

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



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Corinth, NY 12822

**Mass times:**  
8:30 am Sunday  
Noon Wednesdays

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

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**HolyMotherandChildParish**

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



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Greenfield Center, NY 12833

**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**

## Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 22, 2024

<i>At Our Eucharistic Celebrations this week</i>	
<i>St. Joseph's Saturday 12/21</i>	The Fornabia Family has asked us to remember Lucy Philbin
<i>Holy Mother and Child Sunday 12/22</i>	The children of Jeanne & Corky Shattuck have asked us to remember them. The Pratt Family has asked us to remember Bev & Fran Nichols Melinda & Nancy Marcotte have asked us to remember Georgina & Ascearle Marcotte
<i>St. Joseph's Sunday 12/22</i>	We remember Our Parish Family
<i>St. Paul's Sunday 12/22</i>	We remember Our Parish Family
<i>St. Joseph's &amp; Holy Mother &amp; Child 4:00 pm Tue 12/24</i>	We remember Our Parish Family
<i>St. Paul's 6:00 pm Tue 12/24</i>	We remember Our Parish Family
<i>Holy Mother and Child 8:30 am Wed 12/25</i>	We remember Our Parish Family
<i>St. Joseph's 10:30 am Wed 12/25</i>	We remember Our Parish Family

*Whether you are staying near your hearth and home or traveling afar, on behalf of the staff and leadership of St. Joseph's & St. Paul's, and Holy Mother & Child, our prayer for each and every one of you is that the spirit of Christmas will remain in your hearts every day of the coming year.  
God Bless and Merry Christmas!!*

### Christmas Gifts

**Question:** Why do we give gifts at Christmas?

**Answer:** Great events in and of themselves are not tangible. They occur in life but leave no mark behind, nothing that someone could come across and know that something significant occurred. So we mark the event with monuments, holidays, gold watches or plaques, making a meaningful event tangible and memorable.

Gifts at Christmas do the same thing. They mark the occasion of the birth of Jesus, communicating a bit of the joy of the day by allowing us to be both giver and receiver. Gift-giving sets aside the day as special and different. The special foods, customs, decorations, and gifts all help focus our attention on the importance and meaning of the day and at the same time allow us to share personally in its joy and happiness.

In giving gifts, though, we can share in the meaning of Christmas in a significant way. We imitate God in sharing with others. We give a bit of ourselves to others in the gifts we give, just as God gives us the gift of his Son. No wonder we often say that the best gifts are those that come from the heart. Given in love, these presents are wrapped in the best covering of all.



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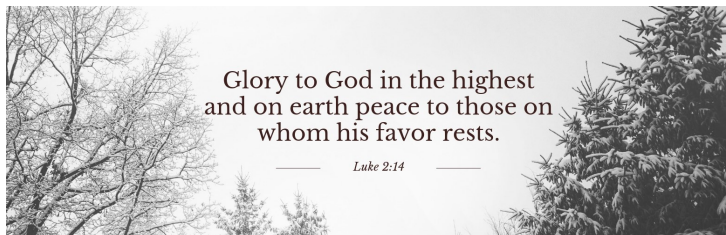
<i>Ministry Schedule</i>	<i>St. Joseph's 12/21 Saturday at 4:00 pm</i>	<i>St. Joseph's 12/22 Sunday at 10:30 am</i>	<i>St. Paul's 12/22 Sunday at 12:30 pm</i>
<b>Greeters</b>	The Kelly Family	Randy Miczek	Kathy Zanella, Hazel Mahar
<b>Readers</b>	Joyce Rice	Dorothy VanDenberg	Jim Loviza
<b>Communion Ministers</b>	Frank Hansen, Joyce Rice	Sue Horne, Laurent Philippin Monica Berrios-McKeon	~~~~~
<b>Counters</b>	~~~~~	Z Salinas, C & L Burch	~~~~~

**SJ & SP FAITH FORMATION**

*Administrator: registrations, fees & sacramental records*  
Margie Carroll 698-9000; MACarroll@nycap.rr.com

*Coordinator for Faith Formation:*  
K-9, Confirmation, Adult Faith Formation, RCIA,  
Joe Varone 583-1348; jvarone@earthlink.net

*Coordinator for First Communion*  
Cindy Sharpe 893-0202; bsharpe@nycap.rr.com



**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 22nd. 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. All children are encouraged to be in the pageant. Please contact Lida or Joe Varone if interested.



**Everyday Stewardship -**

When Elizabeth was visited by Mary, her joy was overwhelming. Elizabeth recognized that Mary was carrying inside her the Messiah. She was honored to receive Mary, not just because of who Mary was herself, but also because of the One she had inside her.

We meet people every day in our lives. Some we know well, some are acquaintances, and others we may have never seen before. Yet all of them are made in the image of God and carry within them the person of Jesus. If we considered this more frequently, would we act more graciously toward each other? Mary gave birth to the Son of God so that we might be able to be adopted sons and daughters of God. If we thought of this more often, would we be so quick to dismiss someone or ignore him or her?

This time of year is filled with gatherings and parties for many of us. We also find ourselves rushing about getting ready for Christmas. There are so many people that cross our paths. Will we allow the Jesus in us to greet with joy the Jesus in them? Will we pause to offer a greeting or kind word? Instead of looking at them with human eyes, will we try to see them through the eyes of faith like Elizabeth. If not, what is all of this celebration and preparation about anyway?


—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

**Order of Christian Initiation for Adults and Adult Confirmation:**

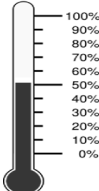
There will be an information session in January for any adult interested in becoming Catholic or receiving the sacrament of Confirmation. Please contact Joe Varone if you are interested or have any questions.

**SJ & SP FINANCE**

*Chairperson: Dawn Rodecker: DRodecke@nycap.rr.com*



**2024-2025 Diocesan Appeal**  
Goal \$31,391  
Raised as of 12/11 \$16,181



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*

**Giving Tree & Food Baskets**  
Thank you to all who helped in so many ways!!  
Rest assured, several families will have a brighter Christmas thanks to your generosity!

**Prayer for Advent Joy**

Dear Jesus,  
The news of your coming was met with boundless joy — fill us anew with the wonder of your presence.  
You are Emmanuel, God with us.  
Amen.

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**DO NOT click on links or reply to these messages.**

If you have any questions about a message you receive, contact the parish office using the contact info on page 1.

Ministry Schedule	4th Sunday of Advent Sunday, 12/22 8:30 am		Christmas Eve Mass Tuesday, 12/24 4:00 pm	Christmas Morning Mass Wednesday, 12/25 8:30 am
Ushers/Greeters	Chuck Rice and Gene Perry			
Readers	Tim Murphy, Joan Scott		Chris Morreale	Carol Pacco-Long
Communion Ministers	<b>Host:</b> Fran Pickens	<b>Choir:</b> Cathy Lozier	<b>Host:</b> Louise Carney	<b>Host:</b> Fran Pickens
	<b>Wine:</b> Anna Plante, Jean Celeste		<b>Wine:</b> Marie Sadler, Paula Sautter	<b>Wine:</b> Mary Anne Woodard, Cathy Lozier

**HM&C FINANCE**  
Interim Chairperson: Chris Morreale

Weekly Offerings	Attendance
12/8/24 Regular: \$ 1236	12/4 19
Fuel & Maintenance \$ 160	12/8 98

**2024-2025 Diocesan Appeal**  
Goal \$12,992  
Raised as of 12/4 \$9,304

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**Christmas Flowers**  
The envelopes for Christmas flower donations are in the pews. Please remember to include who the donation is in memory of.

**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 12/22	11:30 am	Children's Christmas Pageant at St. Joseph's

**See below for the Christmas Mass Schedule**

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God		
Wed 1/1	9:00 am	Morning Mass at St. Joseph's
	Noon	Mass at Holy Mother & Child

**Christmas Mass Schedule**



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

**HM&C PARISH LIFE**

**Thank you...**

Thank you to all who assisted with the Christmas Fair. Whether you baked, purchased raffle tickets, donated, volunteered or attended our fair, we appreciate you. The money we raised goes in the St. Nicholas Fund, which is used to assist with major renovation or repair projects for our church. The net profit from the fair was \$4086. The winners of the basket raffle were Mary Turcich, Eileen Bennett, Sandy DiCaprio, Grace Edmonds, Betty White, Sandy Freeman, Pam Thomas, Betty McCutcheon, and Cathy Lozier.



**Giving Tree Thank You!**

Holy Mother and Child Parish would like to thank everyone who participated in this year's Giving Tree. Your generosity is very much appreciated by the families we serve, and you have helped make this season a joyful one for so many. May you be blessed abundantly both now and throughout the New Year.



**New Carpet**

As Father has announced, we will be installing new carpet in the aisles of the church. The cost of the new carpet installed will be \$9900. The St. Nicholas Fund will be donating \$8000 toward the cost of the carpet. Thanks to everyone who continues to support our Christmas fair and Garage Sale each year of which the funds benefit the St. Nicholas Fund.



**ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ALBANY**

**Taconic Catholic Young Adult Group and the Diocese of Albany invite you to a Young Adult Semi-Formal Epiphany Ball**

What: Semi-formal dinner and dance  
When: Saturday, January 11, 2025  
Time: 6 PM to 10 PM: Appetizers, drinks, dinner, and dancing  
Where: St. Mary's Church – Crescent; 86 Church Hill Road, Waterford  
Ticket Cost: \$20 per person "Early Bird"; \$25 after January 1; \$30 per person at the door  
Register: <https://www.bohmdesigns.com/ball/>  
Questions: [ardensFidelis@proton.me](mailto:ardensFidelis@proton.me) or [Thomas.Cronin@rcda.org](mailto:Thomas.Cronin@rcda.org)