

# 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 Tuesday, January 14**

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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

Sunday 8:30 am

#### St. Ladislaus, Bevent

Saturday 4:00 pm

Sunday 10:10 am

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

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.

## JANUARY 12, 2025



### THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. - Lk 3:21-22a

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### Mark your Calendars!



#### January:

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

Sun. 26- **Mass** 8:30 am

Wed. 29- **CCD** 6:15 pm w/ **Chaplet** 7:20 pm



## Liturgies of the Week

**Sun. Jan 19 - 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**8:30 am-** George & Ethel Weller *by Daughters*

Rosary prayed 1/2 hour before Mass

### Sunday, Mass 8:30 am- January 19

Lector: **Mary Uttecht**  
 Eucharist: **Jeff Uttecht**  
 Blood of Christ: **Dick Golomski**  
                           **Donna Golomski**  
 Altar Servers: **Dominick Knitter**  
                           **Kastin Kulas**  
 Ushers: **Colton Kaminski**  
                   **Drayden Kersten**  
                   **Nick Westover**  
 TV Monitors: **Kiya Kersten**  
 Rosary (Luminous): **Joan Brahmer**

### Gifts to Our Lord: Dec 23- Dec 29, 2024

Adult Envelopes.....	\$1,705.00
Youth Envelopes .....	\$15.00
Offertory .....	\$831.00
Chair Donations .....	\$30.00
Christmas Envelopes.....	\$1,893.00
Retirement Fund.....	\$70.00
<u>Vigil Lights .....</u>	<u>\$115.00</u>
Total .....	\$4,659.00

### Gifts to Our Lord: Dec 30, 2024- Jan 5, 2025

Adult Envelopes.....	\$1,393.00
Youth Envelopes .....	\$9.00
Offertory .....	\$339.00
Energy Needs .....	\$75.00
Catholic Life.....	\$75.00
Christmas Flowers.....	\$40.00
<u>Building Improvements .....</u>	<u>\$30.00</u>
Total .....	\$1961.00

## Winter Break Hours

**The office will be closed Tuesday, Jan 14th.**

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 Dias 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.

The PCCW will have a meeting on Thursday, Jan 16 at 6 pm. All ladies of the parish are encouraged to attend.

Meeting Reminder!



Thank you for the generous donations to our parish this Christmas. We are overwhelmed with appreciation to the

following donors:

Dental Express Staffing on behalf of Jodie Groshek - \$250  
 Estate of Lynn & Bette Gordon - \$10,000  
 Joseph & Phylis Sprangers in remembrance of Sam Clemens, Frances Clemens, and Betty Lutes - \$2,500

*May God bless you!*



Congrats to McKenna Wierzba for winning the scholarship from the Parish's PCCW and Men's Societies. Your hard work has paid off. We wish you all the best in your future studies!



We still have yellow chairs in the foyer available to take home. Free will donation.



Our condolences to the family and friends of **Pat Stroik**. 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.*

## GOSPEL MEDITATION

In my second year of theology studies, I went to confession to a priest visiting the seminary for a three-day retreat. My heart wasn't in it. I was going through the motions. I confessed my sins and waited for his response. The priest said, "For your penance, I'd like you to go into the chapel and repeat the words 'You are my beloved Son, with you I am well pleased' (Luke 3:22) until they mean something to you." Easy penance, I thought.

But to my surprise, I struggled to say those words. I sensed a strong interior resistance blocking them. How could God be well-pleased with me? He couldn't be, I thought. A battle within me ensued. Two hours later, the resistance vanished, and I found myself able to speak, and claim as my own, those marvelous words. I emerged from the chapel with a new, deep, peaceful conviction that I was indeed God's beloved son.

Those words are a precious gift from heaven to all of us. Jesus' baptism, which we celebrate this week, offers them to us. Are we willing to receive these words anew? Many things can block this deepening of our baptismal identity: failings, sins, disappointments, traumas, problems, and so on. Yet God's love is always greater. This week I challenge you to prayerfully repeat these words over yourself — or perhaps over someone you're struggling to love — until those words find a home in your heart.

— Father John Muir ©LPi

## 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. *The PCCW is seeking basket donations for the raffle.* If you are able to contribute or have questions, please call/ text Donna at 715-570-0076. See you there!

## CHRISTMAS FLOWERS IN MEMORY OF...



Frances & Rita Jauquet

Maynard Witkowski

## 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
- ◆ **Take & Bake Pizza & Calzone Sale**, St Wenceslaus, Milladore, **Feb 1, 2-4 pm**, Pizza \$10, Calzones \$4

(see flyers on bulletin board for all events)

## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

*I Hope I Am Like Him*

"Who is this Christ? Is he like you?" Perhaps you've heard this story, often attributed to the life of St. Teresa of Calcutta. A sick man asked her this question, as he marveled at her tireless service to himself and others in the name of someone named Jesus Christ.

"He is nothing like me," the saint is said to have answered. "But I hope I am like him."

Though the authenticity of this exchange cannot be verified, its message rings perfectly true: all the value of our stewardship lies in its relativity to the one in whose name we perform it.

Consider the figure of John the Baptist — a magnificent, towering character even purely from a literary or historical perspective. A martyr who fed on wild locusts and boldly spoke truth to power — a man so great some mistook him for the Messiah.

But why is he great? Because he prepared the way. All his accomplishments and escapades mean nothing if they are taken out of the context of salvation history. He only makes sense relative to Christ — and this is exactly as he wanted it. "One worthier than I is coming," he insists. And because of that humility and that total embrace of God's will, he is given one of the greatest honors in the New Testament — he baptizes the Son of God.

Let's examine our lives in the light of their relativity to Christ. How do we prepare the way? When Christ comes to us, what do we do? How do we leave ourselves open to be actors in God's plan?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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### BAPTISM OF THE LORD

