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Office Hours Monday-Wednesday & Friday 8:30 - 11:30 am

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Mission Statement

Baptized in Christ Jesus and nourished by his Word and Sacrament we strive to live our daily lives in love and service to God and neighbor.

Pastor:

Augustine K. Benti

Staff:

Sister Mary Ellen Diermeier

Pat Kulas, Secretary

Mary Uttecht, DRE

Mass Times

St. Joseph, Galloway

Sunday 8:30 am

St. Ladislaus, Bevent

Saturday 4:00 pm

Sunday 10:10 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sunday 8:00-8:20 am

Mark your Calendars!

December:



Sun. 5 - **Breakfast with St. Nick** 9:30 - 11 am

Baptism - noon

Advent Study 1 pm

Wed. 8 - **CCD Classes** 6:15 pm

Mass - Immaculate Conception 7 pm

Fri. 10 - **Mass** 8:30 am

Sun. 12 - **Advent Study** 9:30 am

Baptism - noon

Wed. 15 - **Mass** 8:30 am

CCD Classes 6:15 pm

Sun. 19 - **Advent Study** 9:30 am

Wed. 22 - **Mass** 8:30 am

Advent Confessions 9-10 am and 6-7 pm

DECEMBER 5, 2021

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

A VOICE OF ONE CRYING OUT IN THE DESERT:

"PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD,

MAKE STRAIGHT HIS PATHS.

EVERY VALLEY SHALL BE FILLED

AND EVERY MOUNTAIN AND HILL SHALL BE MADE LOW."

—LUKE 3:4-5

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THE LORD
HAS DONE
great things.
PSALM 126



Liturgies of the Week

Wed., Dec. 8 - Immaculate Conception-Virgin Mary

7:00 pm - Intention: Health Gary Lepak

by Steve & Pat Kulas

Fri., Dec. 10 - Advent Weekday

8:30 am - Isabella Stieber *by Theresa Stieber*

Sun., Dec. 12 - Third Sunday of Advent

8:30 am - Sylvia Verkuilen and Ray Dudzik

by August & Caroline Trzebiatowski

Rosary prayed 1/2 hour before Mass

Liturgical Ministers

Sunday Mass 8:30 am - December 12

Lector: **Lisa Walder**

Eucharist: **Joe Bushman**

Altar Servers: **Kiya Kersten**

Jaxton Bushman

Ushers: **Joe Jr. Bushman**

Drayden Kersten

TV Monitors: **Brennen Bushman**

Rosary (Joyful): **Pat Kulas**

Confessions for Advent

St. Joseph - Galloway

Wednesday, December 22 : 9 - 10 am and 6 - 7 pm

And half hour before Sunday masses

2022 Calendars

Parish 2022 calendars are available in the church foyer for you to take home.



Window Candles for Christmas

Please put your offering for candles in an envelope marked for candles for window and drop in the collection box. Thank you.

Religious Retirement Fund Envelopes

Give in thanksgiving. "I shall always be grateful for my Catholic education" writes a donor. Please join in thanking the thousands of senior Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests who worked tirelessly to educate the young and serve those in need. Envelopes are in weekly envelope packets and available in the church foyer which helps religious communities care for aging members. Please give generously.



Breakfast with St Nick

Sunday, December 5

Serving 9:30 am—11 am

Bring your camera to take home photos of St Nick.

Pancakes, hash browns, scrambled eggs, breakfast meats,

fresh fruit, desserts, coffee, juice and milk.

Adult \$6; Seniors 60+ \$5; kids 6-12 \$3

Everyone is Welcome!

Welcome: Kynlee Patricia Dombrowski

daughter of Hailee Stroik and Kyle Dombrowski who was welcomed into the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism on November 28.

Congratulations! We pray she grows in the faith.

Gifts to Our Lord (Nov. 15-21)

Adult Tithing.....	\$1824.00
Youth Envelopes.....	23.00
Offertory Gifts	407.56
<u>Christmas Flowers</u>	<u>130.00</u>
Total.....	\$2384.56

Gifts to Our Lord (Nov. 22-28)

Adult Tithing.....	\$1245.00
Youth Envelopes.....	4.00
Offertory Gifts	198.00
Religious Retirement.....	25.00
Immaculate Conception envelopes	25.00
Vigil Lights	37.75
Christmas Flowers	240.00
<u>Building Improvements</u>	<u>75.00</u>
Total.....	\$1849.75

Just a reminder: If you want credit for 2021 please have your contributions into the parish by noon December 31, 2021. According to the IRS regulations, any contributions received after Dec 31 must be applied to your 2022 contributions.

Parish Secretary Opening

St. Joseph Parish - Galloway

Our parish is seeking a part-time secretary, currently 4 days a week from 8:30 am - 11:30 am. There is some flexibility in scheduling work time. Starting pay is \$18 per hour. The working position requires a broad range of skills/attributes including secretarial, organizational, communication, financial and bookkeeping. A working knowledge of computer software programs: QuickBooks, Excel, Word and PowerPoint. Job duties include but are not limited to secretarial and financial duties: payroll, associated taxes and reports, record receipts, reconcile parish books, prepare financial statements as requested, bulletin publishing, electronic sign scheduling, minister scheduling, ordering church supplies, and other duties directed from the Pastor. For more information or to pick up an application please come to the church rectory or call 715-454-6431 during office hours 8:30 -11:30 am Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays .

St. Nicholas | Feast Day December 6

St. Nicholas of Bari (March 15, 270 – December 6, 343), the bishop of Myra in the fourth century, is the saint that Santa Claus is modeled after. Known for his kindness and generosity to the poor, the story has it that St. Nicholas once tossed bags of gold through the open window of a poor man's house to help his daughters avoid a life of prostitution.

According to legend, the gold landed in stockings dangling on the corners of the beds, which is why many of us celebrate St. Nicholas Day by hanging stockings and filling them with candy, fruit, and small toys.

Not much else is known about this beloved saint, but regardless, his reputation as a generous man continues today. ©LPi

Happy  **ST. NICHOLAS** OLPI *Day*

Area Events

- ♦ **Agnes Sweet Shoppe**, Fancy cookies & candy
Saturday, December 11 from 10 am - 2 pm
Abts Hall 6101 Zinser St., Weston & Raffle
Lunches to-go only of soup & sandwiches and pie

2nd Sunday of Advent

St. Ambrose shares some wisdom on our need to prepare the way and open the door for Christ. "You see that when the Word of God knocks hardest on your door, it is when his hair is wet with the dew of the night. In fact, he chooses to visit those who are in tribulation and trial, lest one of them be overwhelmed by distress. So, his head is covered with dew, with drops, when his body is laboring hard. It is important to keep watch so that when the Bridegroom comes, he is not shut out. If you are asleep and your heart is not keeping watch, he will go away without knocking; but if your heart is alert for his coming, he knocks and asks for the door to be opened to him." When life gets overwhelming and difficult and we find ourselves feeling a bit downhearted and miserable, these words can bring great comfort.

We sometimes choose to remain stuck in our uncomfortable darkness and being stuck becomes our norm. In this time of self-focus our hearts are closed to the graces and life God desires to give us. Wrapped in the robe of mourning and misery, we fail to see the mercy, justice, and love the Bridegroom wants to bring. If we take seriously the need to prepare the way for Christ and open our hearts in preparation for his visit, we can hear God's gentle voice calling us deep within. It beckons us to seek out its source and discover the inner calm and peace that can prevail over the darkness of despair. Sometimes our darkness is so dark that it may seem unsurmountable. Trusting in the spiritual friends who journey with us, and God's promise may bring a glimmer of light even when it is most difficult to keep our hearts' doors open. Sometimes, the only light in the darkness is found in trusting the faith of others both past and present.

We have to trust that God has already begun the accomplishment of good work in us and that humanity is on an incredible journey to something wonderful and awesome. God is not done. When we open the doors of our hearts, straighten the paths of our lives, and prepare the way, Jesus can come with God's simple gifts of peace, grace, and joy. Life throws a great deal at us. It is easy to get tired and confused. We have to train our hearts to keep watch, discern what is of value, and forge ahead. Not allowing ourselves to become so weighed down by things and brought out of focus is a tremendous goal to achieve this Advent season. God is knocking. Answer the door. You will see and understand life in ways you never thought possible before. ©LPi



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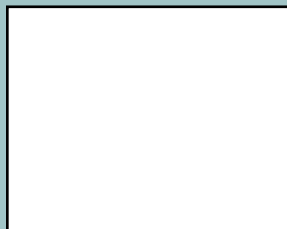
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