

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



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8:30 am Sunday
Noon Wednesdays

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Our Sunday 8:30 am morning Mass
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Sacrament of Reconciliation - every Saturday 3:15-3:45 pm at St. Joseph's

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

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



771 Route 29
Rock City Falls, NY 12863

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

The Epiphany of the Lord

January 4, 2026

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

<i>St. Joseph's Saturday 1/3 4:00 pm</i>	Our Parish Family
<i>Holy Mother & Child Sunday 1/4 8:30 am</i>	William M. Doody by Shawna Gately
<i>St. Joseph's Sunday 1/4 10:30 am</i>	James Cuggino and Mark Teale by Brandon Myers
<i>St. Paul's Sunday 1/4 12:30 pm</i>	Our Parish Family
<i>St. Joseph's Wednesday 1/7 9:00 am</i>	Our Parish Family
<i>Holy Mother & Child Wednesday 1/7 Noon</i>	Jean Ward by Frank Ward

*Gospel Meditation -
Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture*

The Epiphany of the Lord

Matthew 2:1-12

When I was 22, I went on a pilgrimage to Rome for the Jubilee Year of 2000. I was traveling light with just a backpack, one blue shirt and black pants, little money, and no Italian. I had a few close friends and one goal: to reach the Eternal City. Despite the challenges and deprivations, I felt alive in a way I had never known before.

When do you feel most alive? I'd wager it's not when you're most comfortable or surrounded by stuff. Rather, it's when your life is aimed at something great; when you're on a meaningful and challenging journey with good friends.

That's the image the Magi give us in today's Gospel. They set out from the East not with certainty, but with hope. They study the signs, discipline their attention, and journey together, offering the best they have when they find the newborn King.

The Church gives us their story at the start of the year to reawaken something in us. We are not meant to drift. We're meant to journey as pilgrims. The Jubilee Year of 2025 may have ended, but our pilgrimage has not. Like the magi, the closer we get to Christ, the more alive we become.

— Father John Muir ©LPi



St. Joseph's & St. Paul's

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<i>This Week's Ministry Schedule</i>	<i>St. Joseph's 1/3 4:00 pm</i>	<i>St. Joseph's 1/4 10:30 am</i>	<i>St. Paul's 1/4 12:30 pm</i>
Greeters	Mary Fornabia	Randy Miczek	Kathy Zanella, Hazel Mahar
Readers	Pauline Simon	Jami Hawthorne	Jim Loviza
Communion Ministers	Pauline Simone Regina York	Dave Zon, Cindy Sharpe Monica Berrios-McKeon	~~~~~
Counters	~~~~~	TBD	~~~~~

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SJ & SP CHRISTIAN OUTREACH
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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

Gift cards can be placed in the collection basket.

Visit SheltersOfSaratoga.org

for more info or to make a financial or Amazon donation

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2025-2026 Diocesan Appeal
 Goal \$31,719
 Total raised as of 12/19 \$16,916

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

**Collections Report: July 1, 2025 - Nov 30, 2025
 St. Joseph's & St. Paul's Combined**

	Mthly Received	Mthly Budgeted	Budget Surplus/ Shortfall
Regular Collection	8,208.84	7,650.00	558.84
E-Giving	3,309.68	3,716.67	-406.99
TOTAL	11,518.52	11,366.67	151.85

St. Joseph's & St. Paul's

Next 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
Greeters	The Kelly Family	Valerie Reside	Kathy Zanella, Hazel Mahar
Readers	John McPhillips	Monica Berrios-McKeon	Kateri Sargen
Communion Ministers	Scott York, Mary Fornabia	Tina Zakrzewski, Sharon Avery, Sue Horne	~~~~~
Counters	~~~~~	TBD	~~~~~

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
Wed 1/7	9:00 am	Mass at St. Joseph's
	Noon	Mass at Holy Mother & Child
	6:00 pm	Women's Group meets at St. Joseph's
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



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

What is Eucharistic Adoration?

Question:

What is Eucharistic Adoration?

Answer:

The practice of Eucharistic Adoration is a centuries old ritual and falls within a broader category of devotions and rituals that are associated with the Sacrament of the Eucharist. In a particular way, Eucharistic Adoration is an extension of the worship and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament that occurs in every Mass.

In a long-standing practice, a period of Eucharistic Adoration often ends with "benediction," the blessing of the faith with the Blessed Sacrament.

Several parishes throughout the United States have introduced the practice of perpetual Eucharistic Adoration, while other communities have the custom of shorter periods of Eucharistic Adoration. Care should always be taken that these periods of adoration respect the instructions outlined in Holy Communion and Worship of the Eucharist Outside of Mass, the liturgical book that gives the instructions for the proper celebration of Eucharistic Adoration.

Although adoration of the Blessed Sacrament can never take the place of Eucharistic Communion, many Catholics find great comfort and consolation in their prayers before the Eucharist enshrined in the tabernacle or when it is exposed in the monstrance (both are equally valid, as the Christ is not more present in one than in the other). But when we consider our eucharistic devotions, it is always important to remember the fundamental connection these acts of devotion have the celebration of the Eucharist in the Mass and reception of Christ in Communion.

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ALL CHURCHES K-9th FAITH FORMATION

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

Next Classes

Faith Formation K-9
Sunday, January 11th

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



**Thank you to all who shared
your time and talents in the
preparations, decorations and
celebrations this Advent and
Christmas season!**

The Three Wise Men

Question:

Magi, Three Kings, Three Wise Men...who were they?

Answer:

We sing songs, give gifts, and move three mysterious men into our manger scenes. There's a rich heritage in the Catholic Church of celebrating the magi, but their origins are steeped in mystery. The original Greek calls these men magoi. The word is translated elsewhere in Scripture to mean "magician," but a similar word was used in ancient history to describe an entirely different set of people altogether. In what is now modern-day Iran, the ruling empire had a wealthy priestly caste known as the Magi. At the time of Christ, the Magi formed one of the ruling councils of the Parthian Empire. These priests interpreted dreams and read the stars to anticipate major events that could affect the fortunes of the empire.

We're not exactly sure where the magi of the Gospels traveled from. Matthew simply says "the east." History tells us that the ancient regions of Persia, Assyria, and Babylon all had a magi priesthood at the time of Christ. Whichever region they hailed from, they likely traveled over one thousand miles over the course of several months to arrive at the Holy Family. Unfortunately for the classic song, there is no concrete evidence these men were themselves kings, though they did bear gifts "from afar" at the prompting of their astronomical calculations.

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Epiphany Blessing

The Epiphany household blessing is a centuries-old tradition that invokes God's blessing on all who enter one's home.

All you need for an Epiphany blessing is chalk, which is usually made available by parishes either on the feast of the Epiphany or in the weeks leading up to it. There are a few different formulas for blessings out there, but the essence of the ritual is always the same: a priest or the head of the household calls down God's blessing on the house and everyone who comes into it, and an inscription is made above the door in chalk.

The inscription reads: the first two digits of the year + C + M + B + the last two digits of the year. The initials C, M and B represent the names of the magi — Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar — and also signify the Latin phrase *Christus mansionem benedicat*: "May Christ bless the house."

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Love, Explained!

If you've ever been a guest at a Christian wedding, chances are you have heard 1 Corinthians 13:4-8: "Love is patient, love is kind ... love never fails."

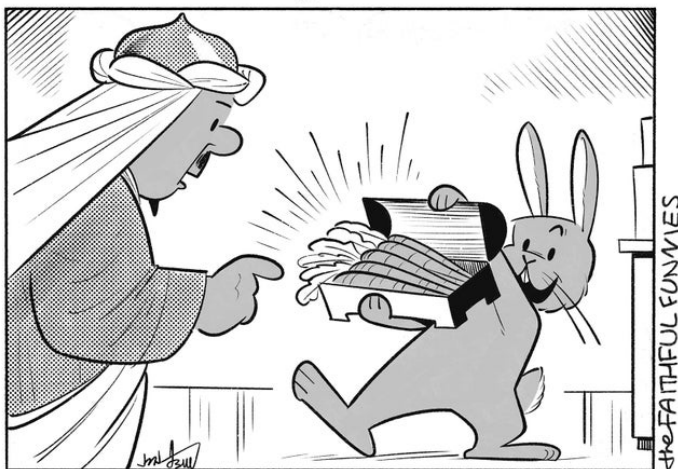
But what and who we love is just as important as how we love. Loving God, we know, is the greatest commandment of Jesus Christ, followed by loving others (Matthew 22:37-40). We are called to exhibit this love even — and, perhaps, especially — when it is difficult, when it demands we sacrifice our own preferences, our own desires and our own prejudices (Matthew 5:46).

In doing this, we "no longer stand before God as a slave, in servile fear, or as a mercenary looking for wages, but as a son responding to the love of him who 'first loved us.'" (CCC 1828)

So yes, love is patient, and love is kind — and, when practiced correctly, love is also freedom.

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"I thought you said this was a chest of gold?"

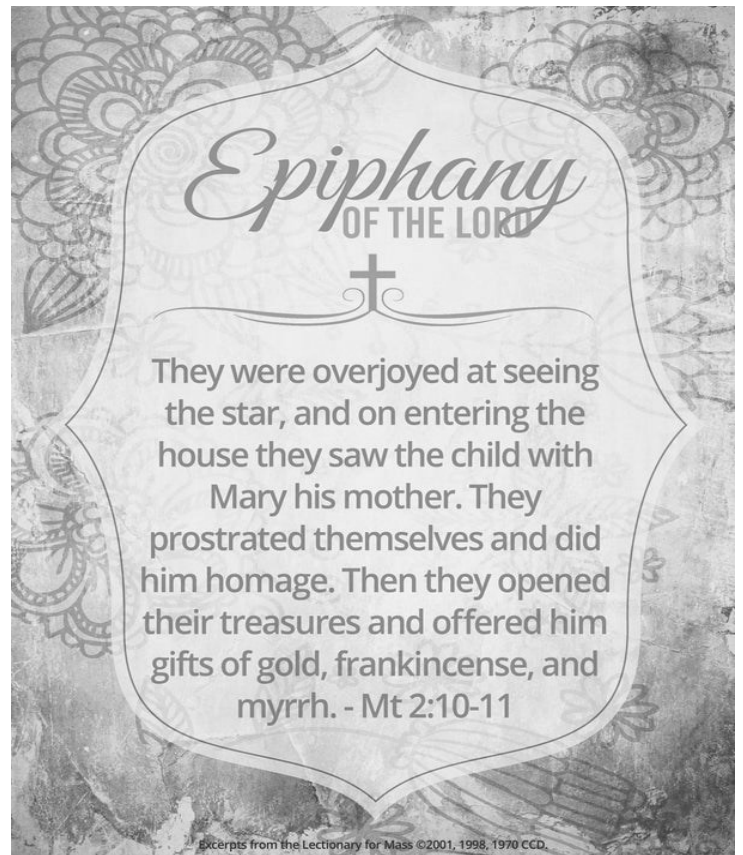


"Yes! It's 14 carrots!"



The Magi offered Jesus gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Gold was a gift recognizing Jesus' Kingship, even as a humble baby.

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Ministry Schedule	Sunday 1/4 8:30 am	Wednesday 1/7 Noon
Ushers/Greeters	Chuck Rice and Gene Perry	~~~~~
Readers	Alex Ghent Mary Anne Woodard	Tim Murphy
Communion Ministers	Host: Dcn. John Wine: Anna Plante	Wine: Cathy Lozier
	Wine: Jean Celeste Choir: Paula Sautter	

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

Fundraising for Alzheimer's

Paula Sautter has retired from her fundraising for the Alzheimer's Association to volunteer time with our local elderly in whatever ways she can. She wants to thank everyone who followed her through this fundraising journey for the last 6 years with donations and encouragement.

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HM&C BETHANY GUILD
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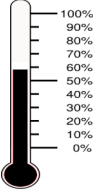
HM&C CEMETERY
 Frank Ward & Gene Perry – Call the Parish Office for info.

HM&C FINANCE
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Weekly Offerings	Attendance
Regular collection 12/21 \$ 1510	12/17 29
Fuel & Maintenance \$ 500	12/21 111



2025-2026 Diocesan Appeal
Goal \$14,055
Total raised as of 12/9 \$8271.38



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This Weekend's 2nd collection for Fuel/Maintenance

First Sunday Food Pantries Collection

We collect non-perishable donations for our local food pantries on the first Sunday of the month. We also collect monetary donations for the Luzerne food pantry to purchase meat packages. Collection baskets located at the back of the church.

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.



NEIGHBORS & BEYOND

January Corinth Churches Free Lunch

Free lunch will resume on Friday, January 16th at 11:30am-12:30. Come and join us. All are welcome.

Epiphany Blessing

Dear God,
 It was You who inspired the Magi
 to follow the star to find You.
 Inspire us to seek You, as well.
 Bless our homes and families this season,
 make them places where we can encounter
 You through prayer and community.
 Amen.