



Holy Family Parish St. Joseph Church

Together in Faith

Weekly Bulletin

December
03
2023

Mass Times:

HOLY FAMILY PARISH

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.

Adoration

Thursday 8:30 a.m. - 7 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.



1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



"Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time
will come." - Mk 13:33

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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 - December 2 - 9 a.m. - First Saturday

† Parti Bascom - Livia Bascom

Saturday - December 2 - 4 p.m.

† Pro Populo - For the People

ST. JOSEPH

Sunday, December 3 - 8 a.m.

† Joseph Montagnino - Karen & Tom Montagnino

HOLY FAMILY

Sunday, December 3 - 10 a.m.

† Linda Sagatis - Family

† Shirley Cumm - Kathy Kline

† Herbert Zarin - Judy

† Ann Billings - Jimmy Quatrino & Henry Sheppard

HOLY FAMILY

Sunday, December 3 - 12 p.m.

† Krzysztof Korwicki (L) - Ludwik & Malagorzata Lorens

HOLY FAMILY

Tuesday, December 5 - 5:30 p.m.

† Deceased Members of the Rosarians

HOLY FAMILY

Wednesday, December 6 - 8 a.m.

† Domenica C. Brant - Jack Brant

HOLY FAMILY

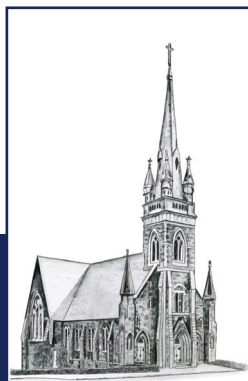
Thursday, December 7 - 8 a.m.

† Louis Colangelo - Dominick & Caroline Colangelo

ST. JOSEPH

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

Thursday, December 7 - Vigil Mass - 5:30 p.m.



HOLY FAMILY

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

Friday, December 8 - 12 p.m.

† Fr. Thomas Connery

Friday, December 8 - 5:30 p.m.

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HOLY FAMILY

Saturday - December 9 - 4 p.m.

† John & Frances Prestopnik - Family

† Rob Feane - Siblings

† Bill & Frances Metz - Louis Baum Family

† Deceased Members of the DeRosa Family - Maryanne Terzi

† Craig Wright - Children & Grandchildren

† Christina Plant - Husband, Jeff

† Cecil & May Bronson - Family

ST. JOSEPH

Sunday, December 10 - 8 a.m.

† Deceased Members of St. Joseph Church

HOLY FAMILY

Sunday, December 10 - 10 a.m.

† Burrell & Donna Gardinier - Family

† Anne Hoteling - Family

† Linda Sagatis - Family

† Donald Buckley, Sr. - Family

† Mary Bernos - Family

† Nelo & Cesira Lorenzoni Family - John Lorenzoni

HOLY FAMILY

Sunday, December 10 - *Mass Changed to 1 p.m.*

SANCTUARY LAMP

Sanctuary Lamp lit in memory of Bob "Chet" Bonk

REST IN PEACE

May the soul of Joan Canorro find eternal rest in the glory of God's heavenly kingdom.

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, Joseph Rudi, Mimi Smith, Caleb Hunter, Maggie Rouch, Norman Mastromoro, Emily Mayhew, Colleen Huddleston, Lynn Stalnaker, and Robert Matthew Aniol. Also, please pray for all the members of our armed forces and their families.

Sacrificial Giving

Holy Family - November 26	Collection - \$3,231.00
Holy Family - November 19	Collection - \$3,547.00
St. Joseph - November 26	Collection - \$719.00
St. Joseph - November 19	Collection - \$987.00

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know, love, and serve as Jesus did.

News & Events

St. Joseph Coffee Hour

St. Joseph Church will host a Coffee Hour after 8 a.m. Mass on Sunday, December 10th in the Church Hall. All are welcome!

Join Us in the Spirit of Giving this Christmas

Holy Family will once again participate in assisting families by supplying gifts for area children. These requests come from Catholic Charities of Herkimer County.

Tags will adorn the Giving Trees that will be located in the front of our church by each of the side entrances. Please take a tag that will specify boy or girl, age and size, items needed, and a wish gift. Please return your **WRAPPED** presents with the tag attached no later than the weekend of **DECEMBER 9th/10th**. Thank you for your participation in helping bring Christmas joy to those in need!

Be Part of Our Christmas Choir

For Families and Children interested in singing at the Nativity Play, Doug will hold rehearsals at 11 a.m. & 1:30 p.m. on Sundays. Rehearsal will last for roughly 20 minutes. The choir will learn and practice standard Christmas Carols in preparation for both the Play and Christmas Season. This is a great opportunity for our families and children to sing and give praise to the Lord!

Holy Family/St. Joseph Rosary Prayer Group

Saint Louis de Montfort said: "When people say the Rosary together it is far more formidable to the devil than one said privately, because in this public prayer it is an army that is attacking. It is very easy to break a single stick, but if you join it to others to make a bundle, it cannot be broken. In union there is strength."

In his book *The Secret of the Rosary*, he lists the benefits of the group Rosary, stating one who prays the Rosary alone only gains the merit of that one Rosary. If said together with others, one gains the merit of EACH Rosary.

We are expanding recitation of the Rosary in order to start a Rosary prayer group. We will begin the weekend of December 2nd/3rd. A pamphlet with the virtues for each decade as well as a short meditation for each mystery will also be available on the weekend of December 2nd/3rd.

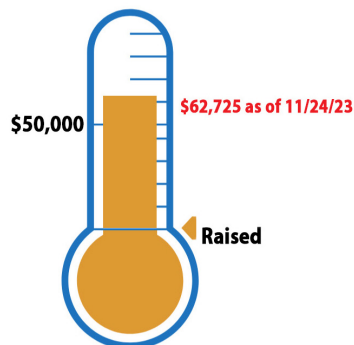
Little Falls Food Pantry

Baby food, baby wash, and diapers. Money donations—make check out to Little Falls Food Pantry.

Holy Family Parish Matching Gift Campaign

November 1 - December 31, 2023

\$100,000



An anonymous and generous donor family will match donations from **November 1st** through **December 31st, 2023** up to \$100,000. We need our community to support this campaign to be successful! If you've been holding off, now is the time to give. Please call your friends and family to help preserve Holy Family church and buildings for generations to come!

We praise the Lord for our beautiful church and the help He is sending us. May we not let this extraordinary opportunity pass. You can find out more or give online at [holymfamilylittlefalls.org/Renew & Rebuild](http://holymfamilylittlefalls.org/Renew%20&%20Rebuild).

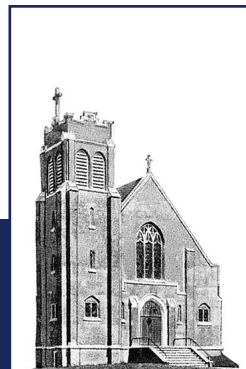
Youth Group Event - December 10th

Holy Family will host a Youth Group Event on Sunday, December 10th for students in grades 7th-12th in the Parish Gym, from 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. We will enjoy food and play games. Our activity includes making Christmas cookies for families in need this holiday season, followed by 20 minutes of prayer and silence in Adoration.

Please sign up at [groupme.com](https://www.groupme.com), "Triunity Youth Group," which is accessible for parents and children. By signing up, you can get group and event information.

Helping Hands Now Open!

The Helping Hands free clothing program is once again open, Thursdays from 1-4 p.m. at St. Joseph Church in Dolgeville. Donations of clothing, shoes, toys, etc. appreciated! Thank you for your continuing support.



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Building
Our Future...
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they chose to disobey God, Original Sin arose from their transgression in Eden.

The Catholic Church teaches us that the consequences of Adam and Eve's deliberate disobedience to God in the Garden of Eden results in our inheritance of original sin. However, baptism gives us new life as adopted children of God. When the Sacrament of Baptism is administered, Original Sin disappears as God becomes present in the soul.

While looking at Holy Family's window, there is a great deal of symbolism to examine. The artist's interpretation perhaps, was based on a reflection from the book of Revelation 12:1: "A great and wondrous sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet and a crown of twelve stars on her head."

We observe in the window, that indeed, the Blessed Virgin Mary is clothed in bright white, signifying perfection and purity. Thus, representing Mary as free from every defect and stain of sin. She is standing on a crescent moon signifying her glory and victory over time and space. She has upon her head a crown of twelve stars.

Mary's face is lowered humbly, as she is bathed in the bright light. Below her feet is seen an image of a serpent with an apple in its mouth. The serpent represents the devil. The apple represents the forbidden fruit eaten by Adam and Eve that led to our inheritance of original sin. The portrayal of both the serpent and the apple teaches us that since she was born free from all sin, the Virgin Mary is victorious over both the devil and all sin.

Above Mary are seen many Cherubims that appear as heavenly custodians and protectors of holy places and holy things. Below, are two angels dressed in blue, their hands in an upward position. Perhaps a reflection of Psalm 91:11-12: "For He shall give His angels charge over you, to keep you in all your ways. In their hands, they shall bear you up."

The caption below reads: "Thou art all fair." On the bottom of this window is a dove standing on a bible. The dove represents the Holy Spirit. The Bible, complete with a ribbon, represents holy scripture. This section of the window may illustrate the role of the Holy Spirit as one who gives us knowledge through scripture.

On the very bottom of this window, above the banner naming the benefactors, look to the right, you will see the name John Hardman & Co, Birmingham, England. This is the first of two windows identifying the artisans of this magnificent stained glass.

"Let's run to him now with all that weighs upon our hearts. He longs to hear from us and desires to help us."



The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

*Thursday, December 7th -
The Solemnity of the
Immaculate Conception
St. Joseph: Vigil: 5:30 p.m.*

*Friday, December 8th -
The Solemnity of the
Immaculate Conception
Holy Family: Masses 12 p.m.
& 5:30 p.m (UA)*

The feast of the Immaculate Conception is December 8th. We are blessed to have a magnificent stained glass window depicting this feast day. It is the last window on the right side of the church.

In 1858, The Blessed Virgin appeared in Lourdes France to Saint Bernadette. She identified herself with the words, "I am the Immaculate Conception."

The Immaculate Conception is a dogma of the Roman Catholic Church. A dogma is a truth, formally revealed by God, that is proclaimed by the teaching authority of the Church, for the belief of the faithful. That Dogma, the papal encyclical of 1854, declared that the Blessed Virgin Mary, from the moment of her conception, was exempt from all stain of original sin. God's grace preserved her from all sin as she was to become the Mother of God. It was therefore most fitting for Jesus, the Son of God and Savior of the world, to be born of a pure and spotless Virgin, one who was totally free from all sin.

What is original sin? As noted in the book of Genesis, God placed the first man, Adam, and the first woman, Eve, in the center of His newly created world called the Garden of Eden. They enjoyed perfect fellowship and harmony with each other, nature, and God. In the midst of the garden stood an extraordinary tree that produced fruit. God warned Adam and Eve about the consequences of eating the fruit from that tree. Satan, disguised as a serpent, led Eve to eat the forbidden fruit. She then shared it with Adam. Since

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