

# St. Joseph Parish

## Galloway

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

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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

Sunday 8:30 am

#### St. Ladislaus, Bevent

Saturday 4:00 pm

Sunday 10:10 am

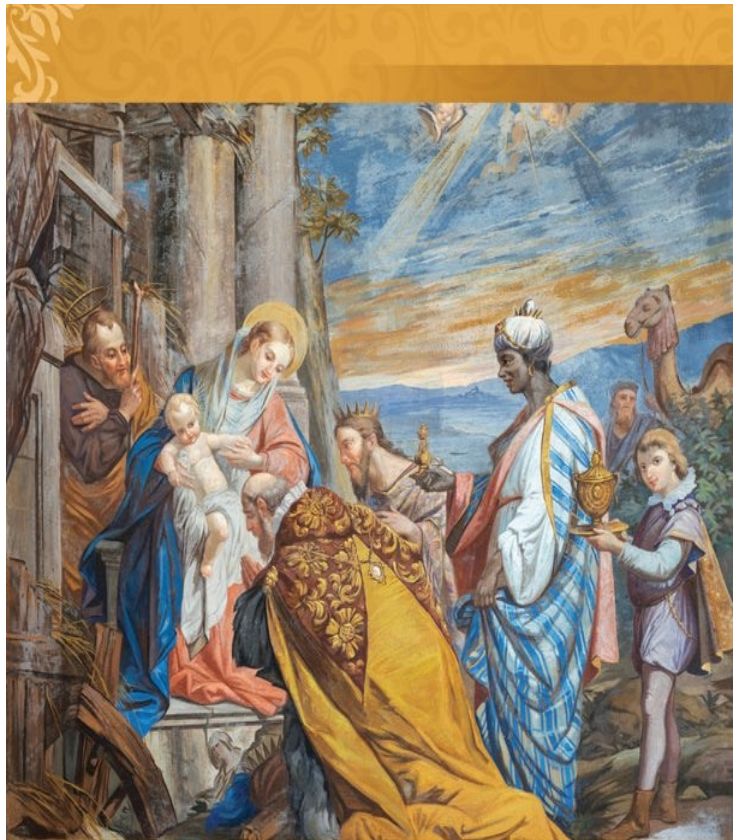
### Sacrament of Reconciliation

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 4, 2026



## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

"And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel." Mt 2:6

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

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## HOMAGE

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage.

MATTHEW 2:10-11A

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## Mark your Calendars!



### January:

Wed. 7- CCD 6:15 pm w/ Divine Mercy Chaplet

Sun. 11 - Mass 8:30 am

Wed. 14 - CCD 6:15 pm w/ Divine Mercy Chaplet

Sun. 18 - Mass 8:30 am

Wed. 21 - CCD 6:15 pm w/ Divine Mercy Chaplet

Sun. 25 - Mass 8:30 am

Wed. 28 - CCD 6:15 pm w/ Divine Mercy Chaplet

## Liturgies of the Week

### Sun. Jan 11 - Baptism of the Lord

8:30 am- Consuelo Ramirez *by Scott Kulas*

Rosary prayed 1/2 hour before Mass

### Sunday, Mass 8:30 am - Jan 11

Lector: **Jeff Uttecht**  
 Eucharist: **Mary Uttecht**  
 Blood of Christ: **Pat Kulas**  
**Renee Groshek**

Altar Servers: **Dominick Knitter**  
**Kastin Kulas**

Ushers: **Aiden Bushman**  
**Jose Cervantes**  
**Colton Kaminski**

TV Monitors: **Avery Bushman**  
 Rosary (Joyful): **Joe Bushman Sr**

### Gifts to Our Lord: Dec 15 - Dec 21, 2025

Adult Envelopes.....	\$3435.00
Youth Envelopes .....	\$4.00
Statue Donations .....	\$170.00
Religious Retirement .....	\$40.00
Christmas Envelopes.....	\$1125.00
Christmas Window Candles.....	\$18.00
Immaculate Conception .....	\$80.00
Building & Grounds.....	\$45.00
Offertory .....	\$319.00
Total .....	\$5236.00

## 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 Dias at St. Adalbert's 715-677-4517.

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



thank  
you

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

Thank you to Greg & Dianne Weller, John Wierzbza, and Rick Jozwiak for hanging our new sanctuary light near the tabernacle. We appreciate your selfless giving of time and effort to give our Church a flattering new look.

Thank  
You



Thank you to Barb Martin for the donation of books to add to our little library in the foyer. If anyone hasn't checked out our selection, try one today. We've got some good ones!

## Prayer REQUESTS

### We pray for the health and healing of...

Leonard Schulist	Fred Groshek
Cliff Groshek	Cheryl Doede
Klint Kranski	Ken Kranski, Jr

To have your request added, please contact the office.

The Stars We Follow  
 By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Everyone follows a star.  
 It is human nature to seek. If we are rich, we want to be richer. If we are smart, we want to be smarter. If we are powerful, we want to be more powerful.  
 We cannot stay in one place, so to speak — to say, “I am what I am, I have what I have, and it is enough.” Even the very act of maintaining a status quo, be it health or wealth or spiritual goodness, requires action. It requires effort. It requires movement. This is human nature. There is nothing wrong with it. When we stop seeking, we die.  
 But what are we looking for? Where are we going?  
 I often wonder if the Magi knew what they were seeking — really, truly knew. They were seeking “the newborn king of the Jews,” yes, but did they understand who he was? What he was? I don't see how they could have. They were wise men, but they were not prophets. They simply knew this was an endeavor they had to undertake. They knew it in their souls.  
 There really is very little that we know for certain about the Magi. We don't know how many of them there were. We don't know their religion. We don't know where they came from. All we know for certain is that they listened to a voice they heard deep within themselves. And, heeding that voice, they went forth.  
 And what did they find? They found what we all seek, even if, foolishly, we seek it in riches or power.  
 They found the face of the Child.  
 So tell me this. Of all the stars you could follow, which one does the voice — that one deep within you — tell you to chase? Point to it. And go forth. ©LPi



## Penances and Prayers

*God's glory, now, is kindled gentler than candlelight  
under the rafters of a barn:  
Eternal Peace is sleeping in the hay,  
And Wisdom's born in secret in a straw-roofed  
stable.\**

When I was younger, I wrote music to and recorded Thomas Merton's poem, "Epiphany Carol." If you have never read it, search it out on the internet. Merton's words are profound and paint a picture of the awesomeness of Jesus, the newborn King of Kings, lying in a simple straw bed. The shepherds and Wise Men are drawn to pay homage to the One who has been born above all others and brings with him hope for a broken world.

As Merton correctly points out, the gifts we are called to bring to this baby and lay at his feet are our prayers and penances, next to those gifts of worldly wealth. What is it that you have to bring to the stable on this feast of the Epiphany of the Lord? Unless those prayers and penances lead to a new way of living, our gifts will be void of meaning. What we lay before him speaks to the change in us that he has given to us by his birth. Our daily stewardship is resembled in those gifts. If we are to truly echo the kingdom of God in our lives and actions, what we ultimately offer to him is no less than our entire selves. This baby will give his entire self for us, and his work must continue through our hands and feet.

*While we unnumbered children of the wicked  
centuries  
Come after with our penances and prayers,  
And lay them down in the sweet-smelling hay  
Beside the wise men's golden jars.\**

\*Excerpts from "Epiphany Carol" by Thomas Merton

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi



## Area Events

- ♦ **Drive Thru Soup Sale**, St Wenceslaus Parish, Milladore, **Jan 10, 2-4 pm**, \$8/ quart with dinner rolls
- ♦ **January Serenity Retreat**, St Anthony Spirituality Center, Marathon, **Jan 16-18**, Fourth & Fifth Steps, Cost \$240
- ♦ **Craft Day**, St Joseph Parish, Stevens Point, **Jan 24, 8 am-9pm**, Lunch & Dinner Provided, Cost \$40/Person
- ♦ **Poncza Dance**, St Michael's Church, Junction City, **Feb 7, 6-10 pm**, \$5/ person, 12 & under: free Ultimate Polka Band & DJ
- ♦ **Pilgrimage to Mexico, Feb 8-13**, With Fr. Tim, Walk the steps of St Juan Diego

(see flyers on bulletin board for all events)

**The Best Gift for your Spouse--Harmony and Hope! A weekend for married couples facing a difficult time in their relationship to be held in Wausau area Feb 13-15, 2026 provides a path to rediscover the spouse you fell in love with. "We could not talk without arguing. Eventually, our marriage entered a second honeymoon. We are now able to live in harmony thanks to the skills we learned in the Retrouvaille program." For more info, couples' comments and reviews visit [HelpOurMarriage.org](http://HelpOurMarriage.org) or call 1-877-922-4673 (Fully confidential).**

## GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

### The Epiphany of the Lord

When I was 22, I went on a pilgrimage to Rome for the Jubilee Year of 2000. I was traveling light with just a backpack, one blue shirt and black pants, little money, and no Italian. I had a few close friends and one goal: to reach the Eternal City. Despite the challenges and deprivations, I felt alive in a way I had never known before.

When do you feel most alive? I'd wager it's not when you're most comfortable or surrounded by stuff. Rather, it's when your life is aimed at something great; when you're on a meaningful and challenging journey with good friends.

That's the image the Magi give us in today's Gospel. They set out from the East not with certainty, but with hope. They study the signs, discipline their attention, and journey together, offering the best they have when they find the newborn King. The Church gives us their story at the start of the year to reawaken something in us. We are not meant to drift. We're meant to journey as pilgrims. The Jubilee Year of 2025 may have ended, but our pilgrimage has not. Like the magi, the closer we get to Christ, the more alive we become.

— Father John Muir ©LPi