

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

11 Wall Street Hudson Falls, New York 12839-1364



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

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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

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

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Sharon Karwoski
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David Rothermel
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.



FATHER TOM

St. Mary's/St. Paul's Church staff and parishioners would like to congratulate you on your 11th anniversary (May 1) as being Pastor at St. Mary's/St. Paul's Church. You are very valuable to our church. We look forward to many more years having you as our Pastor. Thank you.

ATTENTION PARISHIONERS

Next 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.

CONFIDENCE IN PRINCES

Have you ever confided your problems to a friend, only to get the answer, "have you prayed about it as much as you've talked about it?"

Like all good advice, it can really irritate the recipient at first. Here I am, vulnerable and wounded, unloading my problems, and this joker tries to load them right back up and ship them off to someone with a higher pay grade.

But again, like all good and irritating advice, it rings true if you sit and think about it.

Sure, venting is helpful. We all need that friend or family member who can listen to our problems. But if we ever start to think that person can solve them, it's a good sign that we're losing perspective.

Are you looking to the world for an answer? Are you looking in the mirror, expecting to find a solution to your problems? Are you expecting happiness, peace, contentment or justice to come from any place other than God?

"It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to put confidence in princes," the Psalms tell us. Well, I've never put much confidence in princes. But when it comes to problems, I often find myself telling God to take a step back — "I've got this."

It's tough to pray about any problem as much as you talk about it. We want so badly to tackle the issue ourselves. But I'll let you in on a secret: it doesn't matter what the question is, we don't have the answer. Take it to the One who does.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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.



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 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.

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

The cornerstone is the first stone that is laid and the stone that not only determines how the other stones are placed but the position of the entire structure. As human beings, we need a cornerstone or reference point so that our lives can be properly placed and positioned. Our cornerstone determines not only how we see ourselves but who we will become. Without a cornerstone or reference point, we will be disconnected, disoriented, and poorly positioned for effective action in our world. In order to be the children of God we are, Jesus Christ needs to be our cornerstone and the reference point for all that we do. He alone is the Good Shepherd who can guide through life's questions and challenges, bringing us to proper pasture. Without this proper base, we can easily fall into the trap of self-aggrandizement and quickly lose our way. If that happens, then moral principles, proper conduct, justice, wisdom, and virtue will be difficult to find. We need to listen to the right voices and allow God to show us how to build our house well. Salvation only comes from God and only God will protect us, no matter the cost.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



FIRST EUCHARIST REHEARSAL

Saturday, May 1, 2021 – 9:00AM in Church

FIRST COMMUNION PARENT/CHILD WORKSHOP

There will be a First Communion Parent and Child Workshop on **Saturday, May 1, at 9:30AM** in McManus Hall.



FIRST EUCHARIST

Sunday, May 2, 2021 – during the 8:30AM Mass in Church
(Please plan on having children seated by 8:10AM)

Due to COVID we are unable to have a reception for First Eucharist.



MAY CROWNING

We will be having our May Crowning on **Sunday, May 2, during the 8:30AM Mass in Church.**



MASS CARDS

On Mother's Day, **Sunday, May 9, the 8:30AM Mass** will be celebrated in honor of all Deceased/Living Mothers and Grandmothers. If you would like to have a Mother's Day Mass said, **please stop by the rectory by Monday, May 3. We have beautiful Mother's Day cards for you to give to your loved ones.**

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 Cemetery 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.

Calendar of events

NEXT SATURDAY: (May 1)

First Eucharist Rehearsal in the Church 9:00AM
First Communion Parent and Child Workshop in McManus Hall 9:30AM

NEXT SUNDAY: (May 2)

May Crowning and First Eucharist in the Church during the 8:30AM Mass. There will be NO Reception for First Eucharist

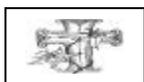
GOSPEL MEDITATION

Any builder worth his or her salt knows the value and importance of a cornerstone. Properly laying and securing this primary unit determines how the rest of the project unfolds and its success. Cornerstones are necessary elements not only of buildings but of lives as well. Many human beings conduct the business of their lives paying little attention to a grounding reference or starting point. Hence, what unfolds is a tapestry of relativism, with few anchors or guideposts and many impulsive choices. Some consider love to be their cornerstone. While this may sound attractive and useful, the pursuit of love without a simultaneous pursuit of its source can be shallow and self-focused. Just because a person chooses to do no harm and love others does not mean that they are living in truth and properly anchored to the real cornerstone.

Jesus is the true and authentic cornerstone and shepherd. It is only in following the Risen One as the way, the truth, and the life that we can move from being well grounded ethical people to properly focused moral ones. Proper conduct, a true sense of justice, wisdom, virtue, moral principles, faith, hope, and love will be difficult to find unless we listen to the right Voice. It is when we learn to listen to the voice of God that we begin our journey on the road to salvation. It is only the Good Shepherd, the authentic and solid cornerstone, who can guide us through life's questions and challenges and bring us to the safe and proper pasture.

A person's life only has meaning when the cornerstone is properly selected and set. Understanding themselves only as random acts of creation, existing without intent or purpose will color their choices and influence their decisions. The foundation of their lives will be simply a matter of preference and choice, leaving benchmarks of growth and higher ideals optional to pursue. Whereas people who believe that they are fashioned and loved into existence by a God who purposely made them, have this incredible unconditional relationship at their source which has tremendous significance. Their allegiance is not to themselves but to their Creator. Life, then, is an adventure in search of this Creator God and a journey of self-discovery that seeks to unite their will to His. There is a cost. We have to give up our life in order to gain our life. As ironic as that sounds, it is true. It is only when we finally figure this out that the true cornerstone of our lives will be properly laid and we can, with God's help, get about the business of properly constructing a temple that endures.

APRIL 25, 2021



MASS INTENTIONS

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

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

NEXT SATURDAY: (*MAY 1*)

5:15PM **THOMAS AND CAROL MAILLE AND THOMAS
"TR" REMSEN** by: Remsen and Maille Family
CARL H. COONEY
by: Pat Purner and Janice Niemer

NEXT SUNDAY: (*MAY 2*)

8:30AM **DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE MR. AND MRS.
SALVATORE DEMONICO FAMILY**
by: Anne Giacobone and Tresa Madonna
**SPECIAL INTENTIONS FOR RICHARD AND
MICHELLE HOULE AND KELLY HOULE
GALLO (B-DAYS) (LIVING)** by: Houle Family
PHILIP T. MOORE (B-DAY) by: Joyful Noise
NORMA A. POTVIN by: Margaret Burke
ALL THE CHILDREN OF THE WORLD
by: Kay Babson
JOSEPH W. POTVIN
by: Patricia Potvin and Family
SHIRLEY HOULE
by: Husband - Richard and Children

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading:

We hear how Peter courageously testified before the Sanhedrin that in Jesus' name the crippled man was healed and in Jesus' name all believers are saved. How strong is the conviction of your faith when someone challenges you?

Second Reading:

John speaks to his community of believers as "children of God." What do you see as some of the implications of such a designation?

Gospel:

In speaking of himself as "the good shepherd" who cares deeply for his sheep, Jesus contrasts himself to "a hired man" (the Pharisees) who has no concern for his sheep. How should have the Pharisees reacted to this criticism?

“I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. These also I must lead, and they will hear my voice, and there will be one flock, one shepherd. This is why the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again.”

- Jn 10:16-17

Readings for the week of April 25, 2021

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
Monday:	Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4 [cf. 3a]/ Jn 10:1-10
Tuesday:	Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 [117:1a]/ Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday:	Acts 12:24—13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8 [4]/ Jn 12:44-50
Thursday:	Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27 [2]/ Jn 13:16-20
Friday:	Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11 ab [7bc]/ Jn 14:1-6
Saturday:	Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/ Jn 14:7-14 <i>St. Joseph the Worker:</i> Gn 1:26—2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24/Ps 90:2, 3-4, 12-13, 14 and 16 [cf. 17b]/Mt 13:54-58
Next Sunday:	Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 [26a]/ 1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8

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

Question: What are the requirements for being a Confirmation Sponsor?

Answer: Although many dioceses have specific requirements for who can be a sponsor for the Sacrament of Confirmation, the Code of Canon Law identifies certain requirements that are true for all dioceses and parishes. First, the sponsor should be chosen by the one to be confirmed (or, in some cases, by the parents or even the pastor). Second, a sponsor must be at least sixteen years old (unless the local bishop has chosen another age, or a special exception has been made). Third, the sponsor must be a Catholic who has been confirmed and who has already received the Sacrament of the Eucharist. Beyond this, they must lead “a life of faith in keeping with the function to be taken on.” Fourth, they can have no sort of canonical penalty or impediment. Finally, they cannot be either the father or mother of the one to be confirmed.

In some cultures, it is customary for one of the godparents of the confirmed to act as sponsor, although this is not required by Church law.

To learn about the requirements for your parish or diocese, you can consult your pastor or your parish or diocesan director of religious education or the diocese’s office liturgy and worship.

SPECIAL CALENDAR DATES

Wednesday, April 28, is Superhero Day

Saturday, May 1, is May Day and Hawaiian Lei Day

Sunday, May 2, is Truffle Day

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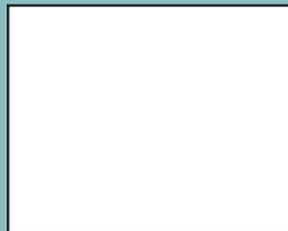
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