist Christians of the Middle East who are persecuted for their faith. We have twinned with the Maronite Diocese of Latakia, Syria to develop a mutually enriching relationship of sharing, solidarity and understanding. Bishop Antoine Chbeir of Latakia will visit our diocese December 11-18. Please take the opportunity to hear about the lives of Christians in Syria; amid our many differences, we share so much. Bishop Chbeir will preside at Mass and meet parishioners at the following:

- Dec. 12th 11AM - Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse in Watertown
- Dec. 13th 12PM - St. Mary's Cathedral, Ogdensburg
- Dec. 14th 10AM - Seton Catholic Central, Plattsburgh
- Dec. 16th 4PM - St. Mary's Cathedral, Ogdensburg
- Dec. 17th 11AM - Holy Family Church, Watertown

Please spend some time at <http://solidarity.rcdony.org> to learn more about our twinning initiative with Latakia.

## "Here Comes With Power the Lord God"

The God who comes to save us is one who rules with a strong arm, who brings a reward and recompense, who gathers and feeds his sheep, who clears a highway before him. All of these rich metaphors and images are from the prophet Isaiah, the greatest of the Old Testament Advent figures. -Bishop Robert Barron

## Liturgical Ministers Schedule

- Saturday Dec. 16, 2017 4:00PM St. Joseph's**  
Lector: Ray Brosseau  
Chalice: Rita Savage, Kent Bigness
- Saturday Dec. 16, 2017 5:30PM Our Lady of Fatima**  
Lector: Jan Chatland  
Chalice: Cindy Ashlaw, Pat Matthews
- Sunday Dec. 17, 2017 9:00AM St. Francis**  
Lector: Connie Gerow  
Chalice: Lori Tulip, Debi Fleury
- Sunday Dec. 17, 2017 11:00AM St. Mary's**  
Lector: Kathleen Lauzon  
Chalice: Jocelyn Kelly, Mary Beth Stark



*Where the spirit of  
the Lord is,  
there is freedom.*

## All Councils Members

### **St. Francis & Our Lady of Fatima**

- Trustee's: Jack Fleury Rod Lauzon  
Parish: Myron Brady Brian Cartier  
Ernest Daoust Dick Onufer  
Mike Shea Lori Tulip  
Finance: Deb Fleury (also Parish) Peg Lester  
Shirley Kelly (also Parish)  
K of C: Mike Shea, Grand Knight, 483-2739  
A & R: Susan Ryan, President 518-651-9095  
Cemetery: Bruce Welch, 483-0236  
Brian Cartier, 358-4411

### **St. Mary's of the Fort**

- Trustee: Faylene Chapman Cindy Healy  
Parish: Danielle French Shilo Leduc  
Kay Spinner

### **St. Joseph's, Bombay**

- Trustee: Ray Brosseau Patricia Niles  
Parish: Alison Benedict Shirley Therrien

### **Finance Council**

(Along with Trustee's of St. Mary's & St. Joseph's)  
Jerry Mahoney, Jerry Rufa, Chris Smith

### **Ministries**

**Prayer Line:** To offer or receive intentions, call Betty Clary at 518-358-2184 or Jean Robinson at 518-483-3128.

**Alcoholics Anonymous:** Open meeting 7:00-8:00PM each Thursday at St. Francis Church.

### **Cemeteries**

**St. Francis & St. Bridget's Cemeteries:** Contacts: Bruce Welch 518-483-0236 for burial lots; Brian Cartier 518-932-8125 regarding maintenance.

**St. Mary's & St. Joseph's Cemeteries:** Contact Jay Brockway at 315-705-5330.

### **Parish Hall Rental**

Please visit the Diocesan TULIP Insurance website to obtain insurance at: <https://eventus.ajgrms.com> prior to booking the parish hall for private use.

## Eucharistic Adoration

*Could you not watch with me for one hour?* (Mk 13:47)

St. Joseph's, Malone: Tuesdays following 6:45AM Mass until 1:00PM

**St. Mary's, Ft. Covington: 6PM-7PM, please consult parish bulletin for date.**

Notre Dame, Malone: Thursdays, 7PM-8PM w/confessions

St. Patrick's, Chateaugay: 1st Fridays, 9AM-10AM

St. Anne's, St. Regis Falls: 1st Saturday following the 4:30PM anticipated Mass.

## Environmental Stewardship

How "green" will your Christmas be? How can our celebration of Christmas this year reflect Christian simplicity, social justice and care for our common home? The three R's (reduce, reuse, and recycle) could prove helpful in finding ways to respond to the challenge. Using this as a guide could make a merrier Christmas for everyone on the planet. While there is still time, have this conversation with a friend.

## THIS WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

**Saturday - December 9, 2017**

### Anticipated for 2nd Sunday of Advent

- (SJ) 4:00PM For the People of the Parishes  
(SG) 4:00PM Paul English by Beaman & Linda LaBare  
(OLF) 5:30PM Robert Derouchie by Larry & Dianne Stowell

### Sunday - December 10, 2017 - 2nd Sunday of Advent

- (SF) 9:00AM Eileen LaChance by the Fleury Family  
(SM) 11:00AM Dale McMahon by Lee & Donna Smith  
(SP) 11:00AM David Vondell by Linda Ryan

## WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday December 11, 2017

- (SP) 8:30AM Communion Service

Tuesday December 12, 2017

- (SP) 8:30AM Communion Service  
(SM) 8:30AM Anniv.-Ronald Lauzon by David & Mary Beth Stark & Family

Wednesday December 13, 2017

- (OLF) 8:30AM George Williams by Eleanor Barone  
(SP) 8:30AM Kate O'Neill by Ken O'Neill Family

Thursday December 14, 2017

- (SP) 8:30AM Mary Lou Jones by Tom & Muriel Campbell

Friday December 15, 2017

- (SJ) 8:30AM Shirley Ellsworth by Jean Davis  
(SP) 8:30AM Pat C. Ryan by Ken O'Neill

## NEXT WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

**Saturday - December 16, 2017**

### Anticipated for 3rd Sunday of Advent

- (SJ) 4:00PM Anniv.-Barbara Lantry by Sharon Lantry  
(SG) 4:00PM Leonard & Vilda Dora by the Family  
(OLF) 5:30PM Marsha Cunningham by Eric & Rhonda Poirier

### Sunday - December 17, 2017 - 3rd Sunday of Advent

- (SF) 9:00AM Ernest & Ann Premo by Jim & Sandy  
(SM) 11:00AM Anniv.-Jerome Brockway Sr. by the Family  
(SP) 11:00AM For the People of the Parishes

**(SJ) Bombay (SG) Burke (SF) Constable**  
**(SM) Ft. Covington (SP) Chateaugay (OLF) Westville**



## CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

The Diocese of Ogdensburg's Retirement Plan for Priests has long been supported by parish contributions from its annual Christmas Collection. Currently 40 retired priests, and 8 active priests age 70 and older, are expected to receive pension benefits of \$892,000 in 2017-18. 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 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.