

# 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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**Office Hours are:**  
8am -Noon Monday, Wednesday - Friday

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**Our Sunday morning Mass  
can be viewed on Facebook or at  
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@holymotherandchildcorinth8851](https://www.youtube.com/@holymotherandchildcorinth8851)**



PO Box 547, 3159 Route 9N  
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**Mass times:**  
4:00 pm Saturday  
10:30 am Sunday  
9:00 am Wednesdays

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

**Our Saturday Vigil Mass  
is recorded and shared by  
Flocknote email on Sunday mornings.  
Please visit our webpage to sign up**



771 Route 29  
Rock City Falls, NY 12863

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

**Parish Administrator: Rev. Simon Udemgba, Ph.D.    [Simon.Udemgba@rcda.org](mailto:Simon.Udemgba@rcda.org)**

## First Sunday of Advent

*December 1, 2024*

| <i>At Our Eucharistic Celebrations<br/>this week</i> |   |
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| <i>St. Joseph's<br/>Saturday 11/30</i>               | We remember<br>Our Parish Family  |
| <i>Holy Mother<br/>and Child<br/>Sunday 12/1</i>     | Pat Sheehan<br>has asked us to remember<br>Don Long<br><br>Donna Balcom & family<br>has asked us to remember<br>Anita Ranado<br><br>Joan Scott<br>has asked us to remember<br>Jan Burmaster |
| <i>St. Joseph's<br/>Sunday 12/1</i>                  | Cathy & Larry Burch<br>have asked us to remember<br>Joseph Alexander<br><br>The Philippin Family<br>has asked us to remember<br>deceased members of the<br>Philippin & Dickerson Families   |
| <i>St. Paul's<br/>Sunday 12/1</i>                    | We remember<br>Our Parish Family  |
| <i>St. Joseph's<br/>Wednesday 12/4</i>               | Our Parish Family<br>remembers Joanne Carlow  |
| <i>Holy Mother<br/>and Child<br/>Wednesday 12/4</i>  | William J. Doody's daughter,<br>Shawna, has asked us to remember<br>him on his 19th anniversary   |

### *Practicing Catholic - Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments*

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

### *Remembering Advent*

It always makes me laugh a little, these apocalyptic Gospel readings that come at the beginning of Advent.

What a funny juxtaposition — all of us stringing twinkle lights and wrapping presents, with Jesus thundering on about the end of the world. It's Christmas! Don't be a downer. Pour me some more eggnog & turn up the Nat King Cole. Well, except it's not Christmas. It's Advent.

There's nothing wrong with the cultural accessories that have developed alongside this religious holiday. There's nothing wrong with the twinkle lights and the eggnog. But here's the thing: when Satan knows we're watching the front gate, he slips in the back door. And something I've found is that one back door he likes to use in my life is Cultural Christmas.

I love Cultural Christmas. I tend to overdo Cultural Christmas. I overschedule, I overdecorate, I overgift. All this "over" leads to — you guessed it! — overwhelm. "The anxieties of daily life," as Jesus describes in today's Gospel, make my heart drowsy. My spiritual Christmas joy, time and time again, is diminished — all because I embrace Cultural Christmas and ignore Advent. Satan sneaks in with the twinkle lights and the Christmas carols and he snatches The Present like the nasty little Grinch he is. He photobombs my experience of the religious holidays with the anxieties I so willingly embrace because of the production that is Cultural Christmas.

So, remember to rest this Advent, folks. Rest your heart. Rest your hands. Watch the back door and the front. Remember that this is the perfect time to be thinking about the state of your soul and not just the state of your house.

(Even though, yes, I know, the guests are coming any minute.)      ©LPi



| <i>Ministry Schedule</i>   | <i>St. Joseph's 11/30<br/>Saturday at 4:00 pm</i> | <i>St. Joseph's 12/1<br/>Sunday at 10:30 am</i> | <i>St. Paul's 12/1<br/>Sunday at 12:30 pm</i> |
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| <b>Greeters</b>            | The Kelly Family                                  | Randy Miczek                                    | Kathy Zanella, Hazel Mahar                    |
| <b>Readers</b>             | Howard Kunz                                       | Sarah Miczek                                    | Jim Loviza                                    |
| <b>Communion Ministers</b> | Joyce Rice, Laurent Philippin                     | Sue Horne, Sharon Avery<br>Tina Zakrzewski      | ~~~~~   |
| <b>Counters</b>            | ~~~~~   | S Horne, P Cargiulo                             | ~~~~~   |

**SJ & SP PARISH LIFE**



**Thank You!**

We THANK all those who helped to plan, coordinate, and organize our parish Thanksgiving dinner last weekend, especially those who cooked, brought something, and showed up for the dinner.

**SJ & SP FINANCE**  
Chairperson: Dawn Rodecker: DRodecke@nycap.rr.com

**Christmas Flowers**

Christmas Flower envelopes are included in the December envelope mailing. Please be sure to clearly fill out the information on the envelope and drop in any collection basket before Christmas. If you don't have pre-printed envelopes, 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.



**2024-2025 Diocesan Appeal**  
Goal \$31,391  
Raised as of 11/20 \$14,920

Your gifts to the Diocesan Appeal will help fund dozens of ministries, programs and offices of the diocese.

**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  
Call the Parish Office for more information  
Meal Train requests - contact the parish office

**St. Joseph's & St. Paul's Holiday Giving**

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.

Walmart, Target,  
Price Chopper, Hannaford

| CELEBRATE ADVENT<br>IDEA 1:  | CELEBRATE ADVENT<br>IDEA 2:  | CELEBRATE ADVENT<br>IDEA 3:   |
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| <p>If you need to wait in a line, don't immediately pull out your phone. Experience the feeling of waiting and offer up a prayer for someone you know in need!</p> | <p>Set up a nativity scene in your home but don't set it up all at once. Put a different piece out every day or every week until the whole thing is finished by Christmas!</p> | <p>Bake cookies to secretly drop off to your neighbors. Include a Christmas card with an Advent prayer or an invitation to Christmas Mass at your parish!</p> |

**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.


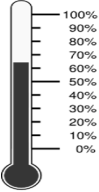
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**Christmas Mass Schedule**

| <b>December 24th<br/>Christmas Eve</b> | <b>4:00 pm at St. Joseph's</b>            |
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|  | <b>4:00 pm at Holy Mother &amp; Child</b> |
| <b>December 25th<br/>Christmas Day</b> | <b>6:00 pm at St. Paul's</b>              |
|  | <b>8:30 am at Holy Mother &amp; Child</b> |
|  | <b>10:30 am at St. Joseph's</b>           |


| Ministry Schedule   | Sunday, 12/1 8:30 am                                 | Thursday 12/4 Noon  |
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| Ushers/Greeters     | Chuck Rice and Gene Perry                            | ~~~~~               |
| Readers             | Carol Pacco-Long      Alex Ghent                     | Amandine Damatha    |
| Communion Ministers | Host: Pat Sheehan      Wine: Paula Sautter           | Wine: Jeanie Celest |
|                     | Wine: Louise Carney      Choir: Maureen Tagliafierro |                     |

| PARISH PARTNERS' CALENDAR |                               |   |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------|---|
| Sundays                   | 6:00 pm                       | Rosary Group meets at St. Paul's        |
| Tuesdays                  | 9 - 11:30                     | ECHO Food Pantry at St. Paul's          |
| Wednesdays                | 1:30-3:30                     | Food Pantry at Greenfield Community Ctr |
| Sun 12/1                  | <b>First Sunday of Advent</b> |   |
|                           | Christmas Wreath Sale at HM&C |   |
| Wed 12/4                  | 9:00 am                       | Morning Mass at St. Joseph's            |
|                           | Noon                          | Mass at Holy Mother & Child             |
|                           | 6:00 pm                       | Women's Group meets at St. Joseph's     |
| Sat 12/7                  | 9am - 2 pm                    | Christmas Fair at HM&C                  |
| Sun 12/8                  | 9:15 am                       | Faith Formation classes at St. Joseph's |
|                           | 9:30 am                       | Faith Formation classes at HM&C         |
| Mon 12/9                  | 9:00 am                       | Morning Mass at St. Paul's              |
|                           | 6:00 pm                       | Buildings & Grounds meets at St. Joe's  |
| Wed 12/11                 | 9:00 am                       | Morning Mass at St. Joseph's            |
|                           | Noon                          | Mass at Holy Mother & Child             |
| Thu 12/12                 | 6:30 pm                       | Bereavement Group meets at St. Joseph's |

| HM&C FINANCE   |  |
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| Interim Chairperson: Chris Morreale  |  |
| Weekly Offerings   | Attendance   |
| Due to the holiday, we had an early bulletin deadline so, the collections & attendance counts were unavailable.  |  |
| <b>Fuel &amp; Maintenance Collection</b> - The first Sunday of the month there is a second collection for fuel and maintenance of our parish buildings. Thank you for your generosity! |  |
| <b>Christmas Flowers</b><br>The envelopes for Christmas flower donations will be in the pews as of December 1st. Please include who the donation is in memory of on your envelope.     |  |
| <br><b>2024-2025 Diocesan Appeal</b><br>Goal \$12,992<br>Raised as of 11/4 \$8,199                    |  |
| Your gifts to the Diocesan Appeal will help fund dozens of ministries, programs and offices of the diocese.  |  |

**ALL FAITH FORMATION**

St. Joseph & St. Paul: Joe Varone jvarone@earthlink.net  
 Holy Mother & Child: Maureen Tagliafierro fhmcc@rcda.org.

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|  | The next class will be December 8th.<br>Reminder:<br>Christmas Pageant Rehearsal 12/15<br>Contact the above for more info. |
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**NEIGHBORS & BEYOND**

**The Catholic Daughters of the Americas (CDA),**  
 The Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court McLaughlin #422 will hold its monthly meeting on **Tuesday December 3**, at the Knights of Columbus, 50 Pine Road Saratoga Springs NY. Members gather for recitation of the Rosary at 5:45 pm with refreshments and fellowship to follow. Business meeting will start promptly at 6:30 PM.  
 Please bring an unwrapped toy for Toys for Toga program. The Thank You Project held in November, was very successful with over 300 signed cards (to be distributed to active military) collected at our area churches.  
 Our sincere thanks to all who participated.  
 If you have any questions or concerns please contact our Regent Dawn Weber at cda422saratoga@gmail.com.

**The Ladies of Charity**  
**Annual Poinsettia Sale**  
**December 14th & 15th**  
**after all Masses at St. Joseph's.**  
 Thank you for supporting the Ladies of Charity in their mission to help the less fortunate in our community.



**HM&C PARISH LIFE**

**Christmas Wreath Sale**  
 We will be having the Christmas wreath sale again this year on Sunday, **December 1<sup>st</sup>** before & after 8:30 Mass. The sale is \$20.  
 The sale proceeds will be used to help finance our Christmas altar decorations.



**Christmas Fair**  
 Our Christmas Fair will be held **December 7**, from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. Today is the last day to donate gift cards. Please give them to Dona Balcom, Louise Carney or bring them to the office. If you would like to provide Food for our Sale, please contact Lorie VanAuken 518-804-3121 or Marie Sadler 518-654-7811. If you would like to provide Cookies for the Cookie Sale, please contact Rosann Carpenter or Diane Burnham. If you would like to give new or like new items for our sale, please bring to the parish center during office hours or after mass.  
 NOTE: We will not be accepting books or used clothing.  
 Thank you

**Gracious Acknowledgements**  
 We received a very gracious note from Anita Beaudette Ranado's daughter expressing Anita's love of our parish.  
 "I could never express to everyone at Holy Mother and Child Parish how much my Mom loved you all. You were her church, her community and her family. Your church gave her comfort, friendship, and surrounded her with love and peace. I cannot thank you enough for how needed you made her feel and all of the unconditional love you showered her with."  
 Anita was a lifelong parishioner who passed away on November 1st.