



Holy Family Parish St. Joseph Church

Together in Faith

Weekly Bulletin

December
15
2024

HOLY FAMILY PARISH

MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil 4 p.m.
Sunday 10 a.m.
Sunday 12 p.m.
Tuesday 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday 8 a.m.
Thursday 8 a.m.
Friday 9 a.m.

HOLY DAYS

12 p.m. & 5:30 p.m.

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3 - 3:30 p.m.
Tuesday 4:45 - 5:20 p.m.
First Friday 8 - 8:50 a.m.
First Saturday 11 - 11:50 a.m.

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

MASS TIMES

Sunday 8 a.m.

HOLY DAYS

Vigil 5:30 p.m.

RECONCILIATION

Sunday 7:30 - 7:45 a.m.

ROSARY

Recited 1/2 hour BEFORE Mass at both churches, except AFTER Mass on Thursdays.

“

IF WE WISH
TO MAKE ANY
PROGRESS IN THE
SERVICE OF GOD
WE MUST BEGIN
EVERY DAY OF OUR
LIFE WITH NEW
EAGERNESS.

”

- ST. CHARLES BORROMEO

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Welcome to Mass! We are called to...

Mass Intentions

HOLY FAMILY

RORATE CAELI MASS

Saturday, December 14 - 6 a.m.

† Ann Marie Smart - Ken & Kathy Slezak

HOLY FAMILY

Saturday, December 14 - 4 p.m.

† John & Frances Prestopnik - Family

† Mary Petkovsek - Family

† Audrey & John DeRosa - Maryanne

† Rob Feane - Siblings

† James Dinneen - Bill & Eileen Bennett

ST. JOSEPH

Sunday, December 15 - 8 a.m.

† Ronald Lasowski - Kathy Kline

HOLY FAMILY

Sunday, December 15 - 10 a.m. *AO

† Bartholomew Tooley - Family

† Deceased Members of the Nobile &

Mongelluzzo Families - Family

† Ward, Marlyn & Scott Hecox - Family

HOLY FAMILY

Sunday, December 15 - 12 p.m.

† Fazioli/Matthew Grandchildren (L) Janine Fazioli

HOLY FAMILY

Tuesday, December 17 - 5:30 p.m.

NO MASS

HOLY FAMILY

Wednesday, December 18 - 8 a.m.

NO MASS

HOLY FAMILY

Thursday, December 19 - 8 a.m.

† Thomas Logar - Christine Logar & Allison Perry

† James Zysk - Family

HOLY FAMILY

Friday, December 20 - 9 a.m. *AO

† Anne Paoni

HOLY FAMILY

Saturday, December 21 - 4 p.m.

† Kathy Moynihan - Family

† Mike Volo - Wife, Dodie

† Linda Sagatis - Family

† Craig Wright - Wife & Children

† Rob Feane - Siblings

† Ann Noonan - Feane Family

ST. JOSEPH

Sunday, December 22 - 8 a.m. *AO

† DeLucco, DiLeo & Maddocks Families - Carm Maddocks

† Gary Giachetti - Winkler Family

† Carol Wesley - Friends

HOLY FAMILY

Sunday, December 22 - 10 a.m. *AO

† For the Intentions of the People of Holy Family Parish

HOLY FAMILY

Sunday, December 22 - 12 p.m.

† Bowman Family - Janine Fazioli

† Devon & Trinity (L) - Phil & Mary Saginari

*AO - Ad Orientem Mass

SANCTUARY LAMP

Sanctuary Lamp lit in memory of:

Donald Ezzo - Wife & Family

Neva Volo - Eileen Zaklukiewicz

REST IN PEACE

May the soul of Neva Volo find eternal rest in the glory of God's heavenly kingdom.



Sacrificial Giving

Holy Family - December 1	Collection - \$3,294.00
Fuel	\$300.00
Christmas Flowers	\$417.00
St. Joseph - December 1	Collection - \$2,787.00



"I have a burning thirst to be honored by men in the Blessed Sacrament."

*— Jesus speaking to
St. Margaret Mary Alacoque*

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know, love, and serve as Jesus did.

News & Events

Advent Penance Services

- ◆ Little Falls – Holy Family Parish,
Thursday, December 19th – 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Needed: Snow Crew Volunteers!

Many may remember the winter weather we had last Christmas, which created a real challenge for our one-man maintenance crew! Any able-bodied persons willing to help keep things clear, should it happen again, should contact Lisa LaCoppola at the Parish Office (315-823-3410) by December 17th. Thanks in advance for keeping things safe for everyone coming to celebrate our Savior's birth, especially the elderly and others with mobility challenges.

Looking for a Christmas Gift?

The companion tour book as well as the in-depth meditation book for the stained glass windows are available for purchase. Both books are available in the Parish Office.

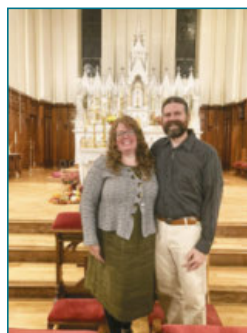
On Amazon, the tour companion book is \$9.99 and the meditation book is \$39.99 plus shipping. Locally, the tour companion book is \$5, and the meditation book is \$30.

Amazon links here: Tour Companion: <https://a.co/d/hcTYrae> and Meditation Book: <https://a.co/d/clcRNBe>.

Help Bring Gifts to Area Children

Holy Family will once again partner with Catholic Charities of Herkimer County to help to bring joy and some gifts to area children. Tags are on the trees located in the front of church by each of the side entrances. Please take a tag that specifies boy or girl, age and size, items needed, and a wish gift. Please return your WRAPPED gift by the weekend of DECEMBER 14th/15th. Thank you for bringing joy to those in need this Christmas season!

Please Join Us to Congratulate the Johnsons



Blessings to Mark and Shauna Johnson who recently had their marriage convalidated at Holy Family. The Johnsons and their children are in the process of converting or "reverting" to the Catholic Faith.

What is a convalidation? A convalidation takes place when a couple has their civil marriage validated or legitimized by the

Church. It is an entirely new act of consent exchanged before God and a priest or deacon. If you, or a Catholic you know was married outside the Church, invite them to have their marriage convalidated as well. Benefits include, being in good-standing with the Church and creating a union centered on Christ.

Help Support St. Joseph Church Raffle

Helping Hands is sponsoring a raffle to benefit St. Joseph's Church. Three gift certificates from Kelly's Meat Market in Little Falls to be drawn on Sunday, December 15th. Prizes are \$100/\$75/\$50 certificates. Tickets are \$5 each or 5 tickets for \$20. Tickets are available after 8 a.m. Mass, from parishioners, at the Holy Family/ St. Joseph Office in Little Falls, or by calling Kathy, 315-717-9534 or Lynne, 315-868-7886.

Young Adult Semi-Formal Epiphany Ball

The Taconic Catholic Young Adult Group and the Diocese of Albany invite you to a Young Adult Semi-Formal Epiphany Ball: a semi-formal dinner and dance, on Saturday, January 11th, 2025, from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. at St. Mary's Church – Crescent; 86 Church Hill Road, Waterford

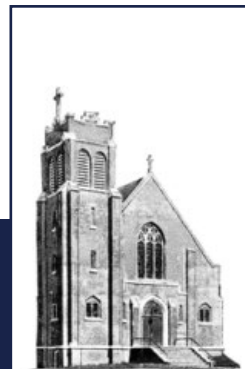
Ticket Cost: \$20 per person "Early Bird"; \$25 after January 1; \$30 per person at the door. Register: <https://www.bohmdesigns.com/ball/>

Little Falls Food Pantry

Canned stew, chili, pork & beans. Money donations appreciated—make check out to Little Falls Food Pantry.

Novena to the Holy Family

Holy Family and St. Joseph Church will be participating in a Novena to the Holy Family that will begin on December 21st and end on the Feast of the Holy Family, December 29th. The printed Novena will be located on the bulletin stands on Saturday, December 21st.



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JOIN US FOR FAMILY CATECHESIS SUNDAY

11 am Sunday, December 15th

Advent and the Eucharist

Come and Learn about the Eucharist, our food for the journey.

Learn how to wait in the beautiful season of Advent.

Coffee and Doughnuts Provided
Please bring something to share!



ADDITIONAL FAMILY CATECHESIS DATES:

January 19
February 16
March 16
April 27
May 18
June 22



Sign up and Register at:
<https://hollyfamilylittlefalls.org/parish-catechesis-signup>

for the fruit of the Earth. Even though we don't live in an agrarian society, it's good for us to give thanks for the food we have such easy access to. We may not grow it ourselves, but we're fed because of the work of others' hands.

Fasting and abstinence: Fasting on the Ember Days reminds us to honor nature's gifts by using them in moderation. (As G.K. Chesterton quipped, "We should thank God for beer and burgundy by not drinking too much of them.") At one time, fasting on the Ember Days was obligatory. According to the Code of Canon Law, fasting and abstinence on the Ember Days are commended but not required.

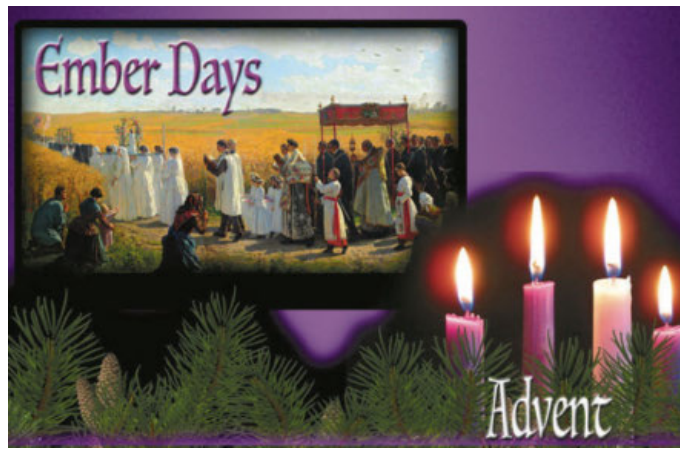
Praying for priests: In the past, priests were ordained on the Ember Days. The laity would pray for the priests getting ordained on that day and ask that God send them good priests. The Ember Days still provide a great opportunity for us to pray for priests. In this day and age, when priests are stretched thin yet called to heroically witness to the Gospel, they truly do need our prayers.

Almsgiving: The Church has always tied together giving thanks and giving alms, and the Ember Days are no exception. They're excellent opportunities to support the needy. (*Taken from Catholic Gentleman.com, Ember Days 101.*)

Confession: Finally, do not forget to Confess your sins to a priest before Christmas. This Thursday (12/19), Fr. Catena and Fr. Torres will join me in forgiving penitents from 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. at Holy Family. The Blessed Sacrament will also be exposed for adoration and quiet prayer.

Prayer for God's Blessing on our Labors

O Lord, graciously look down upon
Thy servants and upon the
work of their hands,
and do Thou, Who givest food to every
creature, bless and
preserve the fruits of the earth,
that the needy may be filled
with good things
and that all may praise
the glory of Thy bounty.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Ember Days are Special Days for Prayer & Fasting

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

This week, we celebrate the year's last set of Ember Days. What are the Ember Days? The Ember Days are special days for prayer and fasting during the liturgical year. They correspond to the four seasons, and focus our attention, especially on the blessings of nature.

On the Ember Days, we give thanks for the blessings that we have received and remind ourselves of our need for penance and grace.

The roots of the Ember Days go back to the Old Testament. The Book of Zechariah describes an ancient Jewish practice of fasting four times a year (8:19). Christians adapted this tradition into what was referred to in Latin as "Quatuor Tempora," or "four times." Somewhere through the centuries the Latin "tempora" became "ember" in everyday speech, and thus the name "Ember Days."

When are Ember Days?

There are four "sets" of Ember Days during the year. Each "set" is a successive Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. They occur every year near the beginning of the four seasons.

Spring: after Ash Wednesday.

Summer: after Pentecost Sunday.

Fall: after Sept. 14th, the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross.

Winter: after Dec. 13th, the Feast of St. Lucy.

A traditional way of remembering these dates is the rhyme "Lenty, Penty, Crucy, Lucy" (or the more prosaic "Lucy, Ashes, Dove and Cross").

How do we celebrate the Ember Days?

Thanksgiving: On the Ember Days, we give thanks

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