

MARCH 31, 2019
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

READINGS: 1 Samuel 16.1b, 6-7, 10-13, Psalm 23
Ephesians 5.8-14 John 9.1-41

SATURDAY MARCH 30, 2019 4:00 PM

Offered for: Terry McDonald, 1st Anniversary
Memorial Mass, requested by Dr. Dubuc and
Staff

Lectors: Norman Tarbell and Jamie Bay

SATURDAY MARCH 30, 2019 6:30 PM
TRI DISTRICT ELDERS

Offered for: Christie Thompson, Memorial Mass,
from the funeral collection

SUNDAY MARCH 31, 2019 10:00 AM

Offered for: Phyllis Terrance, Memorial Mass,
from the funeral collection

Altar Servers: Kenia, Reagan, Analeyna & Rylee

Lectors: Lisa Tarbell and Bernice Lazore

TUESDAY APRIL 2, 2019 7:00 PM

Offered for: Beatrice Bero, Memorial Mass, from
the funeral collection

WEDNESDAY APRIL 3, 2018 12:10 PM

Offered for: Terry Johnson, Memorial Mass,
from the funeral collection

THURSDAY APRIL 4, 2019 12:10 PM

Offered for: Nelson Sawatis, Memorial Mass,
from the funeral collection

FRIDAY APRIL 5, 2019 12:10 PM

Offered for: Andrew Mitchell, Memorial Mass,
from the Funeral Collection

SATURDAY APRIL 6, 2019 4:00 PM

Offered for: John Chubb, Birthday Memorial
Mass, requested by the Chubb family

Altar Servers: Megan, Phillip and Morgan

Lectors:

SUNDAY APRIL 7, 2019 10:00 AM

Offered for: Mose McDonald Sr. Memorial Mass,
Requested by RJ Dolly McDonald

Altar Servers: Kenia, Reagan, Analeyna & Rylee

Lectors: RJ Dolly McDonald & Lori Thompson

2019 COLLECTIONS REPORT

Mar 23-24, 2019 **CDN \$ 407.60 US \$ 421.24**

PARISH MINISTRY MEETINGS at the
St. Kateri Tekakwitha Center

Liturgy Ministry April 5, 2019 - 5:00 PM
Music/Choir Ministry April 6, 2019 - 9:00 AM
St. Kateri Circle April 7, 2019 - 4:00 PM
Altar Rosary Society April 7, 2019 - 12:30 PM

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LAETARE SUNDAY

**“Rejoice Jerusalem . . . Be joyful all who were in
mourning” Isaiah 66**

Laetare Sunday, the midpoint of the season of Lent, is a day to rejoice in the merciful forgiveness of our Heavenly Father. St. Paul in the Letter to the Corinthians gives us reason to rejoice: “God has reconciled us to Himself through Christ and has given us the ministry of reconciliation.” Jesus shows us in the parable of the *Prodigal Son* how to be reconciled. This story might also be called the *Parable of the Prodigal Father*. The word “*Prodigal*” means to be lavish, almost to extremes. This was the state of the young son who was wastefully extravagant in spending his inheritance, so that he ended up in a pigsty, starving to death. His father was lavish with his love and care, overly generous to an undeserving son, celebrating his return home.

The **Prodigal Father** is an image of God our Father who loved the world so much that He even gave His own Divine Son to redeem us, despite our ingratitude and unfaithfulness. God’s forgiveness is God’s Love when needed. Sacrifice is His love when the sacrifice of His Only Son is needed. Then, why are we afraid of a God Who opens His arms to receive us when we repent of our sins and return home to Him?

The gift of the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** is a proof that He knows our weaknesses, but loves us without limit. Never fear any priest in the confessional as he is God’s representative, placed there to give us absolution and sacramental grace to amend our lives. He, too, is a sinner in need of receiving God’s mercy, as well as imparting God’s forgiveness to others.

Don’t postpone your confession. The Prodigal Father is waiting for you to return so you can really rejoice.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Father Jerome will be available in the St. Regis Mission Church to hear confessions on Saturday afternoons from 3:00 to 3:45 PM and on Sunday mornings from 9:00 - 9:45 AM.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Meditation on the Passion of Jesus Christ helps us to realize what price Jesus has paid to save us from everlasting death. **COME EARLY** to the St. Regis Mission Church each weekend of Lent to pray the Way of the Cross, 3:30 PM on Saturday and 9:30 AM on Sunday.

**INTENTION OF POPE FRANCIS FOR
THE MONTH OF APRIL**

Lord, grant wisdom, compassion, and strength to doctors and their humanitarian collaborators in war torn areas, who risk their lives to save the lives of others.

THE LORD’S PRAYER (in Mohawk)

Ta kwa ien ha, ne, ka ron hia ke, te si te ron, a ie sa sen na ien, a ie sa wen ni ios ta ke, a ie sa wen na ra kwa ke, non wen tsia ke, tsi ni iot, ne, ka ron hia ke, kie sa wen na rak wa. Ta kwa nont, ne, ken wen te, ia kion he kon, nia te wen ni se ra ke, sa sa ni konr hen, ne ion kwa ri wa ne ren, tsi ni iot, ni, i, tsi on kwa ni konr hens. O the non, ion ki ni konh rak sa ton, non kwe; to sa, a ion kwa sen ni, ne ka ri wa ne ren, ak we kon, e ren, sa wit, nio tak sens. NE NE KA NA KE RAH TSHE RA, NE NE KA SATS TENH SE RA, KA IA TA NE HRA KWAH TSHE RA, SA WEN’K NON:WA NOK TSI NEN:WE – E THO E THO NA IA WEN.

CHRISM MASS AT ST. MARY’S CATHEDRAL

Christ-led, Christ-fed, Hope-filled! All the Faithful of the Diocese of Ogdensburg are cordially invited to join Most Reverend Terry R. LaValley, Bishop of Ogdensburg for the annual Renewal of Priestly Commitment, the Blessing of the Holy Oils, and the Consecration of the Sacred Chrism for use in all the churches of the Diocese symbolizing that we are one family in Christ on Thursday, April 11, 2019 at 11:00 AM at St. Mary’s Cathedral in Ogdensburg.

THE TRAVELING ROSARY

Brian and Tami have prayed the Traveling Rosary for our parish intentions for the week. Has your family prayed for our parish, for the sick and grieving, for peace in families and our community, and for vocations to the priesthood, consecrated life, single life, and married life? Please volunteer by writing your name on the calendar on the table at the back of the church.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Lord Jesus Christ, You took to Yourself a body and soul like ours, to teach us the glory of self-sacrifice and service. Mercifully instill in our hearts the desire to dedicate our lives to You. Give us priests and deacons to stand at the altar and to speak the words of the Gospel; brothers and sisters to teach the young, nurse the sick, and minister charity to all; lay people to imitate You in their hearts, families, work, and community. Amen.

ALPHA IN MASSENA

Alpha Sessions will begin on Monday, April 8, 6:00 – 8:30 PM, at St. Mary’s Social Hall, 7 Sycamore Street, Massena. For more information, please call St. Peter’s Parish office at 315-769-2469 or visit the website at www.massencatholics.com. Alpha is an evangelistic course which seeks to introduce the basics of the Christian faith through a series of talks and discussions.

DAY OF RECOLLECTION FOR LAY MINISTERS

All Commissioned Lay Ministers and the current Lay Ministers Class are encouraged to meet on **MAY 11TH** at St. Joseph’s Hall in Dannemora, 9 AM -1PM. The Eastern Region Commissioned Lay Ministers Association (ERCLMA) has organized the event for continued formation. Father Mickey Demo will celebrate morning Mass followed by a presentation, “Evangelization and Apologetics” by Diocese of Ogdensburg Director of Evangelization, Marika Donders. A light lunch will be served. All Commissioned Lay Ministers and the current class of candidates set to be commissioned in June, are encouraged to attend. Registration Fee is \$10. Contact Brenda Smith, soundtech58@yahoo.com or Karen LeClair, k.leclair2@aol.com

WE PRAY FOR ALL WHO SUFFER

Mary, Our Sorrowful Mother, you stood by the cross of Jesus crucified, we beg you to stand by all who now bear the cross of illness especially David Francis, Richard Phillips, Florence Benedict, Rita Arbour, Barney Rourke, Greg Bero, Phoenix Connors, Virginia Thompson, Joan Cook, Florabelle Anderson, Marjorie Thompson, Hubert and Felicia Jock, Maggie Terrance, Leonard and Isabel Garrow, Marie Casey, Jack Angus, Joyce Kelso, Marcia Barnes, Francis Cree, Louise Jacobs, Beatrice Cole, Cindy Cole, Danielle Cole, Laurie Connors, April Benedict, Camryn Cook, Baby Grayson Caron, Marilyn Tarbell, Larry Pyke, Jimmy Bero, Dickie and Marita Francis, Harriet Jackson Lazore, Philip Francis, Loran Lazore, Michael Herne, Alexina Auger, Beverly Thompson, Abe Herne, and all in our nursing homes, hospitals, and rehabilitation centers.

UPCOMING EVENTS

THURSDAY, APRIL 4: RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 6:00 – 7:00 PM at St. Kateri Tekakwitha Center. Classes for those preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on April 27, 2019 and for all children who are preparing for First Holy Communion on May 19, 2019.

SUNDAY, APRIL 7: 10 AM, MASS AT THE ST REGIS MISSION CHURCH. LITURGY OF THE WORD IN THE SACRISTY with Team 2: Lorraine and Guzy. All candidates for Confirmation and First Holy Communion are expected to be present.

SATURDAY, APRIL 6 MUSIC MINISTRY MEETING 9 AM at the St. Kateri Tekakwitha Center

SATURDAY, APRIL 6 RISE UP! YOUTH RALLY – GRADES 7-12 Meeting at TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL, MASSENA, 9:30 – 5:00 PM Cost: \$25. Lunch is included. Register at www.rcdony.org/youthrally.

FRIDAY, APRIL 12, SESSION II. THE GIFTED DISCIPLE. 5 PM – 7 PM at the St. Kateri Tekawitha Center. Presentation by Marika Donders, Director of Evangelization of the Diocese of Ogdensburg. Register by calling 613-575-2753 Tues-Fri 9am to 1pm.

SATURDAY, APRIL 13; 4 PM MASS IN HONOR OF ST. KATERI TEKAKWITHA, Father Henry Sands, Executive Director of the Black and Indian Mission Office in Washington, D.C. will celebrate the Mass. Reception to follow.

SATURDAY, APRIL 27; 4 PM MASS . The Most Reverend Terry R. LaValley will confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on the youth and adults who are being prepared by Father Jerome Pastores to receive this sacrament.

URGENT REQUEST The St. Regis Mission **FOOD BANK** is requesting donations. Non-perishables are needed such as pasta, rice, canned goods, crackers, etc. Drop off at the Church and/or the Rectory on **TUESDAY- FRIDAY BETWEEN 9:00 AM AND 1:00 PM**, or before and after Mass on Saturdays and Sundays. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. **NIAWEN:KOWA**