

# Welcome to the Holy Roman Catholic Community of Holy Mother & Child



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**Our Sunday 8:30 am morning Mass**  
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## The Baptism of the Lord

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

<b>St. Joseph's Saturday 1/10 4:00 pm</b>	Joy Conners by John Conners & Family  Helen Richmond on her 100th birthday in heaven by Nancy & Mike McNally
<b>Holy Mother &amp; Child Sunday 1/11 8:30 am</b>	the Cancro & DiPasquale Families by Rosann
<b>St. Joseph's Sunday 1/11 10:30 am</b>	deceased members of the Labancz Family by Connie Sykora  the Varley, Hart, Pensak and Otrembiak families by the Jack Varley Family
<b>St. Paul's Sunday 1/11 12:30 pm</b>	Our Parish Family
<b>St. Joseph's Wednesday 1/14 9:00 am</b>	Our Parish Family
<b>Holy Mother &amp; Child Wednesday 1/14 Noon</b>	Our Parish Family

# St. Joseph's



PO Box 547, 3159 Route 9N  
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**Mass times:**  
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10:30 am Sunday  
9:00 am Wednesdays

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

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[youtube.com/@fr.simonudemgba7174/videos](https://youtube.com/@fr.simonudemgba7174/videos)

**January 11, 2026**

## Gospel Meditation - Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

*The Baptism of the Lord*  
Matthew 3:13-17

Apple ran a commercial not long ago called "Behind the Mac - Greatness." It shows artists and creators, such as Kendrick Lamar, Billie Eilish, and Lady Gaga, working behind their MacBooks. The narration says, "There's a certain kind of person who doesn't wait for greatness. They make it." It's a compelling message. There's beauty in using our gifts with passion and purpose. But there lies a hidden weight in that idea: If you are what you make, what happens when you can't anymore? When the project fails, the passion fades, or the spotlight moves on, where is greatness then?

Today's Gospel offers a differing vision of greatness. Jesus steps into the Jordan River. He hasn't preached, healed, or performed a single miracle. Then the heavens open, and the Father speaks: "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." It's not a reward for success. It's not earned. Before he does anything "great," Jesus receives the greatness of his identity from the Father.

And so do you. At your baptism, God said the same thing over you: "You are my beloved." That is your true identity, not constructed or earned but received. When we see ourselves and others this way, everything changes for the better. We discover a greatness that can never be taken away. This week, reflect on your baptism: look up the date, thank God for it, pray for those baptized with you, or visit the church where it happened. Let your identity be rooted there.

— Father John Muir ©LPI



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

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This Week's Ministry Schedule	St. Joseph's 1/10 4:00 pm	St. Joseph's 1/11 10:30 am	St. Paul's 1/11 12:30 pm
<b>Greeters</b>	The Kelly Family	Valerie Reside	Kathy Zanella, Hazel Mahar
<b>Readers</b>	John McPhillips	Monica Berrios-McKeon	Kateri Sargent
<b>Communion Ministers</b>	Scott York, Mary Fornabia	Tina Zakrzewski, Sharon Avery, Sue Horne	~~~~~
<b>Counters</b>	~~~~~	S Horne, M Schultz	~~~~~

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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.



*Christian Outreach will be collecting for Code Blue Saratoga through January*

Please understand that donations of items not on this list have a negative impact on our organization. We cannot accept: furniture, used clothing, children's items. If donated, clothing will be placed in the Blue Box, other items will have to be disposed of at the expense of the parish. Thank you for understanding.

*The following items can be left in the collection box near the church entrance*

#### Cleaning Supplies

Floor cleaner, All purpose spray cleaners, Paper towels, Toilet paper, Sandwich bags, Aluminum foil

#### Hygiene Products

Body wash, Shaving cream, Men's deodorant

#### Kitchen

Coffee, Sugar, Bottled water, Canned soup, Canned pasta meals  
Canned tuna, chicken, chili, Ramen noodles, Peanut butter and jelly, Individual snacks (granola bars, protein bars, fruit bars)  
Vegetable/olive oil, Seasonings, Mayonnaise, Ketchup, BBQ sauce, Gatorade, Juice boxes, dry milk

**Gift Cards:** Hannaford, Price Chopper, Walmart, Cudney's Amazon, Stewart's Shops, Fresh Market

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*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.*

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*K-9, & First Communion:* Cindy Sharpe 893-0202; Cindy.Sharpe@RCDA.org  
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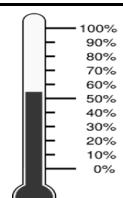


#### 2025-2026 Diocesan Appeal

**Goal \$31,719**

**Total raised as of 1/6 \$17,266**

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

Next Week's Ministry Schedule	St. Joseph's 1/17 4:00 pm	St. Joseph's 1/18 10:30 am	St. Paul's 1/18 12:30 pm
<b>Greeters</b>	Erin Moller	The Zon Family	Kathy Zanella, Hazel Mahar
<b>Readers</b>	Howard Kunz	Sarah Miczek	Cody Sargent
<b>Communion Ministers</b>	Regina York, Scott York	Debi Ficarella, Dave Zon Cindy Sharpe	~~~~~
<b>Counters</b>	~~~~~	Z Salinas, C & L Burch	~~~~~

### 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 1/11	9:15 am	Faith Formation classes at St. Joseph's
	9:30 am	Faith Formation classes at HM&C
	10:30 am	Liturgy of the Word with Children @SJ's
Mon 1/12	9:00 am	Morning Mass at St. Paul's
	6:00 pm	Buildings & Grounds meets at St. Joe's
	7:00 pm	Men's Group meets at St. Joseph's
Wed 1/14	9:00 am	Mass at St. Joseph's
	Noon	Mass at Holy Mother & Child
	12:30 pm	Prayer & Worship meets at HM&C
1/17-18	<i>Second Collection at all Churches for The Evangelist, our diocesan newspaper</i>	
Sun 1/18	11:30 am	Confirmation Prep session at St. Joseph's
Wed 1/21	12:30 pm	Pastoral Council meets at HM&C
	6:00 pm	Finance Committee meets at HM&C
	6:00 pm	Women's Group meets at St. Joseph's

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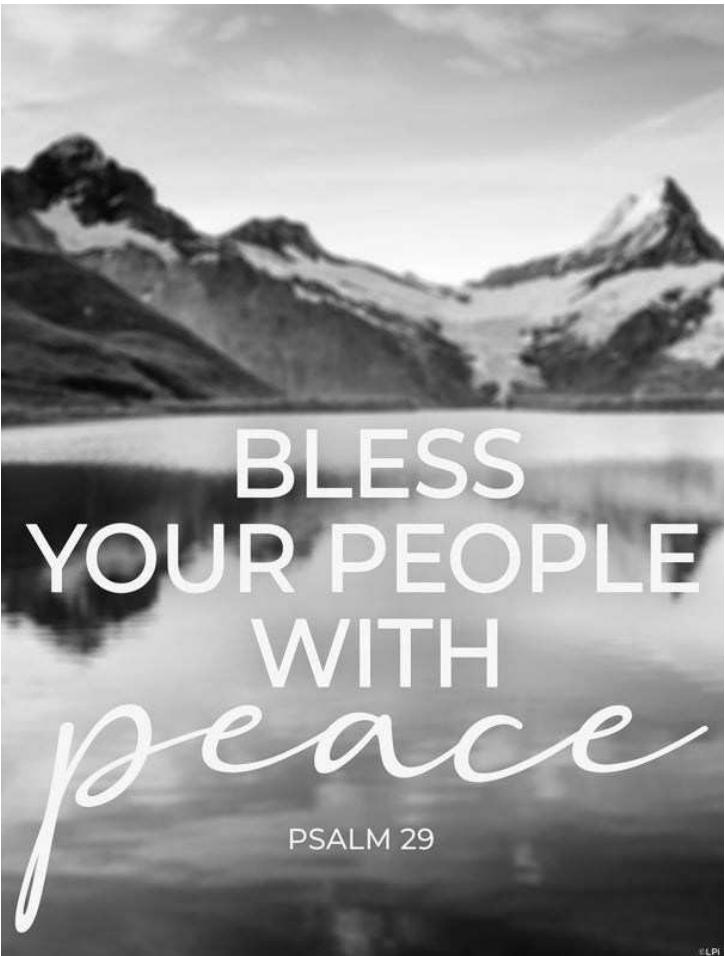
#### Next Classes

**Faith Formation K-9**  
*Sunday, January 11th*

**Confirmation Prep**  
*January 18 at 11:30  
at St. Joseph's*



**Holy Hour/Adoration**  
*Wednesday, January 14  
5-6pm  
at St. Paul's*



## **Everyday Stewardship - Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments**

### **Lessons from Baptizing a Frog**

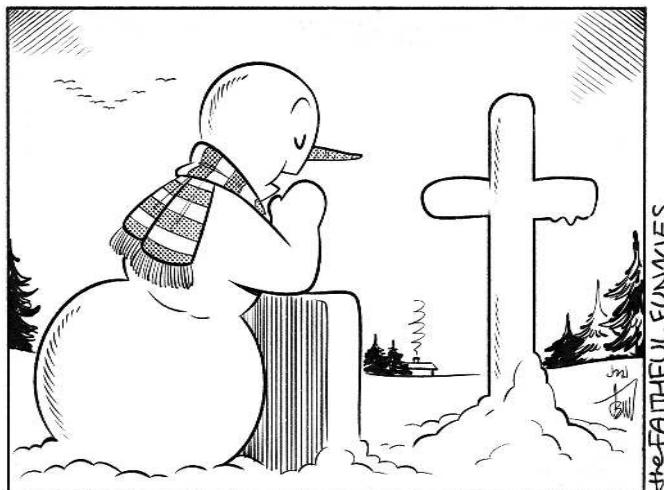
I used to lead an RCIA session on baptism, where I would bring in my Kermit the Frog toy from when I was a child and pretend to baptize it. It was a session I especially made sure I led when we had children preparing for Easter sacraments. You would think Kermit would have become super holy having been baptized so many times, year after year. But, if he had been real, he would not have been any holier due to multiple baptisms than he was after the first baptism. He couldn't be re-baptized. (Not to mention, of course, he is a FROG.)

When Jesus came to John for baptism, he transformed the baptism of repentance that John was practicing into a baptism of redemption. And although we are called to repentance over and over in our life, redemption comes to us only once. We cannot get baptized again in the Jordan or Sea of Galilee because of romantic notions, or come into the Catholic Church by a second baptism so we can start all over. Our baptism, whether we can remember it or not, is a one-time deal. But it is the real deal. Whether you feel it or not, you are sealed for Christ, and the stain of original sin has been washed away.

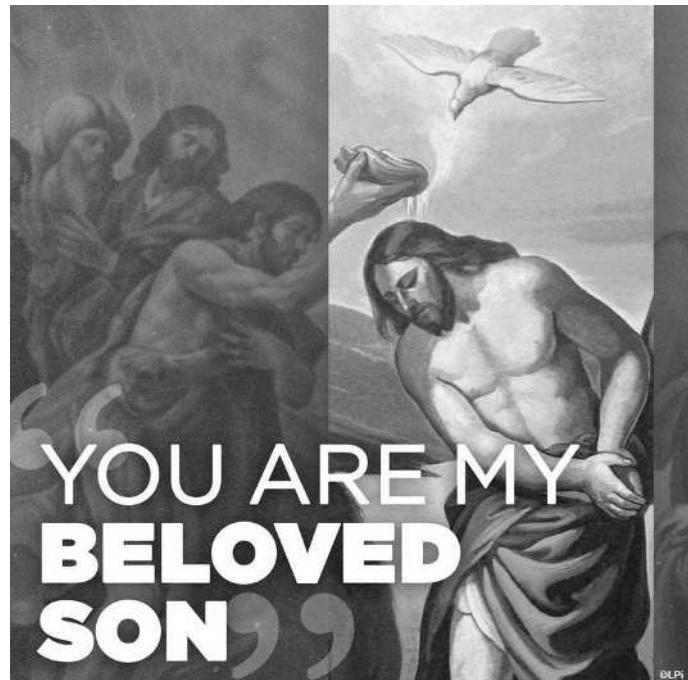
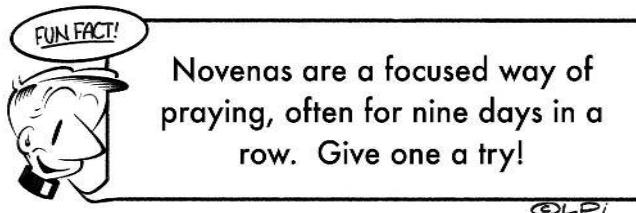
Too many of us take that moment for granted. Yes, you may have been baptized as an infant. But much time has passed since then, and you can work to understand the impact that it had on your life. We sometimes look for a good time to begin living a stewardship way of life. However, that time already passed, and God has been waiting. We are called to reflect on our baptism and respond to the call it has placed on our lives. We can respond and be disciples, or we can be like Kermit the Frog, always searching for a new start that never comes.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS  
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**"What's a snowman's favorite devotion?"**



**"A Snow-vena!"**



### **(Practicing) Catholic – Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments**

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

**Mini reflection:** When the voice of God declares, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased," he is referring, of course, to Jesus. But I think He would say the same of John the Baptist — and of all those who welcome Jesus into the waters, ready to do as he bids.

### **When Jesus Wades In**

Usually, when God comes to us, we aren't ready.

We think we are. Like John the Baptist, we stand in our waters of baptism, certain of our mission. We know how it's going to go. We know what's going to be asked of us. We're sure of it.

Christ wades into the waters. And he screws up all our plans.

To be clear, I don't think John the Baptist lacks faith when he balks at the idea of baptizing Jesus. I think it is, in fact, a testament to his humility. But whatever motivated John's actions, he is — if even for a brief moment — hesitating to do the will of God. Just a few chapters after this in the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus will acknowledge that John is the greatest person "born of women" — with the caveat that even he is not perfect enough for the Kingdom of Heaven.

Not yet.

Jesus didn't give John an explanation as the two stood in the River Jordan. He merely said, "Allow it for now." John could have resisted further, demanding to understand why. He could have grown suspicious at the simplicity of Jesus' answer, at the strangeness of this request. He could have clung desperately to his version of How Things Are Supposed To Be, and in doing so, fostered doubt in his heart. He could have even stormed off, confused and angry.

He did none of these things, because John is, as Jesus says, the greatest born of women.

When the Holy Spirit descends and the voice of God declares, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased," he is referring, of course, to Jesus. But I think He would say the same of John the Baptist — and of all those who welcome Jesus into the waters, ready to do as he bids.

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Ministry Schedule	Sunday 1/11 8:30 am		Wednesday 1/14 Noon	
Ushers/Greeters	Chuck Rice and Gene Perry		~~~~~	
Readers	Tim MacDougal	Chris Morreale	Mary Anne Woodard	
Communion Ministers	Host: Lina Mason	Wine: Mary Anne Woodard	Wine: Jean Celeste	
	Wine: Fran Pickens	Choir: Cathy Lozier		

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**Save the Date**

January 14      Prayer and Worship      12:30pm

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**Save the Date**

January 21      Pastoral Council      12:30pm

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**HM&C CEMETERY**

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**NEIGHBORS & BEYOND****January Corinth Churches Free Lunch**Free lunch will resume on Friday, January 16th at 11:30am-12:30pm  
Come and join us. All are welcome.**HM&C FINANCE**

Chairperson: Chris Morreale christique@roadrunner.com

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Christmas collection 12/24	\$ 1278
Christmas collection 12/25	\$ 1219
Regular collection 12/28	\$ 1419
Holy Day collection 1/1	\$ 581
Regular collection 1/4	\$ 2491
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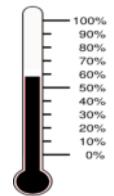
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Goal \$14,055

Total raised as of 12/9 \$8271.38

**Diocesan Appeal**

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**Save the Date**

January 21      Finance Committee      6pm

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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 PARISH LIFE****Thank You Volunteers**

We have so much to be thankful for in our parish. First of all, the beautiful altar decorations to celebrate the birth of Christ. Every year, they are more spectacular. The environmental committee has outdone themselves, not just the initial setup, but maintaining the grandeur throughout the season.

The generosity of the parish with Birthright, care portal, the giving tree, the Thanksgiving dinners in Corinth and Lake Luzerne/Hadley, donations to the crisis fund, and impromptu collections to help a family in need. We are so fortunate to have volunteers who bake, cook lunch, sell raffle tickets, set up treasures and handle sales for our fairs, keep our outside grounds beautiful with weeding and flowers, keep our sign up to date with coming events, do in house maintenance, housekeeping chores in between visits, live streaming the Mass, the melodious choir and musicians, Faith Formation teachers, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, altar servers, ushers and greeters, If we have forgotten anything, please forgive us. Please know that we are grateful for all of you. Happy New Year from the Prayer and Worship Committee.



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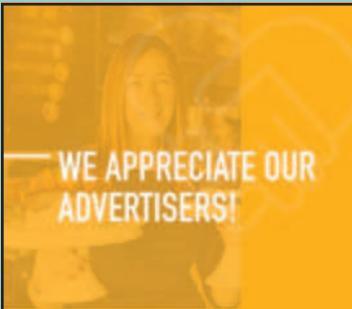
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