

Roman Catholic Diocese of Syracuse
Eastern Pastoral Care Area 4
St. Joan of Arc, St. Bernard, St. Mary, St. Joseph
Third Sunday of Advent
December 13, 2020

Masses this Week:

- Sat., Dec. 12, 4 PM, Vigil – St. Joan’s**
Joanne Morreale by the Arnold Family
6 PM, Vigil – St. Joseph’s
Donald Race by Kathleen and Rosie
Theresa Kelly by Father Kelly’s Family
- Sun., Dec. 13, 9 AM – St. Bernard’s**
Charles and Doris Gallagher by the Family
11 AM – St. Mary’s
Gordon Kinne by Woody and Lorrie Withers
- Mon., Dec. 14, 8 AM – St. Bernard’s**
For the People of the Parishes
- Tues., Dec. 15, 8 AM – St. Mary’s**
Mike Hotaling by Karen Hotaling
- Wed., Dec. 16, 8 AM - St. Bernard’s**
Don Christian Gabriel Rivera by the Family
- Thurs., Dec. 17, 8 AM – St. Mary’s**
Mary Jones by Marilyn McCredy
- Sat., Dec. 19, 4 PM, Vigil – St. Joan’s**
Thelma Belitz by Fran Belitz
6 PM, Vigil – St. Joseph’s
Richard Clair, Sr. by sisters and brothers
Marguerite and Edward Vaeth
by Mary and John Lopata
- Sun., Dec. 20, 9 AM – St. Bernard’s**
Terrence J. Mangan (6th)
by Kate and Tom McNamara
11 AM – St. Mary’s
Bill Nolan by Fran and Jimmy Gargiulo

This Week’s Events

- Sat., Dec. 12, 7am – St. Bernard’s Saturday morning**
Rosary Group,
St. Bernard’s, Waterville
- Sat., Dec. 12, 3:30pm – St. Joan’s afternoon Rosary Group**
St. Joan’s, Morrisville
- Sun., Dec. 13, 11am – Livestream Mass**
- Tues., Dec. 15, 5:30pm – PCA Holy Hour w/Confessions**
St. Mary’s, Hamilton
- Wed., Dec. 16, 6:30pm – Advent Adult Faith Formation**
St. Joseph’s, Oriskany Falls
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FROM THE DESK OF FATHER HAGE

The Gospels relate many meetings between Jesus and the men and women of his day. A common feature of all these narratives is the transforming power present and manifest in these encounters with Jesus (Pope John Paul II, *The Church in America*, 8). In our day, the Church is the place where men and women, by encountering Jesus, can come to know the love of the Father, for “whoever has seen Jesus has seen the Father” (ibid, 10). Jesus acts through every baptized Christian, in the power of the Holy Spirit, so that even today the transforming power of Christ is present. We are missionaries, joined with Christ in the active mission of bringing salvation to all the world. **The Genesis Mission prepares us for this apostolic work.** Through experiential learning, you will master simple, relational, and loving methods of explicitly sharing the Gospel in ways that are sensitive and appropriate to the lifestyle and culture of those around us. We become aware of opportunities for encounter, always seeking to shine the light of the Gospel into the darkness, bringing hope and meaning to the everyday situations of those whom we meet. Over the course of 7 weeks, we learn not only how to share the Good News, but also are called deeper in our personal discipleship. We are encouraged to embrace a life of holiness in prayer, purity, transparency, and Truth. We learn how to recognize and collaborate with the promptings of the Holy Spirit, growing ever closer to the heart of Jesus. Throughout the journey, we uncover hidden gifts that equip us to pour the love of God into empty hearts and build his Kingdom. **The Genesis Mission strengthens our daily commitment to Know, Live, and Share Our Catholic Faith through encounter with the person of Jesus Christ. This opportunity is open to all parishioners from St. Joan of Arc, St. Bernard’s, St. Mary’s, and St. Joseph’s! These meetings will be conducted over Zoom, and will take place every Monday beginning on January 4th, 2021 and will run for seven weeks.** This will be an opportunity of a lifetime because it will give you the chance to grow in your faith with the support of our community during this time of pandemic. Carolyn Tine from St. Mary’s/St Joan’s and Laurie Ostrander from St. Bernard’s will be the co-facilitators of the women’s group. David Dudrick from St. Mary’s and Chris Doroshenko from St. Joan’s will be the co-facilitators of the men’s group. This outreach requires no preparation and no knowledge or experience to participate! It is faith sharing made easy and a wonderful way to connect with community members. **If you are interested in joining the men’s or woman’s groups, please register on the following link before Sunday, January 3rd:**
<https://survey.zohopublic.com/zs/YHB3Ri>. St. Joan of Arc, St. Bernard, St. Mary, and St. Joseph, pray for us!

Ministers for Liturgy

4 PM (12/12) – St. Joan’s

Lectors: Brian Koehl – First Reading
Kati Rowlands - Second Reading
Altar Servers: Alison Sternburg, Lindsey Sternburg

9 AM (12/13) – St. Bernard’s

Hospitality: Mary Beth and John Sigmund
Usher: Tom McNamara
Lectors: Diane Bootie – First Reading
Lurena McNamara – Second Reading
Altar Servers: Rocco Padula, Jr., Brayden Boone
Brayden Miller

11 AM (12/13) – St. Mary’s

Lectors: Nancy Roberts – First Reading
David Dudrick – Second Reading
Altar Servers: John Dudrick, Regan Krueger
Live-Stream: Elijah Meyers

Special All-day Visitation to Jesus in the Manger on Wed, Dec 23

For those who are not able to attend in-person Christmas Masses this year due the pandemic, all four churches in our PCA will be open all day on Wednesday, December 23 from 8am until 8pm ready to receive pilgrims who would like to make a traditional visit to Jesus in the manger. There will be no more than 10 persons in the church at a time. Families will receive a Christmas gift basket that will contain an at-home kit for how to celebrate Christmas as a family this year from the home. For more information, visit Route20Catholic.org or like us on Facebook @Route20Catholic.

Christmas Pre-Registration Link

The Pre-Registration Link is Now Live on Route20Catholic.org!

Christmas Mass Times [No walk-ins; pre-registration only]

4pm Vigil Mass at St. Mary’s in Hamilton;
4pm Vigil Mass at St. Bernard’s in Waterville;
4pm Vigil Mass at St. Joseph’s in Oriskany Falls;
7pm Vigil Mass at St. Joan of Arc in Morrisville;
10pm Mass during the Night at St. Mary’s in Hamilton;
9am Christmas Day Mass at St. Bernard’s in Waterville;
9am Christmas Day Mass at St. Joseph’s in Oriskany Falls;
9am Christmas Day Mass at St. Joan of Arc in Morrisville.

*The 4pm, the 10pm, and the 9am Masses will be live streamed on our Facebook page. **We will not be able to accommodate walk-ins at these Masses due to COVID safety protocols and social distancing guidelines.***

Advent Light Is On Campaign

Father Hage and Father Carey will be prepared to hear Confessions for an extended period on Monday, Dec 21 from 4pm until 7pm at St. Bernard's in Waterville for the entire PCA. Father Hage will expose the Blessed Sacrament on the high altar at 4pm, so parishioners can also adore the Blessed Sacrament while they wait in line to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. He will do Solemn Benediction at 7pm to conclude this special offering. Please take advantage of this unique opportunity to receive God's mercy this year.

Please Offer Prayers:

For those who are ill, especially: Louise MacDonnell, Michael K. Dugan, John Moore, Amber Buell, Brenda Thieben, David Lemery, Alex LaBrague, Nancy Cocker, Dick Cocker, Phyllis Harris, Jacob Lamb, Mike Harry, Mary Lou Sacco Crouch, James Marcellus, Mandy McCracken, Gertrude Federici, Helen Bonhotal, Nicholas Respecki, Bethany Merenda, Jim Jackson, Jim Eiholzer, Catherine Jones, Catherine Albrecht Hanson, Theresa Blass, Mary Messere, Kaitlin Nagle, Richard Foligno, Eddie Kunze, Valorie Gunther, Michelle Atkinson, Diane Needham, Anthony Somma, Toni and Larry Barns, Alyssa Hinkis, Carol Benzoni, John Wells, Bobby D’Angelo, Hannah Karlson, Mike & Sarah Periard, Dana Camp, Emily Carroll, Malcolm Pownall, Roy Rolle, Roy Roher, Mark Losee, John Monahan, Christine Webb, Patti VanVoorhis, Carolyn Depta, Margaret Peer, Marsha Roberts, Michael Bartlett, Dorothy Lynch, Esther Davis, Shane Gallup, Robin Maciag, Mark Naef, Mary Golley, Maria Braun, Katherine Peck, John Bellan, Gladys Graham, Gerald Hayes, Dan Koehl, Jaye Parsons, Larry Winters, Jennifer Follett, Beverly Thorp, Sharon Woodcock, Teresa Lemery Tom Barnes and all those on our prayer lines.

For all in the Military, especially: SPC Ryan Fowler; 2LT Shelly Respecki; SGT Wade Curtis; PO Dan Molloy, USN; SGT Ian Witchley; LT Andrew Stopchick, USN; GySgt Greg Palmere, USMC; and Corp. Wayne Lyrek, USMC; Cameron Fisher, Staff Sgt., and Father Lukasz Kozlowski.

For all Medical Professionals, especially: Kerri Taylor, Jennifer Meyers, Ellen Larson, Ray Meeks, Annemarie Glouse, Stefanie Zombek, Stanley Zombek, Sean Fadale, Jen Mansfield, Donna Pisiak-Relf, Jonathan Eastman, Stephen Jackowski, Emma VanVoorhis, Chelly Crouch, Esther Hoofallen and all others on the front lines of this pandemic.

E-PCA 4 Youth Ministry Info

We will be having our next Youth Ministry Event on Sunday, December 20 at 6:30. This event will be a virtual Gingerbread house creation, where we will supply your teens with supplies to make their own Gingerbread House. **Please RSVP to mary@fiver.org or 315-430-8910 by this Sunday, December 13th if your teen would like to participate.** Once I have a sense of numbers we will get the appropriate number of sets to each Church and designate an area for you to pick them up.

Family Visit to the Manger:

Father Hage is looking for greeters on December 23 at each parish to help with this Christmas Celebration. Please let me or Father Hage know if your teen would like to participate, this will count toward their service hours for confirmation.

Newly Formed Finance Councils for St. Bernard’s and St. Joseph’s!

Father Hage is pleased to announce the newly formed Finance Council for St. Bernard’s in Waterville: David Upcraft as Finance Chair; Paul Gallagher as Consultant; Dick Martin as Trustee; and Bob Pletl as Trustee. Father Hage is also pleased to announce the newly formed Finance Council for St. Joseph’s in Oriskany Falls: Gary Anderson as Finance Chair; Annie Wilmot as Consultant; Corey Eastman as Trustee; and Ben Stuttard as Trustee.

Grades Pre K – Grade 5 Faith Formation:

December Classes will be held Sunday's from 10:15AM – 10:45AM via Zoom as follows; December 6: Pre K – Gr 1, December 13: Gr 2 & 3, December 20: Gr 4 & 5. Families will receive a Zoom invitation via email several days prior to your scheduled class.

Advent Adult Faith Formation Series

Father Hage will be leading the four parishes in our PCA in a three-week Adult Faith Formation series during the season of Advent. This Advent series will be held at St. Joseph's in Oriskany Falls. This series will also be live-streamed on our parish facebook page. We will be covering Fr. Eamon Tobin's new book, "A Simple Explanation of the Mass." A copy of the book will be available to you when you arrive for the first session. Please invite any family and friends (and even strangers) to attend this special offering. You can pick up a book ahead of time at the St. Bernard's or St. Mary's offices.

St. Mary's Capital Campaign

The Capital Campaign Committee would like to thank the parishioners of St. Mary's Church for their continued support of the campaign during the past year. Pledge payments have continued to come in on a regular basis. Please review your pledge commitment and consider making your 2020 payment on your gift to St. Mary's Church. Thank you.

St. Bernard's Saturday Morning Rosary Group

All parishioners in our PCA are welcome to join the St. Bernard's Saturday Morning Prayer Group for the recitation of the Rosary and simple Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Saturday morning at 7am in the church. For more information, please reach out to Mike Tower at 315-525-9803 or towerm95@gmail.com.

St. Joan of Arc Saturday Afternoon Rosary Group

All parishioners in our PCA are welcome to join the St. Joan of Arc Saturday Hour of Mercy Prayer Group for the recitation of the Rosary and simple Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Saturday afternoon at 3:30pm in the church before their 4pm Vigil Mass. For more information, please reach out to Katie Rowland at katiger12@yahoo.com.

Winter Clothing Drive

St. Mary's is collecting used winter outerwear items for Hamilton Central School children in grades 1-5. We are primarily looking for donations of mittens, gloves, boots (children's sizes 1-6), and snowpants (children's sizes approximately 7/8-12/14) along with hats and coats secondarily. The donation box for these items is located in St. Mary's church hall (basement).

11 AM Sunday Morning Mass Live-streamed!

Please join the entire PCA Parish Family for Sunday Mass online in real time every Sunday at 11am! You can access the livestream by visiting:

<https://www.facebook.com/Route20Catholic>

New PCA Website!!!

Please check out our new PCA website at www.Route20Catholic.org that now includes all four parishes on one online platform! We are so excited to finally launch this collaborative online initiative. This will hopefully streamline the release of information to all four parishes, and now all parishioners across the PCA can access one platform for the most up-to-date information on what is happening locally in our region.

St. Joan of Arc Giving Tree

Gifts from the St. Joan of Arc Giving Tree will be given away on December 11 and 12. Thank you all for your generosity and caring. They are truly appreciated, Judy Parker

St. Bernard's Giving Tree

Please take a tag from the tree and return it no later than Sunday, December 13. We are doing unwrapped gifts this year please. Thank you for all your generosity and help this year and every year. Each child will receive one clothing gift and one toy gift. We also have names from Swanburg and Waterville Residential Care. Bags for food are at exits. Food and gifts will be distributed on Friday, December 18.

St. Mary's Giving Tree

Gifts for the Hamilton Interfaith Holiday Project were given away Saturday, December 5. Gifts for the St. Joan of Arc Giving Tree will be given away on December 11 and 12. Thank you for sharing the true meaning of Christmas.

St. Joseph Christmas Giving Tree

First, thank you all for the wonderful support we have received in the past. We will provide a contact list near the giving tags, after you choose your tag please put your name and phone number by the appropriate tag number. This will help us greatly during distribution. Please return wrapped gifts by December 12. Call Carol at 315-821-2335 with any questions. This program could never succeed without your help. You have been part of many happy Christmas mornings. Thanks again, Oriskany Falls Community Christmas.

New PCA Facebook Page!

Check out our new PCA Facebook page for all up-to-date news on upcoming events in the four parishes in our PCA. The 11am Sunday morning Mass will be livestreamed for the whole PCA on this platform as well. Please like us [@Route20Catholic](https://www.facebook.com/Route20Catholic).

Please RSVP for Masses

Please be reminded that preregistering for weekend Mass helps us help everyone stay safe and healthy by allowing us to preplan for your seating. By specifying the ***total number of people in your group***, we can best seat you efficiently with our reduced seating capacity. Please anticipate that seating will take place from the front of the church to the back, with front pews reserved for single seating needs.

PCA Update on Holy Hours

This week's PCA Holy Hour will take place at St. Mary's in Hamilton at 5:30pm on Tuesday, December 15. These PCA Holy Hours will involve Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Evening Prayer, the opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and Solemn Benediction will be made available to each campus on a monthly basis. These Holy Hours will take place every Tuesday at 5:30pm on a rotating basis: 1st Tuesday will be at St. Joan's; 2nd Tuesday will be at St. Bernard's; 3rd Tuesday will be at St. Mary's; 4th Tuesday will be at St. Joseph's.

PCA Update on Weekly Confessions

Father Hage will be hearing confessions this Tuesday, December 15 from 5:30pm until 6:30pm at St. Mary's in Hamilton. Confessions will be made available to each campus on a monthly basis. The opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation will take place every Tuesday from 5:30pm until 6:30pm on a rotating basis: 1st Tuesday will be at St. Joan's; 2nd Tuesday will be at St. Bernard's; 3rd Tuesday will be at St. Mary's; 4th Tuesday will be at St. Joseph's. Now all four campuses will have equal opportunity to celebrate this great sacrament of mercy.

Consolation Ministers – December

St. Joan's –Lona Dahlem (495-6478), Chuck Molloy (684-9398) & Paula Curtis (684-9058)

St. Mary's – Fran Gargiulo (518-469-5682), Joanne Lloyd (315-824-1897) and Joe Connors (315-684-3590)

HOPE Appeal

Thank you to all of our Parishioners who have already joined together in pledging their gift to the 2020 HOPE Appeal. If you have not made your commitment, please reflect upon the importance of your charitable involvement and prayerfully consider making a gift to the Appeal to help our parish and Diocese meet their goal and be able to fund the very important work carried out by many ministries supported by the Appeal. Every gift is important and no gift is too small or too large. Thank you for your generosity. Please visit the diocesan website at www.syrдио.org for more information.

Holy Cross Christmas Fudge Sale

Holy Cross is taking orders for our Christmas fudge sale. Christmas fudge will be presale only and picked up via takeout/drive thru at HCA on December 21/22 from 7:30am-3:30pm. Orders are due on December 14. Cost is \$9 each (comes in 1 lb block and gift box). Flavors include: Chocolate Peanut Butter, Chocolate Walnut, Chocolate Mint, and Milk Chocolate. Call (315) 363-1669 to order.

E – PCA 4 Financial Reports

St. Joan's Financial Support – 12-06

Ordinary	\$965.90
Christmas Project	651.00
Christmas Flowers	150.00
Human Development	10.00

HOPE Appeal Goal - \$6,218.44

HOPE Appeal Amount Received **\$7,400.00**
as of 12/09/20

Percent of Goal – 100% (+\$1,181.56!)

St. Joan of Arc Mailing Address

The mailing address for St. Joan of Arc is P.O. Box 1087, Morrisville, NY 13408. Mail offertory here.

St. Bernard's Financial Support – 12-06

Ordinary	\$2,790.00
Christmas Flowers	1,035.00

HOPE Appeal Goal \$15,453.84

HOPE Appeal Amount Received **\$15,050.00**
as of 12/9/20

Percent of Goal – 97.4%

St. Mary's Financial Support – 12-06

Weekly Ordinary	\$2,824.00
Monthly Ordinary	2,470.00
Fuel	105.00
Human Development	175.00
Tohatchi	72.00
Clerical Fund	92.00
Christmas Flowers	50.00

HOPE Appeal Goal - \$15,545.63

HOPE Appeal Amount Received **\$11,373.00**
as of 12/9/20

Percent of Goal – 73.2%

*The Sanctuary light at St. Mary's is lit in memory of
Thelma Belitz by her family.*

*The greens on the altar were given by Sylvia Roe in memory of
her mother, Millie Palermo.*

St. Joseph's Financial Support – 12-06

Ordinary	\$974.14
Christmas Flowers	100.00

HOPE Appeal Goal \$6,657.83

HOPE Appeal Amount Received **\$3,315.00**
as of 12/9/20

Percent of Goal – 49.8%
