

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

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

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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

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

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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

Our “Little Black Books” are available in baskets at each of the church side 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 6 minutes of quiet time every day for the next 50 days.

The **right-hand** page is the key, which will walk you 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.

CRS RICE BOWLS

Cardboard Rice Bowls are available in baskets at each of the church side entrances. 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.

2020 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

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

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

Throughout history God has given His people signs. Our season of Lent offers us God’s sign that it is time to stop the ordinary routines of our lives, create some desert space, and listen more attentively for God to reveal His presence. We are asked to unplug from our attachments, compulsions, obsessions, addictions, routines, and busyness to clear the slate and take stock in who we have become. We are asked to remember the ancient sign of God’s covenant with humanity in which He vowed to nurture, sustain, and protect the relationship He has with His people. Once we slow down a bit and clear away some of the clutter, we can see how the journey of our life is unfolding. We can see what brings us in and out of tune with God’s love and how we can better imitate God’s loving fidelity in our relationship with Him. Even though some good solid self-denial is the order of the day, greater happiness and wholeness will be the fruit of our labors. Pleasant journey through the desert!

A LENTEN EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE

An examination of conscience is a reflection on how we are living out our Christian life. Lent is a good time to take a long, hard look at how well we have responded to God’s grace both in the short term and in the long term. What habits have we fallen into that are keeping us from being truly open to God; how does our life style show forth our commitment to Jesus; how well do we share our talent and gifts with others; are we closer to God now than we were five years ago?



Please pray for Mabel Clear and all who have recently passed away. Please keep in your prayers all who are ill, in the hospital or recuperating: Kathy Allen, Karen 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

St. Oscar Romero said, “Aspire not to have more, but to be more.” These powerful words provide the perfect framework for a conversion oriented Lenten experience. God is giving us this Lenten sign to stop being concerned about what you have and focus on who you are. This requires that we create a desert space and listen more attentively for God to reveal His presence. It is all so wonderfully simple on the one hand and so incredibly challenging on the other. The message is simple: love God, neighbor, and self. Those simple words make great sense, but we struggle translating them into reality. Our attachments, compulsions, obsessions, addictions, routines, and busyness all anchor us to the “idol of the self,” keeping us mired in our compulsive need for self-aggrandizement. It’s not about us!

God vowed, long ago, to nurture, sustain and protect the relationship He has with His people. He called us into being, nurtures us in being, and sustains us in being. Without the Loving Divine Presence, all life would cease. Once we slow down a bit and clear away some of the clutter, we can see how the journey of our life is unfolding. We can see what brings us in and out of tune with God’s love and how we can better imitate God’s loving fidelity in our relationship with Him. In short, we will see our myopic short sightedness and figure out how we can better share the Divine Fire within with others. Lent isn’t just about giving stuff up for forty days and indulging again at Easter. We need to push things much farther and wrestle with the question of how we can be more. “Being more” means becoming more fully alive and in touch with the holiness of life and the divinity that lives in and empowers all beings and things. It is realizing that the “quality” of our presence is crucial to being an effective witness and herald of God’s unconditional love.

The illusion we have bought into causes us to believe that the wrong things and systems matter. We tirelessly fight to keep things the way they are, to return to the former ways of doing things or restore some nostalgic fantasy memory of “life in the good old days.” Lent isn’t about maintaining what we have or returning to something that is gone. It’s about becoming something new. It’s about being more focused, centered, convicted, and grounded so that we can be a person who truly loves and treasures being made in the image of God. The secret to Gospel living is not found in accumulating anything for ourselves, even merit points for heaven. Gospel living means learning how to live with less so that others can live with more. The thought of permanently giving something up makes us feel uncomfortable. Truth often does.



St. Mary's/St. Paul's Church, Hudson Falls
Friday Evenings – 6:30PM

February 26, March 5, 12, 19 & 26

St. Joseph's Church, Fort Edward
Friday Evenings – 6:30PM
(Stations of the Cross will be Livestreamed)

LIVESTREAMING MASS

Mass at St. Joseph's Church in Fort Edward is Livestreamed every Sunday at 10:00AM. If you wish to check it out, follow these directions: On the internet, go to the Diocese's website www.rcda.org/livemass Scroll down on the right side and click on St. Joseph's Church, Fort Edward

SPECIAL CALENDAR DATES

Monday, February 22, is Margarita Day
Thursday, February 25, is Chili Day

**WHY DO WE DO THAT? –
CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED**

Question: Does it matter what leg you kneel on when genuflecting?

Answer: Genuflection is an act of devotion that literally means “to bend the knee.” For many Catholics, it’s an almost automatic gesture that we perform before entering our pew or row of seats at Mass. But, like many of the symbols and gestures of our faith tradition, genuflecting can also be an invitation for deeper reflection.

The practice of “bending the knee” is an ancient way of recognizing the presence of someone greater than we are. It has been said that the practice dates back to the time of Alexander the Great, but it became a common part of etiquette in the royal courts of the Middle Ages. From throne rooms and palaces, it was a small step to genuflecting, becoming part of the devotional lives of Christians who used this secular gesture as a way of recognizing the presence of the One who is King of Kings, especially in the Eucharist. In our tradition, although many have been taught or prefer to genuflect by placing their right knee on the ground, there is no prescribed way to genuflect. This is especially important to keep in mind if physical limitations or age make certain movements difficult for us.

Today, Catholics are asked to genuflect in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament (whether in the tabernacle or exposed on the altar during Eucharistic Adoration). So, while it has become second nature to genuflect before entering your seat in church, we should pay attention to where the Blessed Sacrament is kept in each church or chapel we visit, and genuflect in the direction of the tabernacle where the Blessed Sacrament is kept. In churches or chapels in which the tabernacle is in a separate space, we are invited to simply bow toward the altar.



SUNDAY: (February 21)
Second Collection for the Black, Native American & Latin American Mission Collection
FRIDAY: (February 26)
Stations of the Cross in the Church 6:30PM

SYMBOLS IN THE MASS

Ever notice how many symbols we use in the Mass? For example, kneeling, shaking hands, the water and wine, the elevation of the Host. Each is an action in itself, but also has another, deeper meaning. They represent the many ways God is present in our lives.



2021 MASS INTENTION BOOK

If you would like to book Mass requests or Sanctuary Lamps please stop by the rectory. **We do not book Masses over the phone.** Only homebound parishioners may mail or phone in requests. We do not “carry over” Masses from one year to another. There are no limits on mass intentions per scheduled mass times. The offering for all Announced Masses and Sanctuary Lamps is \$10.00.

THE UNLIKELY SUSPECTS

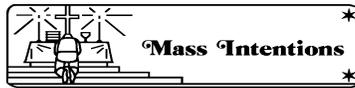
Have you ever taken a nature walk? Have you leisurely strolled through a forest or field, with no real destination in mind and your only objective being receptivity to and observation of all God’s creation?

Sometimes, Scripture readings can feel like a nature walk. All of salvation history plays out against the backdrop of the natural world, with all elements of God’s creation—plants and animals and the dust of the earth itself—turning in a supporting performance. How about Jesus in the hot and dusty desert, tempted, living “among the wild beasts?” Noah departed from his ark with the animals he rescued, observing God’s sign in the very clouds of the sky. Even God Himself, offering us salvation from original sin through the waters of baptism. How often do we remember that God speaks to us through all of His creation, even in the unlikeliest suspects?

Let’s go back to the nature walk. It sounds like a lovely way to pass an afternoon, amongst wildflowers and butterflies, but don’t forget the beating hot sun, mosquitos, and threat of rain on the horizon. Remember, we’re not in heaven yet. Here on earth, God may be present in His creation, but that doesn’t mean it’s always easy to endure.

Lent is, essentially, a time to listen for the voice of God in places we may not expect: the mild irritations you experience when you’re craving the chocolate you gave up, or the dull pangs of hunger during the Ash Wednesday fast. It’s a golden opportunity to see the divine hand in all of creation, even those unlikely suspects.
— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

FEBRUARY 21, 2021



SATURDAY: (FEBRUARY 20)

5:15PM **WILLIAM T. BREEYEAR (50TH ANNIV.)**
by: Family
**IN THANKSGIVING TO ST. JUDE FOR A
FAVOR GRANTED** by: A Parishioner

SUNDAY: (FEBRUARY 21)

8:30AM **GEORGE HOULE (B-DAY)**
by: His Brother - Richard Houle and Family
SHIRLEY HOULE by: Husband-Richard & Children
LEO HUGHES by: John and Ellen LaFay

FRIDAY: (FEBRUARY 26)

6:30PM **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

NEXT SATURDAY: (FEBRUARY 27)

5:15PM **KATELYN CLARA FITZGERALD (17TH ANNIV.)**
by: Mom and Dad and Family
NORMA A. POTVIN by: Betty Inglee and Family

NEXT SUNDAY: (FEBRUARY 28)

8:30AM **ROBERT J. AND ELIZABETH A. DICKINSON**
by: Family
LOUISE MCGUIRK (B-DAY) by: Family
SHIRLEY HOULE by: Husband-Richard & Children

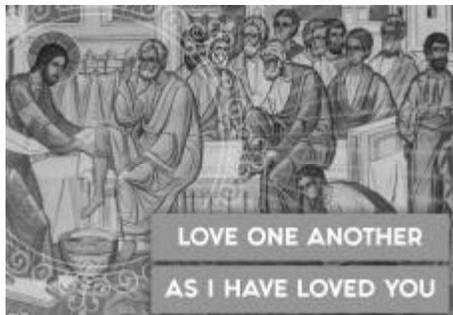


EASTER FLOWER ENVELOPES

Please use the special envelope in your monthly envelope packet to make your donation toward our Easter Flower Fund. You may also place your gift in a plain envelope. Please include the names of your loved ones to be remembered and your name on the envelope. Please mark your intentions clearly so they may be printed in our bulletin. **The deadline for names to be placed in our bulletin will be Monday, April 5.**

Flower envelopes 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 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.





After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: “This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel.” - Mk 1:14-15

Readings for the week of February 21, 2021

Sunday:	Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 10]/ 1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15
Monday:	1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6 [1]/Mt 16:13-19
Tuesday:	Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19 [18b]/ Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday:	Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 [19b]/ Lk 11:29-32
Thursday:	Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 [3a]/Mt 7:7-12
Friday:	Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8 [3]/ Mt 5:20-26
Saturday:	Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 [1b]/Mt 5:43-48
Next Sunday:	Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 [9]/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading:

God promises Noah to use a “bow in the clouds” (a rainbow) as a sign and symbol of His divine pledge to never again allow a world-wide flood to devastate the earth. This is the Bible’s first recorded covenant between God and humanity. What do you think of when you see a rainbow?

Second Reading:

Peter teaches that Jesus preached to both the living and the dead — those dead dating back to the days of Noah — and connecting us through baptism. What do you find intriguing about this idea?

Gospel:

We hear about Jesus’ temptation in the desert and his inaugural gospel message to those living in Galilee. Jesus saw repentance as necessary to believe his good news. As we begin the Lenten journey, what aspects of your life require repentance?



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