



# Holy Family Parish St. Joseph Church

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Weekly Bulletin

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## 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.



## 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus bent down and began to write on the ground with his finger. But when they continued asking him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." - Jn 8:6b-7

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

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# Welcome to Mass! We are called to...

## Mass Intentions

### HOLY FAMILY

First Saturday, April 5 - 12 p.m.

### HOLY FAMILY

Saturday, April 5 - 4 p.m.

- † Nebo & Neva Volo - Dodie
- † Deceased Members of the DeRosa Family - Maryanne
- † Rocco Scarano - Sheila Sanzo
- † Rita Samson - Daughter, Sandy Munger & Family
- † Michael Volo - Wife, Dodie

### ST. JOSEPH

Sunday, April 6 - 8 a.m.

- † Thomas Montagnino

### HOLY FAMILY

Sunday, April 6 - 10 a.m. \*AO

- † Domenica Brant - Jack Brant
- † James Randall - Michael Morris
- † Jeremy Williams - Tolpa Family
- † Dede Carney - Lisa
- † Daniel J. Reardon - Dan & Joan Reardon

### HOLY FAMILY

Sunday, April 6 - 12 p.m.

- † Lorens Family - Virginia Nardino

### HOLY FAMILY

Tuesday, April 8 - 5:30 p.m.

- † Leo G. Mancini - Robert Failing III

### HOLY FAMILY

Wednesday, April 9 - 8 a.m.

- † Phillip Saginario & Adrianna (L)

### HOLY FAMILY

Thursday, April 10 - 8 a.m. \*AO

### HOLY FAMILY

Friday, April 11 - 9 a.m. \*AO

### HOLY FAMILY

Friday, April 11 - Stations of the Cross - 5:30 p.m.



***"We are not called to great penances...but the Holy Hour is a sacrifice in union with Christ."***

***—Venerable Servant of God Fulton J. Sheen.***

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### HOLY FAMILY

Saturday, April 12 - 4 p.m.

- † John & Frances Prestopnik - Family
- † Carolyn Marocco - Roger & Michele
- † Dominick Stagliano - Panko Family
- † Patty Lamanna - Lamanna Family
- † Patrick Belorit - Peter & Peggy Romano
- † Gary & Kathy Barone - Matt Foley

### ST. JOSEPH

Sunday, April 13 - 8 a.m. \*AO

- † For the Intentions of the People of St. Joseph Church

### HOLY FAMILY

Sunday, April 13 - 10 a.m. \*AO

- † Burrell & Donna Gardinier - Family
- † Living & Deceased Members of the Kuehnle & Viscome Families - Bill & Ann Marie Kuehnle
- † Allison Hughes - Tolpa Family
- † Anthony LaCoppola - Family

### HOLY FAMILY

Sunday, April 13 - 12 p.m.

- † Ann Sherman - Mitchell Sherman

\*AO - Ad Orientem Mass

### REST IN PEACE

May the soul of Karen Usselman find eternal rest in the glory of God's heavenly kingdom.

### SACRIFICIAL GIVING

<b>Holy Family - March 30</b>	Collection - \$3,519.00
Catholic Relief	\$636.00
<b>St. Joseph - March 30</b>	Collection - \$779.00
March Bottle Drive	\$148.00

### Support Christians in the Holy Land

Please support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land, where they are now less than 2% of the population. Your support is essential to help the Church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools, and offer religious education. Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines or Christianity including in Jerusalem, Nazareth, and Bethlehem, to name only a few.

When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the church in the Holy land. PLEASE BE GENEROUS! For more info. about Christians in the Holy Land, visit [www.myfranciscan.org](http://www.myfranciscan.org) or [www.custodia.org](http://www.custodia.org).

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# know, love, and serve as Jesus did.

## News & Events

### Confession with Visiting Priests

Please take advantage of this opportunity to experience God's mercy and healing touch in preparation for Easter.

♦ **Wednesday, April 9th, 6 - 7 p.m.**

St. Joseph the Worker, West Winfield

Three priests will be available to hear your confession at each of these locations. You can come any time between the hours listed, and go to any priest you choose. The location of the priests will be posted on the doors of the church. Please be aware that Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be taking place during this time. Show Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament proper reverence and respect by refraining from any conversation, other than conversation with God.

### Please Join Us for St. Joseph Coffee Hour

We will host a Coffee Hour after 8 a.m. Mass on Sunday, April 13th in the Church Hall. All are welcome!

### Grieving with Great Hope Program

The next Grieving with Great Hope meeting is on April 28th at 1:30 p.m. in the Parish Office Building.



## Holy Week & Easter

Holy Family Parish & St. Joseph Church

### 2025

#### Palm Sunday - April 13th

##### Blessing of the Palms

Anticipated Mass 4/12: Holy Family - 4 p.m.  
8 a.m. - St. Joseph Church  
10 a.m. - Holy Family Parish  
12 p.m. - Holy Family Parish

#### Spy Wednesday - April 16th

##### Holy Family Parish

Mass: 8 a.m.

#### Good Friday - April 18th\*\*

##### Holy Family Parish

Reconciliation: 12 p.m. - 2 p.m.  
Stations of the Cross: 2:30 p.m.  
The Passion of the Lord: 3 p.m.

#### Tuesday - April 15th

##### Holy Family Parish

Reconciliation: 4:45 p.m. - 5:20 p.m.  
Mass: 5:30 p.m.

#### Holy Thursday - April 17th\*

##### Holy Family Parish

Mass of the Lord's Supper: 5:30 p.m.  
Adoration following Mass until 9 p.m.

#### Holy Saturday - April 19th\*\*\*

##### Holy Family Parish

Blessing of the Baskets: 12 p.m.  
Easter Vigil Mass: 8:15 p.m.

#### Easter Sunday - April 20th

Resurrection of the Lord:  
8 a.m. - St. Joseph Church  
10 a.m. - Holy Family Parish  
12 p.m. - Holy Family Parish

\*There is no Thursday 8 a.m. Mass

\*\*There is no Friday 9 a.m. Mass

\*\*\*There is no Saturday 4 p.m. Mass or Confession

## JOIN US for the Feast of God's Mercy!



## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

**APRIL 27, 2025**

**Holy Family Parish**

763 E. Main St., Little Falls, NY

#### 2:00 PM

Speaker Dan Jason, Catholic Author

#### 2:15 PM

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Meditations from the Diary of St. Maria Faustina

#### 3:00 PM

Chaplet of the Divine Mercy Benediction

Veneration of the First-Class Relic of St. Maria Faustina and the Divine Mercy image

Free Resources will be available

### Pray the Stations of the Cross during Lent

Holy Family Parish welcomes those who wish to pray the Stations of the Cross together on Fridays at 5:30 p.m. until Good Friday, April 18th (at 2:30 p.m.). The Stations of the Cross is a meditative prayer that follows Jesus's path to Calvary, his suffering, death, and resurrection.

### Little Falls Food Pantry

Ramen noodles, canned vegetables, packaged potatoes, and rice. Money donations appreciated—make check out to Little Falls Food Pantry. Your support is greatly appreciated!

### Young Adult Group - May Social

Herkimer County Catholic Young Adult Group will hold social event on Thursday, May 1st at the Church of the Annunciation in Ilion at 6 p.m. All young adults are invited. Please save the following dates for our future gatherings! Join us: Thursday, September 18th at Holy Family; and Thursday, November 13th at Annunciation. Other summer dates may be added.



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Christ is contained in the Holy Eucharist, and, therefore, saw no reason to be reconciled and receive the Lord's mercy before receiving communion.

I had been thinking about this since that night. Then, after meditating on [this weekend's] Gospel, I decided I needed to say something. Thus, with no intention of passing judgment on anyone in particular in our parish who skipped this beautiful opportunity to receive the mercy of God, or on anyone around the world who is reading this, I encourage you to go back and reflect on Gospel, John 8:1-11, the story of the woman caught in adultery.

In this passage, Jesus gives a shining example of his loving mercy. The adulterous woman was afraid of the consequences prescribed by the Law of Moses – death by stoning. Jesus, in His mercy, turned back the anger of the Pharisees when he brought to light their own sins by suggesting that whoever among them was “without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.” Jesus then forgave the woman's sins and told her to go and sin no more. Do you think she was grateful? You bet! Do you think she worked on becoming more virtuous? I suspect she did! When we fail to go before the priest, confess our sins, and let Jesus forgive us, we are facing certain spiritual death. We need His mercy, and when we receive it we should be as relieved and full of joy as that woman was. We are given a new life and an opportunity to begin again.

But, this post is not just for those Catholics who don't take this amazing Sacrament seriously. No, it's also for those who do. You know how loved you feel when Our Lord absolves you of your sins, when His Grace has been restored within you. It should make you run to tell others of Christ's love, so that they will want to experience it, too. We are called to practice the virtue of Charity. How uncharitable would it be to not let a friend or family member know of this wonderful opportunity for salvation through reconciliation? How much more can we love our neighbors than to bring them to this amazing “car wash” where the dirt and grime is power washed from their souls?

A good friend of mine has chosen as her personal apostolate this very charity for others. Paula has developed a website called The Jonah Plan ([thejonahplan.org](http://thejonahplan.org)). Her hope is to establish a community committed to regularly attending the Sacrament of Reconciliation, praying for those who do not recognize its value, and learning more about the Sacrament so that they can teach others about it. There is power in numbers, and Paula's hope is that by joining with other people committed to devoting one day a month to pray that family, friends, and fellow parishioners return to this Sacrament and experience Christ's love and mercy, the Church will be renewed. Please check out her website.

Won't you become an Apostle of Reconciliation?

*“Loving Jesus, thank You for Your mercy and absolution when I come before You and confess my sins. Your love restores and invigorates my soul. You give me new life and an opportunity to begin again. Thank You! Amen!”*



## Become an Apostle of Reconciliation

Jerry Robinson | [reflectionsofalaycatholic.com](http://reflectionsofalaycatholic.com)

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to experience God's mercy and  
healing touch in preparation for Easter.**

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*\*Please also note Reconciliation times for Holy Family Parish  
& St. Joseph Church on the front bulletin cover.*

It is Lent and, as such, there is a special call for repentance prior to Easter. We want our souls to be in a state of grace prior to celebrating the Lord's passion. Most parishes offer a communal penance service a week or two before Holy Week for everyone who seeks to be cleansed of their mortal and venial sins through the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Our parish's penance service was last week. Our pastor arranged for six priests to visit and join him in hearing confessions. They spaced themselves out around the perimeter of the sanctuary for privacy's sake. I decided which priest with whom I wanted to air out my dirty laundry and took my place in that line. As I looked around the church at the other lines and the folks still in the pews, I counted forty-nine souls. Our parish has nearly 1,300 members. Where were they?

My first reaction was sorrow for our pastor who was leading his first Lenten penance service in his new parish. I felt sure that he must be experiencing some embarrassment in front of his brother priests for the lack of attendance. And, he had to be thinking about the work ahead for him.

Then, I wondered why did people not come? It had been advertised in our bulletin all during Lent, flyers were posted, and it was announced at masses. Where was our faith community? Some probably forgot. Some may have recently been to confession. Some probably planned to go to regularly scheduled Reconciliation.

It's possible that some folks are without sin in their lives and didn't need to go. It's possible. But, not probable.

Being careful not to judge individuals, I concluded that for many parishioners it just wasn't important. The lack of importance may be a result of lukewarmness, a lack of catechesis, of having a minimal, if any, relationship with Jesus, or simply that other things were more important. My worst fear was that people didn't show up because they do not believe that the true Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of

**— continued other side —**

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