

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 Closed Monday, Dec 25th & Monday, Jan 1st

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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

Mary Uttecht, 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

DECEMBER 17, 2023

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

I BAPTIZE WITH WATER.

— JOHN 1:26 —



Mark your Calendars!

December:

Mon. 18 - Confessions: 9-10 am
6-7 pm

Wed. 20 - Mass 8:30 am
Confessions 9-10 am
No CCD Classes

Sat. 23 - Mass 4 pm

Sun. 24 - Mass 8:30 am
Carols start at 5:30 pm
Christmas Eve Mass 6 pm

Mon. 25 - Christmas Mass 8:30 am

Wed. 27 - No CCD classes



Liturgies of the Week

Wednesday, December 20- Weekday

8:30 am - Emerick Zoromski *by Agnes Filtz*

Saturday, Dec. 23 - Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Advent

4:00 pm - Hubert & Theresa Yenter
by David & Brenda Flees

Sunday, Dec. 24- Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:30 am - Greg Bushman *by Joe & Wendy Bushman*
St. Joseph & St. Ladislaus Parishioners

Sunday, Dec. 24 - Vigil: Nativity of the Lord

6:00 pm - Ray & Eleanor Kosobucki
by Geri & Linda Kosobucki

Monday, Dec. 25- Nativity of the Lord

8:30 am - Henry Sr & Don Filtz *by Eric Filtz*

Rosary prayed 1/2 hour before Mass

Window Candles for Christmas

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



Christmas Eve Masses - December 24

St. Ladislaus, Bevent 4:00 pm

St. Joseph, Galloway 6:00 pm

Christmas Program will start at 5:30 pm

Christmas Day Masses – December 25

St. Joseph, Galloway 8:30 am

St. Ladislaus, Bevent 10:10 am

Feast of the Holy Family Masses –

December 30 St. Joseph, Galloway 4 pm

December 31 St. Joseph, Galloway 8:30 am

St. Ladislaus, Bevent 10:10 am

No obligation mass on January 1, 2024
for Mary, Mother of God as it falls on a Monday.

Confessions for Advent St. Joseph - Galloway

Monday, December 18 : 9 - 10 am and 6 - 7 pm

Wednesday, December 20 : 9 - 10 am

And half hour before weekend masses

Attention! Advance Notice!

Saturday Mass Time Change

Beginning Saturday, January 6, 2024
4:00 pm Mass at St. Ladislaus, Bevent

Saturday, Mass 4 pm - December 23

Lector: **Jeff Uttecht**

Eucharist: **Ron Knitter**

Blood of Christ: **Mary Uttecht**
Jeff Uttecht

Altar Servers: **Michael Wierzba**

Ushers: **Lee Lehrer**
Fred Groshek

TV Monitors: **Alex Wierzba**

Rosary (Joyful): **Mary Uttecht**

Sunday, Mass 8:30 am - December 24

Lector: **Michelle O'Donnell**

Eucharist: **Renee Groshek**

Blood of Christ: **Pat Kulas**
Mike O'Donnell

Altar Servers: **Henry Knitter**
Dominick Knitter

Ushers: **Joe Jr Bushman**
Brennen Bushman

TV Monitors: **Caleb Zick**

Rosary (Joyful): **Joan Brahmer**

Sunday, Mass 6 pm - Christmas Eve

Lector: **Jeff Uttecht**

Eucharist: **Mary Uttecht**

Blood of Christ: **Donna Kezeske**
Donna Golomski

Altar Servers: **Jaxton Bushman**
Michael Wierzba

Ushers: **Scott Kezeske**
Drayden Kersten

TV Monitors: **Kelsie Davis**

Sunday, Mass 8:30 am - Christmas Day

Lector: **Lisa Walder**

Eucharist:

Blood of Christ: **Pat Kulas**
Mike O'Donnell

Altar Servers: **Colton Kaminski**
Bryce Kohl

Ushers: **Marvin Meronk**
Fred Groshek

TV Monitors: **Madelyn Stegall**



HOPE. LOVE. JOY. PEACE.

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St. Joseph Parish continues to seek a person to fill the very important role of **Director of Religious Education**.

If you are interested or know someone who might be interested and would like to know more, please contact Fr Gus: 715-454-6431 or stjosephchurchgalloway@gmail.com.

Thank you and may God bless you for your prayerful consideration!



RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

A Constant Companion

As Christians, we are called to a life of prayer. This is not just during seasons like Advent, but all year long. When we talk about being prayerful everyday stewards, we are speaking about cultivating an awareness of God being with us at all times. Each day we begin by offering God the entirety of our day. Each night we rest in Him and hope that the hours that passed gave Him glory.

During this busy time of Advent, it is hard to cultivate this life of prayer, but without it we can too easily lose sight of the reason for the season. It is during this time of year we need to heed the words of St. Paul more than ever when he wrote to the Thessalonians, "Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing." This is how we will be able to avoid the pitfalls of consumerism and secularism and keep our eyes fixed on Jesus.

Bring Jesus with you into the office Christmas party. Take him with you shopping for gifts in the department store. Be aware of him when you sit down to watch television specials you have seen every year of your life. Give him all your time and let his presence fill your every moment. By striving to be connecting with Jesus at all times, you will bear greater fruit and the joy you experience will be much greater than you could imagine. You might even spend a few less dollars and spend more time with those you love, particularly the one who loves you the most, the Incarnation himself. — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi



Area Events

- ◆ **Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe**, St Bronislava Parish, Plover, **Tue., Dec. 12**, Confessions 4 pm, Mass 5:30 pm with a celebration to follow after mass.
- ◆ **Christmas Concert**, St. Michael's Hall, Junction City **Sat., Dec. 17, 6 pm**. Featuring 3 combined church choirs for an evening of joyful music.

(see flyers on bulletin board for all events)

THANK YOU for your generosity in donating coats, hats, and gloves to the Knights of Columbus 5008 Council's Coats for Kids Campaign.

The items collected were given to locals families. We received 125 items between St Anthony- Tigerton, St Joseph- Galloway, Holy Family- St Williams-- Wittenberg, St Mary's - Marion, St Mary's- Leopolis and St Francis. Thank you to the Knights that helped organize this collection.



GOSPEL MEDITATION - 3rd Sunday of Advent

Why do we believe in Jesus and the Catholic Church? Why should we continue to do so? We've never seen him face-to-face (at least not most of us, I assume). Most of us have never had mystical visions of angels or saints. We live in the same world as our atheist and secularists friends. Why do we believe in Christ if we've never seen him?

The simple, symbolic answer the Gospel presents to us this week might surprise us: we believe because of John the Baptist. Early in John's Gospel we hear: "There was a man sent from God, his name was John. He came for testimony, to bear witness to the light, that all might believe through him." The Baptist powerfully announces Jesus. This is a historical fact, and it is also now a pattern at work in our lives.

John the Baptist stands for the entirety of the old covenant, everything entrusted to the Jewish people. And yet he prophetically opens the door to something entirely new in Jesus, to the revival and fulfillment of God's promises. In every generation, and in every human life, God continues to do this. He has done it through people named Augustine, Francis, Catherine, Theresa, and countless others. In my life, the Baptist's spirit has come through persons named Eric, Paul, Mary, and Ron. I challenge you to name at least three people through whom God has announced the coming of Jesus in your life. Consciously thank God for their testimony. And let's commit ourselves to listening to the spirit of John the Baptist testify again this week so that we might more strongly believe in the light.

— Father John Muir ©LPi