

# THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES OF SCHROON LAKE AND OLMSTEDVILLE

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## THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD, JANUARY 1, 2012



**Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Schroon Lake**

**Saint Joseph's Church, Olmstedville**

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### SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Sat. (Ant.) 4:30pm (OLL)

Sun. 10:30am (OLL)

Sun. 8:30am (SJC)

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Sat. 3:15 to 4:00pm (OLL)

Sun. 8:00 to 8:20am (SJC)

**BAPTISM:** By Appointment    **MARRIAGE:** Arrange six months prior to the wedding date

### MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sat., Dec. 31	4:30pm (OLL)	Bill VanWettering by Mr. & Mrs. Michael Colleary
Sun., Jan. 1	8:30am (SJC)	Joyce Leddick by Mr. & Mrs. Vincent Leddick
	10:30am (OLL)	For all Parishioners of both Parishes
Mon., Jan. 2	8:30am (OLL)	John Dillon by Barbara Repp
Tue., Jan. 3	8:30am (SJC)	Barbara Thurman by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Luciano
Wed., Jan. 4		No Scheduled Mass
Thu., Jan. 5	8:30am (OLL)	Msgr. Stephen Wojechowski by the Estate
Fri., Jan. 6	8:30am (OLL)	Frank Wanits by Mr. & Mrs. Michael Colleary
Sat., Jan. 7	4:30pm (OLL)	Kathy Leto-Rankin by Mr. & Mrs. John Huston
Sun., Jan. 8	8:30am (SJC)	For all Parishioners of both Parishes
	10:30am (OLL)	Bud & Kim Welch and Edna & Pete Welch by Mr. & Mrs. John Welch
	10:30am (OLL)	For all Parishioners of both Parishes

## LAST WEEK'S INCOME

### Our Lady of Lourdes Church

Envelopes	\$ 989.00
Plate	430.00
Flowers	<u>545.00</u>
TOTAL	\$1,964.00
Christmas Collection	\$3,408.00

### Saint Joseph's Church

Envelopes	\$504.00
Plate	148.00
Flowers	<u>206.00</u>
TOTAL	\$858.00
Christmas Collection	\$1,011.00

## WHERE ARE THE DOORS?

Following the Parish Council meeting in June, it was announced to the parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes that new doors would have to replace the present ones at the front entrance of the church. Over the years, because of adverse weather conditions, the present doors made of oak are beginning to deteriorate. It was decided to replace them with fiberglass doors that would resist sun, rain and snow damage. After several weeks the doors arrived and work was scheduled to begin by the end of September. However, when the new doors were unpacked, it was discovered that the manufacturer misread the dimensions and sent the wrong size. We were told that corrected doors would arrive in four to six weeks. Then the manufacturer miscalculated the lintel size as well. We were told they would arrive by the end of December. Promises, promises, we still do not have the doors or the lintel. It appears that the contractor will not be able to install them until early spring, unless the weather conditions in January permit. The good news regarding all this is that thanks to a bequest from the estate of the late George DeRossi as well contributions by parishioners, a total of \$6,050.00 has been received thus far to help in covering the total cost of the renovations.

## A BLESSING FROM GOD

“In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets. In these days He has spoken to us through the Son”(Hebrews 1:1-2). God has blessed us abundantly through the gift of His Son, Jesus. The shepherds are blessed as they went searching in the night for the Christ Child. They return to the fields praising and glorifying God. Both the Book of Numbers and the Responsorial Psalm invoke God's blessing upon the community and the nation. Blessing is a work of evangelizing. As the Church, A Family of Faith, we announce the Good News in our midst. We can make a difference to those we meet. Blessing brings God's abundance and peace.

## A SPECIAL THANK YOU

In the parish announcements on Christmas, it was mentioned that beginning this year the entire Christmas Collection would be forwarded to the Diocese to fund pensions for priests of who reached the mandatory retirement age of 75. Although Father Sturtz continues by permission of the Bishop of Ogdensburg to serve in the active ministry beyond the retirement age, he benefits from the pension fund. He wishes to thank you for your generous support in both parishes for this need.

## TAKE A STAND FOR LIFE

Plan now to attend the March for Life, which is scheduled for Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 1:30pm at the Newman Center on Broad Street in Plattsburgh. Marchers will then continue to St. John's Church where the guest speaker will be James Sedlak, Vice-President of the American Life League.

## EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT

The following announcement from the Diocese of Ogdensburg Catholic Charities office is being placed in church bulletins throughout the North Country: Did you know that you might be eligible for the Earned Income Tax Credit from the IRS (Internal Revenue Service)? Are you working, struggling to pay your bills? You may qualify for money from the IRS through the EITC (Earned Income Tax

Credit). Working persons who earned less than \$49,751.00 may be eligible for a credit of up to \$5,751.00. Learn more at [www.isr.glov/eitc](http://www.isr.glov/eitc) or call 1-800-429-1010.

### **WHY PUT IT OFF?**

What is it that makes many afraid to sit down and make a will? This is a legal document that states exactly how you wish to have your hard earned wealth and property distributed when you die. Pray to the Holy Spirit to ask for wisdom to made the best decisions regarding how you should distribute your estate, regardless of size.