

# 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

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**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD WILL  
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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,  
Burgoyne Avenue, Fort Edward –  
email – [cemetery.on.burgoyne@gmail.com](mailto:cemetery.on.burgoyne@gmail.com)

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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*Pastoral Council Chair*

Sharon Karwoski  
*Rosary Altar Society President*

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.

**BLESS YOUR DOOR ON EPIPHANY**

It is traditional to bless homes as the New Year begins. On the Solemnity of the Epiphany we bless the church and you can do this as well to your home. Sprinkle the entrance of the door with holy water and each room of your home if you like and inscribe above the door in chalk the first two numbers of the year 20 + C + M + B + the last two numbers of the year (so this year would be “20 + C + M + B + 22”).

Tradition tells us that the letters stand for the names of the 3 Magi: Caspar, Melchior and Balthazar. It also means in (*Latin*), “*Christus Mansionem Benedicat*” or “May Christ Bless this house”.

It's appropriate to bless your door in January-*janua* means “door” and the first month is the door to the New Year. Say the following prayer:

God of Bethlehem and Cana,  
God of Jordan's leaping waters,  
in baptism you bring us into your family.

You wed us and embrace us as your beloved.

May we fill this place with kindness to one another,  
with hospitality to guests, and with abundant care  
for every stranger.

By the gentle light of a star, guide home all who seek you  
on paths of faith, hope and love.

Then we will join the angels in proclaiming your praise:  
Glory in heaven and peace on earth, now and forever. Amen.

or

May the Lord bless you and keep you,  
May the Lord make his face to shine upon you.  
May the Lord be gracious to you and grant you  
health of mind, body and spirit.

May the Lord look kindly upon you and grant you peace. Amen.

**THANK YOU**

A million thanks to all who participated in any way to make this year's Christmas liturgies so very special. So many people were involved and teamwork made it happen.

Father Tom would like to thank everyone who sent him cards and gifts for the holiday season.

May the graces and blessings of the New Year be upon you and all those whom you hold dear!

**A SPECIAL THANK YOU**

Thank you to everyone who donated towards our Christmas flowers which graced our altar so beautiful. The Lord deserves to be glorified, and it is most fitting to glorify Him with *real* flowers for two reasons: first, *He* made these, and so we are giving back to Him the “first fruits” of gifts He has shared with us; second, everything we give the Lord must be genuine!

We would like to thank Santa's helpers: Father Tom, Mike Bulman, Andy Daly, Scott MacNeil, Gary Stanton and the Rosary Altar Society Flower Committee who decorated to make our church beautiful for our Christmas Season.



Please pray for Charles L. Fuller 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.

**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.

**A NEW YEAR REMINDER**

“**JUST FOR TODAY**”...I will live through this day only. I will not brood about yesterday or obsess about tomorrow. I will not set far-reaching goals or try to overcome all of my problems at once. I know that I can do something for 24 hours that would overwhelm me if I had to keep it up for a lifetime.

“**JUST FOR TODAY**”...I will be happy. I will not dwell on thoughts that depress me. If my mind fills with clouds, I will chase them away and fill it with sunshine.

“**JUST FOR TODAY**”...I will accept what is. I will face reality. I will correct those things that I can correct and accept those I cannot.

“**JUST FOR TODAY**”...I will improve my mind. I will read something that requires effort, thought and concentration. I will not be a mental loafer.

“**JUST FOR TODAY**”...I will make a conscious effort to be agreeable. I will be kind and courteous to those who cross my path, and I'll not speak bad of others. I'll improve my appearance, speak softly, and not interrupt when someone else is talking. Just for today, I'll refrain from improving anybody but myself.

“**JUST FOR TODAY**”...I will do something positive to improve my health. If I'm a smoker, I'll quit. If I'm overweight, I'll eat healthy – if only just for today. And not only that, I'll get off the couch and take a brisk walk, even if it's only around the block.

“**JUST FOR TODAY**”...I will gather the courage to do what is right and take responsibility for my own actions.

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

Human beings easily get bored. Life's routines can become so predictable that there is often little time for excitement or freshness. Today is all about the new and the wonderful. In celebrating the beauty and simplicity of the Epiphany, we see in tangible ways God's creative, redemptive and restorative power. This refreshment and revitalization is offered not only to a select few but to everyone throughout the world. There is nothing routine or static about God. Surprises, wonders, miracles, opportunities, healings and joy without measure are available to those who believe. There are never any endings, just beginnings. And, when darkness, boredom and gloom seem to be the order of the day, a bright new light now shines pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved.

## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



**THERE WILL BE NO FAITH FORMATION CLASSES ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 2, 2021.**

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

**\* January 9, 16, 23 and 30**

### **GOSPEL MEDITATION**

In his Apostolic Exhortation, *The Joy of the Gospel*, Pope Francis references a thought from Pope Benedict XVI: “Being a Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction.” Today we celebrate an encounter with the Person of Jesus Christ! This simple but holy event in time dramatically changes human life, pointing it toward a new horizon and giving it a decisive direction. This is a message and truth that is not meant to be shared with only a select few who qualify but with the entire world. Pope Francis continues saying: “Thanks solely to this encounter or renewed encounter with God’s love, which blossoms into an enriching friendship, we are liberated from our narrowness and self-absorption. We become fully human when we become more than human, when we let God bring us beyond ourselves in order to attain the fullest truth of our being.”

Look around at people. Where is life heading for them? What gives them direction? Even we who are people of faith can get distracted and lose our focus. God, in all of His fullness, is revealed in Jesus Christ and we can encounter Him! God is tangible, real, vulnerable, poor, and full of wonders, surprises, and opportunities. For those who are struggling and lost, today is a day of great joy. All they have to do is reach out and touch the truth of Christ. This presence is revealed in the poor, exploited, and vulnerable ones who cry out for compassion and love. But it is also found in the faithful ones who see in the Epiphany of God a liberation from structures and systems that hurt us, a narrowness of mind and heart that constricts us, and an absorption in our self-agenda that prevents us from seeing anything other than ourselves as important.

We have been given the charge of preaching this Good News. If only we could find a way to be more effective, it might stand a chance of doing what God intended it to do. There is always tomorrow and our memory of that bright new light that shone so brilliantly that Bethlehem night pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved.

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

**Question:** Which sacraments can only be received once?

**Answer:** Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Orders

**Question:** What sacrament is symbolized by a dove?

**Answer:** Confirmation

### **WEEKLY EVENTS**

**SUNDAY:** (January 2)

No Faith Formation Classes

**NEXT SUNDAY:** (January 9)

Faith Formation Classes for (Gr. K-10)

9:30-10:40AM

### **THE LIGHT OF THE MOON**

If you own a television that has been turned on at any point in the last month or so, chances are you’ve caught at least a scene or two of the 1946 classic film “It’s a Wonderful Life.”

If you’re not familiar with the movie, it follows the life of George Bailey from childhood through adulthood. A dreamer by nature, George has big plans for himself that involve world exploration and adventure — but family and community obligations keep him tethered to the same spot on the map, leading an altogether ordinary life.

One of the most memorable scenes from that movie is of George dancing with his sweetheart Mary while they sing “Buffalo Gals — Won’t you come out tonight and Dance by the light of the moon?”

That lyric always catches my ear. Of course, the moon doesn’t have any light of its own. All the moon has is the ability to reflect the light that shines upon it.

The same holds for us, doesn’t it? Our stewardship is purely a reflection of the grace granted to us by another. “Upon you the LORD shines,” writes Isaiah, “and over you appears his glory.” Every good action we will ever take begins in the mind of God. The fact that we have the honor of carrying it out on His behalf is a beautiful gift. It is God that makes our ordinary lives extraordinary.

In the end of the movie, George Bailey realizes that he had a far greater life because, instead of being the hero of his own story, he allowed himself to reflect goodness onto others.

Remember — the magi didn’t chart their own course. They merely followed the star.  
*Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS*

### **QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK**

#### **First Reading:**

The prophet Isaiah foresaw a time of great joy for Israel when nations and kings would come to Israel praising the Lord. How do you show gratitude to the Lord for the great joys of your life?

#### **Second Reading:**

It was revealed to Paul that God intended to save all people (Jews *and* Gentiles) through his Son, Jesus Christ. Paul tried to convey the significance of this revelation to the Ephesians by using the language of “coheirs” and “copartners.” What does this language signal to you?

#### **Gospel:**

The visit of the magi is one of the most well-known stories from the Gospel infancy narratives. It was an event that manifested God’s revelation of His newborn Son to the world. It also foreshadowed the threat that some would experience because of Jesus. How does Jesus challenge the status quo even today?

*JANUARY 2, 2022*

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**SATURDAY:**                   **(JANUARY 1)** *New Year's Day*

5:15PM   **ELSIE PARIS** by: Caroline Suprenant

**SUNDAY:**                   **(JANUARY 2)**

8:30AM   **DIANNE H. GRAHAM** by: Richard Houle & Family

**DAVID KIPP** by: Abigail Herlihy

**LEO BROCHU (1<sup>ST</sup> ANNIV.)** by: Family

**JOHN HINCHLIFFE (B-DAY)** by: Wife and Family

**NEXT SATURDAY:**       **(JANUARY 8)**

5:15PM   **SISTER ROSEMARIE HIGGINS, FMM**

by: Mary Alice Murphy

**JOANNA K. MARINE**

by: Tony and Margaret Catone

**GERTRUDE DALY** by: Jonathan and Lina Palmer

**ASHLEY FAZIO (B-DAY) AND**

**KAY NICHOLSON** by: Nicholson Family

**BEVERLY BRENNAN** by: Sister - Joyce Massiano

**NEXT SUNDAY:**       **(JANUARY 9)**

8:30AM   **ROBERT J. AND ELIZABETH A. DICKINSON**

by: Family

**SHIRLEY HOULE** by: Husband-Richard & Children

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

**Question:** **What happens to a consecrated host if it accidentally falls to the ground?**

**Answer:** This a very practical question because, as we all know, accidents happen, even during the most careful celebration of the liturgy. The short answer to this question is that nothing happens to the consecrated host. The Real Presence of Jesus remains in the consecrated host or any consecrated wine that might accidentally be spilled.

Another question we might ask is: *How should the ministers respond if the Eucharist is dropped or spilled?* If this happens, the priest, deacon, or extraordinary minister of Holy Communion should immediately pick up the dropped host and consume it. If it is a case of the Precious Blood being spilled, the minister would use the purificator (and additional purificators if needed) to clean the spill and then the area should be reverently washed as soon as the Mass is over and the water poured into the sacrarium (a special sink that is located in church sacristies for reverently disposing of holy water, the water used to clean sacred vessels, etc.).

**LIGHTER SIDE**

**ONE FOR EVERY ROOM**

One Sunday our priest announced he was passing out miniature crosses made of palm leaves. "Put this cross in the room where your family argues most," he advised. "When you look at it, the cross will remind you that God is watching."

As I was leaving church, the woman in front of me walked up to the priest, shook his hand, and said, "I'll take five."



They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. - Mt 2:10-11

**Readings for the week of January 02, 2022**

Sunday:	Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf.11]/ Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
Monday:	1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday:	1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday:	1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52
Thursday:	1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/ Lk 4:14-22a
Friday:	1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/ Lk 5:12-16
Saturday:	1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/ Jn 3:22-30
Next Sunday:	Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/ Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

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

**ST. STEPHEN - FEAST DAY - DECEMBER 26**

The patron saint of Catholic schools, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (August 28, 1774–January 4, 1821) was born in New York City to a prominent family of the Episcopal faith. When she turned 19, she married a wealthy businessman with whom she had five children. He later died of tuberculosis in 1803, leaving her a young widow. After discovering the Catholic faith in Italy, where her husband had died, she returned to New York and converted to Catholicism in 1805.

After several years struggling as a single mother, Elizabeth moved in 1809 to Emmitsburg, Maryland, where she founded the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph, the first community for religious women established in the United States. She also began St. Joseph’s Academy and Free School, which started a chain reaction of Catholic-based education in the United States that continues today.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton was canonized September 14, 1975 in St. Peter’s Square by Pope Paul VI and was the first citizen born in the United States to be given the title of “saint.”

**SPECIAL CALENDAR DATES**

**Tuesday, January 4, is Trivia, Spaghetti Day**

**Wednesday, January 5, is National Bird Day**

**Thursday, January 6, is Cuddle Up Day**

**Saturday, January 8, is Elvis’s Birthday and Bubble Bath Day**



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