



St. Joseph's Parish
A Catholic Community

MINISTRY DIRECTORY

2023

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
3159 Route 9N, Greenfield Center, NY

ST. PAUL'S CATHOLIC CHURCH MISSION
771 Route 29, Rock City Falls, NY

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WELCOME

I would first like to thank you for your interest in the ministries offered at St. Joseph/St. Paul's Parish.

In looking at the various ministries, may we be inspired by the Parable of the Talents (Mt 25:14-30; cf. Lk 19:12-27). The parable reminds each of us that we are entrusted with talents to be used to bring the love of God to our world. The parable also points out that we are given different talents, and all that God asks of us is that we maximize our own potential.

In looking through this handbook, what ministry or ministries catch your eye or, more importantly, your heart? In answering this question, I ask that you do two things, First, pray. Second, do not be afraid.

I once again, thank you for considering volunteering at St. Joseph's/St. Paul's. May each of us exercise our talents to the fullest and truly be *The Church!*

Fr. Simon

Mass Ministry: Monica McKeon-Berrios

LECTORS - are members of the Assembly who proclaim the Word through the first two Scripture readings. *Training and preparation will be provided for those wishing to be lectors.*

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - are needed to help in the distribution of communion on Sundays and Holy days. *Training will be provided.*

Altar Servers: Joe Varone

Any child in grade 3 or above is eligible to serve Mass and other liturgies in our parish. *Training will be provided.*

Ushers: Tom Cronin & Bill Marzano

Assists mass attendees in finding a seat, provides direction during the distribution of the Eucharist; directs parking lot, as needed; assists anyone with mobility issues; and manages the collecting and securing the offertory collection. Also, sets up audio-visual equipment, including a video camera and FM transmitter. We are always looking for new ushers - men and women. *Training will be provided.*

Sacristan: Matt Sharpe

Assists with mass set-up of the altar, specifically with the bread and wine, sacred vessels, and other set-up responsibilities as needed. *Training will be provided*

Children's Liturgy: Volunteer(s) needed

The children will learn about the scripture readings that will be explained on a level appropriate to children in grades pre-k – 3rd during the 10:30 am Mass at St. Joseph's.

Music Ministry: Mandy Marcolin

Please join our choir by singing or playing an instrument (or both). *There will be a short rehearsal when necessary.*

Faith Formation: Joe Varone

Our program provides religious education and sacramental preparation for children in grades preschool thru 9th grade. We meet twice a month during the school year for about an hour in the morning before 10:30 AM Mass. *Training will be provided for all volunteers.*

Parish Life: Tom Cronin

Focused on the mission of evangelization and unites various ministries in fostering a warm, inviting, and welcoming parish culture.

Pastoral Care Ministry of Support: Cathy Burch

Pastoral Care is a ministry of emotional, social, and spiritual support:

Bereavement Support Group - meets on the second Thursday and fourth Tuesday of every month for about an hour.

* Invites parishioners to assist other parishioners and non-parishioners who are experiencing the loss of a loved one. *Training will be provided.*

* Activities: Mailings to loved ones following a St. Joseph's or St. Paul's funeral. Sympathy and get-well cards mailed from the parish family to parishioners as identified by parishioners.

Respect Life: Rebecca Cronin

A group of parishioners dedicated to promoting the sanctity of human life in the parish and community.

Lazarus Support Group: Ed and Elizabeth Stano

Our goal is to assist the family and the parish in giving the deceased a good Christian farewell through prayer and the Church's liturgical activities. Includes assisting with setting up and support needed during funerals. Time commitment varies depending on need.

Prayer Line: Pauline Simon

Join in praying for parishioners. We will have a phone chain as well as an email chain. A parishioner in need of prayer will contact the parish office and then be placed on the prayer list.

Christian Outreach: Janet Singer

Monthly collections of goods and money to assist the local community's needs. This has included the food pantries, school supplies, Code Blue, Birthright, and SNACPACK, among others.

Social, Community & Hospitality: Rebecca Cronin

Provides a light snack after Mass to share with parishioners, in order to add to the life and sense of community within the parish.

Mystery Meals For Fr. Simon: Sue Horne

Provide a Saturday meal and a Sunday breakfast for Fr. Simon or our visiting priests. Please prepare one additional serving of dinner during the week and package the meal (freeze if necessary), and deliver it to the St. Joseph's kitchen before the 4 pm Saturday Mass. (Please include your name and the meal you prepared with reheating instructions). For his Sunday breakfast, Father enjoys breads, muffins, rolls, and fruit (just not yogurt!).

Men's Group: Tom Cronin & Joe Varone

Meet twice a month (2nd and 4th Mondays) to discuss the Gospel, the teachings of Christ and share our Catholic faith.

Women's Group: Lida Varone & Kathy Zanella

Meet twice a month (1st and 3rd Wednesdays) to discuss Christ's teachings and share in our faith journey with one another.

Catholic Schools: Joyce Rice

Assist families interested in attending a local Catholic School with information and tuition assistance.

Counters: Christine Murphy & Margie Carroll

Weekly – after all the Masses, you collect the money and count for each church over at the office in the rectory. You will be counting with one to two other people and document all the monies.

Buildings & Grounds: Mark Vanasdale

To help take care of the inside and outside of both churches.

Greeters: Mary Fornabia

A warm friendly greeting provided to our parishioners as they enter the church for Mass.

Gardening Ministry: Susan Livsey

To help take care of the outdoor plants at St. Joseph's and St. Paul's.

Decorating Committee: Lida Varone

Help to make our churches look beautiful for holidays and in between. Also, to change the Liturgical banners for every season.

Finance Committee: Dawn Rodecker

Please contact Fr. Simon if interested.

Pastoral Council: Lida Varone

Please contact Fr. Simon if interested.

“Each and every one of us has marvelous and wonderful gifts to be shared, and we need one another to be able to bring out the best in each other and, in a complementary way...”

Bishop Edward Scharfenberger

Please fill in the information requested below for each household member wishing to be contacted.

Drop it in the collection basket or mail to the parish office.

This form is not a commitment to any ministry. It is simply a request for our Committee chairperson to contact you to provide more information.

Name:

Phone:

Email Address:

Area(s) of ministry or your giftedness you would like to share:

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