

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES OF SCHROON LAKE AND OLMSTEDVILLE

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THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, JANUARY 22, 2012



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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 wedding date

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sat., Jan. 21	4:30pm (OLL)	Paul R. Provoncha by Jim & Shelby Provoncha
Sun., Jan. 22	8:30am (SJC)	The Leddick Family by Mr. & Mrs. Vincent Leddick
	10:30am (OLL)	For all Parishioners of both Parishes
Mon., Jan. 23	8:30am (OLL)	Edgar Lawrence by Mr. & Mrs. Dan Riggins
Tue., Jan. 24	8:30am (SJC)	John Combs by Mr. & Mrs. Vincent Leddick
Wed., Jan. 25		No Scheduled Mass
Thu., Jan. 26	8:30am (OLL)	The Russan Family by the Estate.
Fri., Jan. 27	8:30am (OLL)	Msgr. Stephen Wojiechowski by the Estate
Sat., Jan. 28	4:30pm(OLL)	Paul R. Provoncha by Ann Detrick
Sun., Jan. 29	8:30am (SJC)	John Sullivan by Mr. & Mrs. Vincent Leddick
	10:30am (OLL)	For all Parishioners of both Parishes

LAST WEEK'S INCOME

Our Lady of Lourdes Church

Envelopes	\$1,351.25
Plate	<u>215.00</u>
TOTAL	\$1,566.25

Christmas Collection \$1,000.00

Saint Joseph's Church

Envelopes	\$595.00
Plate	<u>111.00</u>
TOTAL	\$706.00

REPENT AND BELIEVE

The Church is always in need of conversion, repentance and deeper faith. We are the Church, a family of faith in need of Jesus' healing forgiveness. We are called to extend that forgiveness to everyone. Jonah was not ready to accept the Nineveh's repentance because it was not the way he expected. He was dumbfounded because these people were so godless that he did not think God would hear their plea or see their hearts. The Israelites were the chosen ones. The reading points to the Gospel of Mark where we find Jesus proclaiming the gospel of God: "The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe in the gospel" (Mark1:14). As Jesus' public life unfolded, his own people, the religious leaders, thought he was too soft on sinners. Look at all the time he spent with prostitutes, sinners, tax collectors, etc. The Father's compassion is wide-ranging, and we cannot put limits on God's mercy. Do we put limits on God's goodness and forgiveness? Do our prejudices and finger pointing hinder our ability to be a witness to God's way of understanding and compassion for sinners? Do we take the Gospel and our Catholic faith for granted since we have been Christians for a long time? God's goodness is a manifestation of God's generosity.

UNOFFICIAL SACRAMENTS CAN MEAN A LOT

The traditional ritual of the Seven Sacraments is a crucial part of our Catholic Faith. They are a privileged source of grace for all of us. We receive these official Sacraments once or several times in our lives, but we give and receive unofficial sacraments, many, many times.

- 1) We give a sacrament of baptism every time we see another as a child of God.
- 2) We offer a sacrament of reconciliation every time we say to some one, "I'm sorry" or "I forgive you."
- 3) Every time a wife says to her husband or a husband to his wife, "I love you" or better yet when he gets a cold cloth for her forehead when she has a headache or she gives him a hug because she knows he needs it. That is a sacrament of marriage.
- 4) A sacrament of eucharist happens every time a family or friends gather around a table to share in the goodness of God.
- 5) Every time some one decides to live a better life is a sacrament of confirmation.
- 6) Everyone who makes a radical commitment to be here not for himself but for God expresses a sacrament of holy orders.
- 7) Every time we visit a sick person in a hospital or nursing home and just hold their hand, it is an anointing of the sick.

The old song goes, "Little Things Mean a Lot". These unofficial sacraments mean a lot to those who give them and everything to those who receive them. Anyone can be a "minister of sacraments!"

WHY DO WE NEED GODPARENTS?

In the Catholic Church the roll of “godparent” is more than an honorary title. While parents have the primary responsibility for teaching children about faith and morals, godparents assist in that task. If something happens to one or both parents, the godparents then assume the parents’ role. A godparent should be a Catholic who has received the Sacraments of Holy Eucharist and Confirmation, and leads a life in harmony with the faith, serving as a spiritual role for the one they are sponsoring.

Parents should select godparents not because they may be friends or relatives, but rather they are active in the practicing of the faith.

March for Life: This 38th annual event will also take place this Sunday afternoon at 1:30pm in Plattsburgh, beginning at the Newman Center and continuing to Saint John’s Church on Broad Street. James Sedlak, Vice President of the American Life League will be the guest speaker. The Champlain Valley Right to Life Committee is sponsoring the program.