

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



405 Palmer Ave
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Mass times:
8:30 am Sunday
Noon Wednesdays

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HolyMotherandChildParish**

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

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**Our Sunday morning Mass
can be viewed on Facebook or at
[https://www.youtube.com/
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PO Box 547, 3159 Route 9N
Greenfield Center, NY 12833

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

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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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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

Third Sunday of Advent

December 15, 2024

<i>At Our Eucharistic Celebrations this week</i>	
<i>St. Joseph's Saturday 12/14</i>	Peggy Cargiulo has asked us to remember John Doherty
<i>Holy Mother and Child Sunday 12/15</i>	The Respect Life Committee has asked us to remember Anita Ranado Rosann has asked us to remember Mom & Dad
<i>St. Joseph's Sunday 12/15</i>	Jadwigia Fiszer has asked us to remember Janina Huppenthal
<i>St. Paul's Sunday 12/15</i>	We remember Our Parish Family
<i>St. Joseph's Wednesday 12/18</i>	Our Parish Family remembers Joanne Carlow
<i>Holy Mother and Child Wednesday 12/18</i>	We remember Our Parish Family

Christmas

Question:

With Christmas fast approaching, can you give me some practical tips to prepare myself and my family that will help us stay grounded in what this holiday is really about? With all the commercialism, it's easy to stray.

Answer:

Happy times and events bring fond memories and a renewed sense of love and kinship with others. The anticipation is half the joy of the event itself. The coming of the Lord is that kind of event that people have been looking forward to for generations with fervent hope and desire. It gave them strength and courage as they waited for the coming of the Lord.

We know that Christmas is rushed. Sales begin in August and carols blare long before the season begins. Everyone laments the commercial aspects of the season, but as Advent begins, do something to help you be more mindful of the Lord's coming. Use an Advent wreath, or enthrone the Bible prominently, or read the readings from the Bible assigned to each day. Postpone the tree and decorations until closer to Christmas. Establish new family rituals, customs and prayers that help remind everyone that we are preparing to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

Fasting, daily Mass, a special celebration of reconciliation, reaching out to those alienated from family or society, and visiting the homebound manifest the love of the Christ Child and the Holy Family. Resist the temptation to rush the season. In his own time and in his own way, God will come. Our task is simply to be watchful and ready.

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<i>Ministry Schedule</i>	<i>St. Joseph's 12/14 Saturday at 4:00 pm</i>	<i>St. Joseph's 12/15 Sunday at 10:30 am</i>	<i>St. Paul's 12/15 Sunday at 12:30 pm</i>
Greeters	Frank Hansen	The Zon Family	Kathy Zanella, Hazel Mahar
Readers	John McPhillips	Rod Ginsburg	Katari Sargen
Communion Ministers	Frank Hansen, Joyce Rice	Debi Ficaretta, Dave Zon Cindy Sharpe	~~~~~
Counters	~~~~~	S Guyon, C Sykora, C Sharpe	~~~~~

**To: Holy Mother & Child Parish
From: St. Paul's Parishioners**

**Thank you for the Divine Mercy
statue in honor of our
150th Anniversary!**

**This devotion holds a special
meaning to many!**



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.



SJ & SP FINANCE

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

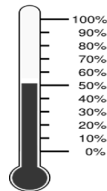
Christmas Flowers

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 an 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 12/6 \$15,795



Diocesan Appeal 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

**It's not too late to help:
Donations are drastically down**

Please 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

Holiday Food Baskets



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 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 Winter Schedule:

We will continue to meet on the 4th Tuesday of every month at 1:30 in the Rectory. All are welcomed.

For the winter months there will be **no Thursday evening meetings.**

We will resume in the spring. If anyone is interested in helping to set up a ZOOM evening support group, please contact the parish office.

Due to the holiday, the December Tuesday Bereavement Group meeting will be held on 12/17 @ 1:30



NEIGHBORS & BEYOND

**The Ladies of Charity
Annual Poinsettia Sale**


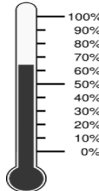
December 14th & 15th
after all Masses at St. Joseph's.
Thank you for supporting the Ladies of Charity in their mission to help the less fortunate in our community.



<i>Ministry Schedule</i>	<i>Sunday, 12/15 8:30 am</i>	<i>Wednesday 12/18 Noon</i>
<i>Ushers/Greeters</i>	Chuck Rice and Gene Perry	~~~~~
<i>Readers</i>	Alex Ghent Wally Philips	Amadine Damatha
<i>Communion Ministers</i>	Host: Pat Sheehan Wine: Anna Plante	Wine: Fran Pickens
	Wine: Louise Carney Choir: Mary Anne Woodard	

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
Thu 12/12	Bereavement Thursday Group on hiatus until spring	
Sun 12/15	<i>Third Sunday of Advent</i>	
	9:15 am	Children's Pageant rehearsal at St. Joseph's
Tue 12/17	1:30 pm	Bereavement Group meets at St. Joseph's rectory
Wed 12/18	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
Sun 12/22	11:30 am	Children's Christmas Pageant at St. Joseph's
<i>See below for the Christmas Mass Schedule</i>		

HM&C FINANCE
Interim Chairperson: Chris Morreale

<i>Weekly Offerings</i>	<i>Attendance</i>
Due to early publication deadlines the 12/8 collection & attendance reports will be in next week's bulletin.	
 <p>2024-2025 Diocesan Appeal Goal \$12,992 Raised as of 12/4 \$9,304</p> <p>Your gifts to the Diocesan Appeal will help fund dozens of ministries, programs and offices of the diocese.</p>	
<p>Christmas Flowers The envelopes for Christmas flower donations are in the pews. Please remember to include who the donation is in memory of.</p>	

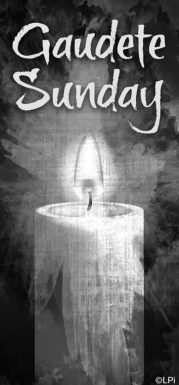
Christmas Mass Schedule



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

Third Sunday of Advent

Gaudete Sunday derives its name from the opening prayer of the Mass for this day, where we pray, "Gaudete in Domino semper" (Rejoice in the Lord always). So in the midst of Advent fasting and devotions, we rejoice because the time we have been preparing for is almost at hand. You may see rose-colored vestments and additions to the church environment due to this special Sunday. A day like this is always good to remind us not to take ourselves too seriously. The life of a Christian is not always easy, but it is one of joy. If we keep our heads bowed too long, no one will be able to see the smiles on our faces. The New Evangelization calls us to spread the good news with a joy that can be infectious. I remember being at a Eucharistic Congress one time where there was a booth set up by an order of sisters promoting vocations. I couldn't help but to take notice of how much they laughed and how they smiled. I thought, "Who wouldn't want to see what they are about?" Does our joy in the Lord serve as an invitation for others to seek out Christ? May the joy of the Lord be yours on this Gaudete Sunday! The Lord is coming, soon and very soon!



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.

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.



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 or Thomas.Cronin@rcda.org