

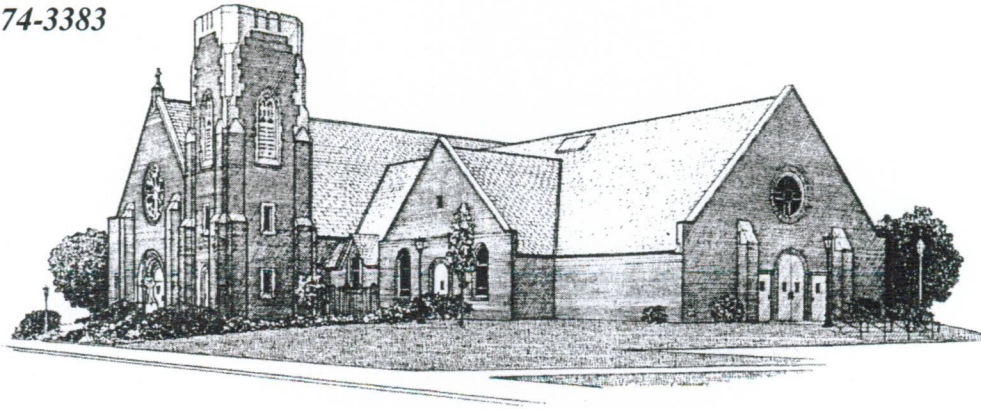
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Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 9:00 AM — 3:00 PM (Closed on Friday)

HOLY EUCHARIST

*Saturday Evening — 4:00 PM
Sunday Morning — 9:00 AM
Holy Days: as scheduled*

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

*The Sacrament of Reconciliation
is available prior to any
Saturday evening liturgy.*

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

*A registered parishioner who wishes
to celebrate his or her marriage at St. Joseph's
is asked to contact the Parish Office
at least six months prior to the anticipated date
(and before any other arrangements
are made) in order to begin
sacramental preparation.*

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK
*If you or someone in your family
is going to the hospital for surgery,
please request the Sacrament of Anointing
by calling the Parish Office.*

*Due to federal regulations, the parish is
unable to access inpatient information
from hospitals and nursing homes
without your consent.*

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

*For registered members of the parish,
baptism may be arranged during
a weekend liturgy.
Parents should contact the office to attend class
in preparation for the sacrament of Baptism.*

NEW PARISHIONERS
*Catholics moving into the area
are invited to register in the
parish by calling the parish office.*

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF
DECEMBER 12TH THROUGH DECEMBER 20TH, 2020**

12-12	4:00 PM	Edna Yager (32nd Anniversary) – The Family Esdras Mendez – Juliana & Christopher Kremzier Richard Whalen – Mike Rinehart
12-13	9:00 AM	Michael Brazell – The Family Salvatore Grasso – The Family Debra Duff – Concetta Grasso Hilda Winbaur – Cathy & Gerry Riggi
12-14	9:00 AM	Mass at Immaculate Conception
12-15	9:00 AM	Mass at Immaculate Conception
12-16	9:00 AM	Mass at Immaculate Conception
12-17		No Mass
12-18		No Mass
12-19	4:00 PM	Michael Pelham (6th Anniversary) – Wife & Children Marie Gabriele – Martin Gabriele George Santos – The Lenane and Nold Families
12-20	9:00 AM	Andrew & Mary Frank – The Gawlas Family Helen Swits – The Family Claudia Lull-Barber – Mom & Dad

LITURGICAL MINISTERS – DEC. 19/20, 2020		
	4:00 PM	9:00 AM
LECTOR	D. Mayer	TBD
BREAD 1	Celebrant	Celebrant
BREAD 4	C. Kukan	A. Seaver
USHER	P. Shave	A. Mitchell
USHER	C. Reynolds	D. Stec
USHER	TBD	R. Schiavone
USHER	TBD	TBD
GREETER	TBD	T. Caldwell
GREETER	TBD	TBD
CLEANER	M. Militano	T. Caldwell
CLEANER	TBD	S. Caldwell
CLEANER	TBD	TBD

We have **12 volunteer positions** (including lector and one Eucharistic minister) that need to be filled for each mass. Sign-up sheets are available in Holy Family Hall for each week. We have many empty slots for the weeks ahead. Thank you to those who continue to volunteer each week so that we may remain open ~ we could not continue to hold mass without you.

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Our income for the period **Nov. 30-Dec. 6, 2020** amounted to **\$8,564** and expenses for the same period were **\$5,870.79**. Your support of St. Joseph's

is greatly appreciated and needed at this time even if you are unable to attend in person. Please be sure to drop your donations in the donation box on the way into mass. Any donation for a special Second Collection must be in a **separate envelope**, clearly marked for the designated collection.


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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 **Sally B. Conley**, mother of Doreen (Robb) Clemons. We also pray for men and women in our armed forces who are serving our country.



Scripture Readings for the Week		
Mon. 12/14	Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a	Mt 21:23-27
Tues. 12/15	Zep 3:1-2, 9-13	Mt 21:28-32
Wed. 12/16	Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25	Lk 7:18b-23
Thurs. 12/17	Gn 49:2, 8-10	Mt 1:1-17
Fri. 12/18	Jer 23:5-8	Mt 1:18-25
Sat. 12/19	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a	Lk 1:5-25
Sun. 12/20	2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16	Rom 16:25-27 Lk 1:26-38

**Sanctuary Candle
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Requested by Mom**



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	The Week Ahead
Thurs. 12/17	Baptismal Prep – 6:30PM @ C (Pre-Registration Required)

Virtual Evening of Advent Scripture and Song

Are you preparing for Christmas? Take time and prepare your heart for the coming of Jesus. Join Patty Neumann and Grace Fay for a Virtual Evening of Advent Scripture and Song on 12/20 at 7pm. It is open to all and appropriate for all. Email Grace to join the list to get the link, olgsjym@gmail.com



We currently live stream our **9 am mass** on Sunday mornings. The link to connect with our live stream is:

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLDgBXL8RT_55biUcsAofgB4w9XGcHR8DA

We remind all parishioners that the dispensation from obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days **remains in force** until further notice. Those who are at risk or do not feel comfortable attending at this time, are encouraged to remain at home and participate via our live stream mass on YouTube. Please, if you are experiencing **ANY** cold or flu-like symptoms, **DO NOT COME TO MASS**. This is for everyone’s safety.



Our **Christmas Mass** schedule will be as follows: Christmas Eve **4 PM** and Christmas Day **10 AM**. We will be setting up a reservation system for these two masses in anticipation of an increased attendance. Please

note that strict seat limits will be in effect and we will try to maximize every amount of space that we can when arranging the seat arrangements. At the time the bulletin went to print, the exact details had not been finalized. Please check the website for the most current information regarding this. A parish email blast will also be sent regarding this important information ~ please be sure we have your up-to-date contact information. We will be live streaming Christmas Eve mass for your convenience.



Christmas Memorials – If you would like to remember your deceased loved ones this Christmas season, place their **PRINTED** name(s) in an envelope with your donation

(\$5 per name) and place in collection basket or mail to the Parish Center by **December 16** for inclusion in the Christmas Memorial publication. For envelope users, there is a Christmas Memorial envelope included in the box.

The Chosen Event—Episode 7

Join OLG in a journey through part of the gospels in the 8 part series “The Chosen.” We will meet in-person at the Church on **Monday, December 14th**, from 1pm-2pm and from 7-8 pm. As far as the in-person viewing, feel free to join us at either viewing; you will get the reflection/discussion questions there.

Don’t Forget Your Mask!

If you wish to view the weekly episode online you can view it on the Chosen app thechosen.tv then we will gather on Zoom to discuss that week’s episode on Thursdays at 6:30pm. Email Grace to take part in the virtual viewing and discussion, to get the links and the reflections/discussion questions olgsjym@gmail.com.



Our next order for Hannaford gift cards & reloads is scheduled for **Tuesday, December 15th**. Please contact Deb Griffith (518-810-8911) by **Monday, Dec.**

14th to have your gift card reloaded or to purchase a card. This will be the last order before Christmas ~ gift cards make a great last minute gift for anyone. Please consider helping St. Joseph’s while doing your Christmas shopping!!



We will be decorating and setting up the church and Holy Family Hall for Christmas immediately following the 9 am liturgy on **Sunday, Dec. 20th**. COVID guidelines will still be in place (mask, social distancing). We realize this is a busy time of year for everyone, but your help would be greatly appreciated.



It is that time of year when we need to remind everyone of our winter weather closing policy here at St. Joseph’s. When S-G schools are **closed**, the Parish Center

will be closed (this will include evening activities as well). If schools are **delayed**, the Parish Center will be open. Regarding FF/YM classes, when schools are closed and/or after school activities are cancelled, there will be **no** Faith Formation classes. Youth Ministry cancellations will be posted on your local TV channel. As we are in a different situation this year with COVID, there may be a time when this policy will need to be adjusted ~ any changes will always be listed in the bulletin.



The **Sanctuary Candle** intention may be reserved for one week (Saturday thru Friday) for a \$10.00 donation. This intention may be used to honor a deceased loved one or as a living memorial for an anniversary, birthday or other special intention. Please contact the office for more information.

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