

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Entrance Antiphon: “The shepherds went in haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the infant lying in a manger.” Lk 2: 16

Communion Antiphon: “Our God has appeared on earth, and lived among us.” Bar 3: 38

Reflection for this Sunday: The Feast of the Holy Family invites us to reflect deeply on family life through the example of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, who lived a simple yet faith-filled life marked by trust in God, love, sacrifice, and obedience. The readings remind us that families are not perfect, yet they are sacred places where God is present and at work. We are called to honor parents and family members not by pretending relationships are easy, but by desiring their good with integrity, healthy boundaries, and prayer, even when there is pain or distance. The virtues highlighted—compassion, kindness, patience, humility, and forgiveness—are essential for building harmony in the home, especially amid misunderstandings and struggles. Joseph stands as a powerful model of faithful leadership: he listens to God, acts courageously to protect his family, and trusts divine guidance even when the path leads into uncertainty. His example shows that honoring family and God sometimes requires difficult decisions, change, and quiet perseverance. Above all, this feast assures us that God dwells within ordinary family life, guiding, sustaining, and strengthening us when we place our trust in Him. By following the Holy Family’s example, we are invited to grow in love, unity, and faith, allowing our homes—however imperfect—to become places of peace, mercy, and hope rooted in God’s wisdom and care.

Christmas and New Year Blessings: As we celebrate the joy of Christmas and stand at the threshold of a New Year, we offer our heartfelt gratitude to you, our beloved parishioners of St. Bernard’s & St. Edmund’s, for your faith, generosity, kindness, and steadfast support throughout the year. Your prayers and dedication continue to strengthen and enrich our parish family. May the peace and humility of the Christ Child fill your hearts and homes this Christmas, and may the New Year bring you abundant blessings, good health, renewed hope, and deep joy. With prayers and gratitude, we extend our warmest Christmas and New Year blessings to you and your loved ones. — *Fr. Tojo Chacko, Dn. Ken Lushia & the Parish Staff*

CELEBRATION OF LIFE PLANNING EXPO: Bereavement and Community Support Committee Celebration of Life Planning Expo to Be Held at St. Edmund’s Parish Hall. Helping Families Prepare Faithfully for Life’s Final Journey. The Bereavement and Community Support Committee of Saint Bernard’s and Saint Edmund’s Parishes invites the public to a “Celebration of Life Planning Expo” on Saturday, January 17, 2026, beginning at 10 a.m. at Saint Edmund’s Parish Hall, Ellenburg. This free community event will provide helpful resources for families wishing to prepare for their end-of-life needs—spiritually, practically, and with peace of mind. Participants will include grief counselors, estate planners, legal and financial advisors, funeral directors, clergy, musicians, caterers, florists, monument and memorial specialists, cemetery and mausoleum representatives, and local organizations that assist families during times of loss. “Planning ahead is a loving gift to our families,” said a spokesperson for the Bereavement Committee. “It allows us to make thoughtful choices and prepare our final celebration of life with faith and dignity.” Refreshments will be available, and attendees will have the opportunity to meet local service providers, ask questions, and gather information. In case of inclement weather or a blizzard, the event will be rescheduled for Saturday, January 24, 2026, at 10 a.m. **Contact for More Information:** Mary Ellen Tomo **Phone Number:** 518-569-4447 **Email:** tomo_mary@yahoo.com

NEW YORK STATE DISCERNMENT RETREAT: Are you a young man (age 18+) who feels called to the priesthood? The New York State Discernment Retreat, sponsored by the NYS Vocation Directors, is an annual opportunity to gather with others who are discerning God’s call. Vocation Directors and seminarians will share their stories of faith and offer guidance for discernment. The retreat includes time for personal prayer and social fellowship. Dates: January 8–10, 2026
Location: The Good News Center, Utica
Registration Deadline: January 1
To Register: Email vocations@syrdio.org
Take this step to listen to God’s call in your life!
Contact for More Information: Deacon Garry Stevens
Phone Number: 315-854-6158

Offertory Collections for Weekend of 12/21/25
Regular Collection: \$5,163.00
Build. & Maint.: \$1,006.00

Thank You

Mass & Envelope Schedule

Saturday 1/3	Sunday 1/4
4:00pm (SB) (L) Karen Oehler (EM) Karen Oehler	8:00am (SE) (L) Neil Burgoyne (EM) Sharlene Stanley (EM) Matt Sylvester
6:00pm (SE) (L) Erin LaClair (EM) Matt LaClair (EM) Judy Bombard	10:30am (SB) (L) Mike Chase (EM) Mike Chase (EM) Joe Varin
Counters (Week 5)	Lynn Sheehan
December 28	January 4
Regular Collection	Regular Collection Fuel Collection

2025 Bishop’s Fund Appeal: Thank you to the **110 families** who have contributed **\$10,541** to this year’s Appeal! Our parish goal is **120 families** and **\$12,410**. Please consider making a pledge or one-time gift to support the ministries and programs that serve people across our Diocese. Gifts beyond the goal will help the Bishop’s **Good Samaritan Fund**, assisting families in need. Give online at www.rcdonv.org/giving/donatenow-bishop-s-fund

Thank You from Dn. Ken & Fr. Tojo

Dear Parishioners,
We are truly overwhelmed by the kindness and generosity you have shown us during this Christmas season. Your thoughtful cards, heartfelt wishes, and generous gifts have brought joy to our hearts and reminded us of the beauty of our faith community.

Your love and support inspire us to serve with renewed dedication and gratitude. We thank God for each of you and for the vibrant spirit that makes our parish a true family in Christ.

May the joy of Christ’s birth fill your hearts and homes with peace and blessings in the coming year. With heartfelt thanks, **Dn. Ken & Fr. Tojo**

Pope’s Intentions for the Month of January, 2026: For Prayer With The Word Of God. “Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us build a more fraternal and missionary Church.”

Schedule of Holy Mass & Devotions

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Saturday, December 27th, 2025

4:00pm(SB) Robert Pageau by Grandchildren
6:00pm(SE) David & Jimmy Dupuis by Richard & Kathy Dupuis & Family

Sunday, December 28th, 2025

8:00am (SE) Floyd Forett, Barbara McDonald & Brad Manor by Bertha Forett & Family
10:30am(SB) Marion & Clarence Doria by Patti & Jim Golovach

Monday, December 29th, 2025:

5:30pm (SE) Eunice Silver by Danny & Tammy Manor

Tuesday, December 30th, 2025:

9:00am (SB) Peter Alexander by Family

Wednesday, December 31st, 2025: Novena & Adoration

Vigil of the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God

5:00pm (SE) For the People of the Parish

Thursday, January 1st, 2026: Novena & Adoration

The Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God

9:00am (SB) For the People of the Parish

Friday, January 2nd, 2026:

No Mass

Next Weekend

The Epiphany of the Lord

Saturday, January 3rd, 2026

4:00pm(SB) Bernard Grogan by Scott & Leasha LaPoint
6:00pm(SE) Roland Domonic by Ellen & Jud Davis

Sunday, January 4th, 2026

8:00am (SE) Gerald Trombley by Debbie & Delbert Hart
10:30am(SB) Eddy & Denise Ashline by Fortin Family

In addition to mass dedications, sanctuary candles which remain lit on the altar for a full week can be dedicated for your prayer intentions.

SANCTUARY CANDLE (Week of December 28th)

St. Bernard’s	St. Edmund’s
Ronnie & Robert Whalen By Jeannie & Brent Trombley	Donald Barnaby By Linda Barnaby & Family

Pray for the Sick: Betty Gregory, Shirley Guerin, Baby Walter, Bill LePage, Fred Cayea Jr., Veronica Demers, Amy Wilson,, Jimmy Kowalowski, Mary Denton, Michael Burleigh, Tom Lavery, Janet Collins. Jeanne La-Mare, Caroline Varin, Bob Siskavich

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Schedule of Holy Mass

Saturday	Sunday
4:00pm (SB) 6:00pm (SE)	8:00am (SE) 10:30am (SB)

Office Hours:
 Monday, Tuesday,
 Wednesday:
 9:30am to 1:30pm or
 by appointment

The sacrament of penance and reconciliation is available 20 minutes prior to each Saturday Evening masses, or anytime by appointment.

For the sacraments of baptism and RCIA please contact Deacon Lushia (518) 493-6671 or lushiak@westelcom.com. For the sacraments of marriage and anointing of the sick, please contact Father Tojo.

Abuse Reporting: If you have a complaint of suspected misconduct involving diocesan clergy, religious, employees or volunteers, contact Victim Assistance Coordinator, Terrienne Yanulavich, Ph.D., LMHC, 5050 Route 374, Merrill, NY 12955; terriannyanulavich@yahoo.com Phone: 518-569-0612; or Father Christopher Carrara, the Episcopal Vicar for Clergy; ccarrara@rcdony.org Phone: 315-393-2920 ext. 1340. If you have a complaint of suspected sexual abuse or related misconduct by the bishops, contact the Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service at 800-276-1562 or www.ReportBishopAbuse.org

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The Holy Family Prayer

JESUS, Son of God and Son of Mary, bless our family. Graciously inspire in us the unity, peace, and mutual love that you found in your own family in the little town of Nazareth.

MARY, Mother of Jesus and Our Mother, nourish our family with your faith and your love. Keep us close to your Son, Jesus, in all our sorrows and joys.

JOSEPH, Foster-father to Jesus, guardian and spouse of Mary, keep our family safe from harm. Help us in all times of discouragement or anxiety.

HOLY FAMILY OF NAZARETH, make our family one with you. Help us to be instruments of peace. Grant that love, strengthened by grace, may prove mightier than all the weaknesses and trials through which our families sometimes pass. May we always have God at the center of our hearts and homes until we are all one family, happy and at peace in our true home with you. **Amen.**