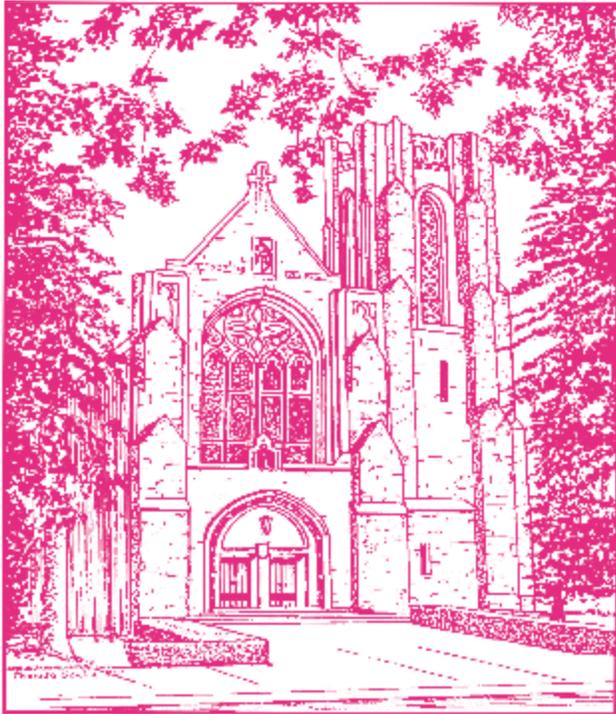


# Roman Catholic Community of Hudson Falls / Kingsbury St. Mary's / St. Paul's

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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  
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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.

**PICK-UP YOUR "LITTLE BLUE BOOK"**

This year's editions of the "Little Blue Books" (2021-2022) are available in the baskets near the church doors for your Advent/Christmas spiritual enrichment. ONLY ONE PER ADULT PARISHIONER, PLEASE! Give yourself 6 MINUTES A DAY of quiet, and easy reading for the next 43 days – 27 days of the Advent season and 16 days of the Christmas season.

The key is the right-hand page where we'll reflect on a Gospel passage. This year, the "Little Blue Book" will use the Gospel passages assigned for the weekday Masses of the Advent and Christmas seasons.

**2022 CHURCH CALENDARS**

Please pick-up one of our 2022 church calendars that are available in the baskets near the church doors.

**MASKS MUST BE WORN AT OUR MASSES**

Due to the rise in COVID, all parishioners are to bring and wear a mask during mass and if possible please bring your own bottle of hand sanitizer.

**CHRISTMAS EVE MASS RESERVATION FORMS**

To ensure that we meet guidelines for social distancing due to COVID-19, reservations and assigned seating for the Christmas Eve Masses (5:30PM and 8:00PM) will be required. No reservations are needed for the Christmas Day Mass – 12/25 – 8:30AM. Reservation forms are available on the tables at each of the two side entrances of the church doors. Please put your reservation forms in the wooden receptacle boxes that are located at the two side entrances of the church doors or you mail them to the rectory. PLEASE FILL OUT ONLY ONE RESERVATION FORM PER FAMILY – DO NOT DUPLICATE YOUR REQUEST.



**2021 CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**

**ST. MARY'S/ST. PAUL'S CHURCH**

**Friday, December 24 - (Christmas Eve)**  
5:30PM and 8:00PM

**Saturday, December 25 - (Christmas Day)**  
8:30AM

**Sunday, December 26 - (Sunday Mass)**  
8:30AM

**ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH**

**Friday, December 24 - (Christmas Eve)**  
4:00PM and 10:00PM

**Saturday, December 25 - (Christmas Day)**  
10:00AM

**Sunday, December 26 - (Sunday Mass)**  
10:00AM

**PLEASE PRAY FOR. . . .**

Gertrude (Gert) Daly, Joanna K. Marine and all who have recently passed away. Please keep in your prayers all who are ill, in the hospital or recuperating: Natalie Bazinet, Brian DeMell, Grace Fallacaro, Patty Fitzgerald, John Gordon, Rick Karwoski, Linda Kennedy and Julia Madonna-Morris.

**CHRISTMAS FLOWER ENVELOPES**

Please use the special envelope in your monthly envelope packet to make your donation toward our Christmas Flower Fund. You may also place your gift in a plain envelope and drop it in the collection basket or at the parish office. 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, December 27.**

**THE WELL THAT NEVER DRIES UP**

Depending on how your mood is today, the words of Paul will hit you differently. "Rejoice always," he tells us. Well, if your football team is poised to win this weekend or next, maybe you're really feeling this vibe. But if you've got a long slog at work ahead of you this week and a to-do list that only seems to grow and never shrink, it may make you grumble. "Rejoice always? Always? When I'm tired? Cranky? When I'm sick of doing and giving? Thanks, Paul. I'll be sure to scribble that phrase on a Post-It and stick it to my dashboard for when some entitled punk inevitably cuts me off on tomorrow's morning commute."

When we feel this way, we know it's time to head back to the well. Think of all the places in Scripture where God compares His love, His mercy, His salvation to water. And not just any water — living water, water that moves. God's strength is not a stagnant puddle sure to evaporate and disappear. It's water you can keep coming back to. It's water that never dries up.

Which is good news for us, because we never stop failing to do what we should, never stop failing to feel the joy and the compassion and the selflessness we are called to. We need a source of living water if we are going to 'rejoice always.' To be everyday stewards, we need a well that never empties.

The fountain of salvation never dries up. There is always more there for us to draw from. It's a sign of His commitment — so let us, in turn, be committed to Him. *Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS*

**TIMES FOR CONFESSIONS**

**St. Mary's/St. Paul's Church, Hudson Falls**  
- Please call (518) 747-0095 or (518) 747-4823 for an appointment

**St. Mary's Church, Warren Street, Glens Falls**  
- Wednesdays after the 12:10PM Mass

**OLA, Aviation Road, Queensbury**  
- Saturdays from 3:15-3:45PM

**St. Michael's Church, Saratoga Ave, (Rte 9), South Glens Falls**  
- Saturdays from 3:00-3:45PM

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



FAITH FORMATION /  
YOUTH MINISTRY



Holiday

EVENTS

### **2021-2022 FAITH FORMATION CLASSES** **Grades (K-10) – 9:30-10:40AM (McManus Hall)**

\* December 12 and 19

### **ADVENT TABLE GRACES AND PRAYER CARDS & HOLY WATER TO BLESS YOUR CRÈCHE**

There are table graces for Advent and vials of Holy Water and Bless Your Crèche prayer cards located on the tables at each of the two side entrances of the church doors.

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

**Question:** What is holy water and how do I explain the reason that it is placed at the entrances of churches to my non-Catholic friends?

**Answer:** Holy water is a sacramental, a reminder of the life of the Church expressed and celebrated through the sacraments. God's grace is mediated through word and gesture (the outward signs). This comes to us through Jesus (instituted by Christ) as he entrusts to the Church his saving mission (to give grace). In turn the Church, through the sacraments, shares that grace and mission with us.

On Ash Wednesday, we receive ashes on our foreheads to remind us of our origins, humbly created from the dust. But by blessing ourselves with holy water, we are reminded of our destiny! We are baptized sons and daughters of God. This is also a call to conversion, to live more fully our baptismal call to live as disciples of Jesus. We see holy water whenever we renew our baptismal promises. This will occur during the Easter liturgy as well, reminding us that we are indeed on a journey of faith and renewed in Christ. Blessing ourselves with holy water reminds us that we are baptized into a community faith, and always in need of turning from sin and toward God. Holy water is a visible sign of our baptism!

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

Shout for joy! When was the last time you ever felt like doing that? Fear, uncertainty, pressure, negativity, disappointment, and myriad other human experiences can rob us of joy. We can never predict what life will bring. As unsettling as that can often seem, life's unpredictability is also the very thing that allows it to be exciting and adventuresome! We know that life can be difficult, and it is unrealistic to expect it to be otherwise. God never promised an easy road. But, when a person truly falls in love with God and discovers the peacefulness and assurance of God's presence, then a depth of understanding will be brought to everything they do and experience. Nothing will be able to rob them of joy! When we realize that God, the King of Israel, is in our midst and with us, there is no further misfortune to fear. We celebrate the beauty and wonder of God's gift of joy today as we ready ourselves, even more excitedly, for the coming of our Savior. Do not fear and do not be discouraged. There is a power and presence within us, our God, who has made us, who loves us and who will keep us. What more do we need? Rejoice!

**SUNDAY:** (December 12)  
Faith Formation Classes for (Gr. K-10) in 9:30-10:40AM  
McManus Hall

**NEXT SUNDAY:** (December 19)  
Faith Formation Classes for (Gr. K-10) in 9:30-10:40AM  
McManus Hall

### **CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN**

**Question:** While reciting the Angelus prayer, how many times do you pray the Hail Mary?

**Answer:** Three

### **GOSPEL MEDITATION**

*“From silly devotions and sour-faced saints, good Lord, deliver us!” St. Teresa of Avila*

We've all heard the adage, “Laughter is the best medicine.” In many ways, it really is. When was the last time you really laughed? The gift of imagination allows us to see possible things that are yet to be. Imagine a world filled with laughter. We take life too seriously sometimes. Fear, uncertainty, pressure, negativity, disappointment, and myriad other human experiences can rob us of the joy needed for laughter. God never promised us an easy road, and we do have to take the course of our lives seriously. However, there is a balance to be sought and a possible joy that can be brought even to the darkest and most challenging of encounters.

St. Therese of Lisieux reminds us that, “Joy is not found in the material objects surrounding us but in the inner recesses of the soul. One can possess joy in a prison cell as well as in a palace.” Falling in love with God, who is present in all of creation, allows us to bring a depth of understanding to everything we do and experience. We can more easily see above and beyond things while pursuing the only One who can truly satisfy our hearts. When we realize that God, the king of Israel, is in our midst and with us, there is no further misfortune to fear. We can celebrate the wonder and beauty of God's gift of joy. It is no wonder that many saints radiate joy and have no reservations expressing laughter. They are happy because they have found a pearl of great price.

We celebrate with joy today with hearts filled with expectation, wonder, awe, and beauty as we ready ourselves, even more excitedly, for the coming of our Savior. Do not fear and do not be discouraged. If you haven't laughed in a while, why? Something is preventing you from expressing the magnificence of your soul and the presence of God who dwells within. God's power and presence within us assures us that we are loved and kept in that presence. What more is really needed? Rejoice and laugh in the presence of God! It really is the best medicine and a most perfect way to convince others that God is really with us. “Go ahead, laugh! Live your life with joy and serve the Lord with laughter! Joy, with peace, is the sister of charity. Serve the Lord with laughter.” (St. Padre Pio of Pietrelcina)

**DECEMBER 12, 2021**



**SATURDAY: (DECEMBER 11)**

5:15PM **RUTH K. HOGAN (2<sup>ND</sup> ANNIV.)** by: Children  
**BEVERLY BRENNAN** by: Sister - Joyce Massiano  
**GEORGETTE MORIN** by: Sue and Rick Aubin  
**KATHY O'DONNELL (B-DAY)** by: Kay Babson

**SUNDAY: (DECEMBER 12)**

8:30AM **SHIRLEY HOULE**  
by: Husband - Richard and Children  
**DIANNE H. GRAHAM** by: Elizabeth Lennon  
**DAVID KIPP, JR.** by: Barbara Ball  
**RICHARD FORAN (1<sup>ST</sup> ANNIV.)** by: Family

**NEXT SATURDAY: (DECEMBER 18)**

5:15PM **BRUCE INGLEE (B-DAY)** by: Betty and Kids  
**ROSEMARY GREGORY** by: Mary Alice Murphy  
**DANIEL COSGROVE, JR. (B-DAY)**  
by: Sister - Elaine Altizio and Family

**NEXT SUNDAY: (DECEMBER 19)**

8:30AM **ROSE HODGKINS**  
by: Michelle and Edward Hodgkins  
**DIANNE H. GRAHAM** by: Mary Lou Plummer  
**WILLIAM STEWART** by: Jean Stoddard  
**SPECIAL INTENTION FOR COLLEEN  
WALLACE FOR A SPEEDY RECOVERY  
(LIVING)** by: Jean Stoddard

**SPECIAL CALENDAR DATES**

**Sunday, December 12, is Poinsettia, Gingerbread House, Gingerbread Decorating and Ambrosia Day**

**Monday, December 13, is Violin, Candle Lighting, Cocoa, Ice Cream and Horse Day**

**Tuesday, December 14, is Free Shipping and Roast Chestnuts Day**

**Wednesday, December 15, is Lemon Cupcake, Cupcakes, Wear Your Pearls and Tea Day**

**Thursday, December 16, is Chocolate Covered Anything Day and Boston Tea Party**

**Friday, December 17, is Maple Syrup, Ugly Sweater and Wright Brother's Day**

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**Saturday, December 18, is Bake Cookies and Wreaths Across America Day**

**Sunday, December 19, is Hard Candy and Oatmeal Muffin Day**

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**



John answered them all, saying, “I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.” - Lk 3:16

**Readings for the week of December 12, 2021**

Sunday:	Zep 3:14-18a/Is12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [6]/Phil 4:4-7/ Lk 3:10-18
Monday:	Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [4]/Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday:	Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23 [7a]/Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday:	Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [Is 45:8]/Lk 7:18b-23
Thursday:	Is 54:1-10/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a, and 13b [2a]/Lk 7:24-30
Friday:	Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 [cf. 7]/ Mt 1:1-17
Saturday:	Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 [cf. 7]/ Mt 1:18-25
Next Sunday:	Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/ Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45

**QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK**

**First Reading:**

The words of the prophet Zephaniah focus on hope for a new beginning of the Lord’s presence in their midst. How has the season of Advent thus far brought you spiritual renewal?

**Second Reading:**

As his letter draws to a close, Paul encourages the Philippians to be a community that rejoices in the Lord. How would you rate your own spiritual happiness?

**Gospel:**

John the Baptist exhorted the crowds, tax collectors, and soldiers to live a moral and other-centered life within the parameters of their day-to-day work. What would this look like for you in your current station in life?

**SAINT OF THE WEEK – EXAMPLES OF OUR FAITH**

**St. Lucy -| Feast Day December 13**

A name that means “light,” St. Lucy (283 – 304) is the patron saint of those blind or suffering with eye trouble. Not much is known about her life, except that she was determined to remain a virgin and thus refused marriage. History tells the story of a frustrated suitor who eventually accused St. Lucy of being a Christian (at crime at the time), and she was executed in Syracuse, Sicily, in the year 304.

Today, we celebrate a number of traditions that incorporate symbolic meaning of St. Lucy as the “bearer” of light in the darkness of winter. This is particularly seen in Scandinavian countries, with their long dark winters. There, a young girl dressed in a white dress and a red sash (as the symbol of martyrdom) carries palms and wears a crown or wreath of candles on her head. In Denmark, Norway and Sweden, girls dressed as Lucy carry rolls and cookies in procession as songs are sung.

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