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St. Paul's
771 Route 29,
Rock City Falls

First Sunday of Lent

March 6, 2022

Our mission is to serve God and to welcome all people to God's love.

Pastoral Council

The next Pastoral Council meeting
April 5th 7:00 pm by Zoom

Food Pantries

Greenfield Community Center
25 Wilton Road, Greenfield Center
Wednesdays 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm
Director Patty Schwartzbeck
518-893-7074

ECHO Food Pantry
at St. Paul's Church
771 Route 29, Rock City Falls
Tuesdays 9 am - 11:30 am
Director Tony Zanella 518-584-8550

Parish Administrator

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Associate for Administration

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Pastoral Associate for Parish Administration

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Mass Schedule

4:00 pm Saturday at St. Joseph's
8:00 am Sunday at St. Paul's
11:00 am Sunday at St. Joseph's
9:00 am 2nd Mondays at St. Paul's
9:00 am Wednesdays at St. Joseph's

Reconciliation

by appointment with Fr. Simon

Baptisms

A pre-baptismal class is required.
Please contact Deacon John
for an appointment
or for more information

At Our Eucharistic Celebrations this week...

<i>St. Joseph's Saturday at 4:00 pm</i>	<i>St. Paul's Sunday at 8:00 am</i>	<i>St. Joseph's Sunday at 11:00 am</i>	<i>St. Joseph's Wednesday at 9:00 am</i>
<i>The Fornabia Family has asked us to remember Mario R. Izzo</i>	<i>The Phillips Family has asked us to remember Jean Mihal</i>	<i>We remember Our Parish Family</i>	<i>We remember Our Parish Family</i>

*Lent, the season of spiritual preparation for the high holy days of the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus.
The tried-and-true way of observing a "good Lent" is threefold: prayer, fasting and giving.*

1. Prayer:

Lenten Adult Faith Formation Program see details on page 2.

Rosary Evenings: Sundays at 7PM at St. Paul's. Open to any and all who would like to pray the rosary in a group setting. If you would like to learn how to pray the rosary, leaders arrive a few minutes early to offer guidance

Stations of the Cross: every Friday at 5:00 pm. St. Joseph's March 18, April 1 and St. Paul's March 11, 25, April 8

The Word Among Us and The Little Black Book: (one per family) are located near the church entrances for you to pick up and use through the Lenten season.

2. Fast & Abstinence: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. As a sign of our penance, we preserve for the Diocese of Albany the custom of abstinence from meat on the Fridays of Lent. Abstinence binds all Catholics who are 14 years of age and older. Fast binds all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59. Fasting refers to the quantity of food eaten. Traditionally, fasting calls for only one full meal per day.

3. Giving

Rice Bowls: (one per family)

This Lent our parish is again participating in Catholic Relief Service's Rice Bowl, a faith-in-action program that helps families experience Lenten spirituality by living in solidarity with people in need around the world.

* Place your CRS Rice Bowl in a prominent place in your home and use it to collect your Lenten sacrifices.

* Read the Lenten calendar reflections each day as a family.

Holy Week Schedule

<i>Holy Thursday</i>	<i>Good Friday Passion of the Lord</i>	<i>Holy Saturday Vigil Mass</i>	<i>Easter Sunday</i>
at Holy Mother & Child Corinth 7:00 pm	at St. Paul's Rock City Falls 7:00 pm	at St. Joseph's Greenfield Center 7:00 pm	8:00 St. Paul's 9:30 Holy Mother & Child 11:00 St. Joseph's



PRAYER & WORSHIP

Liturgical Coordinator: Dcn. John Barone
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Mark Your Calendars!

The Diocese of Albany is excited to announce the beginning phase in the worldwide "Synod on Synodality" initiated by Pope Francis. The diocese will coordinate regional listening sessions for its 126 parishes, at which everyone is encouraged to share their opinions on what they are looking for from today's Church. The listening sessions will be hosted at a central location within each of the seven vicariates across the diocese. Bishop Scharfenberger will be in attendance, lead the opening prayer, and spend time listening to the faithful. The sessions will be guided by a facilitator utilizing universal questions and provide the opportunity for small group breakout sessions.

Listening Session Events will be as follows:

Thursday, May 19, 6:30 to 8:30 pm – Twin Rivers Vicariate:

Immaculate Conception in Glenville

Tuesday, June 28, 6:30 to 8:30 pm Adirondack: Vicariate

Our Lady of the Annunciation in Queensbury

It is encouraged that the host site hold Adoration starting at 6 PM prior to the open meeting at 6:30 PM. Prayer is an essential component in the synod process and in preparing ourselves for this journey. Spending time in the presence of our Lord through the Blessed Sacrament will set the tone for the evening. For more information, please visit www.rcda.org/synod.

PARISH LIFE

Chairperson: Tom Cronin 893-0302
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FAITH FORMATION

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Coordinator for Confirmation, Adult Faith Formation, RCIA
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St. Joseph's & St. Paul's

Adult Parish Lenten Study Program

Come join us this Lent as we walk step-by-step with Christ from the Garden of Gethsemane to Calvary. Filmed in the Holy Land with Dr. Edward Sri, this five-part study reveals how Old Testament prophecies, messianic expectations, historical realities and powerful symbolism come together in awe-inspiring fashion to reveal God's unfathomable love for us.

The Program is available for purchase from Ascension Press at the link below and is entitled *No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion!*

<https://ascensionpress.com/collections/no-greater-love>

Our group will meet on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 PM in St. Joseph's church hall starting on March 9th and ending on April 6th - just in time to celebrate Palm Sunday. Participants will have the option to meet in person at the church, or to Zoom from the comfort of your own home. Our Program will consist of four

parts; at home preparations, then upon arrival we will have small group discussions, watch the 30-minute video and review the responses together.

Please note: the Study set at Ascension Press is currently sold out. Parishioners that would still like to participate should purchase the individual book for \$14.95. Copies of the Workbook material will be handed out at the session and individual videos will be shown during each session.

Financial assistance will be provided for anyone who would like to participate, but cannot afford the cost of purchasing the Program. Please contact Joe Varone if you have any questions, or if you want to register to participate via Zoom.

CHRISTIAN OUTREACH

Chairperson: Janet Singer 893-7342 j_bsinger@hotmail.com
Greenfield Food Pantry: Patty Schwartzbeck 893-7074
Rock City Falls Food Pantry: Tony Zanella 584-8550
Meal Train requests - contact the parish office

Franklin Community Center's Summer Camp Assistance Program

Through the months of February and March, our Christian Outreach will be collecting donations of children's NEW summer clothing, bathing suits, and sneakers appropriate for school aged children in grades K-6.

Monetary donations. Checks can be made out to Franklin Community Center or can be made right online at their website.

You can add a note indicating the funds are to be used towards Student Services. The average cost to send a child to camp for one week is approximately \$250.

For more info, please visit www.franklincommunitycenter.org/

PASTORAL CARE

Grief & Bereavement Group : Cathy Burch 306-6884
Sympathy, Get Well, Prayer Cards :
Charlene Gilbert 584-2609 wegclg17@gmail.com

Bereavement Support Group

Our parish mission is to welcome all people to God's love.

Anyone who is dealing with the loss of a loved one is welcomed to our Bereavement Support Group.

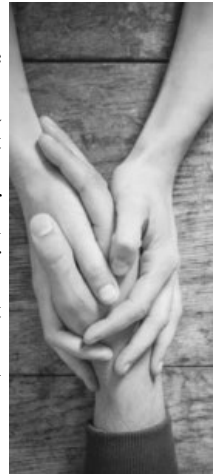
Specially trained parishioners are available for a monthly confidential, nonjudgmental and supportive meeting. Simply come and listen or share your thoughts.

We meet on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm at St Joseph's Rectory.

For more information please call Cathy Burch and leave a message at 518-306-6884

Our next meeting will be

Thursday, March 10 at 6:30 pm



Pastoral Care Training

Our Parish Pastoral Care Ministry is always looking for more parishioners who would like to help bring God's love to the sick, home bound and bereaved members of our parish.

Now that the COVID restrictions are beginning to lift we want to be able to meet the needs.

Albany Diocese Pastoral Care Ministries plans to offer training for anyone who would like to be a part to this ministry. If you would like more information about the resources they offer, please contact Cathy Burch at 518-306-6884.

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BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

Chairperson: Mark Vanasdale
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Everyday Stewardship Filling the Basket This Lent

Lent calls us into deeper everyday stewardship because it beautifully creates opportunities to be mindful of the call of Christ in even the most mundane moments of our day.

Many of us will participate in the time-honored tradition of doing penance, or “giving something up” for Lent. When we do this, we are mimicking the Israelites who filled their baskets with the first fruits of their harvest, “and having set them before the Lord, your God, (bowing) down in his presence” (Deuteronomy 26:10).

What are we going to bring before the Lord this Lent? What are our first fruits?

If you’re struggling with ideas for how to “fill your basket,” it can help to come at the problem from the opposite side. Take a look at the six characteristics of Everyday Stewardship and think about the moments in your day when you fail to fulfill the virtues to which they call you.

What is keeping you from being mindful of the call of Christ throughout your day? I promise you, if you listen, you’ll hear it more than once.

What is keeping you from being prayerful? When you have set your first fruits before the Lord, what keeps you from bowing down in His presence to finish the offering?

What keeps you from being grateful — especially of the small things that so often go unnoticed?

What keeps you from being gracious, from leaving people smiling as they walk away?

What keeps you from being committed and accountable? Where do your excuses come from and what makes you indulge them?

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi



FINANCE

Chairperson: Dawn Rodecker
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Thank You for Your Generosity!

Collections Report for Jul 1, 2021 through Jan. 31, 2021

	Received	Budgeted	Shortfall
Regular Collections	60,222.51	67,375.00	-7,152.49
E-Giving	24,410.00	26,424.99	-2,014.99
Christmas	3,356.53	5,000.00	-1,643.47
Fuel	3,330.10	5,833.32	-2,503.22
Totals	91,319.14	104,633.31	-13,314.17

This weekend’s second collection will be for **Black, Native & Latin American Missions**

Funds from this combined collection support projects and help to fund catechesis and evangelization programs throughout the United States and the Church of Latin America and the Caribbean. Your support provides lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, seminarian training and other programs to share our Catholic faith with those who long to hear the Good News of Christ.

The Black and Native American Mission Office provides grants for projects that promote Native American and Black evangelization efforts throughout North America including programs in the Diocese of Albany.

SOCIAL, COMMUNITY & HOSPITALITY

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Fr. Simon’s Mystery Meals: Anthony Mamone
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Calendar of Events (see parish website for more details)

Please be aware, St. Joseph’s classrooms are being used every Tuesday & Thursday from 12-2 pm for Living Resources classes. You are more than welcome to use the church for private prayer during these times.

Every Tues	9 - 11:30	ECHO Food Pantry at St. Paul’s
Every Wed	1:30-3:30	Food Pantry at Greenfield Community Center
3/5-6	Second Collection: Black, Native & Latin American Missions	
Wed 3/9	9:00 am	Morning Mass at St. Joseph’s
	7:00 pm	Adult Lenten Study at St. Joe’s & Zoom
Thu 3/10	6:30 pm	Bereavement Support Group at rectory
Fri 3/11	5:00 pm	Stations of the Cross at St. Paul’s
Sun 3/13	9:45	K-6th grades Faith Formation classes
	7:00	7th-9th grades Faith Formation classes
Mon 3/14	6:00 pm	Buildings & Grounds meet at St. Joseph’s
	7:00 pm	Men’s Group meets at St. Joseph’s

At Our Eucharistic Celebrations next week...

St. Joseph’s Saturday at 4:00 pm	St. Paul’s Sunday at 8:00 am	St. Joseph’s Sunday 11:00 am	St. Paul’s Monday at 9:00 am	St. Joseph’s Wednesday at 9:00 am
Our Parish Family remembers Barbara Schwed	We remember Our Parish Family	We remember Our Parish Family	We remember Our Parish Family	We remember Our Parish Family



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