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



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Parishes.rcda.org/ HolyMotherandChildParish

Office Hours are:

8am - Noon Monday, Wednesday - Friday

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Our Sunday 8:30 am morning Mass can be viewed on Facebook or at https://www.youtube.com/ @holymotherandchildcorinth8851



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Mass times:

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



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Mass times:

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

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Office hours are intermittent.

Margie Carroll, Pastoral Associate for Parish Administration 518-698-9000 or MACarroll@nycap.rr.com

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Our Saturday 4 pm Vigil Mass is recorded and shared by Flocknote email on Sunday mornings. Please visit our webpage to sign up

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

## Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

At our Eucharistic Celebrations

August 17, 2025

this week		
St. Joseph's 4:00 pm Saturday 8/16	We remember Our Parish Family	
Holy Mother & Child	Pat Sheehan has asked us to remember her husband, Ron in Celebration of their 64 <sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary	
8:30 am Sunday 8/17	The Family of Joseph Grono has asked us to remember him	
	the Rethony Guild	

#### the Bethany Guild has asked us to remember William Byrt St. Joseph's We remember 10:30 am Our Parish Family **Sunday 8/17** St. Paul's We remember 12:30 pm Our Parish Family **Sunday** 8/17 St. Josephs Our Parish Family 9:00 am remembers Wednesday 8/20 Joanne Carlow Shawna Gately Holy Mother & Child has asked us to remember Noon her husband, Dan Wednesday 8/20 on the 3rd anniversary of his passing

## Welcome to Your New Expanded 6 Page Bulletin! Did You Know?

Our Parishes of Holy Mother and Child, and St. Joseph's - St. Paul's, combined our bulletins into one, effective May 12, 2024!

There was a great benefit provided to our parishes and parishioners, accomplished by the sharing of news, events to participate in, and opportunities to volunteer and give of our time and talents, within our Greater Catholic Community!

We recognized soon after, that there were times when the format did not always provide sufficient room for us to share all the good things happening in our parishes. Therefore, in the summer of 2024, our Pastoral Councils, under the guidance of Fr. Simon, started to pursue the possibility of expanding from the four page format, to a six page format, seen at other Catholic churches. In order to accomplish this, we began working with our bulletin publication service, LPi Integrated Parish Communications, and their local Sales person assigned to our parish, Victoria Russo.

Did you know, that we the parishes pay nothing for the weekly, year round, publishing of our bulletin in print, or for the online presentation available on the, PARISHESonline website. This is because the businesses that advertise in the bulletin, cover the entire cost of our bulletin with their ads! LPi informed us that we certainly could increase the size of our bulletin, with an increase in the number of advertisers. And so we began the process of working with our LPi contact, Victoria Russo, to acquire more advertisers. Now LPi had approved our expansion!

WE DID IT! Many Thanks to all who brought this to fruition, and especially to, ALL THE BUSINESSES THAT HAVE PURCHASED BULLETIN ADS! Please take the time to read their ads, support their businesses, AND TELL THEM THANK YOU!

Ministry Schedule	St. Joseph's 8/16 4:00 pm	St. Joseph's 8/17 10:30 am	St. Paul's 8/17 12:30 pm	
Greeters	Peggy Cargiulo	Randy Miczek	Kathy Zanella, Hazel Mahar	
Readers	Joanne McKeon	Sarah Miczek	Kateri Sargen	
Communion Ministers	Frank Hansen, Pauline Simon	Tina Zakrzewski, Sharon Avery, Debi Ficaretta	~~~~~	
Counters	~~~~	S Guyon, C Sykora, C Sharpe	~~~~~	

#### SJ & SP PRAYER & WORSHIP

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

#### SJ & SP PASTORAL CARE

Grief & Bereavement Group: Cathy Burch 518-306-6884

Mass cards: Margie Carroll 518-698-9000,

MACarroll@nycap.rr.com

Greeting Cards: Dorothy VanDenburg 518-893-0354,

DorothyVandy106@gmail.com

#### Bereavement Group

Anyone who is dealing with the loss of a loved one is welcomed to our Grief and Bereavement Support Group. We meet the 2nd Thursdays at 6:30 pm and 4th Tuesdays at 1:30 pm
Our next meeting will be

\*August 26 (a) 1:30 pm (a) St. Joseph's



#### 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 - contact the parish office
Call the Parish Office for more info on any of the above.

#### Christian Outreach

We will be collecting school supplies for low-income families in July and August. The cost of supplies can be a heavy burden for these families, especially if they have more than one child.



We will be sorting the supplies after the 10:30 Mass on Sunday, August 31st, so donations need to be at St. Joe's by then.

#### Meal Train Requests

Meal Train is an organized way for our parish to deliver home-cooked meals to someone who's going through a challenging time. It's a caring way to ensure the recipient doesn't have to think about grocery shopping or preparing meals while going through a major life event.

Please contact the parish office for more information.

#### 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.

#### SJ & SP FAITH FORMATION

Administrator: registrations, fees & sacramental records
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Cindy Sharpe 893-0202; bsharpe@nycap.rr.com
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Joe Varone 583-1348; jvarone@earthlink.net

#### SJ & SP CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Chairperson: Joyce Rice 518-339-7469, PRice5@nycap.rr.com

#### SJ & SP PASTORAL COUNCIL

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#### SJ & SP STEWARDSHIP

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#### SJ & SP FINANCE

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Oop! Envelope Users Please Note:

The envelope for the 8/23-24 Catholic Home Missions collection was mistakenly added to the September packet. You should have received your packet last week.

#### S.J & SP BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

Chairperson: Mark Vanasdale, vanasdalemark@gmail.com

#### <u>PARISH LIFE</u>

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

#### SOCIAL, COMMUNITY & HOSPITALITY

Hospitality: Rebecca Cronin 893-0306, RebecaL@nycap.rr.com

#### **Prayer for Brayery**

Dear God,
In the moments when my faith is met with others' disdain or ridicule, give me the grace to be grounded in You. Remind me that Your mission matters, and that You alone bring comfort, healing, and salvation.
Amen.

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

Parish Partners' Calendar				
Sundays	St. Paul's	Paul's Rosary Group will resume in September		
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		
Sat 8/16	5:30 pm	Nigerian Dinner at Holy Mother & Child		
	9:00 am	Morning Mass at St. Joseph's		
Wed 8/20	Noon	Mass at Holy Mother & Child		
	5-6 pm	Adoration Holy Hour at St. Paul's		
8/23-24	Second Collection at all Churches Catholic Home Missions			
Tue 8/26	1:30 pm	Bereavement Group meets at St. Joseph's		
W-10/27	9:00 am	Morning Mass at St. Joseph's		
Wed 8/27	Noon	Mass at Holy Mother & Child		

#### Practicing Catholic - Beneath the Surface

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

#### The Fire

This past week I have been reading a biography of St. Francis of Assisi. I admit I didn't know much about Francis going into the book, but I always had this image of him as a hippie — an easygoing nature-lover who sang about peace and let animals climb on him.

I'm not sure where that caricature of Francis came from, but since I've been reading this book I've come to see that it's not true at all. He was a lover of nature, yes. A poet who sang of God's peace, yes. And I'm sure he let a few animals climb on him from time to time (he did live in a hut in the woods).

But St. Francis of Assisi wasn't the lost fourth member of Peter, Paul and Mary. He was a man on fire. He was a man burning.

Francis walked around barefoot and slept on the ground. He abandoned a life of wealth to embrace the material poverty that Christ experienced. He embarrassed his family and they disowned him. When his father would encounter Francis in the streets of Assisi, he would curse him.

Sometimes we get this idea that Christianity is a comfortable, cozy thing. We give our lives to Christ, and we expect to feel instantly satisfied, happy, safe and warm. But the saints knew better.

The saints knew that Christ had not come to wrap us in a warm blanket. Christ has come to set us on fire. And though fire is often seen as a sign of death and destruction, it is also the precursor of new life.

Think of a field of native plants and how it benefits so richly from a controlled burn — an action that clears away detritus and releases nutrients back into the soil.

If we let Christ set fire to our lives, what would that fire burn away? What dead and festering undergrowth in our souls would be consumed by the flames? What promise of future holiness would sprout from beneath the ashes?

#### All Churches Second Collections

#### The next second collection will be Aug 23-24 for Catholic Home Missions

Our second collection next week will be for the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Right now, over 40% of dioceses in the United States are considered mission territory because they are unable to fund essential pastoral work in their communities.

Your support of this appeal eases the struggle and assists in forming vibrant faith communities.

Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal.

#### Our Next Monthly Adoration & Holy Hour



Wednesday, August 20 5:00 - 6:00 pm St. Paul's, Rock City Falls

#### All Churches K-9th Faith Formation

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

Registrations will begin in September. Classes begin Sunday, October 5th

#### Parish Registration

## Why is it so important that we register in a parish? Isn't it good enough that we go to Mass?

Registration is the official way we join a parish community. Many people think that because they attend a particular parish they automatically belong. At times, young adults who have moved away for years think they are still signed up under their parents. But membership requires signing up, formally enrolling yourself in a parish. Registration is a commitment to a community, a way to be included in the religious, social, and ministerial activities of your parish. Your registration affects the parish in many ways. Census numbers can determine how many priests are assigned to a church, what benefits and obligations the community has to the diocese, and how Masses, Confessions, and devotions are planned and scheduled.

Registration shows you belong. It is also necessary for certain benefits, like scheduling sacraments, obtaining sponsor certificates, and getting donation statements for taxes. Most importantly, it lets the parish count on you, to call on you to assist in its mission. Registering in your parish is a statement of faith and confidence in the life and work of your parish.

Please contact the parish office to register.

(For St. Joseph's - St. Paul's, you can also register through the link on our parish website.)

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#### Stay Informed!

Bulletins are available at the church entrance, on our Parish website, and are emailed every Sunday to all who have signed up for Parish emails.

Our weekly Parish emails send out the new bulletin and a link to the weekly recorded or streaming masses.

In addition, special emails are sent when there is important Parish news.

Stay informed by signing up for our Parish emails on our website homepage, or by contacting the office.

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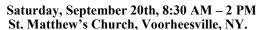
#### The Annual Diocesan Marriage Jubilee Celebration

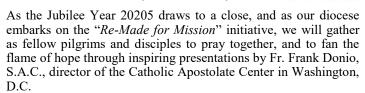
Sunday, September 14th, 2025, at 3:00 PM, at Christ Our Light Catholic Church, 1 Maria Drive, in Loudonville.

Couples celebrating their 1st, 25th, 50th, or any special wedding anniversary are invited to attend this celebration, which honors the enduring bond of love, and strengthens the sense of community among couples within the Albany Diocese! Bishop Scharfenberger will celebrate the Liturgy at 3 p.m. and greet couples and their guests at a reception in the Parish Hall at Christ Our Light immediately following Mass, with an opportunity for photos with each couple. Please register through your parish office or you may e-mail Marriage.Jubilee@rcda.org.

Deadline is September 7.

#### Pilgrims of Hope – Disciples on Mission: A Diocesan Jubilee Gathering





Fr. Frank will help us to reflect on what it means to be pilgrims of hope and disciples on mission in today's Church & world and offer us some practical ways such a vision can be implemented in parishes, pastoral networks, and the wider community. This Jubilee Gathering will include morning refreshments, a festive morning prayer, two talks by Fr. Donio, lunch, and a synodal listening session and sharing. There is no cost to attend. However, advance registration is required.

To register go to: https://webapps.rcda.org/ ParishFaithFormation/. For more info, please visit: https://www.rcda.org/offices/ office-discipleship-formation or call the Office for Discipleship Formation (518) 453-6670.



### Queenship of Mary

#### Question:

Why do we have a feast for the Queenship of Mary?

#### Answer:

For many of us, the language of kings and queens may seem like they belong to history or a medieval movie. Royalty have absolute authority over a kingdom and their subjects, a concept that is foreign to many of us today. While Jesus doesn't rule a political kingdom, we honor and recognize him as the King of Kings, Lord of Heaven and Earth. To God alone belongs absolute authority over all of existence.

We may think of queens as the spouse of the king, but there is another key relationship: the king's mother. In Biblical history,

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we see instances where the mother of the king is given due as a queen herself, complete with a throne!

Mary's guiding influence over her Son is seen most notably in the Wedding Feast at Cana. Mary is not Queen on her own merit. She is "full of grace" and "blessed" in "all ages" because of the reign of her Son



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#### Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

"Healing the pain of abortion, one weekend at a time."

Rachel's Vineyard is a retreat of healing and reconciliation for women and men whose lives have been touched by abortion. The retreat will be held November 14-16, 2025 at the Dominican Retreat & Conference Center in Niskayuna. The weekend will combine discussions, spiritual exercises, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a Memorial Service and a Mass of Entrustment. Participation is strictly confidential and offers a beautiful opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness, and compassion. The cost is \$195, which includes a private room, meals and retreat materials. Financial assistance will be available for those unable to pay the entire cost.

For more information or to register contact:

Pat Mousaw, 518-222-1160 or Katie Bolibaugh, 518-495-3574 or e-mail: rachelsvineyardalbany@yahoo.com.

For a complete listing of retreat dates and locations contact: 1-877 -HOPE-4 ME or visit the Rachel's Vineyard website: www.rachelsvineyard.org.

#### Mark Your Calendars

Unleashing Love Women's Conference October 18, 2025



#### **NEIGHBORS & BEYOND**

#### Invitation to Worship

The Hadley-Luzerne Community of Churches and Camp Peniel invite you to their summer series of worship, prayer and encouragement. All are welcome to join them in Peniel's Country Chapel for a summer series of Worship and Praise led by local churches. The final date is **August 17th.** 

#### Health, History, & Horses Charity Gala Presented by Ladies of Charity, Saratoga Chapter Thursday, August 21st 6:00-9:00pm

Saratoga Wilton Elks Lodge, 1 Elks Lane, Saratoga Springs, NY Funds raised are distributed annually to established charities in Saratoga & Warren/Washington Counties: Catholic Charities, food kitchens, shelters, and tuition support programs.

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Tickets: ladiesofcharitysaratoga.com Contact Claudette at 518-584-7592

#### End of Summer Bash

The Community of Churches is sponsoring an "End of Summer Bash" on Wednesday, August 27th from 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm at the First United Methodist Church 243 Main St. in Corinth. It is packed with activities for all ages. There will be creative crafts, a scavenger hunt, wildlife demonstration, cookout and ice cream sundaes, prizes, face painting, live music and entertaining.

**EVERYTHING IS FREE!!!** 

#### Corinth Area Free Lunch

We will see you on September 19th 11:30 am - 12:30 pm

Ministry Schedule	Sunday 8/17 8:30 am		Wednesday 8/20 Noon	
Ushers/Greeters	Chuck Rice and Gene Perry		~~~~	
Readers	Wally Philips	Alex Ghent	Joan Scott	
Communion Ministers	Host: Cathy Bastible	Wine: Linda Mason	Wine Mary Anne Woodard	
	Wine: Paula Sautter	Choir: Jeanie Celeste		

#### HM&C PRAYER & WORSHIP

This week, the Sanctuary Candle has been donated in memory of Charles Welch by Pat Sheehan



#### **Altar Decorations**

The August decorations are being done by Joy Rimal. We are grateful for your commitment to this ministry.

#### Reserved Seating

The 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> pews on the left are designated for any parishioner with health issues. It does not have to be a permanent health issue. It can be you are just having a "bad day". Please take advantage of this seating. We want it available for you, but we don't want the front of the church empty.

#### HM&C PASTORAL CARE

If you are homebound or going into the hospital, please let us know if you would like communion or prayers. Please call the church office at 518-654-2113 with contact information for us to reach you or your caregiver. If you know someone who is ill, having surgery, or just not able to get to church, please send Donna Balcom an email, and she will send them a card. Dfbalcom2000@yahoo.com.

#### HM&C CHRISTIAN OUTREACH

#### School Supplies for Corinth Students

As we "reach out to our community" for the 2024/25 academic year, we will once again assist Corinth School Students by providing supplies or monetary donations.

Collection Box for supplies and basket for monetary donations will be in back of the church.

#### Deadline for donations August 17.

Thank you for your support (Hadley-Luzerne School is not collecting this year)

## HM&C RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

### HM&C BETHANY GUILD

#### Bethany Guild

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

New members are always welcome.

We meet every Monday afternoon at 1:00 (except holidays) in the parish hall at Holy Mother and Child Church.

#### HM&C FAITH FORMATION

Coordinator: Maureen Tagliafierro ffhmcc@rcda.org

#### HM&C PASTORAL COUNCIL

HM&C FINANCE Interim Chairperson: Chris Morreale					
Weekly Offerings			Attendance		
Regular collection 8/10 Fuel & Maintenance	\$ 2068 \$ 225	8/6 8/10	21 144		

#### HM&C BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

Chairperson: Mike Goodhart

#### HM&C CEMETERY

#### Cemetery News

Please remember we are a carry-in, carry-out property. That means you must take out anything that you bring in. The water is turned on. If you see Gene Perry and Frank Ward, be sure to thank them for all the time and effort they have put in overseeing the maintenance of the cemetery.

#### HM&C PARISH LIFE

#### Thank You!

To to everyone that made our 2025 Summer Fair a huge success; Whether you baked, set up, worked at it, shopped at it, donated to it, you all contributed to our success.

Congratulations to Larry VanLomondt and Darlene Shorter, the winners of the gift card raffles.





#### Town of Greenfield Lions Club

Become a Lion for your community- Join us as we support our town with fun events. Check our FB page for a list of what we have coming up. All ages welcome.

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