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



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



PO Box 547, 3159 Route 9N Greenfield Center, NY 12833

Mass times:

4:00 pm Saturday 10:30 am Sunday 9:00 am Wednesdays



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Mass times:

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Sacrament of Reconciliation - every Saturday 3:15-3:45 pm at St. Joseph's

Find and follow us on Facebook! St. Joseph's Church - St. Paul's Mission

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

Parish Administrator: Rev. Simon Udemgba, Ph.D. Simon. Udemgba@rcda.org

## Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 21, 2025

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

St. Joseph's
Saturday 12/20
4:00 pm

Lois Rourke by the Rourke Family

A Special Intention by the McKeon family

Holy Mother & Child Sunday 12/21 8:30 am Dylan Balcom on the 1st Anniversary of his passing by Donna Balcom

> Bobby Buehler by Clare Buehler

James Fry on the 1st anniversary of his passing by his family

St. Joseph's Sunday 12/21 10:30 am

David May by the Avery Family

St. Paul's Sunday 12/21 12:30 pm

Agnes Meyer by the Reinhardt Family

Mark Your Calendar :				
Sun 12/21	6:00 pm	Christmas Caroling in Greenfield Center		

# Christmas Mass Schedule



#### **Prayer for Advent – Miracles**

Dear God.

You are in the miracle business.

I still believe that You can move mountains and separate seas.

Break into every unknown and astound us with Your goodness and grace. Amen.

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#### St. Joseph's & St. Paul's

This Week's Ministry Schedule	St. Joseph's 12/20 4:00 pm	St. Joseph's 12/21 10:30 am	St. Paul's 12/21 12:30 pm
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	~~~~

#### SJ & SP PRAYER & WORSHIP

Ministry Schedules: Monica Berrios-McKeon, MonicaBerriosMcKeon@yahoo.com Prayer Line: Garry & Pauline Simon 518-893-7240 PaulineS3159@gmail.com

#### SJ & SP PASTORAL CARE

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Mass cards: Margie Carroll 518-698-9000,

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Greeting Cards: Dorothy VanDenburg 518-893-0354

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#### Bereavement Group

Anyone who is dealing with the loss of a loved one is welcomed to our Bereavement Support Group. We meet the

4th Tuesdays at 1:30 pm at St. Joseph's Rectory

Our next meeting will be

Tuesday, December 23 @ 1:30 pm



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#### SJ & SP CHRISTIAN OUTREACH

Chairperson: Janet Singer 893-7342 j\_bsinger@hotmail.com
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

Coordinator: Rebecca Cronin 518-893-0306 rebecca.cronin@rcda.org

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.

#### **PARISH LIFE**

Chairperson: Tom Cronin 518-538-2346 TCronin2@nycap.rr.com

#### SOCIAL, COMMUNITY & HOSPITALITY

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#### SJ & SP FAITH FORMATION

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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

Chair: Lida Varone 518-583-1348, jvarone@earthlink.net Members: Katie Cronin, Randy Miczek, Valerie Reside, Greg Tranchina, Kathy Zanella, Dan Elinskas

#### SJ & SP BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

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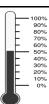


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**Appeal** 

2025-2026 Diocesan Appeal Goal \$31,719 Total raised as of 12/10 \$16,384

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# St. Joseph's & St. Paul's

Next Week's Ministry Schedule	St. Joseph's 12/27 4:00 pm	St. Joseph's 12/28 10:30 am	St. Paul's 12/28 12:30 pm	
Greeters	Peggy Cargiulo	The Zon Family	Kathy Zanella, Hazel Mahar	
Readers	Joanne McKeon	Greg Tranchina	Cody Sargen	
Communion Ministers	Mary Fornabia Regina York	Tina Zakrzewski, Sue Horne, Debi Ficaretta	~~~~	
Counters	~~~~	Z Salinas, C Sykora, C Sharpe	~~~~	

# 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 12/21	11:30 am	Children's Pageant at St. Joseph's		
Sull 12/21	6:00 pm	Christmas Caroling in Greenfield Center		
	4:00 pm	Mass at St. Joseph's		
Wed 12/24	4:00 pm	Mass at Holy Mother & Child		
	6:00 pm	Mass at St. Paul's		
Thu 12/25	8:30 am	Morning Mass at Holy Mother & Child		
1 iiu 12/23	10:30 am	Morning Mass at St. Joseph's		

#### 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.



#### ALL CHURCHES K-9th FAITH FORMATION

St. Joseph & St. Paul: Cindy Sharpe bsharpe@nycap.rr.com Holy Mother & Child: Maureen Tagliafierro ffhmcc@rcda.org.

Next Classes Faith Formation K-9 Sunday, January 11th Confirmation Prep January 18 at 11:30 at St. Joseph's



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.







#### **Emmanuel**

The name Emmanuel means, "God is with us." This is a title we use for Jesus frequently during the Advent and Christmas season, but its impact should stay with us throughout the year. The Incarnation, God becoming human in the person of Jesus Christ, broke into our world in a profound manner that means that God is not only with us, God is us. The relationship offered to you and I by God is now more intimate and meaningful because of the birth of Jesus Christ.

God is truly with us and our goal is to be truly present to him at all times. To be prayerful is an important characteristic of an Everyday Steward. It means more than reciting prayers and setting aside ten minutes a day. Our goal is to experience the presence of God throughout the day in the ordinary and extraordinary moments of living. Offering all the actions and moments of the day to God as we awake, and then examining our day before we go to sleep at night, help lead us closer toward that goal.

When we begin to sense God's presence at all times, and we realize that being with God does not mean one of us has to be talking all the time, then we can truly attest to our reality in a quiet voice at any time, "Emmanuel, God is with us."

#### **NEIGHBORS & BEYOND**

#### (Practicing) Catholic – Beneath the Surface

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

#### Mini reflection:

Advent is drawing quickly to a close, and Christmas is coming soon.

The change is upon us.

Do we rise to accept it, or do we fall on our faces in fear?

#### Tithing vs. Stewardship

#### **Question:**

What is the difference between tithing and stewardship?

#### Answer

Both tithing and stewardship are part of a spiritual way of life that calls us to use all of our resources for the service of the Gospel. Everything we are and everything we have comes from God. Offering back to God what He has given us is part of how we worship and give thanks to God.

Tithing is the practice of giving back 10 percent of what we earn. It comes from the Old English word for "ten." The first Scriptural example of tithing came from Abraham who gave a tenth of his possessions to the priest Melchizedek. He did so as an act of thanksgiving to God.

Stewardship as a way of life calls us to use well all that we have and all that we are, placing all things in service of others and God. Stewardship helps us see the good we can accomplish by making God and our spiritual life the most important values in our life. Whatever we accumulate in this life stays here. We can't take it with us! Both tithing and stewardship help us remember that nothing is mine or even ours ... all belongs to God.

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# "What do bear families sing during Christmas?"



## "Have yourself a **Beary** Little Christmas."



All of creation joins in praise for the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. May the joy of the season fill your home!

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#### 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.

#### Bottle Return for Alzheimer's

This will be the last weeks for bringing your bottles to church. Paula is retiring from the bottle business. She will accept checks for the Alzheimer's Association until the end of this year. Thank you so much to everyone who has donated over the years.



Everyday Stewardship -Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

#### St. Joseph the Steward

St. Joseph is one of the greatest examples of stewardship we have in the Gospels. Here is a man who understands care and reverence for the property of God, a man chosen to be steward over the very life and breath of God's Son and Spouse.

Joseph was mindful. He recognized what belonged to God. When he understood that Mary was to be the mother of God, he was not jealous or bitter. He did not presume to claim ownership over her.

Joseph was prayerful. He accepted the opportunity to be in relationship with God, even if it was in a radical and unexpected way. How many of us would trust a crazy dream we have where an angel tells us our fiancée is carrying the Son of God? Well, those of us who are already profoundly connected to God through prayer. Joseph was open to receiving God, and so he was open to the truth in a way many of us would not have been.

Joseph was gracious. Even before he had full understanding of the situation, he was unwilling to expose Mary to shame. He did not give himself over to feelings of betrayal.

Joseph was committed. He persevered. The Lord had no shortage of strange and even dangerous-sounding tasks for Joseph, but he submitted to each one.

Joseph was accountable. When he awoke from his dream, "he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him, and took his wife into his home."

Joseph was a man entrusted with many gifts, and he gave of them wisely. Let us pray that we have the grace to follow in his example.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

### Holy Mother & Child

Ministry Schedule	Sunday 12/21 8:30 am		Christmas Eve 4:00 pm		Christmas 8:30 am		
Ushers/Greeters	Chuck Rice and Gene Perry		~~~~		~~~~		
Readers	Tim Murphy Tim MacDougal				Tim Murphy Carol Pacco-Long		
Communion	Host: Den John	Wine: Mary Anne Woodard	Louise	Wine: Paula	Host: Mary Anne Woodard	Wine:	Anna Plante
Ministers	Wine: Fran Pickens	Choir: Paula Sautter	Host: Carney	Sauner	Wine: Cathy Lozier	Choir:	Chris Fugazzi

#### HM&C PRAYER & WORSHIP

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#### 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 PASTORAL CARE

Bereavement: Louise Carney lac6246@gmail.com

Mass Cards and Sanctuary Candles: Contact the Parish Office

Greeting Cards: Donna Balcom dfbalcom2000@yahoo.com

#### HM&C CHRISTIAN OUTREACH

Community of Churches & the Food Pantry: Louise Carney, Cathy Lozier & Sandy Freeman

#### HM&C RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

Respect Life & Care Portal: Chris Fugazzi cmfugazzi@aol.com

#### HM&C BETHANY GUILD

Facilitator: Kay Winchester winvalleyfield@aol.com The Bethany Guild serves God's people through prayer, charity and hospitality, both within our parish & the wider community.

#### HM&C FAITH FORMATION

Coordinator: Maureen Tagliafierro ffhmcc@rcda.org

#### HM&C PARISH LIFE

#### Christmas Fair

Thank you to everyone who made this year's Christmas fair a huge success. To all of the volunteers, bakers, donators and shoppers, we are eternally grateful. Proceeds from this fair benefit the St. Nicholas Fund which is used to help with unforeseen repairs and upgrades to our church.

The winners of the raffle were: Colleen Pike, Betty White, Joni McCleary, Russ & Mary MacDougall, Lara LaPoint, Gail Edmunds, Kim Kastra, Jeanie Hickey, Korine Dalaba, and Robin Champagne. We don't have a final total for profit from the fair, but it is over \$3000.

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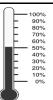
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Weekly Offerings			Attendance		
Regular collection 12/7	\$ 2006	12/3	25		
Fuel & Maintenance 12/7	\$ 747	12/7	107		



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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.



#### HM&C BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

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