

# 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  
1:00 to 4:30PM

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## PARISH STAFF

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*Pastoral Council Chair*

Sharon Karwoski  
*Rosary Altar Society President*

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*Ushers Association President*

## 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 WHITE BOOKS FOR THE EASTER SEASON**

Our "Little White Books" are available in the baskets located at each of the side doors of the church. Start your 6-minutes-a-day from **Monday, April 5, 2021 (First week of Easter until May 23, 2021 (Pentecost Sunday)** during these next 50 days of the Easter Season.

The key is the right-hand page. On that page each day (except Sundays) we'll walk through the Sunday Gospels of Cycle B. On Sundays and periodically throughout the week, we will examine the Beatitudes.

The left-hand page is like a buffet table with information about the Easter season, or various traditions and customs, or the saint whose feast is celebrated on that particular day.

The main thing is to spend some quiet time with the Lord using one of our oldest traditions of prayer called *lectio divina* – sacred reading. We take a short Scripture passage and simply let God speak to us through the words, guiding us to reflections that sometimes seem to come from nowhere. But they're not "from nowhere." They're from God.

**ALL GRADUATES OF  
ST. MARY'S SCHOOL, HUDSON FALLS**

*All Graduates of the Class of 1956 or other of St. Mary's School, Hudson Falls are invited next weekend Saturday, April 24, to the 5:15PM Mass at St. Mary's/St. Paul's Church in Hudson Falls. There will be a mass said in memory of Msgr. Arthur Kiffin. All are welcome to attend. Hope to see you there.*

**ATTENTION PARISHIONERS**

On Sunday, May 2, at the 8:30AM Mass the front half of the church will be reserved for our First Communion children and their families. Only the back half of the church will be available for normal Sunday morning mass seating.

Please consider joining our Saturday parishioners at the 5:15PM mass for that weekend.

Our children are looking forward to celebrating First Communion. Thank you for making room for their extended families.

**SPECIAL CALENDAR DATES**

**Sunday, April 18, is Piñata Day**

**Tuesday, April 20, is Look Alike Day**

**Thursday, April 22, is Jelly Bean Day**

**Thursday, April 22, is Earth Day**

**Friday, April 23, is Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day**

**Saturday, April 24, is Arbor Day**



Please pray for Venita Duffany 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 Duffany, Grace Fallacaro, Patty Fitzgerald, Rick Karwoski, Elizabeth (Liz) Kennedy, Linda Kennedy, Rev. Joseph Manerowski, Julia Madonna-Morris, Jonathan Palmer, Thomas E. Seymour and Gabrielle Vaughan.

**ALWAYS SAY A PRAYER**

Recently there have been many events happening around the world that make us wonder about our future and that of our families. The best way to help everyone is through prayer. We need to pray for all of the people of the world as God is the one in charge of all lives.

Have you ever wondered about the abbreviation A.S.A.P.? Let's think of it in a different way. Perhaps this will help to find a new way to deal with those rough days along the way.

There's work to do, deadlines to meet;  
you've got no time to spare,  
but as you hurry and scurry –  
ASAP – ALWAYS SAY A PRAYER.

In the midst of family chaos,  
"Quality time" is rare.  
Do your best: let God do the rest -  
ASAP – ALWAYS SAY A PRAYER.

It may seem like your worries  
are more than you can bear.  
Slow down and take a breather -  
ASAP – ALWAYS SAY A PRAYER.

God knows how stressful life is:  
he wants to ease our cares,  
and he'll respond to all your needs.  
ASAP – ALWAYS SAY A PRAYER.

**RICE BOWL OFFERINGS**

*Rice Bowl offerings may be placed in the wooden receptacle containers before or after mass that are located at each of the side entrances of the church. You are also welcome to drop off your offerings at the rectory. Thank you for your generosity.*

**FISCAL RIDDLES**

Q. Who was the greatest financier in the Bible?  
A. Noah. He was floating his stock while everyone else was in liquidation.

Q. Who was the greatest female financier in the Bible?  
A. Pharaoh's daughter. She went down to the bank of the Nile and drew out a little prophet.

**THE RIGHT ANSWER**

During his children's sermon, our assistant pastor asked the kids, "What is gray, has a bushy tail, and gathers nuts in the fall?"

One five-year-old raised his hand, "I know the answer should be Jesus," he began, "but it sounds like a squirrel to me."



**CEMETERY NEWS**

St. Mary's and St. Joseph's Cemetery and St. Paul's Cemetery have opened for the season. The caretakers are doing Spring Clean-Up at each location, raking, trimming trees and other general clean-up. Note that a dumpster is in place at St. Paul's to place any debris from gravesites. Buckets and dumpster are ready to use at St. Mary's and St. Joseph's. **Old Christmas and holiday decorations and any other worn or broken items should be removed by April 30th.** Also, please remember the following: NO in-ground planting; NO glass of any kind (candles, lights, etc.). The Cemetery Board requests your cooperation so that mowing and trimming can take place safely and without obstruction. Please refrain from placing alcoholic cans/bottles and related alcoholic materials as well as tobacco items on gravesites. This is prohibited. Please do not over-decorate gravesites or put items around the monuments as this causes a problem when mowing and trimming (safety). Please note that to keep the cemetery safe and beautiful, the caretakers, at their discretion, will dispose of items that do not meet the cemetery rules/criteria. The Cemetery Board thanks you for your cooperation and assistance in keeping our cemeteries beautiful, safe and peaceful. Please contact the office for a copy of the Cemetery Rules if you have any questions. The Trustees of both churches are Cemetery Board members and would also be happy to answer your questions or take care of any concerns.

**HOW TO FAIL YOUR WAY TO HEAVEN**

You know what are some of my favorite moments in Scripture? The little “Easter eggs” of Jesus’ humanity, things like Jesus falling asleep, Jesus drawing in the sand, Jesus playing with kids. And how about Jesus rising from the dead, appearing to his disciples and saying, “So, have you got anything to eat?”

It’s right for us to always keep in mind that Jesus is God. But we also have to remember that he was man. He got hungry. He cried when he felt sad and laughed when he felt happy. He got tired. He got bored.

Because he was God, none of those feelings ever led him into sin, like they do us. He never spent a car ride trying to pass the hours by seeing how annoyed he could make his older sister. He never smacked Peter over the head for saying something really stupid. But he did unleash some Biblically righteous anger on those traders in the temple, didn’t he? And he wasn’t shy about calling Peter “a Satan” when his friend tempted him to take the easy way out.

It’s the tightrope walk we all try to balance every day, honoring our human emotions while still answering God’s call to be better. Being perfect isn’t the domain of the Christian — that’s the domain of Christ only. Trying and failing, then trying again (and failing again) and again and again. That’s the domain of the Christian.

*Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS*

**GOSPEL MEDITATION**

We often act out of ignorance. Armed with the best of intentions, we think we are seeing clearly and correctly, but we are not. We don’t always understand the full meaning of things and only perceive part of the truth. Hence, our judgments and actions can be impaired by myopic, incomplete or erroneous perceptions. The meaning of life, understanding of human experience, and negotiating life’s challenges can all become skewed without proper understanding and vision. The resurrection of Christ is the corrective to our incomplete and limited view of life. Looking at things with the eyes of faith brings a depth of clarity and understanding to how we see God, ourselves, others, and the world.

Even the disciples struggled with their limited understanding and ignorant perceptions. It was only when Jesus opened their minds to understand the Scriptures that their eyes were opened. It was their “aha” moment when everything clicked. We all want the substance of our lives to come together, make sense, and have meaning. This is easier to achieve when things are going positively and life is good. It is when suffering, disappointment, death, hardship, and injustice enter the picture that things can become unsettled and disoriented. Our faith in the goodness and love of God is tested. We tend to shift our focus on these difficult and challenging moments and do not see them within the greater picture of how God intends life to unfold. We can gain, from the passion and resurrection of Christ, the clear vision we need in order to move away from ignorance to enlightenment.

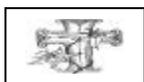
We need our “aha” moment when everything comes together and clicks. It can come in a fleeting instant when we feel totally connected with God, where we find ourselves, others and all of creation. It is a moment when all is right and good, regardless of how difficult our journey. Our “aha” moment assures us that God is here, right with us, in us and around us bringing us a gift and blessing we can receive nowhere else: peace. In those brief sacramental encounters when we are lifted up out of ourselves and centered, we can hear God say, “Peace be with you,” and we feel secure. It’s all okay. The resurrected Christ has the power to bring this gift to us. Some people, as they are facing their deaths, remark about this peace. When looking into the window of eternity, they experience a depth of joy and are amazed at God’s goodness and closeness. We are called to be witnesses to this Good News.

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

When the greeting “Peace be with you” is sincerely offered to a person, it can resonate very deep within, bringing comfort and reassurance. When someone possesses the power to bring peace, it brings us to a place of safety and fills us with joy. The resurrected Christ has this power. God can open our minds so that we can more fully understand the meaning of Sacred Scripture and God’s compassionate, loving, tender, and untiring embrace constantly present and offered to people throughout history. Without the anchor of truth that only God can provide, we can easily become startled and terrified at the sight of what life brings us. Being open to God’s offer of peace, we can turn away from old habits and short-sighted vision and experience the gladness and joy of God’s gift. Only then can what is wounded and broken be mended and reconciliation achieved.

*APRIL 18, 2021*

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## **MASS INTENTIONS**

**SATURDAY:**                    *(APRIL 17)*

5:15PM    **MARY (PURNER) KEXEL (B-DAY)**  
              by: Sister - Pat Purner  
**NORMA A. POTVIN** by: Caroline Suprenant  
**MARIE ADORNA MADDEN**  
              by: Jim and Joanne Killian  
**MARY HELEN CARPENTER (3<sup>RD</sup> ANNIV.)**  
              by: Sister - Pat Keenan  
**JOHN CAIVANO**  
              by: Wife - Ursula Caivano and Family

**SUNDAY:**                        *(APRIL 18)*

8:30AM    **JULIA AND ADDIEGO GIACOBONE**  
              by: Anne Giacobone and Tresa Madonna  
**ALL HOLY SOULS** by: Kay Babson  
**SHIRLEY HOULE**  
              by: Husband - Richard and Children

**NEXT SATURDAY:**            *(APRIL 24)*

5:15PM    **DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE MONAHAN**  
              **FAMILY** by: Patrick and Joan Monahan  
**MSGR. ARTHUR KIFFIN**  
              by: St. Mary's School, Hudson Falls Class of 1956  
**CARL H. COONEY** by: Bob Derby and Family

**NEXT SUNDAY:**                *(APRIL 25)*

8:30AM    **ROBERT J. AND ELIZABETH A. DICKINSON**  
              by: Family  
**NORMA A. POTVIN** by: Theresa Hogan  
**FRANK C. BATTISTE** by: Wife and Children  
**THE SANCTIFIED** by: Kay Babson  
**SHIRLEY HOULE**  
              by: Husband - Richard and Children  
**ELIZABETH SCHERMERHORN**  
              by: Linda Mayotte

### **QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK**

#### **First Reading:**

In publicly bearing witness to Jesus' resurrection, Peter urged the people to repent of their sin of ignorance and their denial of Jesus. How does Jesus' resurrection from the dead inspire you to repentance?

#### **Second Reading:**

John teaches his community that the key to avoiding sin is to follow Jesus' commandments. What do you find challenging in this seemingly simple and clear instruction?

#### **Gospel:**

Luke tells us that the resurrected Jesus opened the minds of the disciples "to understand the Scriptures" and see how his suffering, death, and resurrection was connected to repentance and forgiveness of sins. What tools do you use to better understand our faith?

#### **A GOOD SERMON**

The secret of a good sermon is to have a good beginning and a good ending; and to have the two as close together as possible.

— George Burns



**Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. And he said to them, “Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day.” - Lk 24:45-46**

**Readings for the week of April 18, 2021**

Sunday:	Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 [7a]/ 1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48
Monday:	Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30 [1ab]/ Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday:	Acts 7:51—8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab [6a]/Jn 6:30-35
Wednesday:	Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a [1]/Jn 6:35-40
Thursday:	Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 [1]/Jn 6:44-51
Friday:	Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Jn 6:52-59
Saturday:	Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [12]/ Jn 6:60-69
Next Sunday:	Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 [22]/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18

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

**Question: Do children need to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation before their First Communion?**

**Answer:** For centuries the Catholic Church has taught that a person needs to be in a state of grace (free from mortal sins) in order to worthily receive the Eucharist. To that end, Catholics should make an effort to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation any time they recognize the need for the sacrament (and in keeping with the precept of the Church that asks that we celebrate this sacrament at least once each year).

In the case of children preparing for their First Communion, the Code of Canon Law is very clear that they should also celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation before receiving the Eucharist for the first time: “It is the responsibility, in the first place, of parents and those who take the place of parents as well as of the pastor to see that children who have reached the use of reason are correctly prepared and are nourished by the divine food as early as possible, preceded by sacramental confession” (Canon 914).

While some might question the significance of the Sacrament of Reconciliation — especially in the case of children who might not fully understand the reality of sin or the meaning of the sacrament itself — a child’s “First Confession” can be a wonderful time for families to reflect together on the quality of their relationships, how they put their faith into practice, and, when it is possible, to celebrate the sacrament as a family. In the end, the celebration of these two sacraments marks important moments in the spiritual journeys of children and we hope their “First Confession” and “First Communion” help instill in them a love of the sacraments of the Church.

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