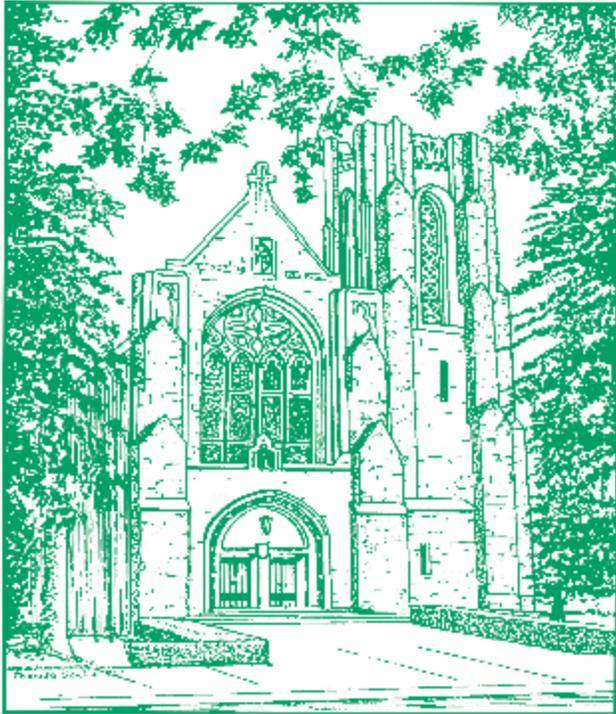


# Roman Catholic Community of Hudson Falls / Kingsbury St. Mary's / St. Paul's

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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

Livestreaming Mass – Sundays - 10:00AM

[www.rcda.org/livemass](http://www.rcda.org/livemass)

Go onto the site and scroll down on the right side to find St. Joseph's Church in Fort Edward.

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

## CEMETERIES

If you need to schedule burials or purchase cemetery plots for St. Mary's or St. Paul's cemeteries please call Patty Fitzgerald at the rectory.

Inquiries for St. Mary's Cemetery,  
Burgoyne Avenue, Fort Edward –  
email – [cemetery.on.burgoyne@gmail.com](mailto:cemetery.on.burgoyne@gmail.com)

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Weekdays – 8:30AM to Noon  
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## PARISH STAFF

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Confirmation Program Coordinator*

## TRUSTEES

Andrew Daly and Ellen McCarthy

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## SACRAMENTS

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

**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.

## HOMEBOUND

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

## NEW PARISHIONERS

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

**NEW TRUSTEES APPOINTED**

The Bishop of Albany has appointed at Father Tom's request Andrew Daly and Ellen McCarthy as Trustees of St. Mary's/St. Paul's Church, Hudson Falls. Andrew and Ellen display many good qualities and values to represent our parish as Trustees.

At the same time we thank Richard Houle and Kimberly Rivers for their years of service as a Trustee.

May God bestow his blessings on you both.



**BLESSING OF THROATS**

On February 3, the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple will be celebrated. On this day the candles that will be used in the coming year are blessed. Candles remind us that Jesus is the light of the world. It is these blessed candles that are used to bless the throats of the parishioners. Saint Blaise, whose Feast Day is Feb. 3, was a Bishop and Martyr in the early days of the Church. Tradition says he saved a young boy from choking to death on a fish bone. Each year the priests bless the throats of parishioners praying that God will keep them from "illnesses of the throat and every other evil."

We will have a **Communal Blessing of the Throats** next weekend at our weekend masses (Saturday, February 6, - 5:15PM and Sunday, February 7 - 8:30AM).



**Special Collection**

**FUEL/HEAT COLLECTION**

There will be a Second Collection for **Fuel/Heat** next weekend (February 6-7) at all of our masses.

Contribution envelopes and offerings may be placed in the wooden receptacle containers before or after mass. These containers are located inside at each of the 2 side door entrances of the church. There is a container located in front of Mary's Chapel (Wall Street side entrance) and in front of St. Joseph's Chapel (McManus Hall side entrance).

You are also welcome to drop off your church contribution envelopes at the rectory at any time by placing them in the mail slot that is located on the inside door of the rectory or you may mail them to the rectory.

**2020 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS**

If you would like a copy of your 2020 contribution statement, please call Patty at 747-4823.

**NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS FOR THE SOUL**

Are you still trying to think of some New Year's resolutions? Here are some that you may want to try.

- Start each day with a prayer.*
- Count your blessings and smile.*
- Pray the Rosary more often.*
- Go to Sunday Mass as a family.*
- Remember the poor; they are Jesus.*
- Every day tell your family, "I love you."*
- End each day with a prayer.*

***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.

**LIVESTREAMING MASS**

St. Joseph's Church in Fort Edward has started live streaming their 10:00AM Sunday Mass. You may view the mass every week at: [www.rcda.org/livemass](http://www.rcda.org/livemass). Go onto the site and scroll down on the right side to find St. Joseph's Church in Fort Edward.

**GOSPEL MEDITATION**

Most of us are quiet people who desire to live a good and holy life, promote the values and mission of the Gospel as best we can and desire to one day inherit the surprise of life eternal God promises to us. We are not trail blazers. We are simple people who want to do the simple things of life well. But there are others who left a more profound impact along the way of the paths they walked. Folks like Dorothy Day, Martin Luther King, Thomas Merton, Gandhi, St. Teresa of Calcutta, and many others left lasting impacts and legacies. Like Moses, they show us by word and deed who God is and what integrity and a purpose driven life look like. They show us how to be holy. We need Moses people like these to give us inspiration, hope and an example of holy living.

We do not need to do what they did or even mirror their relationship with God. Each one of us is God's special creation, with a purpose and soul known only to us. We need to learn how to open up and bring, without compromise, our soul-ness to life. We know when someone is authentic and centered because they always point to truth, even though they struggle and sin themselves, and they embody an unspoken timeless wisdom that just sounds and feels right. Jesus taught with this same type of authority and it astonished many who listened. We do not need to move mountains, advance a cause, write books or become notable. All we have to do is become credible witnesses of the faith we profess. Moses people can teach us how to do this.

St. Oscar Romero was an amazing man and a Moses figure for sure. He saw God in the burning bush and brought the flame of Gospel faith to the poorest of the poor, challenging the evils of the society in which he lived. He was tireless and persistent. He must have gotten very close to the problem because it cost him his life. He suspected it would. St. Romero said, "When we leave Mass, we ought to go out the way Moses descended Mt Sinai: with his face shining, with his heart brave and strong to face the world's difficulties." We can learn from this wisdom. If we allow the power of the Mass to truly transform us, we will leave that holy encounter changed. Our face will shine, and we will have courage. We can then bring what we have received to life's challenges. That sounds doable, doesn't it? Because of the example of our simple holiness, people will be amazed.

**DISTRACTION DURING PRAYER**

**Question:** I get annoyed with myself when I am distracted while I pray. Is it a sin? How can I be more attentive?

**Answer:** The mind is a marvelous and complex thing, producing amazing thoughts, images, wisdom and inspiration. Yet at times it is like a two-year-old: it does not follow directions, does what it wants and loves to tell us “no!” This is probably the oldest and most common problem in the spiritual life—dealing with distraction. It comes in all forms: good intentions forgotten, wandering thoughts at Mass, daydreaming, etc. A little poem says it all: When the soul begins to pray, the brain always wants to play!

There are many ways to handle distractions. If we are distracted by thoughts about our families or friends, we should pray for them. If we lose our focus, we need to just “re-collect” ourselves. If some worry or concern just won’t leave our mind, then we deal with it and come back to prayer or make it part of our prayer. And when words just won’t come, the only prayer we might offer is our presence, our suffering, and our desire to be close to the Lord. Most importantly, we need to be patient with ourselves. These things are not sinful, but reminders of our human frailty. Our weaknesses and good efforts are all acceptable to God, who reads the love in our hearts and the good intentions of our minds.

**PRAYING**

**Question:** God rarely seems to answer my prayers. Is He really listening?

**Answer:** Throughout Scripture, God promises to answer the prayers of His people. Sometimes things don’t turn out the way we’d hope. God won’t miraculously do evil or fulfill selfish intentions. If we’re praying for something immoral, God isn’t going to answer that prayer for us! Of course, we still have the freedom to make choices, but it isn’t God’s movement. Sometimes we’re not praying for something evil, but our intentions are less than honorable. For example, “Please convert my mother-in-law so she goes to church more and visits us less!” While God is no doubt at work in the woman’s life, He likely won’t answer that prayer in the way you’d expect!

After all, God knows what He is about. He has plans in mind for us, but they might not be what we think. For most of us, winning the lottery would bring about a material benefit. That said, funds used in continually purchasing tickets to provide the means for God to “work” could likely go towards better avenues of financial stability. God is concerned with our ultimate good. When we pray, we’re invited to surrender our lives to Him. One of the first petitions in the Our Father is “*Thy will be done.*” Sometimes the lack of an answer *is* an answer!

**CHURCH ENVELOPES**

If you are enclosing one check with several weekend contribution envelopes, please mark each individual envelope with the amount being given.

If there is a Second Collection for special collections, please issue a separate check for these collections. These special collections need to be kept separate and it is very difficult for our counters when they have to split a check. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.



**NEXT SATURDAY: (February 6)**

Second Collection for Fuel and Heat  
Communal Blessing of Throats at our weekend masses 5:15PM

**NEXT SUNDAY: (February 7)**

Second Collection for Fuel and Heat  
Communal Blessing of Throats at our weekend masses 8:30AM

**EMBRACING CHANGE IN CHRIST**

It’s officially one month since we popped the champagne, toasted 2021 and wrote down a list of resolutions. This is usually the time when we start to take a good, hard look in the mirror to assess what we have done — or have not done — with the first month of this brand-new year.

New years can be scary, can’t they? Full of promise, sure, but also full of room for failure. Full of space for our old baggage, old fears and the continuation of old mistakes.

The same can be said of Christ, and the new life he offers us, if we are brave enough to accept it. Opportunities like that can be intimidating. In that moment, we might find ourselves like the man with the unclean spirit crying out: “What have you to do with me, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us?”

Jesus is a comforter of the afflicted; he is a consoling figure, but he is also a challenging one. Sometimes we have grown attached to our afflictions. The idea of correcting bad habits or forming new ones is frankly terrifying to us. We have a voice deep inside who sees Christ and his invitation to repentance, and it cries out in fear: “I know who you are!”

When we live in the present, disavowing the baggage of the past or fear of the future, we submit ourselves to the promise of redemption. Let us be brave everyday stewards and invite Christ’s healing power into our lives. We won’t regret it — I’m sure the demoniac never did.

*Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS*

**INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK –**

**LIVE THE LITURGY**

Most of us are not trail blazers. Throughout history though, there have been many folks who tirelessly and persistently pursued the promptings of their hearts without giving any care to what others thought or trends dictated. Jesus is one of them. St. Teresa of Calcutta and St. Francis of Assisi are examples of others. The rest of us are people who take a more measured look at things, want to test the waters, and take our time choosing what path or person to follow. We need credible witnesses of faith. We need the Moses people in our lives to show us by word and deed who God is and what integrity and a purpose-driven life looks like. They are the pointers to truth, who even though they struggle themselves, seem to embody an unspoken timeless wisdom that just sounds and feels right. Jesus taught with this same type of authority and caught the attention of the greatest of skeptics. They were astonished. Even though we need our human prophets we can also be somewhat prophetic ourselves by putting integrity and conviction behind our embrace of the Gospel. Perhaps much to our surprise, we all have the power to be a credible witness.

*JANUARY 31, 2021*

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## **MASS INTENTIONS**

**SATURDAY:**                    **(JANUARY 30)**

5:15PM    **KAY NICHOLSON**  
              by: Len and Corky Daly and Family  
**ROBERT PRATT** by: Mary Alice Murphy  
**PHILIP T. MOORE** by: Moore Family

**SUNDAY:**                    **(JANUARY 31)**

8:30AM    **ROBERT J. AND ELIZABETH A. DICKINSON**  
              by: Family  
**MARGARET "PEG" LEOMBRUNO**  
              by: Elaine Altizio  
**SHIRLEY HOULE**  
              by: Husband - Richard and Children  
**BLANCHE TRACKEY, JONA TRACKEY AND**  
**LOUISE MCGUIRK** by: Family  
**KATHLEEN O'DONNELL**  
              by: Kay Babson and Family

**NEXT SATURDAY:**        **(FEBRUARY 6)**

5:15PM    **EMILY CORCORAN (B-DAY)** by: Janice Niemer  
**GENEVIEVE PURNER (B-DAY)** by: Family  
**SANDRA STURDEVANT** by: Mary Alice Murphy  
**WARREN SHEPARD** by: Moore Family  
**ALBERT PLUMMER** by: Liz Lennon

**NEXT SUNDAY:**         **(FEBRUARY 7)**

8:30AM    **WILLIAM AND CLARE HOGAN**  
              by: The Hogan Family  
**REGINA AND BILL BILODEAU AND**  
**JUDY JOHNSON**    by: Betty Hogan and Family  
**MARGARET "PEG" LEOMBRUNO**  
              by: Mary Horrigan  
**FRANK AND RUTH HOGAN**  
              by: Mike and Michele Cronin  
**RAYMOND LEWIS**  
              by: St. Mary's/St. Paul's Usher's Association  
**DANIEL COSGROVE, SR. (B-DAY)**  
              by: Daughter - Elaine Altizio and Family  
**SHIRLEY HOULE**  
              by: Husband - Richard and Children



**COMING UP!**

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, IS GROUNDHOG DAY,  
LET'S HOPE HE DOESN'T SEE HIS OWN SHADOW.**



All were amazed and asked one another, “What is this? A new teaching with authority. He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him.” His fame spread everywhere throughout the whole region of Galilee. - Mk 1:27-28

**Readings for the week of January 31, 2021**

Sunday:	Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 [8]/ 1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28
Monday:	Heb 11:32-40/Ps 31:20, 21, 22, 23, 24 [25]/ Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday:	Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10 [8]/Heb 2:14-18/ Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
Wednesday:	Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a [cf. 17]/Mk 6:1-6
Thursday:	Heb 12:18-19, 21-24/Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 9, 10-11 [cf. 10]/Mk 6:7-13
Friday:	Heb 13:1-8/Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc [1a]/ Mk 6:14-29
Saturday:	Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/Mk 6:30-34
Next Sunday:	Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 3a]/ 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39

**QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK**

**First Reading:**

Moses taught the Israelites that God would send prophets to assist them in knowing His will. Why do you think people so often reject the prophetic message?

**Second Reading:**

Paul speaks of the inevitability of anxiety in life. How does your faith assist you in handling what makes you anxious?

**Gospel:**

In the story of the healing of a demon-possessed man, Mark reports how the demons knew Jesus’ true identity as “the Holy One of God.” What does this reveal about the unseen order?

**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**. Select our Parish after opening.

**SPECIAL CALENDAR DATES**

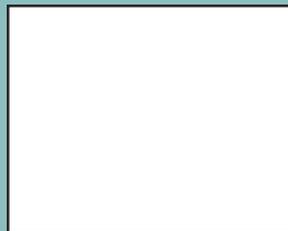
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**Monday, February 1, is Hot Chocolate Day**

**Tuesday, February 2, is Groundhog Day**

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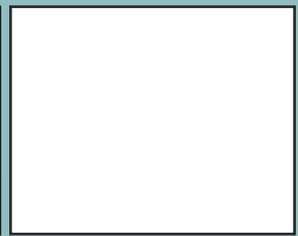
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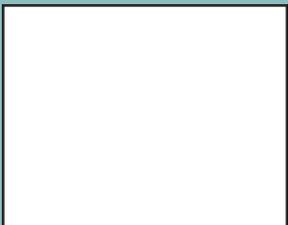
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