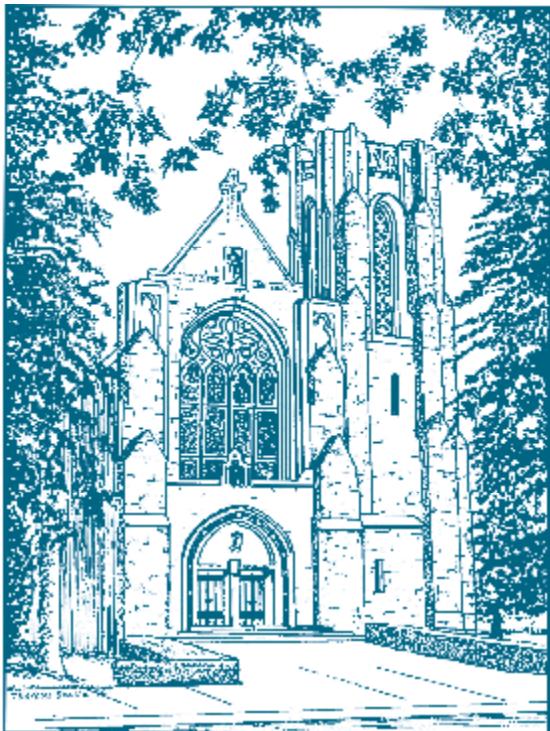


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## **St. Mary's / St. Paul's**

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### **MISSION STATEMENT**

"We the Roman Catholic Church of St. Mary's/St. Paul's located in Hudson Falls recognize our Baptismal call to holiness and to participate in the mission of Christ. Though different as individuals, we are one as a parish family - each member vitally important. We accept ownership of our parish and pledge, as the people of God with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, to work collaboratively with one another, sharing our time, talents and treasure to help build the Kingdom of God."

[Revised: October 2001]

### **LITURGIES**

#### **Weekend**

Saturday Evening Vigil 5:15PM

Sunday Morning 8:30AM

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**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD WILL NOT BE OFFERED FOR NOW**

### **PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

**Weekdays** – 8:30AM to Noon  
1:00 to 4:30PM

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### **PARISH ORGANIZATIONS**

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*Ushers Association President*

### **HOMEBOUND**

If you become homebound or are aware of someone who is, please call Patty Fitzgerald.

### **CEMETERIES**

Questions about our cemeteries should be directed to Patty Fitzgerald.

### **NEW PARISHIONERS**

**WELCOME!** Please complete a Parish Census Form which may be found in the Church or obtained in the Parish Office.

### **SACRAMENTS**

**Reconciliation** – Please call 518-747-4823 to schedule for an appointment.

**Marriage** - Couples should meet with the Pastor at least six months prior to their anticipated marriage date.

**Baptism** - Parents who wish to have their children baptized should call Patty Fitzgerald.

**BLESS YOUR HOUSE FOR THE EPIPHANY**

Please take a complimentary vial of Holy Water, a piece of chalk and a prayer for blessing of your house for the Epiphany. These items are located at each of the two side entrances of the church doors.

It is traditional to bless homes as the New Year begins. On the Solemnity of the Epiphany we bless the church and you can do this as well to your home. Sprinkle the entrance of the door with holy water and each room of your home if you like and inscribe above the door in chalk the first two numbers of the year 20 + C + M + B + the last two numbers of the year (so this year would be "20 + C + M + B + 21").

The letters C, M, B have two meanings. They are the initials of the traditional names of the three magi: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar. They also represent the Latin words "*Christus mansionem benedicat*" which means "May Christ bless the house." The "+" signs symbolize the cross and the 20 and the 21 represent the year, 2021.

**A PRAYER FOR A GOOD YEAR**

Heavenly Father, help us remember that the jerk who cut us off in traffic last night is a single mother who worked nine hours that day and is rushing home to cook dinner, help with homework, do the laundry, and spend a few precious moments with her children.

Help us to remember that the pierced, tattooed, disinterested young man who can't make change correctly is a worried 19-year old college student, balancing his apprehension over final exams with his fear of not getting his student loans for next semester.

Remind us, Lord, that the scary looking bum, begging for money in the same spot ever day (who really ought to get a job!) is a slave to addictions that we can only imagine in our worst nightmares.

Help us to remember that the old couple walking annoyingly slow through the store aisles and blocking our shopping progress are savoring this moment, knowing that, based on the biopsy report she got back last week, this will be the last year that they go shopping together.

Heavenly Father, remind us each day that, of all the gifts you give us, the greatest gift is love. It is not enough to share that love with those we hold dear. Open our hearts not to just those who are close to us, but to all humanity. Let us be slow to judge and quick to forgive, show patience, empathy and love.

P.S. Working for God on earth doesn't pay much...but His retirement plan is out of this world.

"True love does not come by finding the perfect person, but by learning to see an imperfect person perfectly."

**In your prayers...**

Please pray for all who have recently passed away. Please keep in your prayers all who are ill, in the hospital or recuperating: Ayla Adams, Kathy Allen, Karen Anderson, Ryan Anderson, Mark and Kay Babson, Natalie Bazinet, Stephen Davis, Brian DeMell, Mark and Venita Duffany, Grace Fallacaro, Patty Fitzgerald, Elizabeth (Liz) Kennedy, Linda Kennedy, Rev. Joseph Manerowski, Julia Madonna-Morris, Jonathan Palmer, Thomas E. Seymour and Gabrielle Vaughan.

**GOSPEL MEDITATION**

We need history. We need it in order to understand ourselves, personally and collectively. The pieces of our histories may not have always been the most positive, honest, exemplary, dignified, proud and best moments of our lives, but they are ours. We have to acknowledge, remember, accept, and often heal them. We cannot forget them or pretend that they never existed. As horrible as the atrocities of events like Auschwitz, brutal injustices committed throughout the human journey, or personal painful experiences in our own stories, we need to remember. These times when humanity in general or people in particular have lost their way are times that need to be reconciled and redeemed.

If we lose the memories, we will make the same mistakes again. The human soul needs a strong sense of affirmation, direction, and clear purpose. Without these essentials, we will easily run amuck and repeat the sins of our past. God's voice throughout history has spoken precisely about this! We are reminded through the voices and example of many prophets and witnesses not to make the same mistakes again, come back to center, discover the purpose given to us by God, maintain a sense of proper direction, seek healing for wounds and be reconciled to our Creator.

Baptism is so incredibly important for the salvation of humankind, not only eternally but here and now. Our existence depends upon it. It gives us the affirmation we need from God by gifting us with the same intimate relationship Jesus had with the Father. We are blessed with the direction and clear purpose we need in order to be productive stewards and faithful Christians. Baptism calls us to remember, accept, and deal with the sins and inequities of our past regardless of how hurtful and serious. We consciously choose to turn away from them and put on the new life of Christ. To do this well, we must look hard and long at our sins and failings, listen to what they are saying and learn from them. If we ignore the past, collectively or personally, or pretend that it never happened, we will never grow. We will surely die.

People need to hear the message, lived and spoken, delivered by the baptized members of the Body of Christ. It is an essential message of hope that is layered with visions of justice, peace, reconciliation, redemption, blessing, and healing. It is a message that helps us remember what has gone before, the graces and the sins, and bring ourselves by God's help where we need to be. We are called to do much more than sit home behind our closed doors. We have a message to deliver. Are we ready to do so?

**CEMETERIES ARE CLOSED FOR THE WINTER**

*St. Mary's Cemetery and St. Paul's Cemeteries are closed for the winter season.*

## BAPTISM OF THE LORD



### FAITH FORMATION INSTAGRAM ACCOUNT

Check out our Faith Formation Instagram account: smsphf

### A SPECIAL THANKS

Thank you to everyone who donated towards our Christmas flowers which graced our altar so beautiful. The Lord deserves to be glorified, and it is most fitting to glorify Him with *real* flowers for two reasons: first, *He* made these, and so we are giving back to Him the “first fruits” of gifts He has shared with us; second, everything we give the Lord must be genuine!

We would like to thank the Rosary Altar Society Flower Committee and all the volunteers who helped with the flowers and the decorating the altar for Christmas.

### WHY HOLD HANDS?

Question: Why do we hold hands during the Our Father?

Answer: The practice of members of the assembly holding hands while praying the Lord’s Prayer during the Mass is a custom that developed organically in the 1970s and 1980s. While some commentators acknowledge that the practice varies from place to place, it is a fairly universal reality in parishes across the United States. For some, this action symbolizes the communion of Christians praying together as one family of believers honoring the Father of All. Critics of the practice sometimes express concern that holding hands can be a distraction from the more significant unity that is experienced when we process to the altar to receive sacramental communion.

And so, we’re left to ask, what is the answer?

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal (the document that offers specific instructions for the celebration of the Mass) is silent on the practice, saying only that “all the faithful say the prayer” with the priest. The website of the US Bishops simply observes that “No position is prescribed in the Roman Missal for an assembly gesture during the Lord’s Prayer.” And so, we’re left to discern within ourselves and within our parish and religious communities what is an authentic gesture of praise during this important point of the Mass. For some, this means continuing to hold hands, while for others, this may mean adopting another posture of prayer.

### SPECIAL CALENDAR DATES

**Sunday, January 10, is Save the Eagles Day**

**Wednesday, January 13, is Rubber Ducky Day**

**Thursday, January 14, is Dress Up Your Pet Day**

**Friday, January 15, is Hat Day**

### WHEN GOD WHISPERS

“You don’t need to shout. My hearing works just fine.”

Are you a parent that has used that one on your kids? I’m not sure at what age they realize that the volume of their voice doesn’t correlate to the likelihood of receiving a favorable reply — it might be sometime in the teenage years, when the talking slows down altogether.

But I’ve got to admit, it would be nice if God always gave us a loud and dramatic sign when He wanted something — the booming voice and the torn-open heavens (“This is my beloved Son!”) really get the message across. Sometimes I find myself envious of the Apostles, who were able to witness such things in person.

The fact of the matter is, in the year 2021, God is more likely to speak in a whisper than in a shout. The prophet Isaiah forewarns that Christ himself will not be a noisemaker — for all his preaching, he will not cry out or shout to bring forth justice to the nations. His way is altogether different than that.

We are not the Apostles, and we do not have the privilege of seeing the Holy Spirit descend on Christ like a dove. But here’s the good news: God doesn’t need to shout. Our spiritual hearing works just fine. We just have to be listening.

Let’s wake up each morning ready to hear God’s whispers throughout the day. Let’s make a conscious effort to invite those whispers into our hearts, where they can become a catalyst for grace in this world.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

### PRAYER DURING A HEALTH CRISIS

Compassionate and Loving Father,  
In the face of confusion and concern  
impart to us the calm of your presence.  
In You allow us to find hope and healing.  
Be with those who serve the sick and give them  
Your caring hands.  
Be with those who lead and give them Your  
Spirit of wisdom.  
Be with those who have fallen ill and give them  
Your comforting heart.  
Wrap your arms around our world  
and hold us in your love.  
Allow us at this time of trial to then  
serve as instruments of that love to all we meet.  
We ask this in Your Name.  
Amen.



**JANUARY 10, 2021**



## **MASS INTENTIONS**

**SATURDAY:**      **(JANUARY 9)**

- 5:15PM   **THOMAS AND CAROL MAILLE AND THOMAS**  
              "TR" REMSEN by: Remsen and Maille Family  
**LAWRENCE LEIVISON (1<sup>ST</sup> ANNIV.)**  
              by: Wife - Marjorie Levison  
**ASHLEY FAZIO (B-DAY)** by: Nicholson Family  
**BEVERLY BRENNAN** by: Sister - Joyce Massiano

**SUNDAY:**      **(JANUARY 10)**

- 8:30AM   **ROSE HODGKINS**  
              by: Michelle and Edward Hodgkins  
**BERNARD AND MABEL CRONIN**  
              by: Mike and Michele Cronin  
**MARGARET "PEGGY" LEOMBRUNO**  
              by: Mike and Michele Cronin  
**PHILIP T. MOORE** by: Lee and Norma Potvin  
**SHIRLEY HOULE**  
              by: Husband - Richard and Children

**NEXT SATURDAY:**      **(JANUARY 16)**

- 5:15PM   **LOUISE C. NIEMER (B-DAY)** by: Janice Niemer  
**GLEN MITCELL** by: Len and Corky Daly  
**PAUL LODING** by: Mary Alice Murphy  
**FRANK CONSTANTINEAU FAMILY**  
              by: Daughter - Mary Jane Beane

**NEXT SUNDAY:**      **(JANUARY 17)**

- 8:30AM   **AUSTIN HODGKINS**  
              by: Michelle and Edward Hodgkins  
**MARY CRONIN AND DONNA CRONIN**  
              by: Mike and Michele Cronin  
**ANNA HOULE (MOTHER) (B-DAY)**  
              by: Son -Richard Houle and Family  
**SPECIAL INTENTION FOR SISTER ANNA**  
              **HOULE ON HER BIRTHDAY (LIVING)**  
              by: Her Brother - Richard Houle Family  
**MARGARET "PEGGY" LEOMBRUNO**  
              by: St. Mary's/St. Paul's Rosary Altar Society  
**SHIRLEY HOULE**  
              by: Husband - Richard and Children  
**TIMOTHY K. MCCANN (MM)**  
              by: Kay Babson and Family

### **PARISH APP**

Just a reminder that the Church of St. Mary's/St. Paul's has their own Parish App for iPhones and Android Smartphones. This allows us to better communicate with you throughout the week and to keep you updated with relevant parish news or updates. It provides daily Mass readings, Catholic news, prayers, reminders, our bulletins and much more. It is a great resource for you. To download our parish app, there are myParish App cards available on the tables at each of the two side entrances of the church doors. Text App to 88202 to download our parish app. Download [myparishapp.com](http://myparishapp.com). Select our Parish after opening.



**It happened in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized in the Jordan by John. On coming up out of the water he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit, like a dove, descending upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.” - Mk 1:9-11**

**Readings for the week of January 10, 2021**

Sunday:	Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Mk 1:7-11 or Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3]/1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11
Monday:	Heb 1:1-6/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 6 and 7c, 9 [cf. 7c]/Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday:	Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 7]/Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday:	Heb 2:14-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/Mk 1:29-39
Thursday:	Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11 [8]/Mk 1:40-45
Friday:	Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8 [cf. 7b]/Mk 2:1-12
Saturday:	Heb 4:12-16/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 [cf. Jn 6:63c]/Mk 2:13-17
Next Sunday:	1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 [8a, 9a]/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42

**LIGHTER SIDE**

**COMING OR GOING?**

On the way home from the Ash Wednesday service, a young boy asked his mother, “Is it true that we are made of dust?”

“Yes, darling.”

“And do we go back to dust again when we die?”

“Yes, dear.”

“Wow!” said the boy. “When I said my prayers last night and looked under the bed, I found someone who is either coming or going!”

**JUST A SECOND**

**Adam:** What is a million years like to you?

**God:** Like one second.

**Adam:** What is a million dollars like to you?

**God:** Like one penny.

**Adam:** Can I have a penny?

**God:** Sure, just a second.

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