



Holy Family Parish St. Joseph Church

Together in Faith

Weekly Bulletin

November
05
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.

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ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

Sunday 8 a.m.

Holy Days

Vigil 5:30 p.m.

Reconciliation

Sunday 7:30 - 7:45 a.m.



31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"As for you, do not be called 'Rabbi.' You have but one teacher, and you are all brothers. Call no one on earth your father; you have but one Father in heaven. Do not be called 'Master'; you have but one master, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant." - Mt 23:8-11

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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

First Saturday - November 4 - 9 a.m.

† Fr. Anthony Infanti - Margaret Purcell

Saturday - November 4 - 4 p.m.

† Pro Populo - For the People

ST. JOSEPH

Sunday, November 5 - 3 p.m. *100th Anniversary Event.*

No 8 a.m. Mass - Moved to 3 p.m. with Bishop Scharfenberger

† Living & Deceased Members of St. Joseph Church

HOLY FAMILY

Sunday, November 5 - 10 a.m.

† Burrell & Donna Gardenier - Family

† Linda Sagatis - Family

† Brenden Brown - McCue - Louis Baum

† Shirley Cumm - Mary Sagatis

HOLY FAMILY

Sunday, November 5 - 12 p.m.

† Ewa Korwicki (L) - Ludwik & Malgorzata Lorens

HOLY FAMILY

Tuesday, November 7 - 5:30 p.m.

† Domenica C. Brant - Jack Brant

HOLY FAMILY

Wednesday, November 8 - 8 a.m.

† Fr. David R. Le Fort - Margaret Purcell

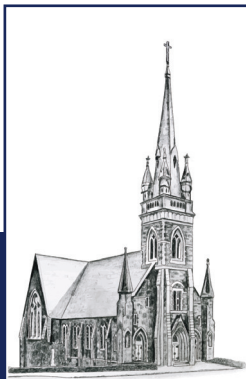
HOLY FAMILY

Thursday, November 9 - 8 a.m.

† Antonio Sequeira - Grace Rocha

HE IS ALWAYS WITH US
*The Christ of Bethlehem
is the Christ of Galilee,
the Christ of the Crucifixion,
the Christ of the Resurrection,
the Christ of the Eucharist.
It is the same Christ.*

-John Cardinal O'Connor



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HOLY FAMILY

Friday, November 10 - 9 a.m.

† Richard Elliot

HOLY FAMILY

Saturday - November 11 - 4 p.m.

† Jody Feane - Children

† Charles & Agatha Pietropaoli - Daughter, Marie

† Shirley Cumm - Tim & Pat Lynch

† Erica Campione Galbo - Aunts, Uncles & Cousins

† Loretta Campione Parry - Sisters & Brothers

† Kaitlin Feeney - Family

ST. JOSEPH

Sunday, November 12 - 8 a.m.

† Living & Deceased Members of St. Joseph Church

HOLY FAMILY

Sunday, November 12 - 10 a.m.

† Anne Hoteling - Family

† Fred Ashley - Family

HOLY FAMILY

Sunday, November 12 - 12 p.m.

† Krzysztof Korwicki (L) - Ludwik & Malgorzata Lorens

SANCTUARY LAMP

Sanctuary Lamp is lit in memory of:

Ed Becker - Mark & Janice Gorinshek

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, and Lynn Stalnaker. Also, please pray for all the members of our armed forces and their families.

Rebuild & Renew

Holy Family Parish

Restoration Campaign

**Matching Gift
Campaign**

GIVE ONLINE

easy. fast. secure.

Sacrificial Giving

Holy Family - October 29 Collection - \$3,412.00

St. Joseph - October 29 Collection - \$917.00

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know, love, and serve as Jesus did.

Holy Family/St. Joseph Calendar

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5th / NO 8 A.M. MASS
MOVED TO 3 P.M. St. Joseph Church 100th Anniversary
Mass with Bishop Scharfenberger. St. Joseph Church. 3
p.m. Dinner to follow. RSVP with Parish Office for details.

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11th / Holy Family Wine &
Craft Beer fundraiser.** Holy Family Parish Gym.
5:30-7:30 p.m. \$15 per person.

News & Events

Join Us for Our Wine & Craft Beer Fundraiser



Holy Family Parish
will host a Wine & Craft
Beer Tasting fundraiser
w/cheese & light
appetizers on Saturday,

November 11th, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the Holy Family
Parish Gym. Tickets \$15/person. Open to the community.
Tickets available at the Parish Office Building. Parish raffle
tickets are also on sale for \$10 with prize amounts of \$500,
\$1,000, & \$2,000. Drawings at Wine & Craft Beer event.
Proceeds from both will benefit Rebuild & Renew Parish
Projects. There will be sacramentals available for purchase.

Lunch & Learn Program for Seniors



Holy Family
Parish is partnering
with Catholic
Charities to present
the WISE program.
WISE stands for
"Wellness Initiative

for Senior Education". This is a six-week, evidenced-based
program for older adults. The program and lunch are free.

The sessions will be held from 11 a.m. -12:30 p.m. with
lunch to follow. Some of the topics addressed are Health
and Wellness, Medication Use/Misuse, Stress Management,
Depression, Substance Misuse, and Understanding the
Changes in Aging. Classes begin Tuesday, November 14, at
11 a.m. in the Parish Hall. If anyone has a question please
feel free to call Peggy Romano at 315-717-3012.

There will be a sign-up sheet in the back of the Church
the weekend of October 28th and 29th. Please join us! This
program is open to the entire Herkimer County community.

Students Join Our Christmas Play

Students in grades 6th - 12th are invited to join in the fun
of putting on the performance of our first annual Christmas
play: "The Story of the Nativity." This year it will be hosted
at the Holy Family Parish Gym in December. Questions:
contact Mary Joan Korce at 315-823-2299.

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!

Please Register as a Parishioner

There are many positive reasons to be registered
parishioners. You can call the Parish Office at
(315) 823-3410 or request a registration form online at
www.holyfamilylittlefalls.org. An official registration form
will be mailed to you.

Little Falls Food Pantry

Cereal, oatmeal, pancake mix, and syrup. Money
donations—make check out to Little Falls Food Pantry.

Unleashing Love Women's Conference



Unleashing Love

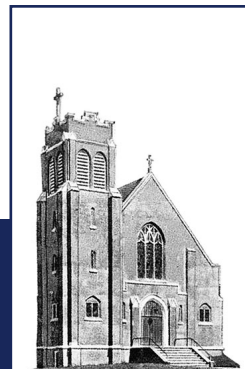
*Awakening our hearts to share
God's Love.* The Diocese of Albany
will be hosting a Women's Conference
titled Unleashing Love. The day will
empower women to open their hearts
to share God's love.

When: Saturday, December 9, 2023

Time: Check-in and Continental
Breakfast at 8:30 AM; Event runs


from 9 a.m. - 4p.m. **Location:** St. Pius X Church, 23
Crumitie Road, Loudonville, NY. **Keynote Speakers:**
Fr. Chris Alar, MIC; Mrs. Anne Costa, Mrs. Mary DeTurris
Poust.

Conference will include: Presentations, Reconciliation,
Adoration, Mass with Bishop
Scharfenberger, and Box lunch
& beverages. Registration link:
[https://www.bohmdesigns.com/
unleashinglove/](https://www.bohmdesigns.com/unleashinglove/)



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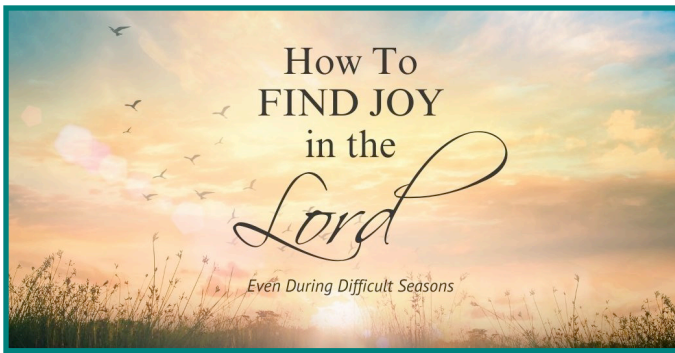


gives.” Having plenty or living in scarcity are both for our good, he says, and if we don’t fail in doing good, the means to give will be given to us to do that good. He urges us to use whatever the year gives us in good works and not to let poorer seasons of difficulty hinder our Christian benevolence. He reminds us that Our Lord “knows how to replenish the widow’s vessels, which her pious deed of hospitality has emptied: He knows how to turn water into wine: He knows how to satisfy 5,000 hungry persons with a few loaves.”

Pope Leo’s words called to mind a phone call that came in at work, a week before Thanksgiving, a few years back. The man had moved into a rundown rooming house recently and explained that although there was a stove on the bottom floor, the oven didn’t work, and on the second floor there was just an empty spot where a stove used to be. He wanted to cook the men a full Thanksgiving meal, including roasting a turkey, and although he could get the food, he needed an oven. I was very impressed that a man who also was down on his luck would be thinking of others so charitably. The landlord was unwilling to buy a stove as the other had been stolen, the men had no money to pitch in for another stove, and thus his phone calls looking for assistance.

Unfortunately for him, we provided equipment for the disabled, not kitchen stoves. After hanging up, I couldn’t get it out of my mind. I had a job, a nice home, and a working stove, and I wasn’t hurting. I found the name of a local store that sold used refrigerators and stoves. I called and told the owner the story, got a deal on a used stove (with a working oven), and he delivered it free to the rooming house anonymously. But our generosity (out of our surplus), paled in comparison to the amazing benevolence of that man who was living through what Pope Leo the Great would define as “a poorer season of difficulty.”

His “season of difficulty” had not hindered his Christian benevolence, however—and not failing in trying to do good, the means to give were given to him! A lesson for all of us Christians, whether in a season of surplus or one of difficulty—don’t be a “grump”—and do something good!



Seasons of Difficulty | Jean Ronan

After fighting mother nature against all manner of garden lifeforms to include fungus, slugs, rabbits and deer, my heart was awash in complaints borne of pure frustration. My hopes had been high in the spring as I planted, but hope slowly gave way to fungus-foiled flowers, bunny busted beans, slug swarming squash, and rampant ruminants ruining my carrot tops, to mention just a few.

Synonyms for “complainer” include bellyacher, crab, faultfinder, and grumbler, but “grump” is my favorite, as it describes exactly what complaining does to the spirit. Pope St. Leo the Great had an interesting take on complaining, and his words threw a lawn dart into the heart of my ‘growing’ complaints! “For not to give Him thanks in all things, what else is it but to blame [God] in some degree.”

Honestly, I’d never thought of that, but since I’d been complaining about His creatures helping themselves to my garden goodies, I suppose I was indirectly putting the blame on Him. St. Leo goes on to tell us that we complain when we don’t get what we want and fail to be grateful during times of plenty. (“Guilty!”)

After learning the error of my ways, I looked forward to hearing his prescription. The saint tells us that nothing better for us than to be persistent and unwavering in praising God. He quotes “the Apostle” (Paul): “Rejoice always, pray without ceasing; in all things give thanks. For this is the will of God in Christ Jesus in all things for you” (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18).

Pope Leo adds, “Let that which pleases God, please us too. Let us rejoice in whatever measure of gifts He

continued other side—