

St. Joseph Parish

Galloway



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Mission Statement

Baptized in Christ Jesus and nourished by his Word and Sacrament we strive to live our daily lives in love and service to God and neighbor.

Pastor:

Augustine K. Bentil

Staff:

Sister Mary Ellen Diermeier
Deacon Timothy Betker
Crystal Bushman, DRE
Valerie Wierzba, Parish Administrator

Mass Times

St. Joseph, Galloway

Saturday 4:00 pm
Sunday 8:30 am

St. Ladislaus, Bevent

Sunday 10:10 am

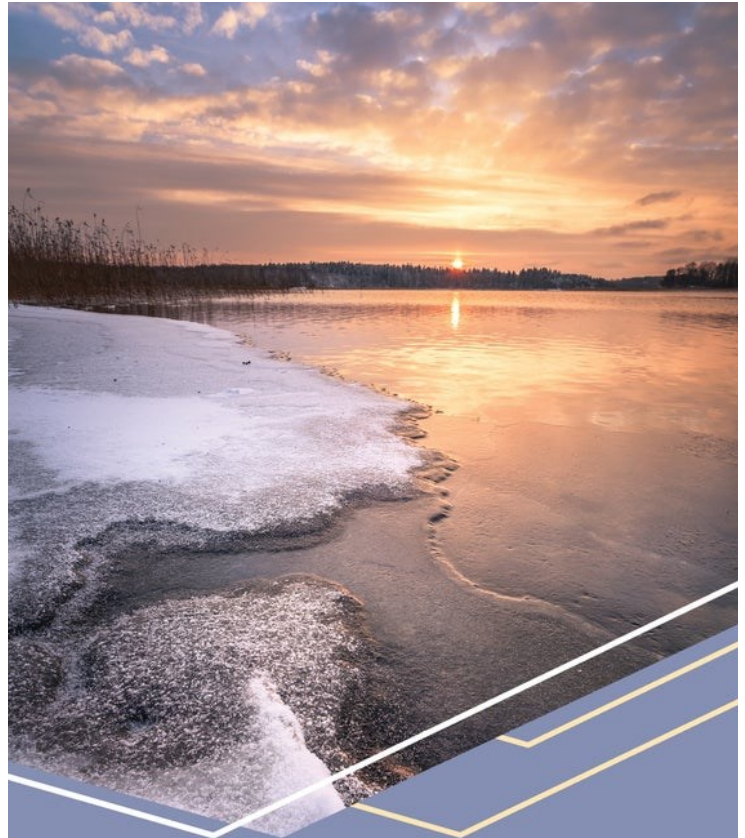
Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 3:35-3:55 pm
Sunday 8:00-8:20 am

Sacrament of Marriage

Please contact the Rectory to schedule a date and time. 9 months preparation is required. One or both persons should be registered with the parish for at least 1 full year.

DECEMBER 15, 2024

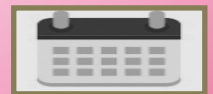


3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."
- Lk 3:16

Scriptures from the Lectionary for Mass © 2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

Mark your Calendars!



December:

Wed. 18- **Mass** 8:30 am
CCD 6:15 pm w/ **Chaplet** 7:20 pm
Fri. 20- **Confessions** 8:30-9:15 am and 6-6:45 pm
Sat. 21- **Mass** 4:00 pm
Sun. 22- **Mass** 8:30 am
Tues. 24- **Carols** start at 5:30 pm
Christmas Eve Mass 6:00 pm
Wed. 25- **Christmas Mass** 8:30 am
Sat. 28- **Mass** 4:00 pm
Sun 29- **Mass** 8:30 am



Liturgies of the Week

Wed. Dec 18 - Late Advent Weekday

8:30 am- Hubert Pochinski *by Evelyn Jurgella*

Sat. Dec 21 - Vigil: 4th Sunday of Advent

4:00 pm- Sally Meshak *by Gerard & Lori Wierzba*

Sun. Dec 22 - 4th Sunday of Advent

8:30 am- Mavis Bushman *by Rosary Society*
Parishioners of St Joseph & St Ladislaus

Rosary prayed 1/2 hour before Mass

Saturday, Mass 4 pm - December 21

Lector: **Pat Kulas**
Eucharist: **Jeff Uttecht**
Blood of Christ: **Mary Uttecht**
Pat Kulas
Ushers: **Cindy Koszarek**
Volunteer
TV Monitors: **Kelsie Davis**
Rosary (Joyful): **Pat Kulas**

Sunday, Mass 8:30 am - December 22

Lector: **Pam Kohl**
Eucharist: **Dick Golomski**
Blood of Christ: **Donna Golomski**
Pam Kohl
Altar Servers: **Dominick Knitter**
Kastin Kulas
Ushers: **Scott Kezeske**
Slade Wierzba
Caleb Zick
TV Monitors: **Dalton Fletcher**
Rosary (Joyful): **Dick & Donna Golomski**



Our condolences to the family and friends of **Charlotte Kranski**. May her soul rest in the peace of the Lord and we pray He be with her loved ones, especially at this time of bereavement.

Eternal rest, grant unto her, O Lord, and let your perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul, and the souls of the faithfully departed, rest in peace.



Confession & Mass Schedule

Advent Confessions - December 20

St. Joseph, Galloway

8:30-9:15 am and 6-6:45 pm

(Young people are encouraged to accompany parents/grandparents.)

Christmas Eve Masses - December 24

St. Ladislaus, Bevent 4:00 pm

St. Joseph, Galloway 6:00 pm

Christmas Carols will begin at 5:30 pm

Christmas Day Masses - December 25

St. Joseph, Galloway 8:30 am

St. Ladislaus, Bevent 10:10 am

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God - January 1

****This is a Holy Day of Obligation****

St. Joseph, Galloway 8:30 am

St. Ladislaus, Bevent 10:10 am



Thank you to Jodie Groshek and Dental Express Staffing, LLC for the generous donation of \$250 for Giving Tuesday. We truly appreciate it and are grateful for this unexpected gift .

Attention! Advance Notice!

Saturday Mass Time Change

Beginning Saturday, January 4

4:00 pm Mass at St Ladislaus, Bevent



2024 Donations Deadline:

All financial contributions received in the office by 12/31/2024 will be credited to 2024 while those that are received on or after 1/1/2025 will be credited in 2025. Mailed gifts are included in this deadline so if you're mailing a donation that you would like credited in 2024, please plan ahead. Thank you!



Window Candles for Christmas

Please put your offering for candles in an envelope marked "For Window Candles" and drop in the collection box. Thank you.

2025 Calendars

Parish 2025 calendars are available in the church foyer for you to take home.



We have a group of youth from our parish who will be journeying to this event to grow in their faith. If you would like to help offset their costs, you can make a donation by placing an envelope in the collection basket marked "Youth Group". Thank you for your generosity!



Musicians wanted:

Crystal Bushman and Brenda Flees provide music for liturgical worship, but are not always available every Mass or weekend. If anyone is

interested in sharing their time and talent by providing music at St. Joseph, please contact Crystal at stjoseph4faith@gmail.com for more information.

THROWBACKS

This was the last group of 1st Communicants in the old Church. It was taken in 1974. Do you recognize anyone?



Area Events

- ◆ **Christmas Concert**, St Michael's Hall, Junction City, **Dec 15, 6pm**, 3 Combined Church Choirs, Refreshments
- ◆ **Day of Crafting**, St Joseph Parish, Stevens Point, **Jan 25, 8am-9pm**, Lunch, Dinner, Snacks included, \$40/person

(see flyers on bulletin board for all events)

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS
By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Asking the Question

I have found in my life that if I am certain of the answer to a big and complicated question — right away, no doubts or hesitations — there is a high likelihood that the answer is actually the wrong one.

Because most of the time the truth is buried beneath a thicket of pride, prejudice, and ignorance. To find our answers, we have to be ready to put the gardening gloves on and pick through the thorns. We have to pray. We have to reflect. We have to question ourselves and others. We have to examine our feelings. And then we have to pray some more.

See, I would be willing to bet that the tax collectors and soldiers knew. Deep in their hearts, they knew.

They knew when they approached John the Baptist and asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" that his reply was not going to be: "Keep doing exactly what you're doing."

They had heard this guy preach. They knew what he was about: repentance. They might not have known exactly what John the Baptist was going to tell them to do, but they knew whatever it was, it was going to be a challenge. It was going to turn their lives upside down.

I give them credit for asking the question. That's a hard thing to do, and I don't do it enough. Too often, I'm afraid to ask the question.

How do I love this person? How do I live out my baptismal call in this particular situation? How do I draw water from the fountain of salvation — and how do I do it with joy, as we are commanded by the Psalms?

Christmas is ten days away. Are we asking the question?

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Our women and men religious offer gratitude. A sister shares, "I thank the Lord for all who give. I don't think we would make it without them." Thank you for giving to the Retirement Fund for Religious last week.

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