

# St. Joseph Parish

## Galloway



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**Parish Office & Rectory:** 715-454-6431  
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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

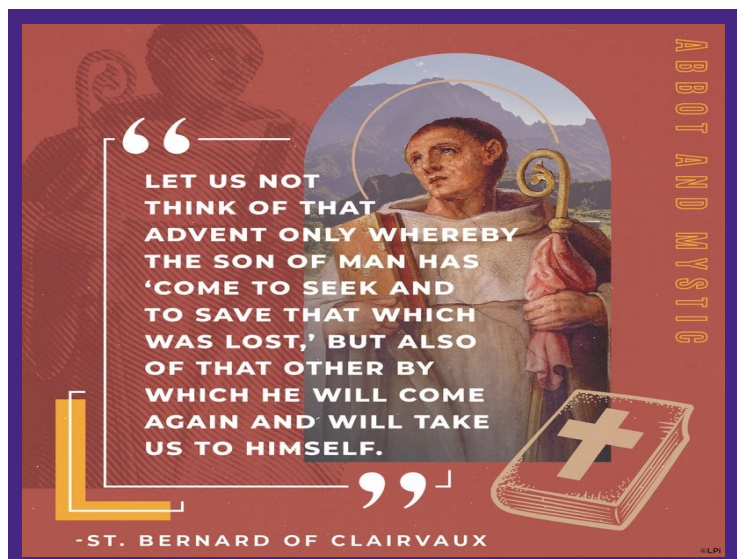
# DECEMBER 3, 2023



### Mark your Calendars!

December:

- Sun. 3 - Mass 8:30 am  
Breakfast with St. Nick 9:30 - 11 am
- Wed. 6 - Mass 8:30 am  
CCD 6:15 pm; Divine Mercy Chaplet 7:20 pm
- Fri. 8 - Feast of the Immaculate Conception  
**Mass 6 pm** - Holy Day of Obligation
- Sun. 10 - Mass 8:30 am  
Parish Men & Women Societies lunch 11 am
- Wed. 13 - Mass 8:30 am  
CCD 6:15 pm



## Liturgies of the Week

**Wednesday, December 6 - Advent Weekday**

**8:30 am** - Mary Firkus *by Sandy Lewandowski*

**Friday, December 8 - Immaculate Conception**

**6:00 pm** - George & Ethel Weller *by Daughters*

**Sat., Dec. 9 - Vigil: Second Sunday of Advent**

**4:00 pm** - Gary Lepak *by Steve and Pat Kulas*

**Sunday, Dec. 10 - Second Sunday of Advent**

**8:30 am** - St. Joseph and St. Ladislaus Parishioners

Rosary prayed 1/2 hour before Mass

### Saturday, Mass 4 pm - December 9

Lector: **Jeff Uttecht**  
 Eucharist: **Ron Knitter**  
 Blood of Christ: **Pat Kulas**  
**Jeff Uttecht**  
 Ushers: **Lee Lehrer**  
**Cindy Koszarek**  
 TV Monitors: **Mason Wierzba**  
 Rosary (Joyful): **Pat Kulas**

### Sunday, Mass 8:30 am - December 10

Lector: **Lisa Walder**  
 Eucharist: **Donna Kezeske**  
 Blood of Christ: **Dick Golomski**  
**Donna Golomski**  
 Altar Servers: **Jaxton Bushman**  
**Michael Wierzba**  
 Ushers: **Scott Kezeske**  
**Andy Wierzba**  
 TV Monitors: **Lia Kezeske**  
 Rosary (Joyful): **Crystal Bushman**



## Breakfast with St Nick

**Sunday, December 3**

**Serving 9:30 am—11 am**

Bring your camera to take home photos of St Nick.

Pancakes, hash browns, scrambled eggs, breakfast meats, fresh fruit, desserts, beverages

### St Joseph Men's And PCCW Societies

are having a catered lunch

**Sunday, December 10**  
**11 am**

All men and women of the parish are members of these societies and are welcome to attend.

Please sign up in the foyer so we know how many to prepare for.

Come join us for fellowship in our parish.



### Gifts to Our Lord: - Nov. 14-20, 2023

Adult Envelopes .....	\$ .965.00
Youth Envelopes .....	.9.00
<u>Offertory Gifts .....</u>	<u>.304.00</u>
Total.....	\$ .1278.00

### Gifts to Our Lord: - Nov. 21-27, 2023

Adult Envelopes .....	\$ .1609.00
Youth Envelopes .....	.4.00
Offertory Gifts .....	.309.50
Vigil Lights .....	.76.00
<u>Building Improvement .....</u>	<u>.30.00</u>
Total.....	\$ .2028.50

### 2023 Donations Deadline:

All financial contributions to the church received in the office by 12/31/2023 (including the offering taken during that Saturday mass) will be credited to 2023 while those that are received on or after 1/1/2024 will be credited in 2023. This includes mailed gifts so if you're mailing a donation that you would like credited in 2023, please plan ahead. Thank you!



Our condolences to the family and friends of **Emerick Zoromski**. May his soul rest in the peace of the Lord and we pray He be with his loved ones, especially at this time of bereavement.

The Emerick Zoromski family would like to thank everyone for their support, kindness and thoughtfulness during this difficult time. We especially would like to thank Fr. Gus for his visits and spiritual guidance for our dad as he made his heavenly journey. May God bless each of you abundantly.



### Parish Administrator

“open-position” is filled up!  
Congratulations to Valerie Wierzba, who has been offered the position of Parish Administrator for our beloved Parish, St Joseph, Galloway; effective Dec 1, 2023. Valerie will be working with Pat learning the position. Let’s keep the parish in prayers as well as Valerie during this period of transition.

### Area Events

- ◆ **St Agnes Sweet Shoppe**, Weston, cookies & candy available by the pound, Sat., **Dec. 9**, 10 am-2 pm
- ◆ **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)*

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](mailto:stjosephchurchgalloway@gmail.com).

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

### 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 :** 8:30-9:30 am and 6 - 7 pm

**Wednesday, December 20 :** 9 - 10 am and 6 - 7 pm

And half hour before weekend masses

### Attention! Advance Notice!

### Saturday Mass Time Change

Beginning Saturday, January 6

4:00 pm Mass at St Ladislaus, Bevent

### GOSPEL MEDITATION - 1st Sunday of Advent

Lately I’ve been listening to a science-based podcast on healthy daily living. The host frequently discusses the wide range of health benefits of sleep. So, each night I’m trying to get more, and better, slumber, and it’s helping me feel energized. So, why in the world should we follow Christ’s advice this week? “Watch therefore, for you do not know when the master of the house will come ... lest he find you asleep.” Isn’t sleep, especially at midnight and cockcrow, a good thing?

Of course, it is. But the wakefulness the Lord calls us to is a deep, personal orientation to Him. A nightly vigil is therefore a metaphor for this, but it’s not just that. We should give up real sleep in order to pray, too. This difficult practice is a time-tested way to foster wakefulness of heart. When we give up sleep to pray, it focuses us. We learn that life is not an endless series of days. You and I belong to the Lord — awake or asleep, in life and in death. Sooner or later, even our need for our physical sleep will pass away. And our attentiveness to God — that is, whether we are awaiting Him to meet us — will be all that matters.

May I challenge us this week and this Advent to intentionally give up at least one hour of sleep each week for prayer? Stay up later, wake up in the middle of the night, or an hour earlier, and pray. Will we be a bit more tired the next day? Yes. But we’ll be amazed at the spiritual wakefulness that results, too.

— Father John Muir ©LPI

