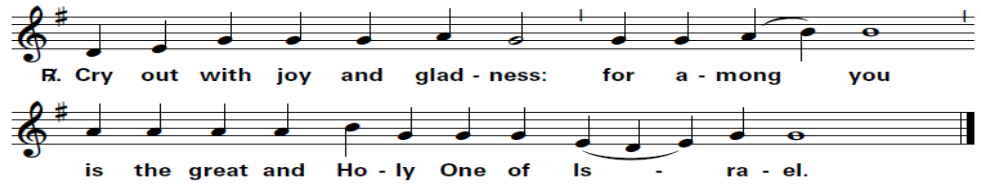


MUSIC SELECTIONS: Dec. 16, 2018
 ENTRANCE HYMN 293
 PREPARATION HYMN 585
 COMMUNION HYMN 528
 RECESSIONAL HYMN 723

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***It is the tradition of the church not to exit before the final hymn has been sung.**

9:00 AM – Children’s Sending: May your holy word take root in them (us). May your holy word bear fruit in them (us). Plant your word within them (us), so that they (we) may grow.

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF
 DECEMBER 15TH THROUGH DECEMBER 23RD, 2018**

If you are having a Mass offered, please contact an usher before Mass and let them know you would like to bring up the gifts.

12-15	4:00 PM	Susan Watson – The Family Clifford Semerad – The First Friday Group
12-16	9:00 AM	Sal Grasso – The Family Harkims Thomas – Tina & the Family Mary F. Nealon – The Family
12-17	9:00 AM	Mass at Immaculate Conception
12-18	9:00 AM	Mass at Immaculate Conception
12-19	7:30 AM	George Santos – Gail Nold
12-20	7:30 AM	Della Marx – The Family
12-21	7:30 AM	Mass
12-22	4:00 PM	Marie Gabriele – The Gabriele Family Clifford Semerad – Jim & Cindy Steadwell
12-23	9:00 AM	Andrew & Mark Frank – The Gawlas Family Helen Swits – Larry & Kathy Ana H. Nunez – The Family

LITURGICAL MINISTERS –DECEMBER 22ND AND 23RD, 2018

	4:00 PM	9:00 AM
LECTOR	R. McGuire	K. Burke
CUP 1	D. Kruk	C. O’Connor
CUP 2	S. Ernst	P. Johnson
BREAD 1	Celebrant	Celebrant
BREAD 2	D. Mayer	D. Stec
BREAD 3	C. Gregoire	D. Schoch
BREAD 4	Deacon	Deacon
CUP 3	J. Masi	K. Sroczyński
CUP 4	R. Kruk	T. Cappuccitti
SERVER	TBD	K. Ostrander
SERVER		W. Schnore
GREETER	S. Sarnowski	P. Johnson

FINANCIAL STATISTICS 12/3-12/9/18

OFFERTORY	\$3,279.22	ENVELOPE USERS	142
ELECTRONIC OFFERTORY	1,970.00	ELECT. USERS	20
DEBT REDUCTION	60.00	ATTENDANCE	347
IMMAC. CONCEPTION	745.00		
MEMORIALS	800.00		
BLDG. RENTAL	1,050.00		
FF/YM FEES	120.00		
STOLE FEE	100.00		
DONATIONS	400.00		
TOTAL INCOME	\$8,524.22	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$7,064.50

Next weekend’s second collection will be our monthly **Building Maintenance** collection. Last month’s collection amounted to **\$1,637.53** and **\$3,143.68** was used for various repair/maintenance items during the month of November. Thank you for your generosity.

Scripture Readings for the Week		
Mon. 12/17	Gn 49:2, 8-10	Mt 1:1-17
Tues. 12/18	Jer 23:5-8	Mt 1:18-25
Wed. 12/19	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a	Lk 1:5-25
Thur. 12/20	Is 7:10-14	Lk 1:26-38
Fri. 12/21	Sg 2:8-14	Lk 1:39-45
Sat. 12/22	1 Sm 1:24-28	Lk 1:46-56
Sun. 12/23	Mi 5:1-4a Heb 10:5-10	Lk 1:39-45

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Remember in your prayers those members of our parish who are sick or suffering in any way, as well as those in hospitals and nursing homes and all of our shut-ins. We also pray for family, friends and those who have died recently, especially **Jean Caldwell**, mother of Timothy (Susan) Caldwell. We also pray for men and women in our armed forces who are serving our country.

	The Week Ahead
Mon. 12/17	Advent Penance Service - 7 PM - ICC
Wed. 12/19	Choir Rehearsal - 7 PM - C
Thurs. 12/20	Baptismal Prep - 7 PM - C (Pre-registration Required)
Thurs. 12/20	Social Concerns - 7 PM - R



Attention Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers and Greeters: Signup sheets for Christmas Eve masses and Christmas Day mass are on the Bulletin Board in Holy Family Hall. If you know what mass you will attending, why not volunteer to fill one of the open spots.

Christmas Mass Schedule

St. Joseph's	12/24 4PM, 6PM & 9PM	12/25 10AM
Immac. Conception	12/24 4PM & 7PM	12/25 9AM
Our Lady of Grace	12/24 5PM & 8PM	12/25 10 AM



Communal Advent Penance Services

Immaculate Conception
Dec. 17 @ 7:00 PM

Attention Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors: Please contact Lori DeSieno at 518-372-3509 or ldesieno06@yahoo.com as soon as possible with schedule requests for the period Jan - Mar 2019.

Greeters and Altar Servers: Please contact Lisa Hall at the Parish Office at 518-346-2316 or stjosephschurch@albany.twcbc.com as soon as possible with schedule requests for the period Jan - Mar 2019.



Advent Wreath - Blessing Week 3 - Lord God, John the Baptist prepared the way for your Son. Help us to prepare the way for Jesus to enter our lives. May we truly open our hearts and our lives to him as we prepare to celebrate his birth.



We will be decorating the church on Sunday, December 23rd at 1:00PM for our Christmas Eve and Christmas Day masses. Please consider coming to help.



The **Giving Tree Committee** wishes to extend a huge "Thank You" to all our kind and generous parishioners for the overwhelming response (once again) to fulfilling Christmas wishes for our neighbors in need. We were able to help 6 organizations with 326 gifts. Thank you for showing others what God's love is all about. A special thank you to everyone who helped sort and organize the gifts for pick-up last Sunday.



Our next order for Hannaford Gift Cards & reloads is scheduled for **Tuesday, December 18th**. All orders must be at the Parish Office by **Monday, December 17th at 10 am**. This will be our last order before Christmas. We also have a limited supply of Hannaford gift cards available after masses this weekend for purchase along with details of how you can participate in this ongoing fund raiser for St. Joseph's. Please contact Deb Griffith in the office if you have any questions.

ATTENTION ENVELOPE USERS: Please pick up your boxed envelopes for 2019 in Holy Family Hall as soon as possible. Thank you.



Forgot to get something for your mail carrier, babysitter, Secret Santa or someone else on your list? Our Christmas tree in Holy Family Hall has a number of ornaments left for purchase along with a display of other items from our recent Christmas Bazaar.



The 2019 calendars have arrived. They are in Holy Family Hall. Feel free to take one on your way out of Mass today.



Do you know any parishioners who are homebound and would like to receive the Eucharist? Our Ministry to the Homebound committee visit our shutins every First Friday of the month and bring them communion. If you know of someone, please call the parish office and we will see that they get on that list!