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First Sunday in Advent

November 30, 2025

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

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St. Joseph's 4:00 pm Saturday 11/29	the Varley, Hart, Pensak and Otrembiak families by the Hart Family	
Holy Mother & Child 8:30 am Sunday 11/30	Bobby Buehler by the Ridzi family Anthony Cottone	
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St. Joseph's 10:30 am Sunday 11/30	Marie Weeks by the Barone Family	
St. Paul's 12:30 pm Sunday 11/30	Our Parish Family	
St. Joseph's 9:00 am Wednesday 12/3	Joanne Carlow by Our Parish Family	
Holy Mother & Child Noon Wednesday 12/3	William J. Doody on the 20th anniversary of his passing by his daughter, Shawna	

First Sunday of Advent

A few years ago, my house was broken into on Super Bowl Sunday. Turns out, it's a great day for burglars. If the TV isn't on, people are probably watching the game somewhere else, so ... easy pickins'. I'll never forget walking into my bedroom and realizing someone had been there. My stuff was thrown all over the floor. The closet was torn apart. It was disorienting and disturbing — someone had invaded the space I thought was secure. After that, I bought an alarm system. And every Super Bowl Sunday since, I'm extra careful to lock the doors and keep the lights on. That experience made me more alert. Not scared. Just attentive.

That's much like the spiritual place Jesus wants us to be on this first Sunday of Advent. He doesn't start the season with soft candlelight and cozy manger scenes. He starts with two brutal images: a flood and a thief. In other words, chaos and violation.

Why? Because life will flood us. Chaos will come. And in the midst of it, Christ will come like a thief — not to steal from us, but to steal us back. He is the intruder we should want. The one who breaks in, not to ransack, but to rescue.

Christ presents himself as the thief but also the new Noah. He builds the ark of the Church to carry us through the flood. And he invites us to join him. How?

By participating fully in our parishes.

By making our homes places of prayer.

By guarding our hearts with truth.

By refusing to let spiritual complacency leave us exposed. By repentance.

This Advent, don't just stay vaguely "awake." Prepare. Build. Watch.

The flood will come. But so will He.

— Father John Muir ©LPi



St. Joseph's & St. Paul's

This Week's Ministry Schedule	St. Joseph's 11/29 4:00 pm	St. Joseph's 11/30 10:30 am	St. Paul's 11/30 12:30 pm
Greeters	The Kelly Family	Valerie Reside	Kathy Zanella, Hazel Mahar
Readers	Howard Kunz	Sarah Miczek	Kateri Sargen
Communion Ministers	Joanne McKeon, Regina York	Dave Zon, Debi Ficaretta, Monica Berrios-McKeon	~~~~~
Counters	~~~~	Z Salinas, Peggy Cargiulo	~~~~~

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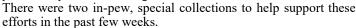
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Greenfield Food Pantry at Greenfield Community Center
ECHO Food Pantry at St. Paul's Church
Meal Train requests
Call the Parish Office for more info on any of the above.

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

Again this holiday season, we would will be helping the less fortunate in our community: your family, friends & neighbors.



Giving Tree:

Funds will be used to purchase gift cards for parents to use for their children's gifts

Holiday Food Baskets

Funds will be used for the pantry to purchase extra food items for their holiday food baskets.

Contributions can be placed in an envelope and dropped in any collection basket, or made online through Vanco, our eGiving website.

We are also accepting gift cards.

If you or someone you know could use a little help this holiday season, please contact the parish office.



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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.

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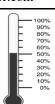
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Appeal

2025-2026 Diocesan Appeal Goal \$31,719 Total raised as of 11/20 \$15,857

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



Collections Report: July1, 2025 - Oct 31, 2025 St. Joseph's & St. Paul's Combined

	Mthly Received	Mthly Budgeted	Budget Surplus/ Shortfall
Regular Collection	7,453.85	7,650.00	-196.15
E-Giving	4,262.39	3,716.67	545.72
TOTAL	11,716.24	11,366.67	349.57

St. Joseph's & St. Paul's

Next Week's Ministry Schedule	St. Joseph's 12/6 4:00 pm	St. Joseph's 12/7 10:30 am	St. Paul's 12/7 12:30 pm
Greeters	Mary Fornabia	The Zon Family	Kathy Zanella, Hazel Mahar
Readers			
Communion Ministers	Schedule unavailable		
Counters	~~~~	C Murphy, C & L Burch	~~~~~

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	
		First Sunday of Advent	
Sun 11/30	Before & after Mass	Wreath Sale at Holy Mother & Child	
	9:00 am	Morning Mass at St. Joseph's	
Wed 12/3	Noon	Mass at Holy Mother & Child	
,	6:00 pm	Women's Group meets at St. Joseph's	
12/6 & 7	Second Collections: St Joseph's & St. Paul's Fuel Holy Mother & Child Fuel & Maintenance		
Sat 12/6	9am-2pm Christmas Fair at Holy Mother & Child		
	9:15 am	Faith Formation classes at St. Joseph's	
Sun 12/7	9:30 am	Faith Formation classes at HM&C	
•	10:30 am	Liturgy of the Word with Children @SJ's	
	9:00 am	Immaculate Conception Mass at St. Paul's	
Mon 12/8	Noon	Immaculate Conception Mass at HM&C	
Wion 12/8	6:00 pm	Buildings & Grounds meets at St. Joe's	
	7:00 pm	Men's Group meets at St. Joseph's	
Wed 12/10	9:00 am	Morning Mass at St. Joseph's	
W Eu 12/10	Noon	Mass at Holy Mother & Child	

Mark Your Calendar :			
Sun 12/14	6:30 pm Christmas Caroling in Corinth		
	Father will be in the confessional		
Wed 12/17	7 1-3 pm Holy Mother & Child		
	4-6pm	St. Joseph's	
Sun 12/21	TBD	Christmas Caroling in Greenfield Center	

ALL CHURCHES K-9th FAITH FORMATION

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

Next Class
Sunday, December 7th



Next Weekend: All Churches' 2nd Collections St. Joseph's & St. Paul's - Fuel Holy Mother & Child - Fuel & Maintenance

Christmas Flowers

Christmas Flower envelopes are at the church entrance or 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. and drop in any collection basket before Christmas.



It's that time of year when many may receive scam emails or texts that appear to be from the Fr. Simon or our staff seeking donations, mostly of gift cards mailed to another address or asking that you send the information from the back of the gift card. These messages may look like they are coming from someone in the parish, making it look legitimate.

Yes, we do collect gift cards. However, it will be announced in the bulletin. We will also ask that you place your donations/gift cards directly in our collection basket or designated drop box or mail it directly to the parish. We will not ask you to send them elsewhere. Please do not reply to any such messages.

Prayer for Advent - Arise

Bless God's Holy Name!
Prepare our hearts for Your coming, Lord.
Awaken them from any places that have
become sleepy or despondent.
Inspire us with new visions.
Be with us as we climb closer to You.
Amen.

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Christmas Mass Schedule



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

NEIGHBORS & BEYOND

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will meet on Tuesday December 2,2025 at Knights of Columbus , 50 Pine Rd. Saratoga Springs,NY.

Members will gather at 5:45 PM to pray the Rosary, with refreshments and fellowship to follow. Our business meeting will begin promptly at 6:30 PM.

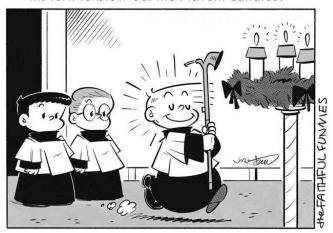
In November we welcomed new member, Eleanor Collins. If you are a practicing Catholic woman interested in joining us please plan to attend.

Reminder to members, please bring an unwrapped toy for Christmas toy drive.

The Ladies of Charity Annual Poinsettia Sale December 6th & 7th after all Masses at St. Joseph's. \$18 each or 2 for \$35

Thank you for supporting the Ladies of Charity in their mission to help the less fortunate in our community.

"Was the altar server happy or sad when it was his turn to blow out the Advent candles?"



"He was de-lighted!"

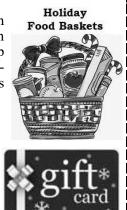


"Advent" is the four weeks before Christmas, a time to prepare for Jesus' birth. An Advent wreath's candles mark each week's arrival.

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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.





Annual Thanksgiving Ministries

The Corinth Community Churches Thanksgiving dinner was held on Friday, November 14th. Over 300 dinners were distributed by delivery, by pickup, and by residents who dined at the Parish Center. We were blessed by all the volunteers from the churches, the Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts, and teenagers from the parish. The adage, "many hands make light work" was demonstrated at this dinner. Whether you baked a pie, biscuits, portioned out food, peeled, weighed served, packaged, delivered, or distributed, thank you. A special thank you to Zack Cutler for his generous donation of food. Of course, we are so grateful for the leadership and guidance of our organizers, Maureen Tagliafierro and Louise Carney.

Devotions, Explained! Jesse Tree

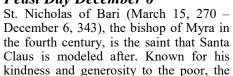
The Jesse Tree is an Advent practice which recounts the history of salvation by tracing the lineage of Christ — the foretold "shoot from the stump of Jesse" who will bring peace and unity to the people of God (Isaiah 11:1).

In a way, creating a Jesse tree is the telling of one big story — the redemption of man — through the telling of many smaller stories — the fall of Adam, God's promise to Abraham, the wandering of the Israelites, the greatness of David and the humble submission of Mary. A Jesse tree is adorned with symbols of these various people and stories, with the earliest ones hung from the topmost branches, progressing downward.

There are different versions of the Jesse Tree featuring different Old Testament figures and stories, but all begin with Adam and end with the birth of Jesus. It is an easy tradition to practice at home — all you need is a tree, paper, markers, scissors, string and a Bible.

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St. Nicholas Feast Day December 6





story has it that St. Nicholas once tossed bags of gold through the open window of a poor man's house to help his daughters avoid a life of prostitution.

According to legend, the gold landed in stockings dangling on the corners of the beds, which is why many of us celebrate St. Nicholas Day by hanging stockings and filling them with candy, fruit, and small toys.

Not much else is known about this beloved saint, but regardless, his reputation as a generous man continues today. ©LPi



Holy Mother & Child

Ministry Schedule	Sunday 11/30 8:30 am		Wednesday 2137 Noon	
Ushers/Greeters	Chuck Rice and Gene Perry		~~~~	
Readers	Wally Philips	Alex Ghent	Joan Scott	
Communica Ministers	Host: Anna Plante	Wine: Paula Sautter	Wines Manna Anna Wasaland	
Communion Ministers	Wine: Linda Mason	Choir: Anna Draisey-Curtis	Wine: Mary Anne Woodard	

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Weekly Offerings		Attendance
Due to early bulletin upload deadlines, amounts will be posed next week		



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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.



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HM&C PARISH LIFE

Annual Christmas Fair

Our Christmas Fair will be held **December 6, from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm**. If you would like to donate: a gift card for our Basket Raffle, please give to Louise Carney, Donna Balcom or the office by November 23: Food for our Sale, please contact Maureen

Tagliafierro at 518-893-2180 or Marie Sadler 518-654-7811: Cookies for the Cookie Walk, please contact Rosann Carpenter 518-654-6274 or Diane Burnham 518-669-1197: new or gently used Christmas items for our sale, please bring to the parish center during office hours or after Mass by Nov. 23. NOTE: We will not be accepting books, DVD's or VHS or used clothing,



Annual Wreath Sale

We will be having our annual wreath sale **before** and after Mass on November 30th. The price is \$20 each. Proceeds from the sale help supplement our budget for Christmas flowers and greenery.



Christmas Caroling

Sunday, December 14th at 6:30pm. We will head down Palmer Ave. There will be cookies and hot cocoa in the Parish center after we are done singing. Please come and join us.

HM&C CHRISTIAN OUTREACH

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

Christmas Giving Tree

Beginning November 16th, the Christmas Giving Tree will be found in the foyer of the church near Mary's Chapel. We would ask that you either select a mitten tag off the tree and purchase the indicated item(s) listed or take an envelope to donate money (cash or check) for us to shop for the needed items. If you are donating via check, please make the check out to the parish with "Giving Tree" in the memo line at the bottom of your check.

Please return your UNWRAPPED gifts with the mitten attached OR the money envelope to the boxes indicated near the Giving Tree on or before November 30th.

Thank you in advance for your generosity. It means the world to the families we serve.





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