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

Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 27, 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

Rev. Simon Udemgba, Ph.D.
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Associate for Administration

Deacon John Barone
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Pastoral Associate for Parish Administration

Margie Carroll
518-698-9000
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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
See Holy Week schedule below.

Baptisms

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

At Our Eucharistic Celebrations this 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. Joseph's Wednesday at 9:00 am
Judy Porter asked us to remember Larry Porter	We remember Our Parish Family	Kristin and Thomas Zakrzewski have asked us to remember Helen Vedder	We remember Our Parish Family

**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 4/1, Note 4/15 Good Friday at 3pm, and St. Paul's 4/8

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 This Lent our parish is again participating in Catholic Relief Service's (CRS) 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. Return it on Easter.

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

Holy Week Schedule

Penance Service: Mon. April 11th, 6:30pm (about one hour) at St Joseph's for both St Joseph's Parish & Holy Mother and Child Parish. This service starts with public prayer, followed by individual confession to a priest. Three priests will be available..

Holy Thursday	Good Friday		Holy Saturday	Easter Sunday
Holy Mother and Child Corinth 7 pm	Fr. Simon will be in the Confessional: 10 am -12 noon Holy Mother & Child 2 pm - 4 pm St. Joseph's	Stations of the Cross 3 pm St. Joseph's	St. Paul's Rock City Falls 7 pm	St. Joseph's Greenfield Center 7 pm
				8:00 am St. Paul's 9:30 Holy Mother and Child 11:00 St. Joseph's

A Special Thank You

To my church family and friends, a special thank you to all who attended my Jack's "Celebration of Life Well Lived" last November 2021. Your kindness, support, visits, phone calls, Mass intentions and charity donations are greatly appreciated. We will perpetually have an 11:00 am Mass in November in thanksgiving for all of you.
Forever grateful, Jack H. Varley Family
Monica
Paul, Jess & Ellie
Billy, Kenzie & Hunter

PRAYER & WORSHIP

Liturgical Coordinator: Dcn. John Barone
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Ministry Schedules: Jami & Rob Hawthorne,
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Music Director: Mandy Marcolin 879-7242
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Prayer Line: Terry Hoffman 812-7898
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CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Chairperson: Joyce Rice 518-339-7469
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PARISH LIFE

Chairperson: Tom Cronin 893-0302
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Mark Your Calendars - You Are Invited!

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

For more information, please visit www.rcda.org/synod.

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

FAITH FORMATION

Administrator: registrations, fees & sacramental records
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Joe Varone 583-1348; jvarone@earthlink.net
Coordinator for K-9th Grade
Lida Varone 583-1348; jvarone@earthlink.net
Coordinator for First Communion
Cindy Sharpe 893-0202; bsharpe@nycap.rr.com
Coordinator for Confirmation, Adult Faith Formation, RCIA
Joe Varone 583-1348; jvarone@earthlink.net

Adult Lenten Faith Formation Wednesday 3-30-2022, 7pm at St. Joseph's

Just a reminder that our 3rd installment of *No Greater Love - A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion* will take place this Wednesday evening. All are welcome - even if you did not attend the first two sessions - come join us on our journey to Calvary. Our session will start at 7:00 PM and should end between 8:00-8:15 PM.

This week's scripture focus is on:

Matthew 27:1-31, Mark 15:1-20, Luke 23:1-25, John 18:28-19:16

This week's reading assignment: Chapters 10-12 of *No Greater Love*, with specific focus on the questions at the end of each chapter.

We encourage anyone who can, to come join us in person at St. Joseph's where we will meet to discuss the readings in small groups and then watch Dr. Sri's video filmed in the Holy Land. For those who cannot make it in person, please contact Joe Varone (jvarone@earthlink.net) to register to participate via Zoom.

Please Pray For Our Catechumen

We ask our entire parish family to pray for our Catechumen, Noah Robinson, who will receive his Sacraments of Initiation at this year's Easter Vigil Mass. The scrutinies are part of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). At the beginning of Lent, catechumens are elected by the bishop for the Easter sacraments of baptism, confirmation, and Eucharist. These Elect, as they are now called, begin their final period of "purification and enlightenment" before Easter. On the third, fourth, and fifth Sundays of Lent we celebrate these special rites for them. The scrutinies are meant to help the Elect in two ways. First, the Elect are reminded that they are sinners (as we all are) — but that is not a cause for despair or discouragement. The reality that we celebrate at the Triduum is that we have salvation in Christ. By knowing the truth about ourselves we come to know our need for God — and thirst more and more for life-giving waters. Second, the scrutinies are meant to help heal what is sinful and strengthen what is good in the Elect (RCIA #141). One part of the scrutinies is a prayer for freedom and protection from the effects of sin and from any influence of the devil (RCIA #144) — what we call a "minor exorcism." This final season of preparation can be a time of fatigue and temptation for the Elect. They need our prayers. The scrutinies, then, are a way for us — the Church — to help support the Elect on this final leg of their journey to the font and table. Please remember Noah in your prayers.

PASTORAL CARE

Grief & Bereavement Group: Cathy Burch 306-6884
Sympathy, Get Well, Prayer Cards:
Charlene Gilbert 584-2609, wegclg17@gmail.com
Next Grief & Bereavement Group meeting:
April 7th, 6:30pm at the Parish Rectory

Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 27, 2022

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

Chairperson: Mark Vanasdale
 vanasdalemark@gmail.com
 Next meeting: March 28th, 6pm at St. Joseph's

PASTORAL COUNCIL

Co-Chairperson: Lida Varone 518-583-1348
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 Co-Chairperson: Anthony Mamone 518-763-1624
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 Katie Cronin, Monica Berrios-McKeon, Charlene Gilbert,
 Allison Murphy, Valerie Reside, Tony Zanella
 Next meeting: April 5th at 7 pm via Zoom

FINANCE

Chairperson: Dawn Rodecker
 DRodecke@nycap.rr.com
 Next meeting: April 20th, at 6:30 pm via Go To Meeting

Thank You for Your Generosity!

Collections Report for Jul 1, 2021 through Feb. 28, 2022

	Received	Budgeted	Shortfall
Regular Collections	70,866.86	77,000.00	-6,133.14
E-Giving	27,870.00	30,199.99	-2,329.99
Christmas	3,356.53	5,000.00	-1,643.47
Fuel	5,804.10	6,666.66	-862.56
Totals	\$107,897.49	\$118,866.65	\$-10,969.16

This weekend's second collection will be for Catholic Relief Services, CRS (www.crs.org)

Our second collection this weekend will support Catholic Relief Services, CRS. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Currently there are special relief efforts underway within CRS that are helping families affected in the Ukraine. Please give generously to this Collection and reveal Christ's love to those most in need.

Please consider taking a CRS Rice Bowl home. They are located on the table at the entrance. Place your Rice Bowl in a prominent place in your home and use it to collect your Lenten sacrifices. Then return it on Easter! 75% goes to Catholic Relief Services to assist the poor worldwide and 25% is retained by Catholic Charities to aid the poor within the Albany Diocese.

Ladies of Charity - Spring General Meeting **Thursday, April 7th, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.**

at the Knights of Columbus, 50 Pine Rd, Saratoga Springs
 Lasagna Dinner will be served: \$20.00 per person
 Anyone interested in learning what the Ladies of Charity is all about, please join us, or call Claudette at 518-584-7592,
 or Sharon at 518-365-0004
 To make a Reservation mail checks by March 31st, to: Corinne Sirocco, 27 Pinewood Ave., Saratoga Springs NY 12866

Easter Flower envelopes were included in the March envelope mailing if you would like to make a donation in memory or honor of a loved one. Please be sure to clearly fill out the information on the envelope and drop in any collection basket before Easter. Extra envelopes are on the table near the door.



STEWARDSHIP

Trustees:
 Mike Markus 879-5390, MMarkus@nycap.rr.com
 Warren Pabst 893-2039, WPabst@nycap.rr.com



Diocesan Appeal 2021-2022

Goal: \$45,835

Gifts & Pledges as of 3/04/2022: \$25,222

\$2,150 in pledged payments are past due.

SOCIAL, COMMUNITY & HOSPITALITY

Hospitality: Rebecca Cronin 893-0302

RebeccaL@nycap.rr.com

Fr. Simon's Mystery Meals: Anthony Mamone
 763-1624 or AMamone159@gmail.com

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
Second Collection: Catholic Relief Services CRS		
Sun 3/27	9:45 am	K-6th grades Faith Formation classes
	7:00 pm	7th-9th grades Faith Formation classes
Mon 3/28	6:00 pm	Buildings & Grounds meet at St. Joseph's
	7:00 pm	Men's Group meets at St. Joseph's
Wed 3/30	9:00 am	Morning Mass at St. Joseph's
	7:00 pm	Adult Lenten Study at St. Joe's & Zoom
Fri 4/01	5:00 pm	Stations of the Cross at St. Joseph's
Tues 4/05	7:00 pm	Pastoral Council via Zoom
Thurs 4/07	6:30 pm	Bereavement Group at the Rectory

Knights of Columbus #246 Lenten Weekly Fish Fry

Fridays through April 15 / pickup from 5:00-7:30 p.m.

Meal choices: Fried or Baked Haddock (\$14.00) or Fried Clam strips (\$12.00), Meals include Fries, Coleslaw, Tartar and Cocktails Sauces.

Other sides available: New England Clam Chowder (pint \$7; quart \$13), Macaroni & Cheese (\$5), Fries (\$3), Dessert (\$2)

Place orders by calling 518-584-8547 between 12-3 pm on the Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday before each event.

Pickup times will begin on Friday at 5:00-7:30 pm.

You are welcome to come in to pick up your meal or, have it brought out to your vehicle - just call from the parking lot.

At Our Eucharistic Celebrations next week...

<i>St. Joseph's</i> <i>Saturday at 4:00 pm</i>	<i>St. Paul's</i> <i>Sunday at 8:00 am</i>	<i>St. Joseph's</i> <i>Sunday at 11:00 am</i>	<i>St. Joseph's</i> <i>Wednesday at 9:00 am</i>
<i>Our Parish Family</i> <i>Remembers</i> <i>Loretta D. Bellon</i>	<i>We remember</i> <i>Our Parish Family</i>	<i>Diane Marry</i> <i>has asked us to remember</i> <i>Don Marry</i>	<i>We remember</i> <i>Our Parish Family</i>



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