

Welcome to the Holy Roman Catholic Community of Holy Mother & Child St. Joseph's St. Paul's



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Mass times:
8:30 am Sunday
Noon Wednesdays

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HolyMotherandChildParish

Our Sunday 8:30 am morning Mass
can be viewed at
youtube.com/holymotherandchildcorinth8851

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Mass times:
4:00 pm Saturday
10:30 am Sunday
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Sacrament of Reconciliation - every Saturday 3:15-3:45 pm at St. Joseph's

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St. Joseph's Church - St. Paul's Mission

Our Saturday 4 pm Vigil Mass
can be viewed at
youtube.com/@fr.simonudemgba7174/videos



771 Route 29
Rock City Falls, NY 12863

Mass times:
12:30 pm Sunday
9:00 am 2nd Mondays

Third Sunday of Advent

December 14, 2025

*At our Eucharistic Celebrations
this week we have been asked to
remember and pray for:*

St. Joseph's Saturday 12/13 4:00 pm	Jeanne & Corky Shattuck by their children Mark McKeon by the McKeon family
Holy Mother & Child Sunday 12/14 8:30 am	William & Frances Cromie by Bill & Cynthia Cromie William Doody family by Shawna Letizia Tagliafierro by Mike Anna Tagliafierro by Mike
St. Joseph's Sunday 12/14 10:30 am	the Varley, Hart, Pensak and Otrembiak families by the Jack Varley Family
St. Paul's Sunday 12/14 12:30 pm	Our Parish Family
St. Joseph's Wednesday 12/17 9:00 am	Joanne Carlow by Our Parish Family
Holy Mother & Child Wednesday 12/17 Noon	Our Parish Family

Mark Your Calendar :

Sun 12/14	6:00 pm	Christmas Caroling in Corinth
Wed 12/17		Father will be in the confessional
	1-3 pm	Holy Mother & Child
	4-6pm	St. Joseph's
Sun 12/21	6:00 pm	Christmas Caroling in Greenfield Center

Christmas Mass Schedule



December 24th Christmas Eve	4:00 pm at St. Joseph's
	4:00 pm at Holy Mother & Child
	6:00 pm at St. Paul's
December 25th Christmas Day	8:30 am at Holy Mother & Child
	10:30 am at St. Joseph's

St. Joseph's & St. Paul's

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<i>This Week's Ministry Schedule</i>	<i>St. Joseph's 12/13 4:00 pm</i>	<i>St. Joseph's 12/14 10:30 am</i>	<i>St. Paul's 12/14 12:30 pm</i>
<i>Greeters</i>	The Kelly Family	Randy Miczek	Kathy Zanella, Hazel Mahar
<i>Readers</i>	John McPhillips	Ed Stano	Jim Loviza
<i>Communion Ministers</i>	Scott York Mary Fornabia	Sharon Avery, Sue Horne, Debi Ficaretta	~~~~~
<i>Counters</i>	~~~~~	S Guyon, P Cargiulo	~~~~~

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Greenfield Food Pantry at Greenfield Community Center
ECHO Food Pantry at St. Paul's Church
Meal Train requests
Call the Parish Office for more info on any of the above.

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

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*The Respect Life Ministry advocates for all Life Issues,
especially the Right to Life from conception to natural death.
We promote the teachings of the Catholic Church on the Life
Issues, and invite all to embrace God's gift of Life.*

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Annual Children's Christmas Pageant

This year the children of our parish will present their annual Christmas Pageant following the 10:30 AM Mass on Sunday December 21st. Please plan on joining us that day for hospitality after Mass and then celebrating with our youth as they share the amazing Gospel story of the birth of our Lord.



SJ & SP PASTORAL COUNCIL

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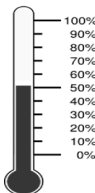


**Diocesan
Appeal**

2025-2026 Diocesan Appeal
Goal \$31,719

Total raised as of 12/7 \$16,357

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Collections Report: July 1, 2025 - Oct 31, 2025

St. Joseph's & St. Paul's Combined

	Mthly Received	Mthly Budgeted	Budget Surplus/ Shortfall
Regular Collection	7,453.85	7,650.00	-196.15
E-Giving	4,262.39	3,716.67	545.72
TOTAL	11,716.24	11,366.67	349.57

Prayer for Advent – New Growth

Dear God,
Bring new life!
Your love creates and cultivates.
Bring Your power into the places I think of as “deserts”
and your grace to the prayers
I fear may be “deserted.”
You can redeem and restore,
bring a new song to my heart.
Amen

St. Joseph's & St. Paul's

<i>Next Week's Ministry Schedule</i>	<i>St. Joseph's 12/20 4:00 pm</i>	<i>St. Joseph's 12/21 10:30 am</i>	<i>St. Paul's 12/21 12:30 pm</i>
Greeters	Erin Moller	Valerie Reside	Kathy Zanella, Hazel Mahar
Readers	Howard Kunz	Dorothy VanDenberg	Kateri Sargen
Communion Ministers	Regina York Scott York	Dave Zon, Cindy Sharpe Monica Berrios-McKeon	~~~~~
Counters	~~~~~	S Horne, M Schultz	~~~~~

The Parish Partners of St. Joseph's & St. Paul's and Holy Mother & Child

We use Flocknote emails to keep our parishioners informed. Sign up online or through the parish office.

Parish Partners' Calendar

Sundays	7:00 pm	St. Paul's Rosary Prayer
Mondays	1:00 pm	Bethany Guild meets at Holy Mother & Child
Tuesdays	9 - 11:30	Food Pantry at St. Paul's
Wednesdays	1:30-3:30	Food Pantry at Greenfield Community Ctr
Sun 12/14	9:15 am	Pageant Rehearsal at St. Joseph's
	10:30 am	Confirmation Enrollment at St. Joseph's
	6:00 pm	Christmas Caroling in Corinth
Wed 12/17	9:00 am	Morning Mass at St. Joseph's
	12:00 pm	Noon Mass at Holy Mother & Child
	Father will be in the confessional	
	1-3 pm	Holy Mother & Child
	4-6pm	St. Joseph's
Sun 12/21	11:30 am	Children's Pageant at St. Joseph's
	6:00 pm	Christmas Caroling in Greenfield Center

Christmas Flowers

Christmas Flower envelopes are at the church entrance or you can place your contribution in any envelope labeled with "Flowers" Please include your name and the name of the person you are making the contribution in memory of. and drop in any collection basket before Christmas.



Confirmation Candidate Enrollment Mass:

This Sunday, at the 10:30 Mass at St. Joseph's, the young adults from both parishes will begin their final preparations for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

This Sacrament will complete their initiation into the Catholic Church. Those who have been baptized continue on the path of Christian initiation through the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Having been nourished with the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist, they now prepare to receive fully the Holy Spirit who will strengthen them to bear witness to Christ for the building up of his Body in faith and love.

We ask that you pray for our candidates and their sponsors, parents and catechists as they enter these final preparations.

**COME,
HOLY
SPIRIT!**



Heavenly Father,

we thank You for the gift of faith...

Pour out Your Holy Spirit upon them

*so they may be filled with Your love
and strengthened in their faith...*

Grant them wisdom, courage and

a deep conviction to live out their faith.

May they become bold witnesses of Christ in the world,

and may their lives reflect the fruits of the Spirit...

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ.

Amen

SEEK THE
LORD IN THE
PLACES YOU
FEAR TO GO

Cut out this reminder to stick in your pocket or wallet or hang on your fridge to remind you to pick up a gift card or make a special donation to assist us in helping those less fortunate this holiday season.

Holiday Food Baskets



No December Corinth Churches Free Lunch

There will be no free lunch in December due to the holidays and the fair. We will see you again on January 16th. Have a wonderful holiday season.

"What is St. Joan of Arc's favorite Christmas carol?"



"O, Holy Knight!"



St. Joan of Arc led the French to victory in 1429, a valiant soldier for Jesus. (Being French, she probably preferred French carols, though).

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Advent Wreath

Question:

What's the story behind the Advent wreath?

Answer:

Each season in the liturgical calendar comes with its own local and regional rituals. During the Advent season, wreaths adorn church sanctuaries and family dining room tables. You may have said Advent wreath prayers in childhood or taken a turn lighting the candles. The Advent wreath is full of symbolism about Christ and his coming at Christmas. The wreath is made of evergreen boughs, reminding us that the life of grace doesn't falter with the changing seasons. It always remains fresh and new. Similarly, a circular wreath reminds us of the eternal, never-ending nature of God's love.

Candles remind us that Christ is the light of the world, the One who "shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." We use four candles to represent each week of Advent. Traditionally they come in the liturgical colors of the season. Purple has historically represented penance and sacrifice. We see the same color for the season of Lent.

On the third Sunday of Advent, however, we light a rose color. The priest will wear rose vestments at Mass. This is Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete means "rejoice" in Latin. On the third Sunday of Advent, we're roughly halfway through the season. The Church chooses the midpoint to remind us to celebrate in the midst of our anticipation!

Whatever the color and whatever the day, the Advent wreath is a beautiful practice to focus our attention on Christ's coming at Christmas.

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Everyday Stewardship -

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

The Season That Gives Back

I don't have anything left to give.

You can't pour from an empty cup.

All I do is give. Who is giving to me?

Raise your hand if these thoughts have ever run through your head. I'm sure they occur to all of us from time to time. We can become so easily depleted by the fast pace of life and whatever vocation God has called us to, whether that's parenthood, a demanding professional career or the caretaking of friends and family (or as so often happens, a hybrid of all three). Many of us also undergo certain seasons — seasons of the year, but also seasons of life — that seem to sap us of energy and leave us totally empty.

In these times, it seems impossible to continue in the spirituality of Everyday Stewardship. Graciousness, mindfulness, prayerfulness, gratitude, accountability — maintaining some semblance of these characteristics in our daily life feels not only overly optimistic, but totally impossible.

The Church gives us certain liturgical seasons that are meant to fill us up, almost like spiritual pit stops. Advent is one such season, and the Scriptural passages we reflect on at Mass during these four weeks are filled with images of nature defied. We see the dry steppe blooming. We see the weak made firm. We see the frightened made strong. We see the lame walk. We see the Virgin give birth.

If you think you don't have anything left to give this Advent, think again. This is the season of miracles when what we thought was depleted brings new life.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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Strike our Chest: Penitential Act

Question:

When we say the Penitential Act at Mass, why do we strike our chest three times?

Answer:

Our rituals and liturgical celebrations are filled with a variety of symbols, some of which also relate to our gestures and physical postures (e.g. kneeling, sitting, processing, making the Sign of the Cross). The custom of striking our breast three times during the "I Confess" of the Penitential Act of the Mass is one of those gestures that is loaded with symbolism.

The tradition of Christian's striking the breast (above the heart) is rooted in the image of Sacred Scripture, especially texts like Psalm 51 which speak of a "humbled contrite heart" or how God heals broken hearts, binding up our wounds (see Psalm 147:3). Early Christian writers like Saint Augustine of Hippo and Saint Jerome also refer to this custom in their writings.

Ultimately, this practice is an expression of our sorrow for those times when we have been guilty of faults and a sign that we are willing to take responsibility for our sins and failings. That we all perform this gesture together is also an act of solidarity, recognizing that none of us, regardless of where we are on our journey of faith, is without fault and the need for grace and forgiveness.

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Holy Mother & Child

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Ministry Schedule	Sunday 12/14 8:30 am	Wednesday 12/17 Noon
Ushers/Greeters	Chuck Rice and Gene Perry	~~~~~
Readers	Alex Ghent Mary Anne Woodard	TBD
Communion Ministers	Host: Louise Carney Wine: Anna Plante	Wine: TBD
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Weekly Offerings		Attendance	
Regular collection 11/30	\$ 2075	11/27	25
		11/30	100

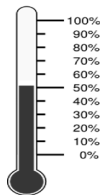


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Goal \$14,055

Total raised as of 10/22 \$7,621.38

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Online Giving or use the QR Code

Are you visiting our Parish or are you a regular parishioner? When you scan this QR code you can make an online offering to our Parish.

You just take out your trusty cell phone and after tapping on the camera icon on your phone, go ahead and line up the QR code (don't take a photo). When the QR code is readable by the phone a web site will appear just under the QR code in white. Click on this web site "secure.myvanco.com/".

You are now able to follow the website prompts to make an offering to Holy Mother and Child "Online".

Please call the church office if you have any questions.



Altar Flowers for Christmas

There are envelopes for flowers at both entrances of the church for any parishioner who does not subscribe to our weekly envelopes. Your donations help to decorate our church to celebrate the birth of Christ.

HM&C FAITH FORMATION

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HM&C PARISH LIFE

Christmas Caroling

Sunday, December 14th at 6:00pm. We will head down Palmer Ave. There will be cookies and hot cocoa in the Parish center after we are done singing. Please come and join us.

Christmas Fair

Thank you to everyone who made this year's Christmas fair a huge success. All of the volunteers, bakers, and donors, we are eternally grateful. We will announce totals and basket raffle winners next week in the bulletin. Proceeds from this fair benefit the St. Nicholas Fund which is used to help with unforeseen repairs and upgrades to our church.

HM&C CHRISTIAN OUTREACH

Community of Churches & the Food Pantry:

Louise Carney, Cathy Lozier & Sandy Freeman

HM&C BETHANY GUILD

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The Bethany Guild serves God's people through prayer, charity and hospitality, both within our parish & the wider community.

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