

**Roman Catholic Diocese of Syracuse**  
**Eastern Pastoral Care Area 4**  
**St. Joan of Arc, St. Bernard, St. Mary, St. Joseph**  
**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**  
**December 27, 2020**

**Masses this Week:**

- Sat., Dec. 26, 4 PM, Vigil – St. Joan’s**  
Steve Jones by The Periard Family  
**6 PM, Vigil – St. Joseph’s**  
Terrence Mullen by Chuck and Judy Engle
- Sun., Dec. 27, 9 AM – St. Bernard’s**  
Charles Gallagher, Jr. by Family  
**11 AM – St. Mary’s**  
Rocky Faraone by Betty Faraone
- Mon., Dec. 28, 8 AM – St. Bernard’s**  
Bob Upcraft by Suzanne Hughes
- Tues., Dec. 29, 8 AM – St. Mary’s**  
Ann E. Stevens by Jennifer Follett
- Wed., Dec. 30, 8 AM – St. Bernard’s**  
For the People of our Parishes
- Thurs., Dec. 31, 8 AM – St. Mary’s**  
For an Increase in Vocations
- Fri., Jan. 1, 9 AM – St. Joseph’s**  
For a Better Year Than 2020
- Fri., Jan. 1, 10 AM – St. Mary’s (PCA Holy Day Mass)**  
For Fr. Paul Carey by Father Hage
- Sat., Jan. 2, 4 PM, Vigil – St. Joan’s**  
Ed Griese by St. Joan’s Parish Family  
**6 PM, Vigil – St. Joseph’s**  
Joseph Fleming by Pat Fleming’s Family
- Sun., Jan. 3, 9 AM – St. Bernard’s**  
Maude and Fran Martin by Dick and Sandy Martin  
**11 AM – St. Mary’s**  
Jeremy Williams by Marilyn McCredy

**This Week’s Events**

- Sat., Dec. 26, 7am** – St. Bernard’s morning Rosary Group,  
St. Bernard’s, Waterville
- Sat., Dec. 26, 3:30pm** – St. Joan’s afternoon Rosary Group,  
St. Joan’s, Morrisville
- Sat, Dec. 26, 5pm** – Confessions with Fr. Kelly,  
St. Joseph’s, Oriskany Falls
- Sun., Dec. 27, 11am** – Livestream Mass
- Tues., Dec. 29, 5:30pm** – PCA Holy Hour w/Confessions  
St. Joan’s, Morrisville
- Fri., Jan 1, 8am-8pm** – First Friday All-day Adoration  
of the Blessed Sacrament,  
St. Bernard’s, Waterville
- Sat., Jan. 2, 7am** – St. Bernard’s morning Rosary Group,  
St. Bernard’s, Waterville
- Sat., Jan. 2, 3:30pm** – St. Joan’s afternoon Rosary Group,  
St. Joan’s, Morrisville
- Sat., Jan. 2, 5pm** – Confessions with Fr. Kelly,  
St. Joseph’s, Oriskany Falls
- Sun., Jan. 3, 11am** – Livestream Mass

**FROM THE DESK OF FATHER HAGE**

Merry Christmas! I pray you and yours have a very Merry Christmas. Celebrating our first Christmas together in the midst of a novel coronavirus pandemic, I have found that the words from the poem *In the Bleak Midwinter* composed by Christina Rossetti in 1872 resonate with me deeply. Maybe you could spend some personal time this week prayerfully reflecting on these beautiful words or even take the time to listen to Gustav Holst’s famous musical composition from 1906. I am actually listening this anthem on youtube as I am writing this article, and can’t think of a better way to reflect on all that has happened in 2020, and how God is with us (Emmanuel) in all things.

*In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan,  
Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;  
Snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow,  
In the bleak midwinter, long ago.*

*Our God, Heaven cannot hold Him, nor earth sustain;  
Heaven and earth shall flee away when He comes to reign.  
In the bleak midwinter a stable place sufficed  
The Lord God Almighty, Jesus Christ.*

*Enough for Him, whom cherubim, worship night and day,  
Breastful of milk, and a mangerful of hay;  
Enough for Him, whom angels fall before,  
The ox and ass and camel which adore.*

*Angels and archangels may have gathered there,  
Cherubim and seraphim thronged the air;  
But His mother only, in her maiden bliss,  
Worshipped the beloved with a kiss.*

*What can I give Him, poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;  
If I were a Wise Man, I would do my part;  
Yet what I can I give Him: give my heart.*

St. Joan of Arc, St. Bernard, St. Mary, and St. Joan of Arc,  
pray for us!



## **Ministers for Liturgy**

### **4 PM (12/26) – St. Joan’s**

Lectors: Paula Curtis – First Reading

Bill Donnelly - Second Reading

Altar Servers: Keiffer Koehl, Aspen Koehl

### **9 AM (12/27) – St. Bernard’s**

Hospitality: Duncan Abrams and Fergus Abrams

Usher: Jane Brown

Lector: Stacey Miller

Altar Servers: Eleonore Collins and Natalee Collins

### **11 AM (12/27) – St. Mary’s**

Lectors: Jason Meyers – First Reading

Margaret Wehrer – Second Reading

Altar Servers: Naomi Meyers, Ciara Sparber

Live-Stream: Elijah Meyers

## **Holiday Office Hours**

The parish offices in our PCA will be closed from Christmas Day to New Year’s Day. Father Hage and the staff will still be working in the office and will be responding to emails and phone calls. Father Hage would like to give our staff and volunteers a much needed reprieve after a very busy Advent season as well as give the staff time to catch up in order to get a good start in the New Year. Thank you for your cooperation.

## **First Friday All-day Adoration of the Blessed**

### **Sacrament at St. Bernard's in Waterville**

All parishioners in our PCA are welcome to experience this grace-filled time on the first Friday of each month from 8am-8pm at St. Bernard's. Jesus is really present in the Eucharist, and He knows the inmost secrets of our hearts. Resting in His Divine Presence is like "spiritual radiation therapy." If you would like to keep watch with Our Lord regularly for a one-hour increment, please reach out to Laurie Ostrander at (315) 525-7831 or [lostrander@yahoo.com](mailto:lostrander@yahoo.com). Otherwise, stop in as your time allows and let Jesus take the lead and heal you from deep within. What a great way to start the New Year off on Friday, January 1st. Join us!

## **Holy Day Mass for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**

Since the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God on January 1 is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year, Father Hage will celebrate one Mass for the entire PCA on this Holy Day at 10am at St. Mary’s in Hamilton. Please join St. Mary’s as they celebrate their patronal feast. Walk-ins will be welcome at this Mass. Father Kelly will also be celebrating a 9am Mass at St. Joseph’s in Oriskany Falls and St. Bernard’s in Waterville will have All-day Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on January 1 to honor our Blessed Mother on the first day of the New Year!

## **Father Hage’s Upcoming Retreat**

Father Hage has scheduled his annual canonical retreat from Monday, January 4th until Friday, January 8th, and then will be taking vacation from Saturday, January 9th until Friday, January 15th. This is typically when he schedules his mid-year time away from the parish for retreat and R&R. Father Carey has graciously agreed to cover all Masses while he is away, and Deacon Paul will be covering all pastoral emergencies that might arise in the PCA.

## **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, Irene Lew, Marie Carroll, Dan Rauscher, Bill McClusky 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 Hooftallen and all others on the front lines of this pandemic.

## **Christmas Gift Idea for Homebound in our PCA**

Deacon Mark Shiner is heading up a unique giving project for our PCA. He would like to facilitate the donation of Amazon Fire Tablets to all parishioners in our PCA who do not have access to the internet. A free hotspot will be provided to each of these persons along with the tablet. That way, our sick and homebound who do not have access to the internet can join our parishes for livestream Masses, classes, programs, etc. This will be a great gift to our sick and homebound because it will allow them to stay more connected to our parish communities during this time of pandemic, and hopefully provide them a little relief. Please reach out to Deacon Mark at [MShiner@colgate.edu](mailto:MShiner@colgate.edu) if you are interested in helping with this project or would like to donate to this initiative.

## **Mass Intention Requests for St. Joseph's**

Change in Procedure - Please complete the information requested on the new Mass request stipend envelope, along with your payment. Your Mass request will be recorded upon receipt of this envelope. Please also include your phone number. Envelopes are in the vestibule.

### **Update on PCA Holy Hours w/Confessions**

This week's PCA Holy Hour will take place on Tuesday, December 29 from 5:30pm until 6:30pm at St. Joan of Arc in Morrisville. Father Hage will be hearing Confessions at that time as well. These PCA Holy Hours involve Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Evening Prayer, the *opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation*, and Solemn Benediction. There will be no PCA Holy Hours on Tuesday, January 5 and Tuesday, January 12 while Father Hage is away on retreat. The PCA Holy Hours will resume on Tuesday, January 19 at St. Mary's in Hamilton. Until then, all are encouraged to take advantage of the First Friday All-day Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Bernard's in Waterville as well as Saturday Confessions with Father Kelly at St. Joseph's in Oriskany Falls.

### **New Online Men's & Women's Faith Sharing Groups!**

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 4, 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 women's groups, please register on the following link before Sunday, January 3rd: <https://survey.zohopublic.com/zs/YHB3Ri>.

### **New Beginnings**

Advent would be a great time to consider a new beginning. If you have ever considered joining the Catholic Church or being confirmed in the Faith, now is a good time to start the exploration to see if it is right for you. We are just beginning our RCIA process for this year, so contact Deacon Paul at [dcpaullehmann@gmail.com](mailto:dcpaullehmann@gmail.com) or call him at (315) 794-1393.

### **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](mailto: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](mailto:katiger12@yahoo.com).

### **St. Joan of Arc Giving Tree**

Gifts from the St. Joan of Arc Giving Tree were distributed on December 11 and 12. Gifts of clothes, books, toys, games and stuffed animals were given to 73 local families and provided a magical Christmas morning to 169 children. As we do every year, we gave the seniors at Crouse Community Center gifts of clothing, toiletries, pillows and jewelry. This year we were also able to assist St. Augustine's Catholic Church in Baldwinsville to help support a battered Women and Children's shelter. Thank you to the communities of the Morrisville area, the parish families of St. Joan of Arc, St. Mary's and St. Paul's in Rome along with the Colgate Newman students. Please see more detailed thank you letter from Judy Parker attached.

### **Hamilton Interfaith Holiday Project**

Hamilton's Interfaith Holiday Project was a huge success this year, with the help of generous donations and contributions made from St. Mary's parishioners. 241 children will receive gifts, hats and mitten, toiletries and a family food basket. In addition, 57 food baskets were delivered to area senior citizens. Thank you for your generosity, thoughtfulness and acts of kindness as this past year has been most difficult for so many. The Mid-York Interfaith Holiday Project committee wishes St. Mary's Parish a very Merry Christmas and a blessed and healthy 2021. God bless you!

### **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.

### **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).

### **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](http://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.

## 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)

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## E – PCA 4 Financial Reports

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### St. Joan's Financial Support – 12-20

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| Ordinary          | \$1,484.00 |
| Christmas Project | 1,280.00   |
| Christmas Flowers | 80.00      |
| Christmas         | 25.00      |
| Thanksgiving      | 200.00     |

HOPE Appeal Goal - \$6,218.44

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

**Percent of Goal – 119% (+\$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.

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### St. Bernard's Financial Support – 12-20

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| Ordinary          | \$3,165.00 |
| Christmas         | 195.00     |
| Holy Day          | 23.00      |
| Christmas Baskets | 200.00     |

HOPE Appeal Goal \$15,453.84

**HOPE Appeal Amount Received** **\$16,450.00**  
**as of 12/23/20**

**Percent of Goal – 107.3% (+1,056.16!)**

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### St. Mary's Financial Support – 12-20

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| Weekly Ordinary          | \$854.50 |
| Monthly                  | 372.00   |
| Fuel                     | 100.00   |
| Christmas                | 70.00    |
| Christmas Flowers        | 60.00    |
| World Mission            | 20.00    |
| Cathedraticum            | 5.00     |
| St. Mary's Memorial Fund | 100.00   |

HOPE Appeal Goal - \$15,545.63

**HOPE Appeal Amount Received** **\$12,458.00**  
**as of 12/22/20**

**Percent of Goal – 80.1%**

*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.*

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### St. Joseph's Financial Support – 12-20

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| Ordinary | \$385.00 |
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HOPE Appeal Goal \$6,657.83

**HOPE Appeal Amount Received** **\$3,615.00**  
**as of 12/23/20**

**Percent of Goal – 54.3%**