

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph Parish

Masses

**Saint Joseph Church
Mother Church of the Italian Community**
Saturday evening.....4:00 p.m.
Sunday morning....8:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.
Weekday (Monday - Saturday) 8:00 a.m.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church
Saturday evening.....4:00 p.m.
Sunday morning.....10:30 a.m.
Weekday ...(Monday – Friday) 9:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saint Joseph Church
Saturday..... 3:00—3:40 p.m.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church
Saturday..... 3:00—3:40 p.m.



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. - Mt 2:10-11

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Novena Schedule

Novena to St. Padre Pio
Tuesdays following the 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph's site.

Novena to St. Peregrine
Wednesdays following the 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph's site.

Novena to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel
Thursdays following the 9:00 a.m. Mass at Mt. Carmel site.

Rosary For Life
Fridays at 8:15 a.m. at Mt. Carmel Site.



{MC} = Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church site
 {SJ} = St. Joseph Church site

Saturday, January 1 ~ Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

11:00 a.m. {SJ} Rev. John Graden, OSFS by Bob & Rae Pullo
Vigil Mass

4:00 p.m. {SJ} Frank Joseph Archie by Mom Mary Rose & Family

4:00 p.m. {MC} Stanley & Ruth Klizek by St. John de LaSalle Altar & Rosary Society

Sunday, January 2 ~ Epiphany of the Lord

8:00 a.m. {SJ} Thomas Niver by Fr. Duane

10:30 a.m. {MC} Eva Felicetti by Brian & Kevin Chapados

11:00 a.m. {SJ} Julian Tomaszewski (Anniv Remb) by Wife Sophie & Family

Monday, January 3 ~ Holy Name of Jesus

8:00 a.m. {SJ} John Guzdak by Luther & Cynthia Humphrey & Sarah Rich

9:00 a.m. {MC} Louis Campanaro by Theresa Filippelli

Tuesday, January 4 ~ St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

8:00 a.m. {SJ} Jene Felicetti by Daughter Anna

9:00 a.m. {MC} All Souls by Dolores Laurrie

Wednesday, January 5 ~ St. John Neumann

8:00 a.m. {SJ} John Monaco by Carl DeFranco & Family

9:00 a.m. {MC} Joseph Arnel Rochon by Lucy Centofanti

Thursday, January 6 ~ St. André Bessette

8:00 a.m. {SJ} Matthew P. McGarry by Lucia Spallino

9:00 a.m. {MC} Nicholas Perry by Caroline Washburn

Friday, January 7 ~ St. Raymond of Peñafort

8:00 a.m. {SJ} Dina Freidhof (Birth Remb) by Congrega del Madonna Perpetuo Soccorso

9:00 a.m. {MC} Anna Bellittiere by Fr. Duane

Saturday, January 8

11:00 a.m. {SJ} Bernardino Quarantello by Peggy LePage

Vigil Mass

4:00 p.m. {SJ} Mary L. Morreale (Anniv Remb) by Brother & Sister

4:00 p.m. {MC} Rev. Francis S. McCormick (Anniv Remb) by Fr. Duane

Sunday, January 9 ~ Baptism of the Lord

8:00 a.m. {SJ} Danny Giancola by Joseph Puglisi & Dorothy Fantrazzo

10:30 a.m. {MC} Mary Burk by Dennis & Gina Virtuoso

11:00 a.m. {SJ} Mary Punturo (Birth Remb) by Daughter Lisa & Family



WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS!

We are blessed to have you join us this weekend! If you are visiting and looking for a church home, please consider joining our Catholic Community. To register in the parish or if you regularly attend Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph, but have never registered, please call the rectory office at 282-1379 for more information.

FR. STEW'S NEWS

Dear Parishioners,

We have been talking about church traditions. All traditions began for good reasons to raise our minds and hearts to God. Some have taken a turn some place along the way. Putting St. Joseph's statue upside down in your back yard so that you can sell your house is not a sin but it might be something we could rethink. At least the Blessed Mother statue only gets turned outside the window to get good weather. When people ask me to pray for good weather or a win for the Buffalo Bills I always say "I am in sales not production."

There was a time in the church when people thought that if I can get holier by receiving communion more times so they would go to multiple Masses on a single day so the church eventually established a discipline that said you can only receive Holy Communion once a day. We don't have that problem today and so the church did away with that discipline and if you are attending more than one Mass on a day, like a funeral or a wedding along with a daily Mass, then you can receive at both Masses. It comes down to something basic and that is to perform religious actions as a sign of love and God will do the rest.

It is also important to remember that there is a distinction between public and private devotions. The seven sacraments are part of the public devotion of the church. Baptisms and the Celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage or any Mass are not private family celebrations. These are celebrations of the faith community. The whole church should be rejoicing in the birth of new life and the union of two people in love in Holy Matrimony. Every Eucharistic celebration is a public action.

There are many private devotions that enrich our spiritual life and draw us closer to God. Morning and Evening prayer, grace before meals, novenas and especially the rosary are favorite private devotions. The rosary was fostered by St. Dominic around 1200AD. Many of the laity did not have access to praying the Divine Office containing the 150 Old Testament psalms, so the rosary was a substitute by praying 150 Hail Mary's and reflecting on the Mysteries of the Rosary. It is still the most popular devotion.

Fr. Stew



MASS READINGS

Is 60:1-6, Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13, Eph 3:2-3, 5-6, Mt. 2:1-12
 All nations are invited to sing the Lord's praises for they have been called to hear the good news and worship the long awaited Messiah and King with the gift of their lives.

OUR SYMPATHY

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph Parish wishes to extend our deepest sympathy to the families of Yolanda Curcione and Edward Paduano. May they rest in peace!

Parish Clergy
 Rev. Duane R. Klizek Pastor
 Rev. Stewart M. Lindsay, OSFS Senior Parochial Vicar
 Sr. Marilyn Perkins, DCMinister to the Home Bound
 Caroline WashburnMinister to the Home Bound

Parish Website: www.holyfamilyrcchurch.org

Parish Office & St. Joseph Church site
 1413 Pine Avenue, Niagara Falls, New York 14301
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Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church site
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 1413 Pine Avenue Niagara Falls, New York 14301
 (716) 282-1190 Raffaella Pullo,
 Director of Religious Education

MINISTRY SCHEDULE
January 8 & 9

Lectors
 4:00 p.m. {MC} R. Restaino
 4:00 p.m. {SJ} C. Grant
 8:00 a.m. {SJ} T. Zacher
 10:30 a.m. {MC} M. Piccirillo
 11:00 a.m. {SJ} J. D'Aloise

Eucharist Ministers
 4:00 p.m. {MC} A. Restaino
 4:00 p.m. {SJ} MR. Archie, MB. DeMunda, M. Cutajar
 8:00 a.m. {SJ} T. D'Andreamatteo,
 M. Giancola, S. Giancola
 10:30 a.m. {MC} C. Washburn
 11:00 a.m. {SJ} J. Sardina, N. Sardina, R. Felicetti

FAREWELL TO BROTHER JOHN

Brother John Ventresca, OSFS moved this past week to the Oblate Retirement Home in Maryland. Brother John has been living here with Fr. Lindsay and Fr. Graden for the last twelve years. He has been working at the Embraced by God Center at Stella Niagara and raised money for the center by selling used books on line.

We wish him God 's blessing and happiness in his new home. If you would like to send him a note his new address is:

Brother John Ventresca, OSFS
 P.O. Box 43
 Childs, Maryland 21916-0043

CEMETERY NOTICE

St. Joseph Cemetery gates are open:
 April 15 thru Sept. 30: 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
 October 1 thru April 14: 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
 Mausoleum hours: 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

ST. PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP

Padre Pio Prayer Ministry
 Are you in need of prayers for yourself, a loved one or friend? The Padre Pio Prayer Ministry offers prayers for anyone's needs. Please call 297-6382, or 285-7141 to have your intentions added to the prayer chain.

STEWARDSHIP IN FAITH

December 20, 2020\$ 8,098.00
 December 19, 2021\$ 6,875.00
 Net difference(-17.8%) (-\$1,223.00)

Every one of us is talented in some way. Stewardship encourages us to use any talent we have to benefit an individual, the Church or the community. Thank you for your generosity!

THE POWER OF PRAYER

The Holy Family parish Prayer Line is an important prayer chain that helps those with special personal needs/concerns by providing powerful intercession by presenting needs to our Heavenly Father. If you are interested in serving as part of this Prayer Chain, please contact Jeanne at 297-8705. Add your prayers to those in need by joining our chain; help our fellow parishioners with their prayerful requests for intercession.

MEMORIAL GIFTS AND BEQUESTS

Gift opportunities to Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph Parish exist in many ways. Below are some examples in which an individual or a family can give to our Parish:

Memorial gifts: can be made to Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph Parish in a loved one's name when funeral arrangements are being made. Please speak to the funeral director for assistance.

Bequests: Gifts provided through wills and personal trusts have aided our parish with much needed financial support. Such gifts enable donors to make significant contributions that may not have been possible during their lifetime. Please consider making a charitable bequest to Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Parish in your will or personal trust.

Thank you for your continued support and may God bless you.

THE MIRACLE OF FRIENDSHIP

There's a "Miracle called Friendship"
that dwells within the
heart,
And you don't know how
it happens or when
it gets its start.
But the happiness it
brings you always
gives a special lift,
And you realize that
FRIENDSHIP" is
God's most precious gift!



ANNO DOMINI

Oh, the children, the children.
What will become of the children?
What kind of world
Will we bequeath to them?
The prince of darkness,
The prince of this world
Must be laughing
As we begin the new year.
There is a world that God created,
Pristine pure and beautiful;
And a world that Man created,
Sinful, fallen and corrupt.
Why do we use a baby
To symbolize the new year?
Perhaps to remind us
Of the Word made flesh.
The New Adam
Who will finally set
Everything right.
The new year's baby
Reminds us that
We do not worship
A dead Christ
But a risen Savior.
The prince of darkness
Has already been judged.
God is still the Alpha
And the Omega
~ Gene Olson

SPRING BIBLE STUDY

"We will begin a new Bible Class on the Epistle of St. James beginning Tuesday January 11, 2022. 'It is a collection of teachings on how to meet the challenges in life with your Christian faith.' We will be meeting at the Mt. Carmel Church site. Class will start at 6:30 p.m. The session will last one hour and 15 minutes. The course goes for 11 weeks. Register through the parish office. The cost will be \$35.00 if registered by January 3, 2022. After that date it will cost \$45 due to shipping costs.

PACKETS OF BLESSED CHALK AND INCENSE

In commemoration of the visit of the three kings to the Christ Child and their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh, packets of blessed incense and chalk will be available near the manger on the Solemnity of the Epiphany, January 2nd for the traditional blessing of your home, school or place of work.

AND THE WORD MADE HIS DWELLING AMONG US

Among Christians there is an ancient custom of blessing a house on the Epiphany, recalling the visit of the magi. After the blessing ~ usually by the Parish Priest ~ the initials of the traditional names of the magi, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar, are inscribed and connected by crosses, with white chalk, on the inside church door frame. The numerals of the current year serve as bookends: 20 + C + M + B + 22. In the old Roman ritual, there is even a special blessing for the chalk used.

COVID-19 UPDATE: MASK MANDATE REINSTATED FOR ALL COUNTIES DECEMBER 13, 2021

On December 10, 2021, New York State announced a mask mandate for all indoor venues effective December 13, 2021 which will be reviewed January 15, 2022.

Mask Mandate:

At this time, masks are mandated for all participants in liturgies held in Catholic churches and worship spaces located in the Diocese of Buffalo regardless of vaccination status.

Parishes in the diocese are not authorized to screen for vaccinations, and so this mandate will apply to all who enter our worship spaces.

As in the past, the only exception given to this will be for clergy and other liturgical ministers when they are fulfilling a significant speaking role. (They should maintain at least six feet of physical distance from others during these limited occasions.)

This guidance will be revisited as the state reviews its policy on or about January 15, 2022 or if subsequent directives are issued by the diocese.



NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS

A Blessed and Happy New Year! It is our prayer that you experience the rebirth of Christ in your hearts and homes in 2022! May His grace of good health and much love by yours individually, to the members of your family and to our parish community!

Words cannot express our gratitude for your prayers, and sharing of your talents and support. Please know you are remembered in our prayers. Please continue to keep us and your parish family in your prayers throughout the New Year!

Happy New Year!

*Rev. Duane Klizek
Rev. Stewart Lindsay, OSFS
and the entire staff at Holy Family Parish*



A NEW YEAR PRAYER

God of our yesterday, our today, and our tomorrows.
We praise You for Your unequalled greatness.
Thank You for the year behind us and for the year ahead.
Help us in Your new year, Father,
to fret less and laugh more.
To teach our children to laugh by laughing with them.
To teach others to love by loving them.
Knowing, when Love came to the
Stable in Bethlehem, He came for us.
So that Love could be with us, and we could know You.
That we could share Love with others.
Help us, Father, to hear Your love song in every sunrise,
in the chirping of sparrows in our backyards,
in the stores of our old folks,
and the fantasies of our children.
Help us to stop and listen to Your love songs,
So that we may know You better and better.
We rejoice in the world You loved into being.
Thank you for another new year
and for new chances every day.
We pray for peace, for light, and for hope, that we might
Spread them to others.
Forgive us for falling short this past year.
We leave the irreparable past in your hands, and step
out into the unknown new year knowing
You will go with us.
We accept Your gift of a new year and we rejoice in
What's ahead, depending on You to help us do
Exactly what You want.
I say it again, we rejoice!
In Jesus name. Amen.

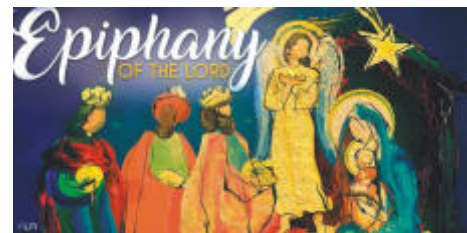
COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS

Count your blessings every day,
They're everywhere on life's highway;
For if your heart is full of hope,
You are blessed, for you can cope.
Count your blessings one-by-one
and I think that when you're done,
You'll be thankful for this tide
of blessings that are by your side.
Count your blessings, and when you do,
remember the skies of blue-on-blue;
Remember that God gives you each day
And the many blessings that come your way.
~ Nora M. Bozeman



"THE WISE STILL COME"

God called three
Wise Men from the east;
They saw His star and came
To kneel before the Infant King
Who would forever reign.
Guided by that heavenly light
To a stable crude and cold,
The magi brought their gifts of love,
Myrrh, frankincense and gold.
We, too, are called
To worship Him,
And, guided from above,
We dedicate
Our lives to Christ, Knowing that God is love.
~ Gene Olson



AN EPIPHANY PRAYER

Lord Jesus
may your light shine our way,
as once it guided the steps of the magi:
That we too may be led into your presence
and worship you,
The Child of Mary,
The Word of the father,
The King of nations,
The Savior of mankind;
To whom be glory for ever
Amen.

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