



Holy Family Parish St. Joseph Church

Together in Faith

Weekly Bulletin

January
08
2023

Mass Times:

HOLY FAMILY PARISH

Saturday Vigil 4 p.m.
Sunday Novus Ordo 10 a.m.
Sunday Usus Antiquior 12 p.m.
Tuesday 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday Usus Antiquior 8 a.m.
Thursday 8 a.m.
Friday 9 a.m.
HOLY DAYS
Usus Antiquior 8 a.m.
Novus Ordo 12 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 8 - 8:50 a.m.

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

Sunday 8 a.m.
HOLY DAYS
Vigil 5:30 p.m.

Reconciliation

Sunday 7:30-7:45 a.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. - Mt 2:10-11a

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Welcome to Mass! We are called to. . .

Mass Intentions

ROSARY RECITATION

Recitation of the Rosary is said before Holy Family Parish Mass each Saturday at 3:30 p.m. and each Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

Recitation of the Rosary is said before St. Joseph Church Mass each Sunday at 7:30 a.m. Come and join us as we pray to our Blessed Mother.

HOLY FAMILY

Saturday, January 7 - First Saturday -

Usus Antiquior - 9 a.m.

† Pro Populo

HOLY FAMILY

Saturday, January 7 - 4 p.m.

† John L. Ferraro - Wife & Children

† Ernest & Mary Petkovsek - Family

† Joe LaValla - Cindy Campione & Paula Mereness

† Michael Grant - Sister, Missy

† Dick & Skip Munger - Family

ST. JOSEPH

Sunday, January 8 - 8 a.m.

† Deceased Members of St. Joseph Church

HOLY FAMILY

Sunday, January 8 - Novus Ordo - 10 a.m.

† Robert Daley, Jr. - Mar, Cindy & Kathy

† Marion Regan - Joan Vogt & Family

† Burrell & Donna Gardinier - Family

HOLY FAMILY

Sunday, January 8 - Usus Antiquior - 12 p.m.

† Deceased Members of the Hopkins Family

† In Celebration of Patrick & Colleen Rockwell's 29th Anniversary

HOLY FAMILY

Tuesday, January 10 - 5:30 p.m.

† Bart Tooley - Family

† Georgeanne Skype (L) - Mary Dooley

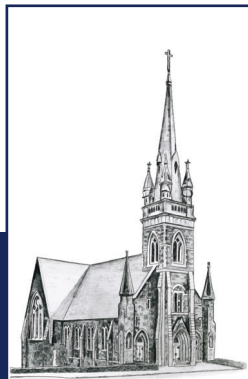
HOLY FAMILY

Wednesday, January 11 -

Usus Antiquior - 8 a.m.

† Deceased Members of the Conroy Family

† Bill & Marleen Reilley (L)



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HOLY FAMILY

Thursday, January 12 - 8 a.m.

† The Most Forgotten Souls In Purgatory

HOLY FAMILY

Friday, January 13 - 9 a.m.

† Sandra Chesebro

HOLY FAMILY

Saturday, January 14 - 4 p.m.

† Fr. James L. Lefebvre - Family

† Mary Bronson - Children

† Albert & Vera Rockwell - Timothy Doyle

† Kathy Moynihan - Family

† Martha Staring - Jim & Bernadette Miller

ST. JOSEPH

Sunday, January 15 - 8 a.m.

† Deceased Members of St. Joseph Church

HOLY FAMILY

Sunday, January 15 - Novus Ordo - 10 a.m.

† Pro Populo

HOLY FAMILY

Sunday, January 15 - Usus Antiquior - 12 p.m.

† Jerry Udder

† Anna Gazak (L) - Patrick & Colleen Rockwell

REST IN PEACE

May the souls of Gregory Santry and Teresa Moretti find eternal rest in the glory of God's heavenly kingdom.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Holy Family - December 25

Collection - \$3,648.00 Christmas - \$12,099

Holy Family - January 1

Collection - \$3,921.00

St. Joseph - December 25

Collection - \$1,723.00

St. Joseph - January 1

Collection - \$808.00

ST. JOSEPH - PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Ann Tucker, Debbie Povec, Mike Barron, Carol Ann Kovic, Jeanette Hogan, Matthew Cadwell, James Doolittle, Sr., Richard Grogan, Helen Johnson, Betty Zerbst, Allison Perry, Tyler David Foster, Margaret Johnson, Neil Cronin, Steven Serow, Lisa Giordano-Hayes, and Joseph Rudi, Mimi Smith, and Caleb Hunter. All the members of our armed forces and their families.

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know, love, and serve as Jesus did.

Holy Family/St. Joseph Calendar

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7th - 22nd / Holy Family Pie Fundraiser.
Forms in church and at Parish Office. Payment due with order.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19th / Nine Days for Life Novena begins Thursday, January 19th - Friday, January 27th. Materials in bulletin racks.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29th / Holy Family Blessing of Articles.
Fr. Slezak will bless any religious articles. There will be a table set up in church to place your articles on and he will bless them between the Novus Ordo and Usus Antiquior Masses.

News & Events

Pray to Protect Human Life - January



We will be reciting a nine-day Novena to protect human life January 19-27, 2023. 9 Days for Life is a novena for the protection of human life. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life. Handouts will be

available on the bulletin stands. Please join us in prayer!

The Opening Mass of the National Prayer Vigil for Life can be viewed live on Thursday, January 19th at 5 p.m. (EST). Visit usccb.org/national-prayer-events-for-life for more information.

Can You Give an Hour a Week?

Are you hoping to be closer to Christ? Are you willing to give an hour or more of your time once a week on Thursdays between 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.?



Eucharistic Adoration is a Catholic devotion dating back to the early days of the Church. It involves exposing a consecrated host, the Blessed Sacrament, allowing people to sit and pray in the Real Presence of Jesus Christ. Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament is a time we Catholics (or anyone with a prayerful heart) take to worship the true God in the person of Jesus Christ Who is really, truly present in the eucharistic host.

We are looking for volunteers and/or substitutes. Write your name on the sign-up sheet in the back of church or call the Parish Office at 315-823-3410 if you are willing to volunteer and start adoring. Father will provide you with a book to help facilitate your prayer.

St. Joseph Coffee Hour

St. Joseph will host a Coffee Hour on Sunday, January 8th after the 8 a.m. Mass. All are welcome.

Holy Family Food Pantry

Baby Food and products, and diapers. Monetary donations appreciated.

Mark Your Calendars: Holy Family's Fundraiser!



Starting January 7th-22nd, order your frozen homemade Smith's Orchard pie. Delivery date will be February 12th, just in time for St. Valentine's Day! There will be a variety of 12 pies to choose from including sugar-free and gluten-free options. You

can also choose a crust or crumb topping.

Order forms will be available at church and the Parish Office. Include your payment and return by January 22nd. We will need extra help to unload, organize, and handout pies on delivery day. Please contact Michele at (518) 779-3049 or Michele.HFP@gmail.com if you are willing to help!

2023 Calendars Available

A special thank you to Mohawk Valley Funerals and Cremations, and the Enea Family Funeral Home for donating calendars, available on the bulletin stands. Please feel free to take one home!

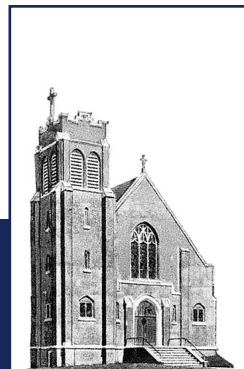
Please Allow Father to Prepare for Mass

To allow Fr. Slezak to prayerfully prepare to celebrate Mass, please do not enter the Sacristy before Mass (unless it is an emergency, of course!).

If you need to speak to Father after Mass, please wait in the vestibule (outside the Priests' Sacristy) and after his short prayer of thanksgiving at the altar, he will be happy to come out to greet you.

Helping Hands Open to the Community

Helping Hands is a program offering free clothing, coats, shoes, and more to anyone in our communities. We have a large selection of winter wear as well as seasonal items. Open Thursdays 1-4 p.m. at the State Street entrance to St. Joseph Church. Call Lynne for more info or assistance at 315-868-7896. Thank you for your continuing support.



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sociology for evaluations of personal responsibility, and a relativistic understanding of ethics.

Actually, it was not a churchman who first sounded the alarm in the culture at large about the loss of a sense of sin in the U.S. It was, of all people, a psychiatrist – one coming from a field that often denies the reality of sin. It was Karl Menninger, the author of a work entitled: *Whatever Became of Sin?* Menninger published his volume in 1973, more than a decade before *Reconciliatio et Paenitentia*.

After working with troubled patients in a clinical practice, Menninger concluded that he was at a loss to help these same persons unless and until sin was addressed realistically, and not treated as some sort of outdated “archetype.” To understand sin intellectually and identify it existentially can be far more medicinal than a fifty-minute session plumbing the deepest and darkest regions of memories associated with family breakdown, especially fatherlessness.

A poor or non-existent relationship with a father is an oft-used headliner in a psychiatrist’s professional notes on his patients. What if, though, the problem is not in living up to a father’s expectations but in not wanting to live in the Father’s house? (cf. Lk 15:12) What if, though, the problem is not in making something of yourself but in believing that there is still sonship after a life of dissipation? (cf. Lk 15:13)

In the parable of Saint Luke’s Gospel called the Prodigal Son (also referred to as the Merciful Father), the younger son bolts from his father’s house. It’s a willful and uncoerced act. Our sins are typically just that – willful and uncoerced. As ugly as our sins are, however, we can still go back home. And when we do, we are met by a gracious Father Who does not lock the door against our re-entry. Rather, He calls for a celebration. That celebration of fatherly mercy is resisted however by the older brother in this parable. He is the one this time who refuses to have anything to do with the house. (cf. Lk 15:28)

And the father goes out for this son too – just as he did for the younger son first. (cf. Lk 15:20) How is that for fatherhood? A fatherhood for all seasons. No matter what the transgression is, the father is there for both sons. How frequently is this pardon and peace of Our Heavenly Father ignored when it comes to the Sacrament of Penance for larger and larger numbers of Catholics in our own time now! There are still many Catholics who have not given up on the sacrament, but many more have. The abandonment is much, much greater than the faithful adherence.

We must do all we can – including perhaps starting a Penitential Revival – to preach, teach, and receive the Lord’s mercy sacramentally. The night, Saint Paul tells us, is far spent, the day is at hand. (cf. Rom 13:12) Let us walk in the light of day given to us by Christ in his death and Resurrection. In the design of the Risen Christ, the Church has the authority to bind and loose. (cf. Jn 20:23) May the Church’s work of extending the Lord’s mercy find more and more receptive ears.



Penitential Revival, Anyone?

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We can't say what fruitfulness will come of the Eucharistic Revival underway in the United States. What we do know is that it's urgently needed and long overdue. And

we'll see if our bishops' three-year emphasis on Eucharistic dogma and practice will renew the faith in America, or not. At least now we've recognized the enormous gap between what the Church teaches about the Eucharist and how Catholics live out that teaching in our nation.

But I'm wondering if a Penitential Revival is equally urgent. The troubling signs that prompted the Eucharistic Revival are even more apparent when it comes to the Sacrament of Penance. And it's notable that we haven't been talking much about it.

I began my priestly ministry twenty years after the close of the Second Vatican Council, and there was already grave concern about the diminishing number of Catholics using the Sacrament of Penance. In *Reconciliatio et Paenitentia* (1984), Pope Saint John Paul II referred to the Sacrament of Penance as in a crisis. (28) As crises go, we would have to say that this one has not leveled off; it has only worsened.

It's not just the precipitous decline in the number of Catholics who go to the sacrament; it's that and more. When I was a grade school student in the 1960s, Catholic children often went to sacramental confession on their own in places like Brooklyn, New York. As a confessor today, I never see or hear children coming on their own on a Saturday afternoon.

It's not just that the kids need parents to provide a ride; it's that they are inadequately catechized. They don't know, for instance, how to do a proper examination of conscience; they don't know the act of contrition; and they don't know what a penance is. If they are lucky enough to have been introduced to these aspects of the sacrament, there certainly is no reinforcement by their parents—except, of course, with homeschooling parents.

By far though, the most unsettling aspect of the decline has been the near total evisceration of a sense of sin. This too is noted in *Reconciliatio et Paenitentia*. Pope Saint John Paul II starts by invoking a predecessor, Pius XI (pope between 1922-1939), who observed that “the sin of the century is the loss of the sense of sin.” (18) From there, the pontiff gives an account of the eclipse of sin. He cites the influence of secularism, the over-reliance on psychology and

continued other side—