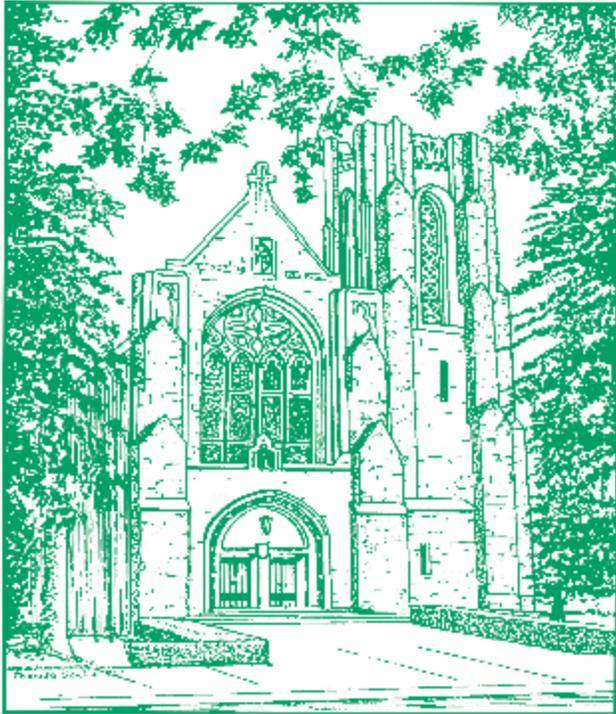


# Roman Catholic Community of Hudson Falls / Kingsbury St. Mary's / St. Paul's

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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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## 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.



In observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, the rectory office will be closed on **Monday, January 17**. There will be **NO MASS** celebrated on this day.

**WANTED: CATHOLIC RELIGIOUS ITEMS**

If you are considering "cleaning out" please do not throw Catholic items away. We will accept missals, prayer books, scapulars, medals, holy cards, statues, crucifixes and rosaries. Help send them to Catholic Missions in Third World countries that they may be used once again and spread the Holy Catholic faith.

Please send items to: Peter Gaidos  
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Garland, TX 75049-4333.

*Please do not send old Christmas Cards or Mass Enrollment Cards. Thank you.*

*May Jesus and Mary most abundantly bless and reward you for your kind generosity to those who have so very little!*

**FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS**

If you would like to help a neighbor in need, please consider donating to the **Fort Edward Food Pantry**. Cans of hearty stews and soups, vegetables, boxed meals are always welcome. There are collection bins at each of the two side entrances of the church doors. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

**A PRAYER FOR A GOOD YEAR**

Heavenly Father, help us remember that the jerk who cut us off in traffic last night is a single mother who worked nine hours that day and is rushing home to cook dinner, help with homework, do the laundry, and spend a few precious moments with her children.

Help us to remember that the pierced, tattooed, disinterested young man who can't make change correctly is a worried 19-year old college student, balancing his apprehension over final exams with his fear of not getting his student loans for next semester.

Remind us, Lord, that the scary looking bum, begging for money in the same spot ever day (who really ought to get a job!) is a slave to addictions that we can only imagine in our worst nightmares.

Help us to remember that the old couple walking annoyingly slow through the store aisles and blocking our shopping progress are savoring this moment, knowing that, based on the biopsy report she got back last week, this will be the last year that they go shopping together.

Heavenly Father, remind us each day that, of all the gifts you give us, the greatest gift is love. It is not enough to share that love with those we hold dear. Open our hearts not to just those who are close to us, but to all humanity. Let us be slow to judge and quick to forgive, show patience, empathy and love.

P.S. Working for God on earth doesn't pay much...but His retirement plan is out of this world.

"True love does not come by finding the perfect person, but by learning to see an imperfect person perfectly."



Please pray for Cathy Dybowski, Michael C. Graham, Barbara Lemery 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, Julia Madonna-Morris and Gabrielle Vaughan.

**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.

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

Relationships are hard to clarify. Determining whether people in our lives are simply acquaintances and associates or a deeper level of friend is a journey that takes time. Identifying and celebrating those people who really care about us is a lifelong adventure that involves both moments of intense elation and heartache. Some relationships are more easily definable than others. Two people who are in love must decide whether the love they share has the freedom and depth necessary for lifelong commitments. Other relationships may look like friendship but may harbor grave dysfunction and toxicity. Discernment is needed on all fronts. Our relationship with God also needs definition and discernment. God has taken creation as His spouse and human beings as His children. God delights in us and all that He has made. The wedding feast at Cana demonstrates God's investment in all of this, especially our happiness. Life is a time for celebration and great rejoicing!

**LIGHTER SIDE**

**CONFESSION**

En route to church to make his first confession, my nervous seven-year-old grandson asked me what he could expect.

"Confession is where you tell all the bad things you've done to the priest," I told him. He looked relieved.

"Good. I haven't done anything bad to the priest."

**SPECIAL CALENDAR DATES**

**Monday, January 17, is Benjamin Franklin's Birthday**

**Wednesday, January 19, is Popcorn Day**

**Thursday, January 20, is Buttercrunch and Cheese Lover Day**

**Friday, January 21, is Hugging Day**

**Saturday, January 22, is Blonde Brownie Day**

**Sunday, January 23, is Pie Day**

## SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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

\* January 16, 23 and 30



### **FIRST SACRAMENTS PARENT MEETING**

There will be a meeting held **next Sunday, January 23, at 9:30AM (during Faith Formation)** in McManus Hall for all parents whose children are planning on making their First Reconciliation and First Eucharist this year.

### **GOSPEL MEDITATION**

God delights in you. How do you feel when you hear that? Delight usually comes with an exuberant flow of joy that seemingly arises from one's toes with the expression of great glee. Reflecting upon the deep measure of joy God has in us can be a source of joy for ourselves. Delight is infectious. A very young brother and sister were playing on the beach when the all too familiar ice cream truck made its daily rounds. The boy shook with excitement and delight as he took his sister's hand and exclaimed, "The ice cream man is here, isn't it great!" As they ran off toward the truck, one could hear the girl reply, "Yeah, I can't wait!" The experience of a child's delight in something so simple as ice cream, lifts our spirits from our burdens and transports us to the lighter, more innocent side of life.

Life is not meant to be a burden. Believe it or not, God actually wants us to be happy! In fact, the wedding feast at Cana shows us that God even puts His blessing on our happiness. It is okay to celebrate the wonder of ourselves and others. Life is good. It is always interesting to note that Jesus saves the good wine until last. You would think it would be the other way around. The superb quality of Jesus' wine points to the superior quality of life we find in Christ. It is not a life of burdens but a life of wonder and delight! In Christ, we are lifted from the superficial and mundane to a life of purpose, hope, and love.

God is with us through the long haul, through the challenges and sorrows as well as the successes and accomplishments. In spite of the fact that we often wander from the path, God's celebratory delight in us remains. As spouses are asked to remain faithful to each other through whatever life brings, God remains faithful too. This promise remains through this life and into the next. All we have to do is take the advice of Jesus' mother to heart when she says, "Listen to him." This wisdom saves us from foolishly giving in to the illusion that we can make better wine than Jesus.



## **Upcoming Events**

**SUNDAY:** (January 16)  
Faith Formation Classes for (Gr. K-10) 9:30-10:40AM

**MONDAY:** (January 17) **Martin Luther King, Jr.**  
No Mass  
Rectory office is closed

**NEXT SUNDAY:** (January 23)  
Faith Formation Classes for (Gr. K-10) 9:30-10:40AM  
First Sacraments Parent meeting during 9:30AM  
Faith Formation in McManus Hall

### **IT TAKES ALL KINDS**

"If every flower wanted to be a rose," wrote St. Therese of Lisieux, "spring would lose its loveliness."

Who is God asking you to be today? There is an obvious answer that springs to mind right out of the gate. God wants me to be a good person (a good father, a good husband) today; today, God wants me to be a saint.

But this answer fails to get to the heart of the question. We are all striving today to serve the same Spirit, but we are given different gifts to do so. The one who has the gift of knowledge may fail if today he decides he wants to be a healer. The one who has the gift of "varieties of tongues" might falter in the expression of wisdom.

Think about the wedding at Cana and the players in the scene: the servers, the guests, the bride and groom. They all have a unique role to play, and though it is to the servers that Mary gives the instruction, "Do whatever he tells you," her words apply to all.

Today, are we called to be the servers — do we wait on God's instruction and carry it out, no matter how foolish or impossible it may seem to our human ears? Are we asked to be the disciples, to bear witness to a miracle and to give our testimony? Are we called to imitate the Blessed Mother herself and give encouragement to follow God's word?

Let us examine our gifts and listen in the silence of our hearts to the direction of the Spirit. Then and only then, let us do whatever He tells us.  
*Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS*

### **QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK**

#### **First Reading:**

The prophet Isaiah used marriage imagery (bride and groom) to describe the Lord's love for his people, Israel. What do you see as some implications of this marriage imagery?

#### **Second Reading:**

Paul taught the Corinthians that the individual gifts of the Holy Spirit are meant to benefit and unify the community of faith. How do you use your spiritual gifts within your faith community?

#### **Gospel:**

Jesus turning water into wine at the wedding feast in Cana was one of the first public "signs" he performed revealing his divinity. It also showed Jesus' compassion, sparing the family shame at running short of wine. How do you imagine the family reacted to Jesus' intervention and rescue?

*JANUARY 16, 2022*

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**SATURDAY:**                    **(JANUARY 15)**

5:15PM    **LOUISE C. NIEMER (B-DAY)** by: Janice Niemer  
**JEAN AND JESSE FREEBERN**  
          by: Mary Alice Murphy  
**GERARD AND GEORGETTE MORIN** by: Family  
**ALVA B. HOWARD (20<sup>TH</sup> ANNIV.)** by: Family  
**CATHY DYBOWSKI** by: Mother and Brother

**SUNDAY:**                        **(JANUARY 16)**

8:30AM    **DIANNE H. GRAHAM** by: Mary Lou Plummer  
**WILLIAM DEYETTE**  
          by: St. Mary's/St. Paul's Usher's Association  
**AUSTIN HODGKINS (ANNIV.)**  
          by: Michelle and Edward Hodgkins

**NEXT SATURDAY:**        **(JANUARY 22)**

5:15PM    **DOROTHY E. REGAN (B-DAY)** by: Dot and  
          Connie Regan and Patty and Eric Fitzgerald  
**DAVID H. ROZELL**  
          by: Janice Niemer and Pat Purner  
**PASQUALE "PAT" CATONE**  
          by: Janice Niemer and Pat Purner  
**FRANK C. BATTISTE (B-DAY)**  
          by: Wife and Children

**NEXT SUNDAY:**            **(JANUARY 23)**

8:30AM    **JOANNA K. MARINE**  
          by: Mr. and Mrs. Peter Cormie  
**SHIRLEY HOULE**  
          by: Husband - Richard and Children  
**BETTY WEBSTER**  
          by: St. Mary's/St. Paul's Rosary Altar Society

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

**Question:** How can we pray for the dead throughout the year?

**Answer:** We commemorate the faithful departed on November 2<sup>nd</sup> each year. However, we can and should continue to pray for the dead. Our growth in Christian perfection takes a long time. At the time of our death, many of us might not be saints yet. But God, in His mercy, allows for those who love Him to experience purification after death. Our word for that state is Purgatory. It's the antechamber of heaven, so to speak. We know we're getting in the house, but we're not quite ready to go all the way in. There's rain to shake off our coats and dirt that's clogging our shoes.

Here on earth, we can pray for the souls in Purgatory. One way is to request that your parish offer a Mass for the intention of a specific loved one. We can also remember the departed in our daily prayers. Just as we have special intentions for family and friends here on earth, we can pray for those who have died. It's also a good act of Christian charity to pray for the forgotten, those who have no one else to pray for them. God knows who they are!



There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.” - Jn 2:1-3

**Readings for the week of January 16, 2022**

Sunday:	Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/ 1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11
Monday:	1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/ Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday:	1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday:	1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/ Mk 3:1-6
Thursday:	1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12
Friday:	1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mk 3:13-19
Saturday:	2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/ Mk 3:20-21
Next Sunday:	Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/ 1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

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

**ST. SEBASTIAN -  
FEAST DAY – JANUARY 20**

Not much is known about the life of St. Sebastian (256 – 287), except that he was a Roman martyr whose name has been mentioned throughout history since early 350.

We see St. Sebastian many times in art, especially from iconic paintings from Guido Reni, Andrea Mantegna and Hendrick ter Brugghen. Historical scholars now agree that a spiritual story has the beloved saint entering the Roman army because only there could he assist Christian martyrs without arousing suspicion on himself. Eventually he was found out, brought before Emperor Diocletian and delivered to Mauritanian archers to be shot to death. Pierced with arrows, he was left for dead, but managed to survive. He recovered from his wounds but still refused to leave.

One day, St. Sebastian took up a position near where the emperor was to pass. He confronted the emperor, condemning him for his cruelty to Christians. This time the sentence of death was carried out, and St. Sebastian was beaten to death with clubs. Today he is the patron saint of athletes.

**CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN**

**Question:** What are the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit?

**Answer:** Fortitude, wisdom, understanding, counsel, knowledge, piety and fear of the Lord.



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