

# 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 Dec 31\*\***

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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.

## DECEMBER 28, 2025



## THE HOLY FAMILY

"Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead." - Mt 2:20

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

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## Mark your Calendars!



### January:

Thur. 1 - Combined **Mass @St Ladislaus** 10:10 am

Holy Day: Mary, Holy Mother of God

Sun. 4 - **Mass** 8:30 am

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

## Liturgies of the Week

### **Sun. Jan 4 - Epiphany of the Lord**

**8:30 am-** Jim Godin *by Ralph Konkel*

Rosary prayed 1/2 hour before Mass

### **Sunday, Mass 8:30 am - Jan 4**

Lector: **Pat Kulas**  
Eucharist: **Joe Bushman**  
Blood of Christ: **Pam Kohl**  
**Renee Groshek**  
Altar Servers: **Henry Knitter**  
**Oliver Knitter**  
Ushers: **Joe Bushman, Jr**  
**Brennen Bushman**  
**Jaxton Busman**  
TV Monitors: **Volunteer**  
Rosary (Joyful): **Joan Brahmer**

### **Gifts to Our Lord: Dec 8 - Dec 14, 2025**

Adult Envelopes.....	\$2269.00
Youth Envelopes .....	\$8.00
Christmas Flowers .....	\$265.00
Religious Retirement .....	\$270.00
Christmas Envelopes.....	\$550.00
Christmas Window Candles.....	\$20.00
Immaculate Conception .....	\$350.00
Offertory .....	\$339.52
Total .....	\$4071.52

### **2025 Donations Deadline:**

All financial contributions to the church received in the office by 12/31/2025 will be credited to 2025 while those that are received on or after 1/1/2026 will be credited in 2026. This includes mailed gifts so if you're mailing a donation that you would like credited in 2025, please plan ahead. Thank you!



### **Diocesan Annual Appeal**

Our Goal - \$21,955.00  
Pledged - \$5,670.00  
Under Our Goal (Received) - \$17,985  
Goal at 25% with 22 Donors  
No amount is too little, please give what you can. You make a difference! Thank you for your generosity.

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you ☩

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

### **Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God - January 1**

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

St. Ladislaus, Bevent 10:10 am  
Combined Mass for St Joseph & St Ladislaus  
No 8:30 am Mass in Galloway

### **Attention! Advance Notice!** **Saturday Mass Time Change**

Beginning Saturday, January 3  
4:00 pm Mass at St Ladislaus, Bevent

## **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.



Remember us, O God, from age to age be our comforter. You have given us the wonder of time, blessings in days and nights, seasons and years. Bless your children at the turning of the year and fill the months ahead with the bright hope that is ours in the coming of Christ. You are our God, living and reigning, forever and ever. Amen."

## **Prayer REQUESTS**

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

Leonard Schulist  
Cliff Groshek  
Klint Kranski

Fred Groshek  
Cheryl Doede  
Ken Kranski, Jr

To have your request added, please contact the office.



What did people say at the 40 listening sessions this fall? Those comments are now available for viewing, along with a summary of the top trends. You can also check out a brief video from Fr. Derek Sakowski sharing a Christmas story illustrating what it means to “pivot from maintenance to mission.”

Check in Weekly for the Latest Updates:



[www.dioc.org/rebuildmychurch/updates](http://www.dioc.org/rebuildmychurch/updates)

## Other Plans

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

I don’t know exactly what kind of life Mary and Joseph envisioned when they were first betrothed — back in those simple times when they were just like any other couple who had hopes, dreams and no angels telling them what to do.

Whatever their plans were, I think it’s safe to say that the future God had in store for Mary and Joseph was not one either of them expected. I would imagine they both anticipated something a little quieter. A little more stable (no pun intended). A little less tumultuous.

It exhausts me simply to read through the chaos of their movements in today’s Gospel. Flee to Egypt, return to Israel (but not Judea! Herod’s son is there! Divert to Galilee! Divert!). Settle in Nazareth (let me remind you, this is all happening with a baby in tow, and without the aid of a minivan). Take a deep breath, but don’t get too comfortable — now it’s almost time to lose your kid in Jerusalem. Then you’ll have about 20 years off before he starts raising people from the dead, and that’s when things start to get really crazy.

The story of the Holy Family is the ultimate example of the phrase “God had other plans.” If any four-word sentence encapsulates what we can expect from the Christian life, it is this.

I thought I was meant for that job, but God had other plans. I thought I would live in this place, but God had other plans. I thought I was supposed to become this person, but God had other plans.

We can do all the right things. We can make all the right choices. We can say, over and over again until our voice wears out, “Thy will be done.” But all we can know for sure is that God has other plans. ©LPi

### HOLY FAMILY



## Area Events

- ♦ **New Year’s Eve Retreat**, St Anthony Spirituality Center, Marathon, **Dec 31-Jan 1**, Prayer, Fellowship, Adoration, Celebration, \$130/ Person
- ♦ **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
- ♦ **Ponczka 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).

### Jan. 17 Pro-Life Workshop with Emily Geiger: *Effective Dialogue with ‘Pro-Choice’ People - What we’ve learned from talking with thousands*

Join us for an engaging and practical workshop with Emily Geiger of the Equal Rights Institute, designed to help Catholics communicate the truth about the dignity of human life with clarity, charity, and confidence. Emily’s proven approach to pro-life dialogue has been tested on college campuses across the country. A dynamic and thoughtful speaker, she has appeared on MSNBC, EWTN, Relevant Radio, Focus on the Family, Christianity Today and more. This workshop will equip participants with concrete tools for meaningful, respectful conversations—especially in challenging or emotionally charged situations.

- Date: Jan. 17
  - Time: 10:00 AM - 3:30 PM
- Location: Our Lady of Peace Parish, 1414 W 5th St., Marshfield 54449  
Lunch: included.

Visit [dioc.org/respect-life](http://dioc.org/respect-life) for complete details and to register.