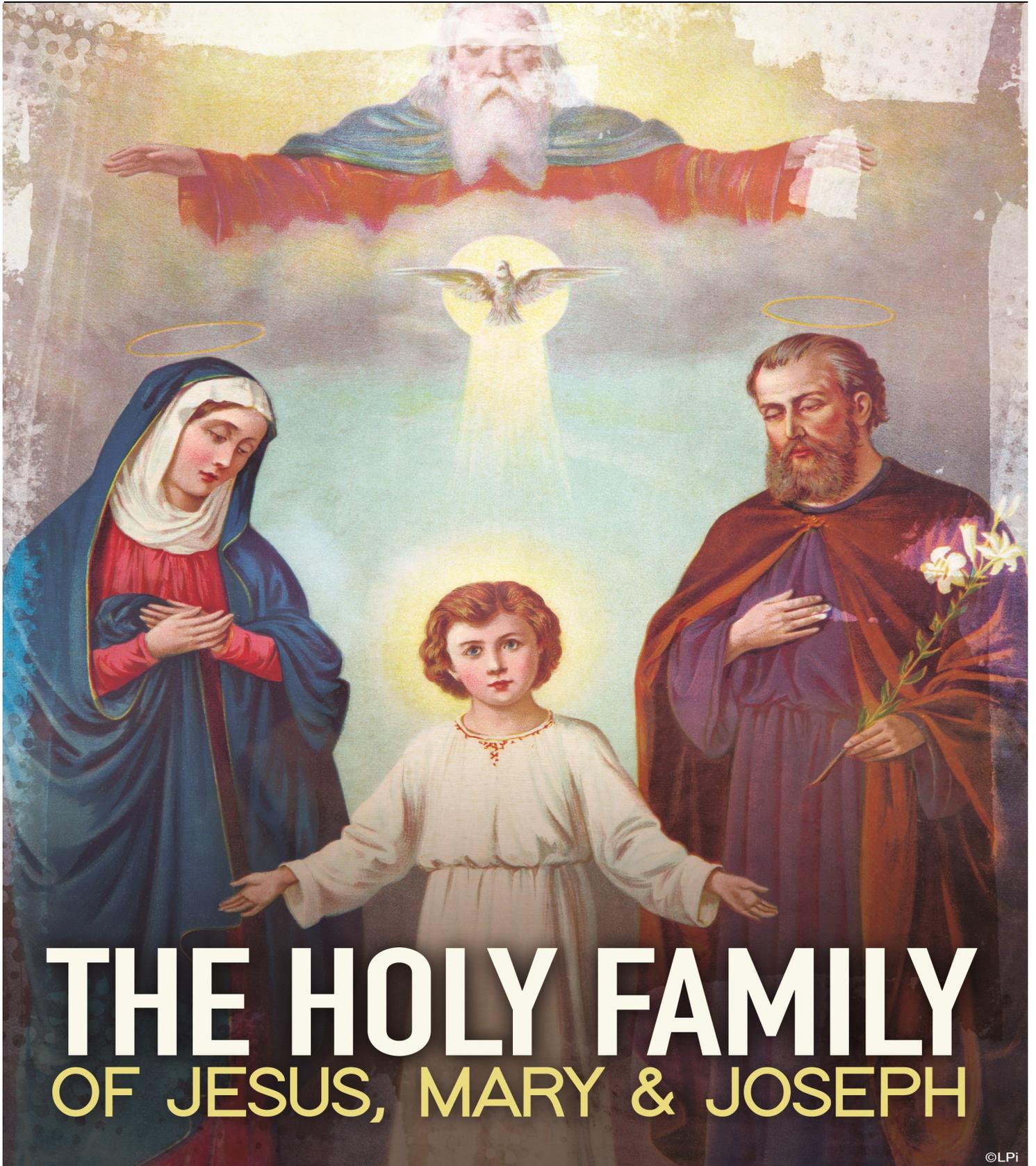




*The Parish Family of  
St. Joseph & St. Stanislaus*



*December 26, 2021 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph*



**THE HOLY FAMILY**  
**OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH**

## ***MASK REQUIREMENTS***

In accordance with directives from Gov. Hochul, the State of New York as well as the Archdiocese of New York, **St. Joseph & St. Stanislaus will require masks to be worn while in the church, parish offices and when attending parish meetings and gatherings.**

This is effective immediately until at least January 15, 2022 or until such time as the requirement is lifted by New York State and the Archdiocese. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation with this matter.

Thank you, as always, for your support.  
Together we will get through this!

Served by:

**Pastor: Rev. Bernard Heter**

**Weekend Associate: Rev. Frank Borkowski**

### **St. Joseph Church**

14 Glenmere Avenue, Florida, NY 10921

#### **Mass Schedule**

**Saturday**

4:30 PM

**Sunday**

9:00 AM, 12 Noon

**Weekdays**

8:00 AM (Mon.–Sat., except Tues.)

**Holydays**

9:00 AM & 7:30 PM

**Penance/Reconciliation:** Saturday 3:45 St. Joseph Church

### **Mission of St. Stanislaus**

17 Pulaski Hwy., Pine Island, NY 10969

#### **Mass Schedule:**

**Sunday:** 10:30 AM

Weekday Mass at St. Joseph Florida NY

### **St. Joseph Rectory:**

Summer Hours: Tues - Thurs (9:00 AM– 2:00 PM)

Mon - Thurs (9:00 AM-2:00 PM)

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### ***Celebration of the Sacraments***

#### **Penance / Reconciliation**

Saturday: 3:45-4:30 at St. Joseph's

#### **Baptism**

1st & 3rd Sunday of the month following Noon Mass. Parents must be registered parishioners and are asked to call the Rectory to make the necessary arrangements. A Baptism preparation class is required.

#### **Marriage**

Preliminary arrangements should be made six months to a year in advance so that couples can attend Pre-Cana. Call the Rectory to schedule a date.

#### **Ministry to the Homebound**

If you cannot celebrate Mass with us in Church because of illness, handicap or age and would like to receive Holy Communion, Confession or Anointing of the Sick, please call the Rectory. The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is part of the healing ministry of the Church and should be received early in an illness or before a serious operation.

#### **Sponsor Certificate:**

To receive a sponsor certificate for Baptism or Confirmation, you must be a registered and active parishioner for a minimum of 6 months. Permission to act as a sponsor or witness at a Sacramental ceremony presupposes you are currently a practicing parishioner in good standing.

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## GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

**December 26, 2021**

### **The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph**

Families can be very difficult things to negotiate. This is true not only of our families of origin, the current family of which we are a part, the family of our Church, our society, and our global family as well. Everything human can be found in family stories. Those stories speak of wonderful life-giving successes as well as painful spirit-robbing abuses. Our greatest joys and our greatest wounds are usually connected with the experience of family. Our needs, experiences, and unresolved baggage often color what we bring to our familiar relationships. They contribute to our level of defensiveness, how guarded and protected we become, and what prejudices we believe.

In order to break the cycle of dysfunction we have to remember that it is not only by human effort that we negotiate the difficult and challenging events of our lives. There is a Divine Effort at work as well. For sure, the human effort can create quite a mess and easily destroy lives. This is true of any family with which we are associated. Today's Feast of the Holy Family serves to help us understand that there is a Divine Story being told as well. It is a story of perseverance in the face of hardship, determination in the face of despair, healing when we see nothing but wounds, and light where there is darkness.

Do we believe that God is always working, guiding, restoring, and leading? Unless we do, we will never be free from the imperfections and wounds that bind us and never be able to understand what it really means to forgive. Pope Francis tells us that the "light which comes from the Holy Family encourages us to offer human warmth to other families." While this is most certainly true, we can only really begin to do this when we realize that we are still works in progress, not anchored to the wounds and sins of our past, and still a leading star in God's continually unfolding story of love. The Holy Family persevered and radiated warmth because they knew they were not alone. We can too.

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### **Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

No morning Mass

**Vigil, Friday, December 31, 2021**

**4:30 PM at St. Joseph**

**Saturday, January 1, 2022**

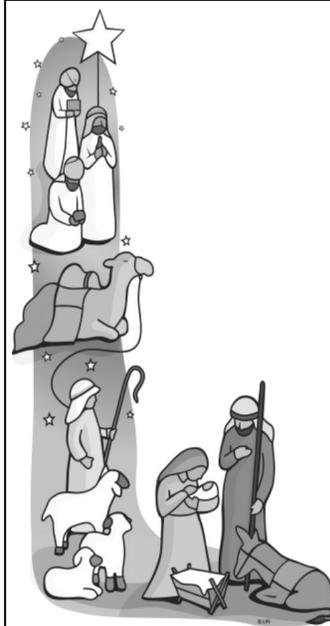
**9:00 AM & 4:30 PM at St. Joseph**

### **Society Meetings**

The **St. Joseph Rosary Society** meets on Sunday, January 9, 2022 at 2:00 PM in the parish hall. Please note the date change.

### **TAX STATEMENTS**

If you would like a tax statement and were **NOT** on the list last year, please call the rectory. Please have your parishioner number available when you call. Thank you.



### **A Christmas Gift**

As you leave Mass today, please take a copy of either book, ***Life is Messy or The Wisdom of Fulton Sheen 365 days of Inspiration***, as a Merry Christmas gift to each family in our Parish.

***"God is love.  
Whoever lives in love  
lives in God and God in him."***



**December 12, 2021**

**St. Joseph**                      **\$ 3435.00**  
**Retirement fund**        **\$ 1629.00**

**St. Stanislaus**                **\$ 614.00**  
**Totals not available at time of publication.**

**✠ *Let us remember to pray for* ✠**

**Those who are ill-St. Joseph's:** Patricia Curesky, Peter Kearns, Valerie Keegan Cooper, Frank Mikulski, Vincent Rutkowski, Stanley Kocot

**Those who are ill-St. Stanislaus':** Margaret Barr, Christopher DiLorenzo, Mary Ann Kology, Peggy LaRocco, Mary Rita Schlagel, Heather Winship

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The request to keep a name on the prayer list or to add a name to the list must be made by an immediate member of the family in order to respect the person's privacy and our obligation to observe HIPAA privacy rule. Forms can be found at the back of both Churches or at the rectory.

**Why is it so important that we register in a parish?  
Isn't it good enough that we go to Mass?**

**Answer:**

Registration is the official way we join a parish community. Many people think that because they attend a particular parish they automatically belong. At times, young adults who have moved away for years think they are still signed up under their parents. But membership requires signing up, formally enrolling yourself in a parish. Registration is a commitment to a community, a way to be included in the religious, social, and ministerial activities of your parish. Your registration affects the parish in many ways. Census numbers can determine how many priests are assigned to a church, what benefits and obligations the community has to the diocese, and how Masses, Confessions, and devotions are planned and scheduled.

Registration shows you belong. It is also necessary for certain benefits, like scheduling sacraments, obtaining sponsor certificates, and getting donation statements for taxes. Most importantly, it lets the parish count on you, to call on you to assist in its mission. Registering in your parish is a statement of faith and confidence in the life and work of your parish.

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**See what love the Father has bestowed on us  
that we may be called the children of God.  
And so we are. (1 Jn 3:1)**

# **MASS** INTENTIONS at St. Joseph's

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**SATURDAY, December 25** (Nativity of the Lord)  
9:00 AM All Parishioners

**SUNDAY, December 26** (The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph)  
9:00 AM John Kowalyk from wife Marion & family  
12:00 PM Eugene Kerstanski & Frank, Josephine, &  
Stanley Nowicki from Rose & family

**MONDAY, December 27**  
8:00 AM Georgina Ann Roemer

**TUESDAY, December 28**

**WEDNESDAY, December 29**  
8:00 AM Charles Faliski, Jr. from wife Eleonor and  
family

**THURSDAY, December 30**  
8:00 AM Philip Provenzano from sister

**Friday, December 31**  
4:30 PM Thaddeus Stankiewicz III from Maryann & Joel  
Benedict

**SATURDAY, January 1** (The Octave Day of the Lord; Solemnity  
of Mary, Mother of God)  
9:00 AM Agnes Maleakas  
4:30 PM Henry Straub from the DeLade Family

**SUNDAY, January 2** (Epiphany)  
9:00 AM Jake & Leona Harter from The Harter Family  
12:00PM Nancy Wierzbicki Hogencamp from niece  
Donna & David

# **MASS** INTENTIONS at St. Stanislaus'

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**SUNDAY, December 26** (The Holy Family of Jesus,  
Mary & Joseph)  
10:30 AM Richard Koziola, Sr. from John & Roseann

**SUNDAY, January 2** (The Epiphany of the Lord)  
10:30 AM Labanowski & Hucko Families



*At St. Joseph*  
**Host & Wine** are memorialized in  
loving memory of Phil DeNegri.

