

# 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.

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## 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,  
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## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

**Weekdays** – 8:30AM to Noon  
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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.

**“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 of quiet time every day during Lent.

**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.

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

How is your Lent going so far? In changing the circumstances and order of our lives a bit, perhaps we can hear God’s voice more clearly and drink more deeply of graced moments we experience. Having God as a friend always involves several things. First, there is God’s call. We become attuned to the echo of God’s voice in the depth of our souls calling and beckoning us to listen. Second, there is a request. We begin to see that God asks us to do certain things, to order our lives a particular way, and become more intentional in the choices we make. Third, there is trust. Do we trust this call and request? Trust commits us to the relationship and makes a claim on who we are. Finally, we are asked to act. We find ourselves acting, not in the way we used to, but in a transformed, more enlightened way. Things seem clearer and all that is around us shines with the brilliance of God’s presence. God’s call came through a cloud, “This is my beloved Son. Listen to him.” This is the call and the request. Can we give God our trust and do as God asks?

**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?



**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.



**REMEMBER  
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: 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**

A pregnant woman was walking in the store and met an old friend. Her friend exclaimed, “You are absolutely beaming!” The new life God placed in her womb radiated throughout her body. It was brightly visible on her face and in her eyes. Transformation and change usually happen from the inside out. It is very rare that simply imposing structure from the outside does any good. Yes, it is true that routines and habits can change when things are done differently. But, for this change to last there has to be an interior renewal and metamorphosis as well. Simply regulating behavior and bringing someone into conformity with accepted protocols doesn’t mean their heart and soul come with them.

Peter was a homeless man who lived in a very remote and rudimentary tent community. He was happy to make his daily trip to McDonald’s and always welcomed a gift card or two so that he could buy some coffee and something to eat. A generous advocate worked to secure him an apartment in hopes of moving Peter out of his makeshift housing and into something safer. Peter finally got the grand tour of his new “digs,” received his own key, remarked how wonderful the place was, closed the door behind him when they left and never returned. He preferred his tent. No matter how much things changed on the outside, Peter was happy where he was. A poignant lesson was learned that day.

How is your Lent going? By now you ought to have a sense of whether you’re really “into it” this year and something transformational is happening. For many, it’s only the stuff on the outside that changes for a few weeks and then they return to business as usual. For others, there are some real inner changes happening that are deepening their relationships with God, others, self, and creation. If we are serious about moving to a new place and radiating with the presence of new life and joy, then we have to clear the way to listen for God’s call. Then, there is God’s request to change things up a bit and order our lives differently. After realizing we have been called and given a mission, we have to trust that this is where we need to be. And then, after all of this hard work we are asked to act. The fruit that is revealed will indicate whether our journey is authentic. The brilliance of conversion will begin to shine on our faces as we contemplate the One to whom we are asked to listen.

**LENTEN PRAYER**

**“So far today, God, I’ve done all right. I haven’t gossiped, I haven’t lost my temper, haven’t been grumpy, nasty or selfish. I’m really glad of that. But in a few minutes, God, I’m going to get out of bed, and from then on I’m probably going to need a lot of help.”**



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

March 5, 12, 19 & 26

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St. Joseph's Church, Fort Edward  
Friday Evenings – 6:30PM

(Stations of the Cross will only be held by 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](http://www.rcda.org/livemass)

Scroll down on the right side and click on St. Joseph's Church, Fort Edward

**SPECIAL CALENDAR DATES**

Monday, March 1, is Peanut Butter Lover's Day

Tuesday, March 2, is Dr. Seuss's Birthday and Read Across America Day

Friday, March 5, is Employee Appreciation Day

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

Question: Why Do We Use Incense At Mass?

Answer: The use of incense in religious ceremonies and worship is a practice that predates Christianity, and which is also found in many other religious traditions today.

Incense, which is made from resin infused with aromatic spices and oils, is one of those fundamentally human symbols that incorporates more than one of our senses, helping us to reflect on realities that transcend the everyday details of our lives.

The use of incense in the Church's liturgy — in the Mass, as well as in devotions to the Eucharist and the Liturgy of the Hours — is inspired by the use of incense in the Jewish tradition. In the writings of the Old Testament, we hear about incense being used in the worship of the temple, and Psalm 141 asks, "Let my prayer be incense before you; my uplifted hands an evening offering" (vs. 2). The image here is that, as the incense gently rises to heaven, our prayers also rise to God as something sweet and pleasant.

Another ancient use of incense that has also become part of our Catholic tradition is the idea that when we incense something, it's because it is something special or sacred. This is why the Book of the Gospel is incensed during the Liturgy of the Word and the bread, wine, priest celebrant, and congregation are incensed at the presentation of the gifts. To this, we can also add the incensing of the Blessed Sacrament during Eucharistic Adoration and benediction, and the body of the deceased at the end of the Mass of the Resurrection (the Funeral Mass).



FRIDAY: (March 5)  
Stations of the Cross in the Church

6:30PM

**WHEN SACRIFICE BECOMES MUNDANE**

It seems to happen every year, like clockwork: we drag a bit, as we enter into the second week of Lent. On Ash Wednesday, we feel a bit like soldiers banging our shields, rushing into battle. "We're ready, God!" our hearts cry out. "Transform us through sacrifice! Your will be done!"

But by now, these Lenten resolutions are no longer novelties — they've joined the ranks of everyday inconveniences, which somehow are the hardest to bear. Because transformation, in real life, happens in inches, just as a battle is won slowly in the crash of one sword against another. It's not always a dramatic thing, to the naked eye. It's the perseverance in prayer despite weariness, or the continual denial of some pleasure even though there's that nagging voice in our minds saying: *go ahead, God doesn't really mind.*

It's a week when we all need a shock to the system — and wouldn't you know it, this Sunday God gives us a double-whammy of dramatic sacrificial scenes. We picture Abraham, who also cried "Ready!" when God called, never imagining what He would ask: the surrender of his long-awaited Son. We see Christ himself transfigured, as God shows us what He is ready to give up for love of us.

We must remain committed, persevering daily in acknowledging that everything belongs to God. What we sacrifice, we simply give back to Him.

If God is for us, who can be against us? Can we still reply, "Ready!" when we hear the call of God?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

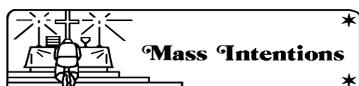
**KEEPING SUNDAY – ALL DAY**

During the time of Lent why not celebrate the Lord's Day more fully, consider trying the following:

- Don't use Sunday as your catch-all day for errands and household chores.
- Share a family dinner after Mass. Have the whole family join in the preparation and clean-up.
- Spend time reading the Bible or your "Little Black Books".
- Pray the Rosary, alone or with others.
- Volunteer in a local food pantry.
- Read Bible stories to your children.
- Turn off your gadgets and enjoy the silence.

As we take time each week to celebrate the Paschal Mystery in the Eucharist and to rest from the burdens of our daily lives, we remind ourselves that we are made in the image and likeness of God who "rested on the seventh day from all the work he had undertaken" (Gn 2:2)

**FEBRUARY 28, 2021**



**SATURDAY: (FEBRUARY 27)**  
5:15PM **KATELYN CLARA FITZGERALD (17<sup>TH</sup> ANNIV.)**  
by: Mom and Dad and Family  
**NORMA A. POTVIN** by: Betty Inglee and Family

**SUNDAY: (FEBRUARY 28)**  
8:30AM **ROBERT J. AND ELIZABETH A. DICKINSON**  
by: Family  
**LOUISE MCGUIRK (B-DAY)** by: Family  
**SHIRLEY HOULE**  
by: Husband - Richard and Children

**FRIDAY: (MARCH 5)**  
6:30PM **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

**NEXT SATURDAY: (MARCH 6)**  
5:15PM **THOMAS AND CAROL MAILLE AND THOMAS**  
**"TR" REMSEN** by: Remsen and Maille Family  
**NORMA A. POTVIN**  
by: Janice Niemer and Pat Purner

**NEXT SUNDAY: (MARCH 7)**  
8:30AM **DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE MADONNA**  
**FAMILY AND MR. AND MRS. SAM FRIOLO**  
by: Tresa Madonna  
**SHIRLEY HOULE**  
by: Husband - Richard and Children  
**DOMINIC FALLACARO (B-DAY)**  
by: Fallacaro Family



**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.

**A WEEK WITHOUT GOD**

**Our week would be:**

**Sunday**  
**Mournday**  
**Tearsday**  
**Wasteday**  
**Thirstday**  
**Fightday**  
**Shatterday**

**Seven days without God – makes one Weak!**



Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them. - Mk 9:2-3

**Readings for the week of February 28, 2021**

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
Monday:	Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9 11 and 13 [cf. 103:10a]/Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday:	Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 [23b]/Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday:	Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16 [17b]/Mt 20:17-28
Thursday:	Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [40:5a]/Lk 16:19-31
Friday:	Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 [5a]/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday:	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8a]/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Next Sunday:	Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25 or Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

**QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK**

**First Reading:**

God's request of Abraham to sacrifice his beloved son Isaac seems cruel from our modern perspective. Yet Abraham's obedience rendered divine blessings. Do you think you have such depth of faith?

**Second Reading:**

Paul tries to reassure the Christians in Rome of God's divine providence in our lives. As we continue the Lenten journey, can you recall when have you felt God's protection and comfort?

**Gospel:**

We hear Mark's account of the apostles' witness of the transfiguration of Jesus. How difficult do you think it was for them not to share this event with anyone until after Jesus rose from the dead?



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