



“We desire to be able to welcome Jesus at Christmas time, not in a cold manger of our heart, but in a heart full of love and humility, in a heart so pure, so immaculate, so warm with love for one another.”

St. Teresa of Calcutta

December 25, 2022

St. Joseph's Church

5600 West Genesee Street
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Parish Office:

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Website:

www.stjosephscamillus.org

Eucharistic Liturgies are celebrated on

Monday—Friday: 9:00am

Saturday: 4:30pm

Sunday: 8:00am & 10:45am

Watch our Mass streamed on YouTube, also posted on website (St. Joseph's Church Camillus)

Reconciliation: Saturday 3-4:00pm

Parish Trustees

Ken Schrank and Kathy Dunham

Parish Office Hours

Monday-Thursday: 9:00am - 3:00pm

Friday: 9:00am - 12:00pm

Food Pantry Hours: Monday 5:30-6:30pm and
Wednesday: 1-3pm

Linda Mahan - Food Pantry

foodpantry@stjosephscamillus.org

Emergency Calls: When the parish offices are closed the Answering Service will contact Father Robert Hyde. Please call 315-266-1937.

Adoration Chapel Hours: Closed until further notice

The Sacrament of Baptism Please call the Parish Office to schedule. You must be registered and active parishioners here at St. Joseph's.

The Sacrament of Marriage Weddings should be scheduled 6-8 months in advance. This can be done by calling the parish office. You must be registered parishioners.

New Parishioners are always welcome here at St. Joseph's. Please see a member of the staff after Liturgy or contact the parish office for registration.

Parish Staff

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Mission Statement

We, the Roman Catholic Faith Community of St. Joseph's Parish, Camillus, welcome everyone in the Spirit of the Good News of Jesus Christ through prayer, liturgy, education, stewardship and service to all under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. We want our parish to be a place where we all journey to the Kingdom of God and grow in our faith together.

LITURGY SCHEDULE**SUNDAY, December 25**

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

CHRISTMAS

10:00am - All Parishioners

MONDAY, December 26

SAINT STEPHEN

9:00am - No Liturgy

TUESDAY, December 27

SAINT JOHN

9:00am - No Liturgy

WEDNESDAY, December 28

THE HOLY INNOCENTS

9:00am - Rev. Richard Kapral - MaryRose & Lenny
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Donald Marcellus - The Sidnam Family

THURSDAY, December 29

FIFTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE

OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

9:00am - Kay Fisher - The Lombardi Family

FRIDAY, December 30

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

9:00am - Francis "Bill" Perry - Neighbors: The Bennie
Family**SATURDAY, December 31**

SEVENTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE

OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

4:30pm - Bernadette Lennon - Abbie Hyde

Lucille Czajkowski - The Lombardi Family

SUNDAY, January 1

SOLEMNITY OF MARY THE HOLY MOTHER

OF GOD, THE OCTAVE DAY OF

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

8:00am - All Parishioners

10:45am - Stanley Cwirko - Kathleen Cwirko & Family

The Sanctuary Lamp in the Church,
which is next to the
Tabernacle, is lit in memory of

Sue Thomas

Requested by Sister

December 24 - December 30

**This Sunday's readings for your reflection:****12/25-The Nativity of the Lord/Christmas****Isaiah 9:1-6** - "The Messiah's Kingdom"**Psalm 96** - "Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord."**Titus 2:11-14** - "Salvation for All"**Luke 2:1-14** - "Birth of Christ"**Attention All Money
Counters****OFFERING
COUNTERS**

We are working on our 2023 schedule. If you are interested in continuing to be a money counter or have been one in the past and would like to restart or would like to become a new money counter, please **call the office** and sign up for a month you would like to do it or you may also email **tammy@stjosephscamillus.org** and she would be happy to sign you up. Thank you for your help with this ministry.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING**INTAKE**

Weekly Average Budget	\$11,463.00
Collections weekend of 12/9/2022	\$ 9,902.50
Christmas	\$ 370.00
Second Collection Envelopes	\$ 265.00
Holy Days	\$ 502.00
Capital Improvement	\$ 250.00
Flowers	\$ 619.00
Fuel Collection	\$ 85.00
Food Pantry	\$ 1,732.00
Faith Formation	\$ 225.00
Youth-St. Pauly	\$ 275.12
Preschool	\$ 9,876.52
Blue Book Donations	\$ 7.00
Total =	\$24,109.14

BILLS PAID

Bi-weekly Payroll	\$20,582.49
Office, Phones, Copier, Postage, Etc.	\$ 600.00
Food Pantry & Human Development	\$ 113.25
Parish Life & Worship	\$ 120.00
Maintenance, Buildings & Grounds	\$ 1,211.46
Faith Formation & Youth	\$ 775.00
Social Events	\$ 18.48
Catholic Sun	\$ 16.00
Total =	\$23,636.68

**MERRY CHRISTMAS
TO ALL**

The staff of St. Joseph's wishes each and everyone a very Merry Christmas! May Christ be born in your heart anew this day, and may His spirit grow in you throughout the New Year!

Joseph's Workbench

Merry Christmas! This will be my column for Christmas. I am writing this in my living/TV room next to my Christmas tree. It's beautiful, with multi-colored lights (changeable to single colored!) and decorated with many decorations that I've had for years. With Christmas music in the background the tree really gives me the Christmas spirit. My Nativity Scene goes up tomorrow (Friday 16th December) and then it will all be perfect! There's just one catch, the tree is artificial!

My family was always a proud "real tree" family. The trip to a local tree farm by all the kids (three girls, two boys) with our Dad was always quite the experience! Mom never went, for good reason! We would argue about which tree to pick, argue about how to tie it on top of the station wagon, argue about how to get it into the house, and argue about putting it up in the stand! We'd all be exhausted by the experience, drained of any Christmas spirit. Fortunately, we delayed trimming the tree, which would restore family harmony. My brother is a real artist at hanging the lights on the tree.

Even after becoming a priest I continued with a real tree. My first parish as pastor had a tree farm nearby, and after getting my own tree, I'd even get my Mom a tree and drive it down to her house in Pennsylvania. She'd call my sister in New York City and ask her how much her tree cost and it was always several times what I paid.

So how did I change to an artificial tree? Two reasons, age and convenience. Having to fetch a tree from a farm is something I don't have the energy for as opposed to having a tree already here with lights already on it that our maintenance staff puts up for me!

So, real or artificial? Is the "fake" tree a betrayal of the Christmas spirit? Does it symbolize our plastic, internet, virtual and distant age?

No, while I admit I miss the real tree and light a scented candle for the balsam fragrance, the artificial tree still gives me the Christmas spirit!

We live in an amazing time, with everything from holiday Zoom calls with family, to electronic gift cards, and cellphones texting and calling Christmas greetings.

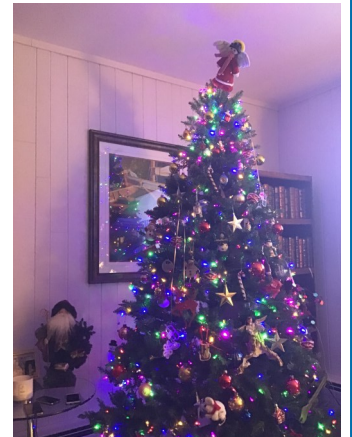
The only experience that is irreplaceable by technology is being there in person with those we love, and that includes going to Mass and meeting Jesus in his great sacrifice of love.

Anything we can do to spread the message of Christmas, that Jesus came to save us, is a gift from God. I hope we all can spread the peace and joy of Jesus this Christmas in any way we can!

However, I still can't decide between multicolored or single colored lights, fortunately, my artificial tree allows me to switch between many colors or have all the lights be light green!

Whatever tree, lights, decorations or treats you'll have at home, I hope you all meet Jesus this Christmas in your hearts and at Holy Mass.

Merry Christmas!



A very special thank you to Father Hyde! Your time and talent is greatly appreciated: your homilies, visits to parishioners in the hospitals, nursing homes, rehab centers and private homes. Not to mention your weekly duties at the VA Hospital, talking with and helping those in need of a priest, everyday management of the parish and staff, daily, weekend and special Masses, weddings, funerals, baptisms, your Tribunal work for the Diocese, monthly Masses at Camillus Ridge, etc...There is so much that you do behind the scenes, that usually only the staff is witness to. The staff especially appreciates your sense of humor that lightens the mood around the office when it can get stressful, and of course the special treats you bake for us. Thank you for being approachable, open minded and always so kind. St. Joseph's is very blessed to have you!

Very Grateful
and Blessed,
Your Staff

THANK YOU
*for the lives you touch
we appreciate you*
SO MUCH



A Christmas Prayer Before Dinner

Dear Heavenly Father,
Love brought Jesus to the earth,
and love brings us to this Christmas table.

Today as we share this holiday feast, may we also share with one another a joyful heart and a warm smile. May our Christmas dinner be filled with kindness. And may the memories of today warm our hearts for years to come.

Amen



The Food Pantry would like to thank everyone for the generous donation of food, money and gift cards. All the donations have been very helpful in providing for our Food Pantry families during this holiday season.

Special thank you to: Longhorn Steakhouse, WestRock, Achilles Heel Training, Camillus Snowmobile Club, Solvay-Geddes Rotary, Mello Family, Immanuel United Methodist Church, St. Joseph's Preschool, Split Rock PTO, Solvay-Geddes-Camillus Kiwanis, Stonehedge School, Learn As You Grow, Camillus Middle School, West Genesee Boy's Lacrosse, Community General Hospital Nurse's Alumni, Upstate University Hospital Office Team: Dr. Robert Cornoa, CEO, Dr. Amy Tucker, CMO, Scott Jessie, RN, CNO, Marilyn Galimi, COO, Mark Zeman, CIO, Stuart Wright, CFO and Nancy Daoust. In addition to all the various anonymous donations we receive.

Many thanks to our volunteers who help make the Food Pantry a great success.

"Into this world, this demented Inn,
in which there is absolutely
no room for him at all,
Christ has come uninvited.
But because he cannot be at home in it,
because he is out of place in it,
and yet must be in it,
his place is with those others
for whom there is no room.
His place is with those who are discredited,
who are denied the status of persons,
who are tortured, bombed and exterminated.
With those for whom there is no room,
Christ is present in the world.
He is mysteriously present in those for
whom there seems to be nothing
But the world at its worst."

Thomas Merton



Faith Formation/TeenFaith/Confirmation

Have a blessed holiday season all! Enjoy this time with your family as you celebrate the birth of our Lord. We also want to thank our Faith Formation coordinators and our catechists that share their love of our Catholic faith with our children and youth. We truly are blessed to have such wonderful adults and youth here at St. Joseph's. Thank you to all our wonderful coordinators and catechists. Please remember to check Facebook and website for pictures. See you in January 2023! Cindy, Kathy & Jodi

What a wonderful evening!

On December 11th ~ 30 of our children received the blessed sacrament of Reconciliation. How great it was to watch them as they sang their song to all of us and then head into Reconciliation with the priests. Ranging from 2nd to 4th grade the children individually met with either Fr. Hyde or Fr. Fritzen, who did a wonderful job lending their ear, kindness and wisdom as they then bestowed the true gift of forgiveness through our Lord, Jesus Christ. Afterwards, each child approached the altar to De. Nick and lit a candle with their family. Our priests shared how impressed they were by how prepared our little disciples were and how blessed we are to have such faithful children and families here at our parish. We want to thank Nancy Olson, our 2nd grade and Reconciliation coordinator, our catechists: Rachel & Lily Francisco, Jessica Renn, Colleen Reilly, Erin McConnell and of course, Kathy Picciott for all she does to make our program, and especially these sacraments, filled with warmth and beauty. Thank you again St. Joseph's for continuing to support our children and our youth in their faith journeys.

Cindy



This is Why.....

Over the years, I have been asked why do you send your groups of young adults to the Brady Faith Center? The Brady Faith Center is a neighborhood center on the south side of Syracuse. It's located in one of the most low-poverty areas in the country. It's true that over the course of the 2nd year of direct prep for Confirmation, a class will go to the Brady Center on a Sunday morning, once a month. I truly believe that introducing our youth to service is a very important aspect of them understanding and learning firsthand, the importance of helping others as we live our Catholic faith.

At the beginning of December, Megan Burns, one of our Confirmation catechists took her class to Brady. A visit to Brady includes providing a small breakfast snack for the children because they most likely haven't had anything to eat that day. Then our candidates participate in Mass with Fr. John Shopfer and the Brady community, followed by a light lunch provided by Brady and then a dessert and craft which our group provides. During this time, our young adults find new relationships with both children and adults, they get to see first-hand the smiles on their faces and witness what a difference their presence makes. They truly do live by my words of "do GREAT things!" Each time they return to St. Joseph's, I get the wonderful opportunity to meet with the group and have them share with me their experience of the morning. I can honestly say, it's amazing listening to teenagers talk about what an impact the morning made on them. After their visit, Megan and her daughter Grace made the decision to continue to visit Brady on Sundays. So these last two weekends they returned to Brady bringing gifts and food for the children and sharing precious time with the Brady community. When I asked Grace why~ it was so easy to see and hear the excitement in her voice of how much she enjoyed what she was doing. Now, this speaks volumes about the young lady that Grace is. Because she and her mom don't look at it as service but as building a relationship with wonderful people who truly appreciate all that they do.



In observation of Christmas the following will be closed Monday, December 26 & Tuesday, December 27:

- Parish Office
- Food Pantry
- No Liturgy

Holiday schedule changes

Have a safe, blessed Merry Christmas!





WE PRAY THIS WEEK FOR
Perry Tarquinio

St. Joseph's Altar Cleaners
For the Month of January

1/6 Carol Wisnoski
1/13 Mary Jo Crockett
1/20 Cathy Seigal

Liturgical Ministry Schedule:

Saturday, December 31, 4:30pm:

Lector: Theresa Williams

Eucharistic Ministers: Maureen LoBello
Chuck Rauch

Sacristan: Dorothy Hart

Sunday, January 1, 8:00am:

Lector: Antonietta Ferranti

Eucharistic Minister: Barb Coon

Sacristan: Joni Lore

10:45am:

Lector: Bo Stoianoff

Eucharistic Ministers: Christine Schrank
Marianne Trivison

Sacristan: Ed Doran

ST. JOSEPH'S PRAYER LIST - Please call the Church Office to add anyone to our Prayer List. Names will remain on the Prayer List for one month. You must call each month to have names remain on.

PLEASE PRAY FOR ...

Ryleigh, Lois Cwirko, Roseanne Corrigan, Joe Evans, Christopher Esposito, Baby Benjamin, Jerry Napierski, Pat Dacey, Barbara Maniaci, Joan & Ed Wakefield, Bernie Bondoni, Josh Martin, Steve, Tom B., Alexander Puchta, Gary B., Erin, Dave Kaminski, Ed Slate, Janice Lafferty, Karen Conte, Kollin Conte, Vikki Domino, Baby Amelia, Hadley, Maverick Robideau, Cassidy S, Doris Martin, Richard Martin, Fr. David James, Frank Legg, Johnny Rogers, Margaret, Edward Delaney, Gilbert Graveline, Frankie J., Marie Esposito, Catherine Hubert, Richard Reschke, Carmela Frio, Christopher Se, Jim L., Joe S., Karen Crisafulli-Kasarda, Mary Klement, Vicki Carron, Cindy Sims, Grace Coggi, Tommy K., Anthony Rodolico, Pauline Baird, Andrea Cappello, Chris S., Steve G., Mark Lombardi, Yvonne Graveline, Liz Reed, Mary Rogers, Ross Ruske, John Schneid, Susan Schneid, Jackson, Laila, Jennifer Brady, Mel Shedlock, Matt Chevalaz, Joe Brown, Thomas Esterguard, Susan Fulton, Pat Strempele, Deacon Rich, Tom Hackett, Joanne Yeomans, Mary Thayer, Diane Sauro, Lucille Meyers, Anne Normoyle, Kristen O'Hara, Karen Cregan-Ciciarelli, Msgr. Robert Yeazel, Bella Iauco-Dias, Eileen C., Ken, Patricia Becker, Jack & Barbara Scranton, Joey Ponto, Natalie Pesce, Siobhan Barrett, Tyler Lawrence, George "Bud" Curry, Bethany Sullivan, Robin Piedmonte, Wynter Bates, Maryanne Buchanan, Bill Rose, Logan Napolis, Michael Clough, Robert Knox, Kelly Grace, Dick Lafferty, Cathy Gilmore, Diane Brown Tart, Linda Olson, Linda Paterniti, Kathleen Demore, Evie Grace Baumler, Brooke Teachout, Baby Navar, Carly Wilson, Mark Levar, John Socha, Lenny Cormier, Madeline DeCelle, Gino, Bob Pray, Mark Ganley, Cynthia Clough, Elyse Clough, Cathy Soprano, Rosemary Grace, Gabriel Sansone, Stephen Sauro, Matthew Remillard, Michael Sullivan, Carrie Doran, Lisa Crowley, Margaret Dziergas, Chuck O'Connell, Ursula Gilmore, Anne Klaczko, Mike McCadam, John Fowls, Michael Ruske, Jim Doolittle, Natalie Adams, Barbara Paul, Patrick Wiese, Mary Felice, Roberta Hennessey, William (Bo) Bochicchio.

HOPE Appeal

Assessment \$76,603.52
Total Gifts \$64,364.52
Total Still Needed to Achieve Goal
\$12,239.00

Types of gifts accepted:

- Cash or QR Code
- Check (made payable to HOPE Appeal)
- Credit card online
www.syracusediocese/hopeappeal
- Credit card over the phone
(315-472-0203)
- Gift of securities (please contact the Foundation Office at 315-472-0203)



Please help us reach our goal!
If you have already given...THANK YOU!
If you have not yet responded to the HOPE Appeal,
we ask that you prayerfully consider making a
pledge to help support the needs
of our diocese and help our
parish meet our goal.
Any and all
contributions appreciated!



In order to keep our Military list up to date, we ask that you call the office to remain on the list. Thank you and God Bless!

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY SERVICE MEN & WOMEN

MAJOR Adam Pray—Active/Army
CPT Derek C. Sipperly—Active/Army
LTJG Mary Morocco—US Navy
2ndLT Lisa Morocco—US Marine Corps
LTJG Shawn Picciott—US Navy
SB1 Sam Reedy—US Navy
GYSGT Ryann Doherty Etienne—Marines
TSgt Kimberly Mastrocola-Dawdy—Active/US Air Force
MSgt Timothy Dawdy—Active/US Air Force
CPT Jason Uhlig—US Army
SPC Joseph Stannard—Active/US Army
LTJG Jack Barrett—US Navy
2ndLT Daniel Geno Pesci—US Air Force
Patrick Myers—Marines
Carolos Davila—US Navy
1st LT William Northrop—US Army
1st LT Gabby Northrop—US Army
MAJOR Ryan Feeney—Active/US Army
2nd LT John Northrop—US Army

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