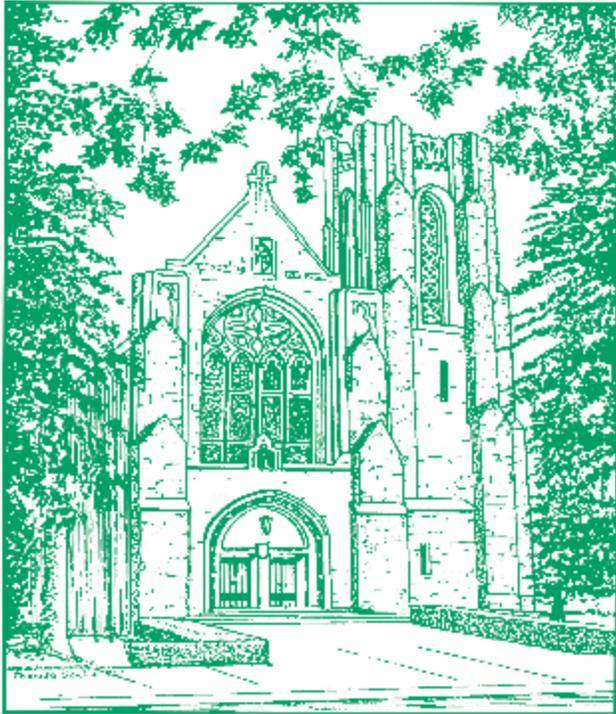


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LITURGIES

Weekend

Saturday Evening Vigil - 5:15PM

Sunday Morning - 8:30AM

Livestreaming Mass – Sundays - 10:00AM

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Inquiries for St. Mary's Cemetery,
Burgoyne Avenue, Fort Edward –
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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.

“LITTLE BLACK BOOKS” FOR LENT

Next weekend, (February 13-14), our “Little Black Books” will be available in baskets at the Church entrances. Help yourself to a copy and start your 6-minutes-a-day from **Sunday, February 14, 2021 (the Sunday before Ash Wednesday) until April 4, 2021 (Easter Sunday)**. The goal is to find six minutes of quiet time every day for the next 50 days.

The **right-hand** page is the key, which will walk through the Sunday Gospels for this Lent (Cycle B), with explanations and reflections along the way. It’s an ancient way of praying the Scriptures – called *lectio divina*. God speaks to us “live” through the sacred word and we’re often surprised at the thoughts that come.

On the **left-hand** page in the “Little Black Book” has a variety of quotes, information and timely thoughts. Treat it like a buffet table from which you can take what you like. This year we will look at the cross, the main symbol of our faith.

We won’t start reading the Gospels until Ash Wednesday. But we’ll start the six-minute program on Sunday, February 14, (the Sunday before Ash Wednesday), which will give us three days to get ready for Lent.

CRS RICE BOWLS

Cardboard rice bowls will be available for you to pick up **next weekend (February 13-14)**, will be available in baskets at the Church entrances. at each of the entrances of the church. Please be sure to take one home for your family’s Lenten experience.

Join our faith community and more than 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States in a life-changing Lenten journey of encounter with CRS Rice Bowl. During the 40 days of Lent, we will encounter the needs of the world.

LENT AND EASTER CELEBRATIONS

We have had many inquiries about this year’s Easter Celebrations: Ash Wednesday, Stations of the Cross, Penance Services, Palm Sunday, Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday Masses.

In order to make any decisions on our Easter services, we are waiting until we have more information and guidance protocols from the Diocese. Everyone will be informed as soon as possible as to how we may proceed this year.

Please pray that we may be able to have our services once again enabling us to honor our Lord with our presences in our house of worship throughout this Lenten season.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER LIST

If you would like a copy of our Christmas Flower list they are available in the baskets along with our weekend bulletins which are located at each of the church entrances.

2020 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

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



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, Norma Potvin, Thomas E. Seymour and Gabrielle Vaughan.

PRAYER LIST

If anyone is sick or in the hospital and you would like to have your name added to the “Prayer List” which gets posted in our weekly bulletin, please call the rectory at 747-4823. We are not allowed to accept requests from other people to post the names of parishioners who are in the hospital or sick due to confidentiality. If a person’s condition has improved, we ask that you notify the parish office so their name can be removed.

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

WHY DO WE DO THAT? – CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Question: Is it ever Ok to leave Mass before it ends?

Answer: This is an interesting question because beneath the surface there seems to be an assumption that if it’s okay, then why do we have to stay after we receive communion? The short answer is “no,” but we definitely want to go a bit deeper as we consider why.

First, when we think about questions like this, we must consider this in adult terms. If there is something gravely important that we need to do, then we must attend to that. However, if it is a matter of convenience or preference, then we really have to stop and think again. First, while we always want to recognize the importance of sacramental communion in the Mass, we also need to understand how important the time of thanksgiving and prayer after communion is. This is summarized in the Prayer After Communion offered by the celebrant and then we are also commissioned to “Go forth” during the Dismissal of the Mass, reminding us that we have been entrusted with a gift — the Word of God and the Presence of Christ in the sacrament — and that we are to share that gift with others.

If we simply leave after we receive communion, we risk two things. First, there is the possibility that we will turn our reception of communion into a purely personal, individual experience that is separated from our common experience of worship — and communion in the fullest sense — and, second, we lose an opportunity for gratitude and serious reflection if we simply leave after communion. This time of thanksgiving, reflection, and, ultimately, missioning, are important and, in the end, an essential part of the celebration of the Mass.

GOSPEL MEDITATION

If I only knew then what I know now, how different life would be. This sentiment, expressed in myriad ways, is found on every human being's lips at one point or another. Life may have brought us to a vulnerable place where we see some of the poor choices we made and the effects they are having. Perhaps we fell into some destructive and dysfunctional relationships or behaviors and are finding how they held us captive. Our zeal and passion for life may have drifted away and we are waking up to the reasons apathy has taken hold. Life can be hard. In fact, some would describe their lives as a drudgery. They walk through each day with an anxious unsettledness, wondering when their restlessness will cease. There is a temptation to believe that what I see is all I will get. Mortality and hopelessness await the dawn. If I could only have known what would come in the future, I could have made better choices and avoided all of this misery!

Really? While we can certainly give into weakness, sin, impulsiveness, and idiosyncrasies that cause us to stumble over ourselves, life is really a journey. If we don't make the mistake of wallowing in the mire of self-pity and realize the new life God is calling us to, then there are thrills, adventures, surprises, and soul-searching graces we can surely miss. We are not tethered to our past nor are we bound to the ills life can bring upon us. We are never hopeless or helpless. The problem is that our myopic vision only allows us to see the misery and misfortune that is before us, not the potential that can come from choosing healthier and more life-giving options. Jesus came that we might have fullness of life. We need to learn how to reach for Jesus' hand and let him help us to our feet.

We need to allow God into our pain and heal our past. We have to wrestle with our histories, agonize and search and cry out for the Divine healing we need to restore our faith, hope, and love. Job could not see how his story would end or trust the guidance of the God who called him. We live in that same blindness and suffer from the same lack of confidence. Once we allow ourselves to be touched by God's healing power, we begin to see that all of the pieces of our lives are necessary parts of a greater whole. Along the way of our lives, God uses our omissions and failures to create new things and possibilities. When doors close, others open and we can be amazed by the joyful and unexpected surprises we receive. Once we know the power of God's creative, healing, life-giving, forgiving, and dynamic presence, it is no wonder we want to put ourselves at the service of others and show them what life can be.

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.

THE AUDACITY OF HOLINESS

Do you know a holy person? I'm not talking about piety — that's important, too, in its own way. But right now, I'm speaking of holiness.

St. Therese of Lisieux called holiness “a disposition of the heart that makes us humble and little in the arms of God, aware of our weakness, and confident — in the most audacious way — in His Fatherly goodness.”

The holy person sees a storm on the horizon of life, and rather than give themselves over to fear and despair (natural and understandable reactions), regards the gathering winds as an opportunity to rely more fully on God. The holy person takes a bad situation and sanctifies it with charity and understanding that defies our fallen human nature.

Peter's mother-in-law was still in the throes of a fever when Jesus grasped her hand. It wasn't until she took his hand and allowed him to help her up that “the fever left her and she waited on them.” Before the fever could leave her, she had to commit to holiness — to put her trust in him in a most audacious way. She had to find it within herself to lift her weakened hand to grasp his — and as soon as she did, she was rewarded. Her bodily health restored, she gave thanks, and attended to his needs.

God's hand is always outstretched to us. Will we take it, even if the fever of sin and pride and worldly concerns rages in our souls? Will we muster the strength? Will we be audacious enough to have confidence in His Fatherly goodness?

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

**INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK –
LIVE THE LITURGY**

Have you ever wondered what life would be like if you could see the future and know how things turn out? While it's intriguing to ponder what life would be like if we possessed this knowledge, actually knowing could easily rob us of the thrill, adventure, and soul-searching graces of our journey. Like Job, life does not always leave us on a happy note. Life experience can bring us face-to-face with our mortality and leave us with a profound sense of helplessness. We do not see the wholeness and fulfillment that will one day come and cannot grasp the certainty that a resolution to our plight will come our way. We need to learn how to reach for Jesus' hand and let him help us to our feet. Living a life of faith means realizing that we are not here to figure out life on our own. In order to drink deeply of what life presents us, we have to wrestle in the depths of our souls, agonize and search, possibly reach the lowest point of desperation, and cry out for the Divine healing we need to restore our faith, hope, and love. It is no wonder that those who are touched by God's healing power want to then serve others and show them the deeper waters that can be explored. Knowing too much can rob us of joyful surprises.

FEBRUARY 7, 2021



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

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

NEXT SATURDAY: (FEBRUARY 13)

5:15PM **THOMAS AND CAROL MAILLE AND THOMAS**
"TR" REMSEN by: Remsen and Maille Family
RICHARD AND MARIE MONAHAN
by: Remsen and Maille Family
KAY NICHOLSON by: Nicholson Family
ASHLEY FAZIO by: Nicholson Family
BEVERLY BRENNAN by: Sister - Joyce Massiano
RITA MION by: Mary Alice Murphy
LEO HUGHES by: Elaine Altizio and Family

NEXT SUNDAY: (FEBRUARY 14)

8:30AM **RUTH K. HOGAN** by: Betty Hogan
SHIRLEY HOULE
by: Husband - Richard and Children

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.



He told them, “Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come.” So he went into their synagogues, preaching and driving out demons throughout the whole of Galilee. - Mk 1:38-39

Readings for the week of February 7, 2021

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
Monday:	Gn 1:1-19/Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10 and 12, 24 and 35c [31b]/Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday:	Gn 1:20—2:4a/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [2ab]/Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday:	Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30 [1a]/Mk 7:14-23
Thursday:	Gn 2:18-25/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1a]/ Mk 7:24-30
Friday:	Gn 3:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 [1a]/Mk 7:31-37
Saturday:	Gn 3:9-24/Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13 [1]/ Mk 8:1-10
Next Sunday:	Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 [7]/ 1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading:

We hear how Job struggled to find meaning and hope in his life. How does your faith help you get through difficult times in your life?

Second Reading:

Paul speaks of his singular desire to preach the “gospel” (the Good News of Jesus Christ). When do you share the gospel message with others?

Gospel:

We learn that from the beginning of his public ministry Jesus was very purpose-driven: healing the sick and preaching the good news. How intentional is the practice of faith in your daily life?

SPECIAL CALENDAR DATES

Saturday, February 6, is Frozen Yogurt Day

Sunday, February 7, is Super Bowl LV

Monday, February 8, is Kite Flying Day

Tuesday, February 9, is Pizza Day

Wednesday, February 10, is Umbrella Day

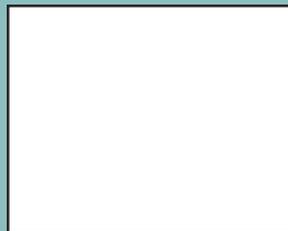
Thursday, February 11, is Don't Cry Over Spilled Milk Day

Friday, February 12, is Chinese New Year

Friday, February 12, is Abraham Lincoln's Birthday

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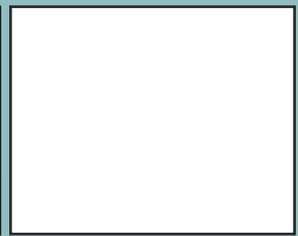
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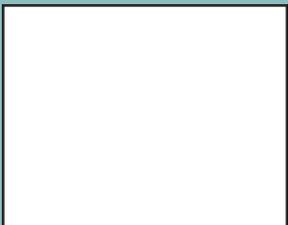
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