

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES OF SCHROON LAKE AND OLMSTEDVILLE

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THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT, DECEMBER 20, 2009



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. 19	4:30pm (OLL)	Arthur & Clara Richardson by the Richardson Family
Sun., Dec. 20	8:30am (SJC)	For all Parishioners of both Parishes
	10:30am (OLL)	Pete & Edna Welch & Bud Welch & Kim by the John Welch Family
Mon., Dec. 21	8:30am (OLL)	Jean Nedeau by John & Kate Huston
Tue., Dec. 22	8:30am (SJC)	John Michael Leddick by Mr. & Mrs. Vincent Leddick
Wed., Dec. 23		No Scheduled Mass
Thu., Dec. 24	4:30pm (OLL)	Living & Deceased Members of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish
	7:00pm (SJC)	Living & Deceased Members of Saint Joseph's Parish
Fri., Dec. 25	8:30am (SJC)	Intention of the Pastor by Mr. & Mrs. Patrick McNally
	10:30am (OLL)	For all Parishioners of both Parishes
Sat., Dec. 26	4:30pm (OLL)	Pete & Eleanor McKenzie by the Family
Sun., Dec. 27	8:30am (SJC)	The Parents of Carl & Shirley Olden by the Family
	10:30am (OLL)	For all Parishioners of both Parishes

LAST WEEK'S INCOME

Our Lady of Lourdes Church

Envelopes	\$1,857.00
Youth	8.00
Holy Day	452.00
Plate	<u>220.00</u>
TOTAL	\$2,537.00
Religious Retirement	\$1,036.00

Saint Joseph's Church

Envelopes	\$1,132.00
Youth	2.00
Holy Day	232.00
Plate	<u>27.00</u>
TOTAL	\$1,393.00
Religious Retirement	\$565.00

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Dec. 24th - Christmas Eve Mass - 4:30pm at Our Lady of Lourdes
7:00pm at Saint Joseph's

Dec. 25th - Christmas Day Mass – 8:30am at Saint Joseph's
10:30am at Our Lady of Lourdes

SCHEDULED PENANCE SERVICES IN NEIGHBORING PARISHES

Sunday, December 20th, at 2:00pm at Saint Mary's Church in Ticonderoga
and at 7:00pm at Saint Patrick's Church in Port Henry

Monday, December 21st, at 7:00pm at Saint Elizabeth's Church in Elizabethtown

Note: Private confessions will be heard at Our Lady of Lourdes in Schroon Lake on Saturday, December 19th, from 3:15 to 4:00pm and at Saint Joseph's in Olmstedville on Sunday, December 20, from 8:00 to 8:20am.

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM OUR DIOCESAN ADMINISTRATOR

It is the custom each year that the Bishop sends a message to the people of the Diocese of Ogdensburg at Christmas time. Because we presently do not have a Bishop, Father Terry LaValley who is administering the Diocese wishes to extend the following greetings to all of us.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The good tidings - the Gospel of boundless mercy – have been brought to us by no less a person than the Son of God Himself. He came into this world like one of us born of a human mother. Jesus Christ is God's infinite gift of love to all of us.

The great and mighty act of God, the Incarnation, which we celebrate every Christmas, is such a proof of His love for all humanity and His mercy for us that we could never and should never despair of receiving that mercy, no matter how seriously we have sinned. Our homes should be havens for such mercy, forgiveness and reconciliation.

Therefore, let us, as the prophet bids us, "shout for joy and break out in song" together with all the Christians of the earth on this great festival. It is the festival of God's infinite love and mercy, the festival of our salvation. Nothing greater could have happened to human nature.

As our family of faith of the Diocese of Ogdensburg awaits the glad tidings of a new shepherd, we entrust all our families to the Holy Family where merciful love Himself found a home. May you and your family experience and celebrate God's reconciling love this Christmas and throughout the New Year!

*Your Brother in Christ,
Rev. Terry LaValley
Diocesan Administrator*

STATEMENT FROM THE BISHOP'S FUND OFFICE

Thank you to the 91 families from Our Lady of Lourdes Church and the 47 from Saint Joseph's that have made a gift to this year's Bishop's Fund Appeal. At Saint Joseph's 91.86% of the goal of \$9,000.00 was reached, while at Our Lady of Lourdes 85.36% of the goal of \$12,175.00 was attained. Our total in gifts and pledges received from Our Lady of Lourdes of last account was \$10,392.50 and at Saint Joseph's it was \$8,269.00. If parishioners of either parish have not made a gift to the Fund for 2009, please prayerfully consider making your pledge or one-time gift today. The Bishop's Fund Appeal provides us the opportunity to share our blessings with others as we continually serve those who most need our help throughout the Diocese of Ogdensburg. To make a gift or a pledge, place your Bishop's Fund envelope in the collection basket or mail it to: The Bishop's Fund Office at P.O. Box 150, Ogdensburg, NY, 13669. Envelopes for this may be found at the entrances of both churches.