

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

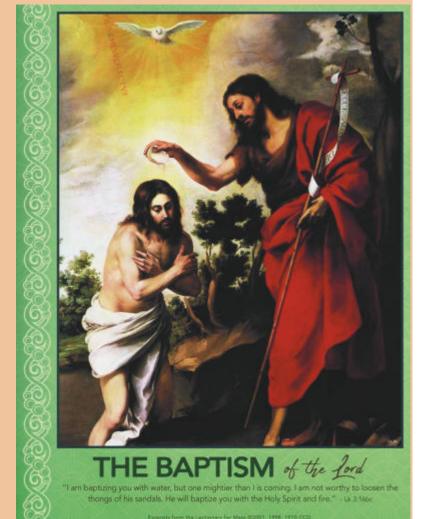
Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saint Joseph Church

Saturday......3:00—3:40 p.m.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church

Saturday..... 3:00—3:40 p.m.



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 8

8:00 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

Monday, January 10

8:00 a.m. **{SJ} No Mass Today**

9:00 a.m. (MC) Louis Campanaro by Theresa Filippelli

Tuesday, January 11

8:00a.m. {SJ} No Mass Today

9:00 a.m. {MC} Josephine Conti (Anniv Remb) by Husband & Family

Wednesday, January 12

8:00 a.m. {SJ} No Mass Today

9:00 a.m. (MC) Ray Pena by Cancemi Family

Thursday, January 13 ~ St. Hilary 8:00 a.m. {SJ} No Mass Today

9:00 a.m. {MC} Maria DeFelice (Anniv Remb) by Family

Friday, January 14

8:00 a.m. {SJ} No Mass Today 9:00 a.m. {MC} John D'Anna (Anniv Remb) by Family

Saturday, January 15

8:00 a.m. {SJ} Richard F. Marasco Sr. (Birth Remb) by Son Bob Vigil Mass

4:00 p.m. **{SJ}** Elaine Catanese by Terry & Bonnie Brown 4:00 p.m. **{MC}** Anna Klizek (Anniv Remb) by Family

Sunday, January 16 ~ Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. **(SJ)** Antonella Tallarico by Family

10:30 a.m. {MC} Joseph Ligammare (Birth Remb) by Family 11:00 a.m. {SJ} General Colin Powell by Elaine Abersold





MASS READINGS

Is 40:1-5,9-11, Ps 104:1-4,24-25,27-30, Ti 2:11-14,3:4-7, Lk 3:15-16.21-22

Jesus is the beloved Son of the Father. He is the light of the nations and Lord of all creation. To him be all glory and praise!

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,

I have been writing about church traditions. One of the most important, as I mentioned, was the gathering of the faithful to worship God. Jewish tradition celebrated the Sabbath from sundown on Friday night until sundown on Saturday night. The early Christians, who were Jewish, would gather in prayer Saturday morning and read the scriptures and recall the ministry and teachings of Christ. On Saturday evening they would gather for the Eucharistic celebration as we know it but a different format. Following the time line in the story of creation on the last day of the week they rested. The last week being from Friday at sundown to Saturday at sundown.

In the Second Century this gathering was moved to the first day of the week which we call Sunday. Yes, Sunday is the first day of the week and not the end to the last week. This movement to Sunday was probably due to persecutions of the Christians. The early Christians would usually meet in someone's home and read the scriptures and hear stories of Jesus and then share a Eucharistic meal.

The Book of Revelation calls the first day of the week "the Lord's Day". The term Sunday came from the Germanic people. Some pre-Christians used to worship the Sun God. Christians would worship the **Son** of God.

There was no early Church Seasons in the early church. As time went on they developed. Adults who desired entrance into the Christian Church would take instructions and so Lent developed to prepare them. Easter would become the day when new adult Christians would be baptized and enter the church. We see this in our RCIA program today. Little Easters, Sunday, became days for baptism of infants.

The two visible signs that the Sabbath was being observed were seen in the gathering to worship by the community and having a day of rest. Going to church on Sunday was not a Catholic thing to do but a Christian thing to do. I once taught at a High School where the coach had practices on Sunday morning and I tried to get him to move the practices to at least later in the day. His response was that Catholics can go to church on Saturday night. I said, but half of your team is not Catholic. He said they were not expected to go to church only Catholics. I shook my head.

Fr. Stew





SANCTUARY LIGHT ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

The Sanctuary Light will burn this week to the honor of God and in loving memory of James Teoli by Matthew & Julie Forcucci.

OUR SYMPATHY

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph Parish wishes to extend our deepest sympathy to the families of Joseph Bradigan, Ida DiSimone, Frank Sbrocchi and Patricia Senese. May they rest in peace!

Parish Clergy

Parish Website: www.holyfamilyrcchurch.org

Parish Office & St. Joseph Church site 1413 Pine Avenue, Niagara Falls, New York 14301 (716) 282-1379 Fax: (716) 285-3704

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church site

2499 Independence Ave, Niagara Falls, NY, 14301

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1413 Pine Avenue Niagara Falls, New York 14301 (716) 282-1190 Raffaela Pullo, Director of Religious Education

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.

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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.

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.

BAPTISM OF THE LORD JANUARY 9, 2022

MINISTRY SCHEDULE January 15 & 16

Lectors

4:00 p.m. {MC} R. Cardone 4:00 p.m. {SJ} R. DiFrancesco 8:00 a.m. {SJ} T. Zacher 10:30 a.m. {MC} J. Tederous 11:00 a.m. {SJ} C. Longo

Eucharist Ministers

4:00 p.m. **{MC}** P. Montani

4:00 p.m. **{SJ**} MR. Archie, K. Beltrano, M. Cutajar 8:00 a.m. **{SJ**} M. Tallarico, T. Zacher, MJ. Zacher

10:30 a.m. **{MC}** L. Lasher

11:00 a.m. **{SJ**} T. Bove A. Moran

SAINT FRANCIS DE SALES QUOTES:

"What we need is a cup of understanding, a barrel of love, and an ocean of patience."

YEAR END TAX CONTRIBUTIONS

Anyone wishing to receive a statement of their donations to the church for 2021, needs to call the rectory, even if you received one last year (282-1379) during office hours (8:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.), and one will be mailed to you.

HOLY FAMILY PARISH ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY NEWS

New Members:

Holy Family St. Vincent de Paul is looking for new members ages 17 to 107. If you are interested, please call Joe Kurek at 716 -327-0467 with questions. Our meetings are held the first and third Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Our lady of Mt. Carmel Rectory meeting room across the alley for the church. This is a great opportunity to not only help others, but to be involved in your church family. Looking forward to seeing you at the meeting.

Chapter needs:

We are currently looking for a garage to rent. If you have an empty garage available, Please contact Caroline Washburn at 716-297-0006.

Services

Holy Family St. Vincent de Paul can help with many things. If you or someone you know is in need of help with a furniture item, help with utilities or clothing, please call Joe Kurek at 716-327-0467 or Caroline Washburn at 716-297-0006 to see if we can provide assistance. The person does not have to be a parishioner, however they must reside in the 14301 area of the city.

SPRING BIBLE STUDY

"We will begin a new Bible Class on the Epistle of St. James beginning Tuesday January 17, 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.

THANK YOU

Being the working poor will not stop our families at Catholic Health Neighborhood Health Center from celebrating Christmas with joy, delight, and dignity.



"I just want to express my deep gratitude for helping our families this Christmas! It was a huge blessing to have our 7th Annual Christmas Shoppe as a resource for our families. "Every year I am moved to tears as I see what is provided for our children through the generosity of our program".

A Merry Christmas would not occur without the generosity of your donation of Personal Items, socks and clothing.

Sister Nora Sweeney, DC

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 fro 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 stat reviews its policy on or about January 15, 2022 or if subsequent directives are issued by the diocese.

THANK YOU

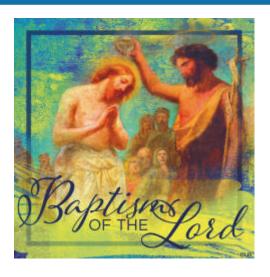
As we celebrate the Christmas Season of 2021, one of the lasting memories will be the many people who worked tirelessly to make our Christmas celebrations so meaningful at both Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St. Joseph sites. Our thanks to the many Volunteers, Staff, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, Sacristans, Altar Servers, Bulletin Stuffers, and the volunteers who prepared the packets of blessed straw and blessed incense and chalk, all came forward to serve. Thank you to all who helped transform our Church sites with Christmas decorating. We extend our appreciation to our music ministry and choirs for their many hours of rehearsal, which graced our celebrations with their voices of prayerful sound and music.

Thank you to the Outreach Volunteers and St. Vincent de Paul Society for serving the needy. Thank you to our parishioners who donated personal items to benefit the clients of St. Mary's Neighborhood Health Center.

Thank you to all who donated to our Christmas Flower collection in memory of their deceased loved ones. Indeed, the beauty of this holy season is celebrated in the spirit of love and in the call to gather together in gratitude and thankfulness for the birth of our Savior whose love will fill our hearts. With heartfelt appreciation for all that everyone has done ~ God bless you!

A special thanks, too, to all who remembered Father Duane, Father Stew and staff with kind expressions of good will and generosity during the Christmas season!

Happy New Year!



PRAYER FOR THE FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Open the heavens, almighty Father, and pour out your Spirit upon your people. Renew the power of our baptismal cleansing and fill us with zeal for good deeds. Let us hear your voice once again, that we may recognize in your beloved Son our hope of inheriting eternal life. Grant this through Jesus Christ. your Word made flesh. who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, in the splendor of eternal light, God for ever and ever. Amen.

THANK YOU

Dear Parishioners,

Thank you all for the cards and gifts I received. I enjoyed my many years back in Niagara Falls at Holy Family Parish. Best wishes for the New Year.

Br. John Ventresca, OSFS

A PRAYER FOR THOSE WHO LIVE ALONE

I live alone, dear Lord, Stay by my side, In all my daily needs Be Thou my guide. Grant me good health, For that indeed, I pray, To carry on my work From day to day. Keep pure my mind, My thoughts, my every deed, Let me be kind, unselfish In my neighbor's need. Spare me from fire, from flood, Malicious tongues, From thieves, from fear, And evil ones. If sickness or an accident befall, Then humbly, Lord, I pray, Hear Thou my call. And when I'm feeling low, Or in despair, Lift up my heart, And help me in my prayer. I live alone, dear Lord, Yet have no fear Because I feel Your Presence Ever near. Amen.



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