

# St. Joseph Parish

## Galloway



182526 County Rd. C,  
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**Parish Office & Rectory:** 715-454-6431

Office Hours: Monday-Wednesday 8:00 am - noon

**\*Office will be closed Jan 1\***

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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. Benti

### 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 29, 2024



### THE HOLY FAMILY

After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. - Lk 2:46

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

### Mark your Calendars!



### January:

Wed. 1- **Mary, the Mother of God Mass** 8:30 am

Sun. 5- **Mass** 8:30 am

Wed. 8- **CCD** 6:15 pm w/ **Chaplet** 7:20 pm

Sun. 12- **Mass** 8:30 am

Wed. 15- **CCD** 6:15 pm w/ **Chaplet** 7:20 pm

Thur. 16- **PCCW Mtg** 6:00 pm

Sun. 19- **Mass** 8:30 am

Wed. 22- **CCD** 6:15 pm w/ **Chaplet** 7:20 pm



## Liturgies of the Week

**Wed. Jan 1 - Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**  
**8:30 am-** Lorraine Kurszewski *by Rosary Society*

**Sun. Jan 5 - Epiphany of the Lord**  
**8:30 am-** Alanna Kosmalski *by Ray & Betty*  
*Bembenek*

Rosary prayed 1/2 hour before Mass

### Sunday, Mass 8:30 am- January 5

Lector: **Michele O'Donnell**  
 Eucharist: **Mike O'Donnell**  
 Blood of Christ: **Pat Kulas**  
**Renee Groshek**  
 Altar Servers: **Henry Knitter**  
**Oliver Knitter**  
 Ushers: **Joe Bushman Jr**  
**Brennen Bushman**  
**Caleb Zick**  
 TV Monitors: **Dalton Fletcher**  
 Rosary (Joyful) & Litany: **Pat Kulas**

### Gifts to Our Lord: Dec 9- Dec 15, 2024

Adult Envelopes.....	\$1485.00
Youth Envelopes .....	\$11.00
Offertory .....	\$290.00
Religious Retirement .....	\$75.00
Christmas Envelopes.....	\$25.00
Christmas Flowers.....	\$25.00
Window Candles.....	\$12.00
<u>Immaculate Conception.....</u>	<u>\$26.00</u>
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$1949.00</b>

### Diocesan Annual Appeal



Our Goal - \$23,660.00  
 Pledged - \$7,895.00  
 Under Our Goal - \$15,765  
 Goal at 33% with 22 Donors  
 If we do not meet our goal, the parish has to pay the Diocese the remaining balance.

Extra pledge cards are available in the foyer. Thank you for helping us in any way that you can.

## Winter Break Hours

Parish Office hours are usually Monday- Wednesday from 8 am- noon. If you call outside of these hours or if no one is available to answer, please leave a message if you have a non-urgent request. If your need is urgent while Father Gus is away, please contact Sister Mary Ellen at St Ladislaus in Bevent at 715-446-3060. Contact Sister with any requests to visit the sick at home or in the hospital. If it is an emergency requiring an anointing, please contact Father Diez at St. Adalbert's 715-677-4517.

Thank you

Thank you so much for generously filling in today, Father Roy Witucki. Your presence and service were greatly appreciated. May God bless you for your kindness.



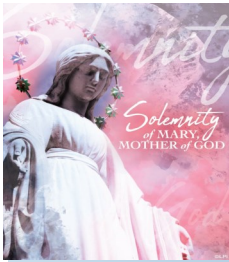
## Soup & Dessert Cookoff

**Save the Date:** The PCCW Soup and Dessert Cook-Off will be held Saturday, **February 22 from 5-6:30 pm.** Enter your soup and/ or dessert to win cash prizes. Fun! See you there!

December 29, 2024  
 The Holy Family

As a first-time pastor in a parish, I received a phone call one afternoon from a young married couple, "Father, our 2-year-old son drowned in our pool this morning. We are at the hospital. Please help us." I sped over. The little boy was gone, his body cold, slightly blue, laid out on a bed. His parents were distraught and in shock. For the next few years, I walked with the couple along their difficult and painful road. They openly shared with me how they were often tempted to blame and accuse each other for the loss. And yet, by God's grace, their love for each grew stronger and deeper as the years went by. The Holy Family was not without its pain and loss, either. Luke tells us, after losing their twelve-year-old son, Joseph and Mary "after three days found him in the temple area, sitting among the teachers..." (Luke 2:46). We don't know specifically what those three days were like for them except for what Mary says: "Your father and I have been looking for you anxiously." The three days of his absence foreshadow his death and burial. His finding in the temple is a kind of resurrection for his family. They had to learn, again and again, that their family was becoming a place where death and resurrection was not only accepted but welcomed and celebrated. But surely they deeply felt the dangerous agony of their loss — just like every couple who has lost a child.

What losses in your experience of family still cause you anxiety? In what ways has God's presence seemingly vanished in your family? Will you keep searching for Jesus? Remember, he will rise and be found. Your family may be suffering, but when he is found, it will be stronger than ever before. — Father John Muir ©LPi



## The Memorare

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known, that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help, or sought your intercession, was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I fly to you, O Virgin of Virgins, my mother.

To you I come; before you I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in your mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

### A minute with Jesus: Jesus came into the world as part of a Family

The Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph allows us to see the Holy Family of Nazareth as the “true model of life” (cf. Opening Prayer) from which our families can draw inspiration and know where to find help and comfort. The kindness, respect, obedience, unity, charity, and every other Christian virtue that they lived must become the model for Christian living and for family life. The power of God’s grace needed for family life comes to us through receiving Jesus in the Holy Eucharist every Sunday. Let us be faithful during this beautiful season of Christmas and beyond in attending Sunday Mass.

Let’s pray this right now and every day this week: Jesus, thank You for coming into the world as part of a family, providing a model for families to navigate a culture that rejects God.

This week, read about the difficulty that the Holy Family experienced when they were separated from Jesus for three days in Luke 2:41-52.

## THROWBACKS

Get ready for another blast from the past! The year was 1975... Do you recognize any of these altar boys?



## Area Events



- ◆ **Day of Crafting**, St Joseph Parish, Stevens Point, **Jan 25, 8am-9pm**, Lunch, Dinner, Snacks included, \$40/ person
- ◆ **Knights of Columbus Prime Rib or Gulf Shrimp Dinner**, Sacred Heart Church, Polonia, **Feb 1, 5pm**, \$25/ person, Gun Raffle, 50/50, Basket Raffle

*(see flyers on bulletin board for all events)*

### Pray for Will Goodman, a Pro-Life Champion

Will Goodman, who did pro-life work in the Diocese of La Crosse for more than a decade before joining Red Rose Rescue in 2017, is serving a 27-month sentence in federal prison in Danbury, CT for participating in a rescue in 2020 at a late-term abortion clinic in Washington, D.C., where he and several others offered red roses to the women awaiting abortion, seeking to persuade them to give life to their babies. On Sunday, Nov. 15, Will suffered serious injuries at the prison when he fell in his sleep from his top bunk and landed headfirst on the floor. He was rushed by ambulance to the emergency room, where he was vomiting blood. Though it was discovered he had skull fractures, he was sent back to the prison that night, and his nose bled for two days. Will has been experiencing debilitating effects, and his treatment by staff, while mostly professional, has had moments of cruelty. Please consider writing to Will to give him encouragement and support, and the promise of prayer. To read more, and for guidelines on writing to an inmate, see the article at [lifesitenews.com/news/pro-life-rescuer-will-goodman-seriously-injured-in-prison](https://lifesitenews.com/news/pro-life-rescuer-will-goodman-seriously-injured-in-prison). Please also consider sending an email to the prison warden, Rick Stover, asking respectfully that Will Goodman be given the quality care and compassion he needs to recover. Email [DAN-ExecAssistant-S@bop.gov](mailto:DAN-ExecAssistant-S@bop.gov), and type “Message to Warden Rick Stover re: Will Goodman” in the subject line.

## CHRISTMAS FLOWERS IN MEMORY

Lila & Gus Weller

Reinhard Wagner



MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

SOMETIMES LIFE IS LIKE WHEN MARY HAD JESUS.



YOU DON'T REALLY KNOW IF YOU CAN HANDLE IT, BUT IF GOD GAVE IT TO YOU, YOU JUST GOTTA TRUST THAT HE'LL GIVE YOU A WAY.

