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Sacrament of Confession: Before weekend Masses and by request.
Sacrament of Baptism: Contact priest 2 weeks prior to Baptism.
Sacrament of Marriage: Contact priest 6 months in advance.
Sacrament of the Sick: Inform priest about the person to be anointed.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sun. Dec. 24 8:00 am (SJ) G. James & Regina Shepardson by David & Barbara Shepardson
10:00 am (SA) Rene Hammer by Sal Magistro

The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

Christmas Vigil Mass with Childrens Pageant

Sun. Dec.24 4:00 pm (SA) Eleen Magistro by Sue & Gerry Murphy

Christmas Day Mass

Mon. Dec.25 9:00 am (SJ) Bob Camoin by Barbara Tracy

Tues. Dec.26 No Scheduled Mass

Wed. Dec.27 8:30 am (SJ) Dorothy Naple Jacobson by The Family

Thur. Dec 28 8:30 am (SA) Linda & John Mattice by Maryellen & Steve Stofelano Jr.

Fri. Dec.29 8:30 am (SJ) The people of St. James/St. Ann Parishes

Sat. Dec.30 No Scheduled Mass

Sun. Dec.31 8:00 am (SJ) Oliver Rentmeester by The Smith Family
10:00 am (SA) Mary Ellen & Ray Benedict by The Family

Collection last week: St. Ann \$ 961.00
St. James \$ 970.00

Thank you very much for your generosity in response to God's blessing to you and to your beloved family.

Christmas Collection to support our 50 retired priests.

The 40 retired priests of the diocese currently receiving pensions from the Priests' Retirement Fund will be direct beneficiaries of Catholics in the North Country who contribute to their parishes Christmas collection. Also, 10 priests aged 70 and older who remain active in their ministry in the Diocese of Ogdensburg are receiving partial retirement benefits.

Your gift this year will help support not only priests currently receiving support from Priests' Retirement Fund but also priests who will retire in the future. This Christmas, parishes will contribute 75% of their Christmas collection to the Priests' Retirement Fund, with the parish keeping the balance. Your priests, retired and active, will appreciate your support tremendously!

We are in need of Mass intentions.

Whenever a priest celebrates Mass, he has at least two specific intentions. The first intention is to celebrate the Mass according to the rubrics the Church provided for how to say the Mass. The second is to apply the grace of that Mass toward a specific need or intention. This second intention, commonly called "the intention of the Mass", are special intention offered to God as prayers of intercession and thanksgiving in and through the Eucharist. Since the graces of the Mass are infinite, many intentions can be offered up at a single Mass. While a priest may only accept only one intention per offering at a single Mass, he may have many other intentions not attached to an offering. In addition, the faithful may bring their own intentions to the Mass, which they each carry privately and place upon the altar spiritually in prayer.

The suggested donation for Mass intentions in our diocese is \$10. This signifies the sacrificial nature of giving something of yourself. If you would like to donate, please pick up Mass Intention Offering Envelop from the Church and fill it up and place it in the collection basket or mail to the Church. Thank you.

Heating Assistance

Our *Summer Heat Golf Tournament Fund* is available to assist families in need of heating assistance – gas, oil, wood etc. No electric bills. In case, you come across somebody in need of help, please contact the Rectory 518 548 6275 or email: sjcsac@rcdony.org. Thank you.

To all those in whom Jesus is again conceived in the Spirit and born into the world, the Child:

*Who was so rich
He owned diamonds and snowflakes and fire,
The leaf and the forest,
Herring and whale and horizon...
Who had the key to the chamber beyond the stars
And the key of the grave-
Who was sower and seed and bread
Came on a black night
To a poor hovel with a star peeking through rafters
And slept among beasts
And put a sweet cold look on kings and shepherds.* (The Collected Poems of George Mackay Brown)

May this Child gaze on us and we on him during this Christmas season.

Merry Christmas to my beloved people of God!

- Fr. Sony

