

## THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES OF SCHROON LAKE AND OLMSTEDVILLE

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### THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT, DECEMBER 11, 2011



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

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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. 10	4:30pm (OLL)	William & Anna Gregoire by Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Tyrrell
Sun., Dec. 11	8:30am (SJC)	For all Parishioners of both Parishes
	10:30am (OLL)	Billy Haak, Jr, Estelle Roth & David & Mary Schwendeman by the John Welch Family
Mon., Dec. 12	8:30am (OLL)	Arnie Leto by Mr. & Mrs. John Huston
Tue., Dec. 13	8:30am (SJC)	Rita & Michael Leddick by Mr. & Mrs. Vincent Leddick
Wed., Dec. 14		No Scheduled Mass
Thu., Dec. 15	8:30am (OLL)	Paul R. Provoncha by the Alvin Provoncha Family
Fri., Dec. 16	8:30am (OLL)	Zigmont Karkoski by Betty Organek
Sat., Dec. 17	4:30pm (OLL)	Pete & Eleanor McKenzie by the Family
Sun., Dec. 18	8:30am (SJC)	Michael Leddick, Jr. by Mr. & Mrs. Vincent Leddick
	10:30am (OLL)	For all Parishioners of both Parishes

## LAST WEEK'S INCOME

### Our Lady of Lourdes Church

Envelopes \$2,067.75  
Plate 211.00  
TOTAL \$2,278.75  
New Doors Fund \$2,847.00

### Saint Joseph's Church

Envelopes \$1,112.00  
Plate 335.00  
TOTAL \$1,147.00  
Parish Improvements \$735.00

## ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES

**Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> - Saint Joseph's in Olmstedville at 2:30pm**  
- **Our Lady of Lourdes in Schroon Lake at 4:00pm**  
**Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> - Saint Mary's in Ticonderoga at 2:00pm**  
- **Saint Patrick's in Port Henry at 7:00pm**  
**Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup> - Saint Elizabeth's in Elizabethtown at 7:00pm**  
**Tuesday, December 20<sup>th</sup> - Saint Mary's in Indian Lake at 7:00pm**

## PRIVATE CONFESSIONS

**Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup> – Our Lady of Lourdes at 3:15pm**  
**Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> – Saint Joseph's in Olmstedville at 8:00am**

## CHURCH: A FAMILY OF FAITH - JOY IN THE COMING OF THE LORD

John the Baptist is a great model for evangelization. He knows who he is! He is not the awaited Messiah. He is the voice, not the Word. John the Baptist “rejoices heartily in the Lord” because he is the last of the prophets whose voice was heard in preparing the people that “one greater than he will bring glad tidings to the poor” (Isaiah 6:11-2). Today we celebrate Gaudete Sunday, known also as Rejoice Sunday. The Church as a Family of Faith is not a family of “doom and gloom” but a family that rejoices in praising the greatness of God for all that he has done for us. We rejoice because we await his coming, not only at Christmas time, but also when we receive him in the Eucharist and prepare for his return at the end of time in all his glory.

## GET READY FOR AN AMAZING REALITY

At Christmas we celebrate the amazing fact that God came and lived among us. What's even more amazing is that he will come again at our death and at the end of time. To help prepare whichever comes first, the Church created the season of Advent. It is a watchful and penitential time during which we can do the following:

**Prepare to drop everything.** If you knew that Jesus would come for you tomorrow, how would you spend today? Chances are you would spend the day asking and granting forgiveness, devote time to those you love, and prepare your heart to be with your Savior. Try to live each day that way.

**Pack light.** Spend more energy acquiring graces than goods. The graces come along when Jesus calls for you, but the goods stay behind. *“But God said to him, you fool, this night your life will be demanded of you and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?”* (Luke 12:20).

**Spruce up.** If Jesus came for you tomorrow, wouldn't you want to be in the State of Grace? Never miss Mass, go to Confession regularly, perform an Examination of Conscience daily and avoid sin so that you'll be ready to greet Jesus with joy anytime.

*The truth is, Jesus really could come tomorrow – or even today!*

## **CHANGE FOR CHRISTMAS**

Children from the Religious Education Programs at our two parishes took part in the *Change for Christmas* program to raise money for the North Country Mission of Hope. They collected spare change and sent it to the Mission of Hope to be used for the Children Feeding Program in Nicaragua. The total raised was \$354.42. This was their Christmas gift to other children who may go to bed hungry.

## **LOWERING OF GIFT ANNUITY RATES.**

How would you like a rate of return of 4.8% to 9.8% on an investment? The Diocese of Ogdensburg offers the above rates on their Charitable Gift Annuities until December 31, 2011. Beginning in 2012 the rates fall to 4.4% to 9.8%. Call Janice Shoen at (315) 393-2920 or Email her at [jshoen@dioogdensburg.org](mailto:jshoen@dioogdensburg.org) to find out how you can be a recipient of these fabulous rates.