

St. Joseph's Church
164 Broadway
Fort Edward, N.Y. 12828

December 25th, 2021



The Nativity of the Lord



Christmas Eve-Friday, December 24th

4:00pm Mass

Bob Killian by Sue & Peter Cormie

The Munger Family by Julie Leonelli

Phyllis Sullivan & Patricia Haley

By Tom, Kay & Jane Burns

Joseph Sciancalepore by wife Helen and children

In honor of the 75th Wedding Anniversary of

Doris and Fran Carpenter

Christmas Eve - Friday, December 24th

10:00pm Mass

Michelle Fabrizi by Andrea & Barry Loneck

In honor of the 75th Wedding Anniversary of

Doris and Fran Carpenter

Christmas Day- Saturday, December 25th

10:00am

In honor of the 75th Wedding Anniversary of

Doris and Fran Carpenter

Sunday, December 26th-10:00am

Jennifer Ruffing from Mom & Dad

Monday, December 27th

No Mass

Tuesday, December 28th

No Mass

Wednesday, December 29th

No Mass

Thursday, December 30th

No Mass

Friday, December 31st

No Mass

Saturday, January 1st-4:00pm

Phyllis Sullivan by Rose Dorvee

Sunday, January 2nd-10:00am

Carmen Lefebvre by the Herbaly Family



And the Word became flesh
and made his dwelling among us,
and we saw his glory,
the glory as of the Father's only Son,
full of grace and truth

John 1:14

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“He so loved us that for our sake He was made man in time, through Whom all times were made; was in the world less in years than His servants, though older than the world itself in His eternity; was made man, Who made man; was created of a mother, whom He created; was carried by hands which He formed; nursed at the breasts which He had filled; cried in the manger in wordless infancy, He the Word without Whom all human eloquence is mute (St. Augustine, Sermon 188).” The miracle of what happens at Christmas is truly an awesome mystery. Revealed in the silent ordinariness of life is God’s intimate love for humanity and all that he made. The Word, existing for all time, comes and dwells among us. God kisses us. We can seek and soar with playful delight as a joy never known before fills our heart.

Joy is best expressed through dance. There is just something truly wonderful about the self-abandon a beautiful melodic dance reveals. If we are able to let go and really be free, it celebrates life in a way few other experiences really can. With the birth of Jesus Christ, God takes the Divine Dance to a deeper and more tangible level. We can now not only see what we believe but believe what we see! This most perfect dance is a call to beauty, innocence, truth, purpose, hope, faith, and love. Today we know, beyond doubt, that we are a necessary part of God’s beautifully choreographed masterpiece of life and not just a random happening without real intent or purpose. We are loved, treasured, and blessed.

Accepting the truth of God’s birth in time we also accept an invitation to dance with God. We can let go of what tethers us to anxious concerns and superficial securities. Throw caution to the wind and go with God. We have been blessed with talents, gifts, and life eternal. Follow the rhythm of the dance with joy and listen to what the Word who became flesh tells us about what the next steps can be. Today, heaven remains the same, but earth has been profoundly changed.

**Liturgical Ministers
December 24-25-26**

24th-Christmas Eve-Friday-4:00pm

Cantor: Pat Frederick
Lector: Julie Leonelli
Communion: Colleen LaPan, Barbara & Todd Wicks

24th-Christmas Eve-Friday 10:00pm

Cantor: Kate Lanci
Lector: Sue Passaro
Communion: Bob Lemieux & Rick Grant

25th-Christmas Day-Saturday- 10:00am

Cantor: Mary Lou strode
Lector: Kathy Bryant
Communion: Theresa Gillis & Kathy Bryant

26th- Sunday 10:00am

Cantor: Kaaren Evens
Lector: Kathy Bryant
Communion: Bonnie Herbaly & Theresa Gillis

**Liturgical Ministers— January 1 & 2
Saturday-4:00pm**

Cantor:
Lector: Pat Goodspeed
Communion: Kathy Huntington & Julie Leonelli

Sunday-10:00am

Cantor:
Lector: Gary Evens
Communion: Larry Konopka & Colleen Lapan

**Liturgical Ministers-January 8 & 9
Saturday-4:00pm**

Cantor:
Lector: Claire Allen
Communion: Barbara Wicks & Todd Wicks

Sunday-10:00am

Cantor:
Lector: Vlad Pratt
Communion: Bob Lemieux & Faye Plisko



St. Joseph's Parish Family
joyfully welcomes

***Killian Patrick Yeaton
Henry Morgan Vittengl
William Ronan Vittengl***

into the Catholic Church through the
Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday,
December 19th, 2021.

Virtual Nativity Pageant Christmas Eve

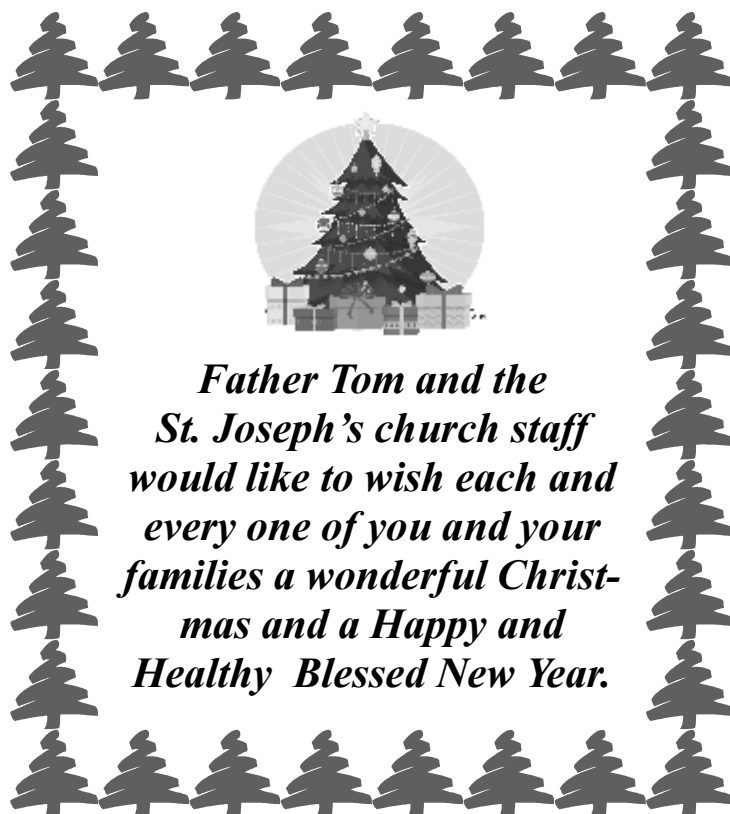
We have a treat for all of you after the 4pm mass on
Christmas Eve. Tune in to our YouTube channel anytime
after mass and view our children in costume acting out the
nativity. Special thanks to our photographer Kara Coe and
video designer Anna Belden. Go to rca.org, scroll down
and click "Watch Sunday Mass", then scroll down to St.
Joseph's Fort Edward. The pageant will appear as a choice.



Memorials are given in memory of loved ones
who have died, to remember to keep them in
our prayers and help the needs of our church.

This week we are asked to remember:

Dorothy S. Gordon by Frances & Steven Weidman
Stephanie Juliano by Dorothy Sottile



***Father Tom and the
St. Joseph's church staff
would like to wish each and
every one of you and your
families a wonderful Christ-
mas and a Happy and
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