

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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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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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.



On **Monday, September 6**, we will celebrate Labor Day. **Our rectory office will be closed.** We honor all those in our midst who contribute to the well-being of our country and us by their labor.



We wish all school teachers and students a successful year. Please watch out for school buses and children crossing.

A STUDENT'S PRAYER

*O Lord, my God, bestow upon me understanding to know You,
zeal to seek You,
wisdom to find You,
a life that is pleasing to You,
unshakable perseverance,
and a faithfulness that I may finally embrace you.*

HONORING OUR TEACHERS

We give thanks that you will lead us in the ministry of Christian education. We offer you our pledge of support. As you teach your students, may all be open to God's truth and be inspired to live the Christian life as fully as possible. Remember that we appreciate greatly the time and effort you expend as teachers of our church family. May God grant you strength and joy in your important role.

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

Life can be challenging and frightening. Sometimes, it really hurts to be a human being. We face brokenness of all kinds: physical, emotional, and spiritual. For no apparent reason, life can quickly fall apart. What we knew to be familiar is gone and something we relied upon is taken away. We are left sitting with our incompleteness and swimming in the pools of our sadness. Be strong! Fear not! These admonitions flow from the mouths of prophets and are echoed by Jesus. It is difficult to trust that restoration, healing, and rejuvenation will one day come, and remain steadfast in our faith. But we are here because of a God who loves us, not as the result of a random occurrence. When we reach for that truth about who we are and who God is, life changes for us. We are healed from our old distorted way of seeing things. Our eyes, heart, and soul are opened to the beauty and magnificence of life. The pulse of our loving Creator is felt in all things and we can't wait for God to come and touch us again. God made us, God loves us, and God keeps us. He has done all things well.



PLEASE PRAY FOR. . . .

all who have recently passed away. Please keep in your prayers all who are ill, in the hospital or recuperating: Patty Fitzgerald, John Gordon, Linda Kennedy, Georgette Morin and Julia Madonna-Morris.

GOSPEL MEDITATION

From the time we are born into this world until we die, our human radar picks up signals about how to respond to life. What we picked up on when we were very young carries an even greater power. The messages we receive and process tell us what we are "supposed" to do with our feelings, how to understand and cope with disappointment, anxiety, failure, death, illness, and what to expect out of life. As life unfolds for us, these radar messages kick in and resonate in us at very deep levels. Sometimes what we have learned is helpful and sometimes it is not. The stories we have been told, especially when we are young, about how life is best lived and how to negotiate its pain carry a heavy weight.

Life can be challenging and frightening. Sometimes, it really hurts to be a human being. It also can be quite unpredictable and, at times, unfair. We face our vulnerability and brokenness of all kinds: physical, emotional, and spiritual. It doesn't take much for life to quickly fall apart. What we knew to be familiar and true is gone and something we relied upon, physically, emotionally, or spiritually, can be taken away. It is hard to confront our limitations and sit with our incompleteness. Often, life hurts us so much that we find ourselves sitting in a pool of sadness, not sure what we are supposed to do. It is particularly hard when the signals we have inherited tell us that we need to be successful in what we do, and we have to avoid life's unfairness. We can feel like a failure, wondering what precisely we did to deserve this fate, or ruminate about what we did not do correctly. But it's really not about us. We are part of a bigger picture and a much more fascinating story!

If we cease doing battle with life's incompleteness and see ourselves, as God does, on a journey toward wholeness and completeness we can better accept our disappointments and stand firm. The prophets told us, and Jesus reassured us: Be strong! Fear not! Sometimes we have to update our stories and replace them with newer, more accurate ones. When we make God's story our own and tune our radar into His voice, what we hear is all about restoration, healing, and rejuvenation! This is true even when we think we have hit rock bottom and can go no further. There is always hope. Remember the words of Julian of Norwich: God made us, God loves us, and God keeps us. Now, listen to God when He says, "be opened!" Be healed and allow your stories to change.

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Which of these is NOT a holy day of obligation?

- a) The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- b) Christmas
- c) Pentecost
- d) Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Answer: C

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

CHOOSING DEAFNESS

If you're a parent, you know that hearing evaluations are usually done at a child's annual physical exam starting around age four. The little person gets hoisted up onto the exam table, fitted with a pair of special headphones, and then they need to raise their hand when they hear a sound.

I bet all of us parents who have sat through one of these tests with a preschooler — especially a particularly strong-willed one — have experienced a moment where we ask ourselves: I wonder if there's something wrong with her hearing? Is that why she doesn't listen to me? 'Come here, put on your shoes, pick up your toys, finish your carrots, don't touch that' — she isn't being naughty, she just can't hear it!

And then that moment, for those of us whose kids passed the hearing test with flying colors, comes crashing down into a realization that, yep, they can hear just fine. They're just choosing deafness.

But how can we really get mad when we remember that we do the same thing to God day in and day out? I often wonder if God, sitting in His Heaven, tires of calling to us in the same way young parents tire of calling out unheeded directions to their small children. Help that person. Hear My voice. Open your heart. Give of yourself here. Talk to Me.

What is the call He wishes you to hear today? Can you hear it? Are you listening?

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

WHY DO WE DO THAT? – CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Question: As we celebrate Labor Day, can you tell me about Catholic teaching regarding labor?

Answer: One of the most important principles of Catholic social teaching is the dignity of work and the rights of workers. Four encyclicals address this foundational social teaching: *Rerum Novarum* (1891) by Leo XIII, *Quadragesimo Anno* (1931) by Pius XI, *Laborem Exercens*.

(1981), and *Centesimus Annus* (1991) by John Paul II. They address both the theology and dignity of work. In Genesis, God takes the initiative in creating the world, calling forth human beings to be faithful stewards of creation. We are thus formed to share in God's continuing creative activity by partnering with God in finishing the world and helping bring it to completion and fulfillment. From this perspective, work can be spiritually understood in terms of sharing in God's ongoing activity to build, create, and transform the world. Human beings are co-creators with God. This vocation demands self-discipline.

Besides an exercise in self-discipline, work is also the means by which we develop and fulfill ourselves. In work, we shape the world and our environment. Through work, we also shape ourselves. Pope John Paul II summarized this point in *Laborem Exercens* #6, "the value of work is not primarily the kind of work being done, but the fact that the one who is doing it is a person."

Labor Day offers an excellent opportunity to reflect on how we view work in light of our Catholic social teaching.

September

MONDAY: (September 6) Labor Day
Rectory office is closed



SANCTUARY LAMP

The Sanctuary Lamp in Church will burn from
September 5-11, 2021

For: **LOUISE C. AND HALL NIEMER**
(WEDDING ANNIV.)

From: **Janice Niemer**

IN NEED OF FALL AND WINTER BABY CLOTHES

North Country Ministry Clothing Center and Baby's Place (3933 Main Street, Warrensburg) are in need of baby clothing for the Fall and Winter. Storage totes with lids are also needed. For any more information, please call 518-623-2829.



**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THE
20TH ANNIVERSARY OF SEPTEMBER 11
AND ALL WHO SACRIFICED THEIR LIVES.
2001-2021**

A PRAYER OF REMEMBRANCE - 20TH ANNIV. OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2001-2021

Almighty and Ever-Loving God, we remember September 11, 2001, and pray for all those who were affected by the terrible events of that day. We remember, with love and respect, all of those who went tragically to their deaths.

We remember those who still suffer from their injuries of that day ten years ago and pray for their recovery. We remember the still grieving families and friends and all who lost loved ones.

Gracious Lord, comfort all who mourn, embrace all those in sorrow, give courage to all who suffer. Continue to console them in the hope that all who trust in You will find peace and rest in Your Eternal Kingdom. Bless them with Your presence and surround us all with Your love.

God of peace, who vindicates all injustice, bless all those defending and protecting our country and its ideals of freedom and liberty. God of all nations, look with love on this world and on its people. Restore tranquility to all nations and bless the work of Your creation.

Heavenly Father, answer our prayer and bring us hope through Christ, Your Son. May Your kingdom of justice and of peace reign and may the earth be filled with Your glory. Amen.

SEPTEMBER 5, 2021

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY: (SEPTEMBER 4)

5:15PM **PAUL J. PURNER** by: Janice Niemer
ROBERT (BOB) PAQUETTE
by: James and Carol Dahlheimer and Family
**WILLIAM AND REGINA CHASE (WEDDING
ANNIV.)** by: Daughters

SUNDAY: (SEPTEMBER 5)

8:30AM **NORMA A. POTVIN**
by: Marie-Paule Moore and Family
SHIRLEY HOULE
by: Husband - Richard and Children
MARY F. HERRIGAN by: Karen McLaughlin
JOHN ROYAL by: Nanette Newell and Family

NEXT SATURDAY: (SEPTEMBER 11)

5:15PM **BEVERLY BRENNAN** by: Sister - Joyce Massiano
**DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE MONAHAN
FAMILY** by: Patrick and Joan Monahan
THOMAS JOHN CHICKANIS
by: David and Joanne Callan
JOSEPH AND JOSEPHINE GASKA
by: Larry and Bonnie Gaska
PAUL J. PURNER by: Eleanor Hume
ROBERT (BOB) PAQUETTE (B-DAY)
by: Jeanne Burk
MARY F. HERRIGAN
by: Janice Niemer and Pat Purner
JEAN WARD FREEBERN (SPECIAL SISTER)
by: Mary Alice Murphy

NEXT SUNDAY: (SEPTEMBER 12)

8:30AM **NORMA A. POTVIN** by: Pat Stickney
DONALD W. FOUNTAINE (2ND ANNIV.)
by: Fountaine Family
WILLIAM (BILL) ERNST by: Karen McLaughlin
ROBERT GARRITY KILLIAN
by: The Frank and Ruth Hogan Children

RCIA

(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Are you a Catholic adult who was never Confirmed? A baptized Catholic who was never raised in the faith? A Catholic who does not practice the faith? A parent whose children were never baptized? Interested in learning more about the Church or know someone who is?

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a process by which those who are interested in learning more about the Catholic Church can explore the faith in a supportive, non-threatening, no pressure atmosphere with members of the community who are willing to share their own faith journey. If you would like to learn more about the RCIA, classes will begin shortly after Labor Day in September at St. Michael's Parish Hall, 80 Saratoga Ave, South Glens Falls. For information, call Mary Stearns at 792-5859, Ext. 16.



And people brought to him a deaf man who had a speech impediment and begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him off by himself away from the crowd. He put his finger into the man's ears and, spitting, touched his tongue; then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, "*Ephphatha!*"—that is, "Be opened!" - Mk 7:32-34

Readings for the week of September 5, 2021

Sunday:	Is 35:4-7a/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/Jas 2:1-5/ Mk 7:31-37
Monday:	Col 1:24—2:3/Ps 62:6-7, 9 [8]/Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday:	Col 2:6-15/Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11 [9]/ Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday:	Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c [Is 61:10]/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23
Thursday:	Col 3:12-17/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 [6]/Lk 6:27-38
Friday:	1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11 [cf. 5]/Lk 6:39-42
Saturday:	1 Tm 1:15-17/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7 [2]/ Lk 6:43-49
Next Sunday:	Is 50:5-9a/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [9]/ Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading:

The prophet Isaiah spoke of the importance of being strong of heart when it comes the ways of God. Why do you think this is such an important virtue?

Second Reading:

James encouraged believers to view the rich and poor from God's perspective. Why do you think people struggle with this divine point of view?

Gospel:

In today's reading, we hear how Jesus healed the deaf man with a speech impediment at the request of the "people" close to this man. Who do you know in your life who needs healing from Jesus?

SPECIAL CALENDAR DATES

Sunday, September 5, is Cheese Pizza Day & Tailgating Day

Monday, September 6, is Coffee Ice Cream Day & Read a Book Day

Tuesday, September 7, is Acorn Squash Day

Thursday, September 9, is Teddy Bear Day

Saturday, September 11, is Patriot Day

Sunday, September 12, is Grandparents Day & Chocolate Milkshake

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