HOLY FAMILY CHURCH



MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

Advent Virtual Parish Mission - Making the Most of Our Time

Advent falls during one of the busiest times of the year. The time between Thanksgiving and Christmas is filled with so many things – gatherings, parties, prepping, planning, shopping, cooking, cleaning, wrapping, decorating, and the list goes on and on. To help with our Advent prayer and reflection, Fr. Manno and Rob Morey, our Music Director, have put together a Virtual Advent Mission. It will be an opportunity for prayer, reflection, and song with the theme being, "Making the Most of Our Time." Advent, in a sense, is a season of time. So, this Mission will be about making the most of our time and identifying ways to use our time to enhance our lives! You will be able to view the Advent Mission via Facebook, Livestream, or YouTube. The nice thing is that you can do it at your convenience and from the comfort of your home.

Advent Giving Project

Holy Family Church is partnering with New Hope Family Services this Advent and sponsoring 12 Days of Christmas Donation Drive. New Hope Family Services serves over 1,400 families in the Syracuse area and provides them with material items for children ages 5 and under (as well as many other services.) This includes diapers, wipes, clothes, car seats, and more! There are two ways you can help... you can go onto the Amazon Registry to New Hope Family Services and order items, and have it delivered directly to them or you can purchase diapers (sizes 5 and 6) and baby wipes and drop them off in the bins that will be around the church. There are flyers around the church that have more information. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Anointing of the Sick

If you or a loved one find yourself in the hospital or nursing home and in need of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, you can ask a nurse to call the chaplain on call for anointing and you can call the parish office for Fr. Manno to come. Please understand that Fr. Manno may be at Mass or a funeral when an emergency call comes in and cannot always respond as soon as you may like. In cases where death is imminent, be sure to ask the nurse to call the chaplain. Otherwise, Fr. Manno is happy to come as soon as he is free to be present. Please remember that Holy Family Church offers the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick after the 10:30 AM Mass on the first Sunday of each month and any time before or after Mass or by appointment. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Hope Appeal 2023

Holy Family Church has raised \$132,000 of its \$122,000 goal. As of today, 551 families out of 3,700 have made gifts or pledges to the appeal (15% of our parish have made contributions to the appeal). On average, families are giving around \$250 per family. If you have not made your gift or pledge, there is still time. Please make your gift or pledge as soon as you are able. Thank you for your great goodness and generosity! Your goodness is a blessing to many!

MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Mass

Monday/Wednesday: 6:45 a.m. Tuesday/Thursday/Friday: 9:00 a.m.

Saturday: 8:00 a.m.

Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 a.m., 4:00 p.m.

Confessions

Mondays 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

For any of our parishioners who are unable to attend Mass and are at home – if you would like a friendly, prayerful visit and receive Holy Communion from one of our volunteer ministers, call Kris McGuire at the Pastoral Center: 315-488-3139.

4:00 p.m. Vigil Masses, 10:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Sunday Masses are livestreamed on our Facebook page or at **holyfamilysyr.org/live**.

GREENBACK WINNERS

#4100 - James McMahon - \$100 #5867 - NOT SOLD \$300 JACKPOT NEXT WEEK

PRAYER CHAIN

Prayer chain requests may be made to Mary and John Milligan at jrmk2007@aol.com or 315-468-1029. Please have requests in by noon on Saturdays. In the case of elective surgeries, please send requests two weeks in advance. Emergency requests may be made at any time.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 11

6:45 a.m. Holy Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, December 12

9:00 a.m. Gelsomino M. Venditti/Mary Anne Venditti

Wednesday, December 13

6:45 a.m. Mass for the People of Holy Family

Thursday, December 14

9:00 a.m. Paul Gaffney/Anne Sierotnik

Friday, December 15

9:00 a.m. Raymond Sargis/Family

Saturday, December 16

8:00 a.m. Sr. Helen Hart/Mary Anne Venditti 4:00 p.m. Margaret Hennigan/Jo LaNasa

Sunday, December 17 / Third Sunday of Advent

7:30 a.m. John Thomas Kane/Pat & Joe Ranieri 9:00 a.m. Donna Cain/Dana & Katie Rech & Family

10:30 a.m. Michelle Wehby/Daughter 4:00 p.m. Charles Louise/Janet Moro

BEREAVEMENT

Whatever wars rage in your life, lay them at the foot of the cross and ask Jesus to give you His peace.

May they rest in peace.

Marilyn Cariseo Roger Coulombe

PRAY FOR US

Marie Wing, Ed Campagna, Gabe, Kenneth Wood, Joseph Mandolfo, Neil & Rose Marie Devine, Mike Kelly, Bill Scheutzow, Patricia Reschke, Dana Paradise-Knowlton, Geraldine Riley, Ginny Barrett, Mary Rose Kishman, Edward Zebrowski, Tim Donigan, Joe Hubert, Rita Connor, Pauline Baird, Yvonne Cesta, Mary Perry, Esther Wood, Ruth Bliss, Tom Hackett, Ann Schattner, Laurie S, Bill & Jan Valletta, Deborah & Bob Somerville, Richard Quinn, Lisa Duffy, Joanne Sabatino, Theresa McGarry, Keom Kellogg, Kaleigh Modugno, Kyle Dorosz

We print the "Pray for List" on a month-to-month basis. If you would like your loved one on the list, please call the parish office.

WEEKLY GIVING UPDATE

December 2 & 3: \$20,077.21

Thank you for your generosity in supporting our Parish. Please consider making a lasting gift through your will or trust, retirement assets, or life insurance.



Give online by scanning the QR code above or by visiting **holyfamilysyr.org/donate**. Call the Parish Office at 315-488-3139 if you have any problems accessing our online giving.

Questions about giving? Contact our business manager, **Dave Callahan** at 315-488-3139 x 103 or by email at dave@holyfamilysyr.org.

CONTACT

Holy Family Church

127 Chapel Drive Syracuse, NY 13219

Questions? Contact our office manager, Donna Alvaro, or administrative assistant, Patti Brigati

Office Hours: M-Th, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

315-488-3139 holyfamily@holyfamilysyr.org

Parish Clergy

Rev. John D. Manno, Pastor Rev. William Muench, In Residence Msgr. J. Robert Yeazel, Senior Priest Deacon Robert Fangio Deacon Scott Harris Deacon Edward Terzolo

Holy Family School

130 Chapel Drive Syracuse, NY 13219

Office: 315-487-8515 Fax: 315-488-4437

School Staff

Daryl Hall, Principal Anne Colon, Business Administrator

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Join our online community and stay up-to-date with the latest information by following along on social media **@holyfamilysyr**.







NEWS & UPDATES

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH IS HIRING

Holy Family Church is seeking a part-time administrative assistant/receptionist for the Parish Offices. Training in all Office Procedures will be provided for the first few weeks of employment followed by a more permanent schedule.

The ideal candidate must have excellent communication and organizational skills as well as proficient skills & enthusiasm for learning modern technologies to help promote the Church through social media and maintain the systems in place for the safety of the parish. Previous knowledge of Google Apps and Office 365 is a plus. Empathy and patience in dealing with parishioners, sometimes through the most challenging times of their lives, is an absolute must.

Please send resumes to Dave Callahan, Parish Business Administrator, dave@holyfamilysyr.org or Donna Alvaro, Office Manager (donna@holyfamilysyr.org) or mail to the Holy Family Pastoral Center.

HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL - 2024 LOTTERY CALENDAR

Support Holy Family School for \$25 and have 91 chances to win between \$50-\$200! Follow the NYS Midday Lotto numbers each day. Match them to your calendar number and win the amount for that day. Calendars valid January 2024-March 2024.

Contact the school's main office @ 716-487-8515 or email holyfamilyhomeandschool@gmail.com for more information.

Name of Recipient:	money to: Holy Family School 130 Chapel Drive Syracuse, NY 13219 For School Use Only
Phone:	For School Use OnlyCalendar #

HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL IS IN SEARCH OF A MAINTENANCE PERSON

HFS is seeking someone to help clean the school Monday - Friday from 6:00 – 10:00 p.m. A great for someone wanting to make a little extra after their day job or an after school job for a high schooler. Just pop in your ear buds and get it done! Please email holyfamily@holyfamilysyr.org if interested or call Steve Burns at 315-876-8547.

CHRIST THE KING RETREAT HOUSE'S ANNUAL FUNDRAISER Sunday, December, 10, 12:30 p.m.

This year we will be sponsoring a Reception and gift basket raffle before a special performance of "A Christmas Carol" at Syracuse Stage on December 10. Tickets for the event are \$65 per person and \$50 for children under 17. Contact Barb Shepard at ctkretreat@syrdio.org for more info.

CHRISTMAS MASS SIGN-UPS

Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and Altar Servers, please sign up now for the 24th and 25th Christmas Masses. Sign-up sheets will be available in the multi-purpose room.

LOSE WEIGHT

Eat smart, move more, and pray! Men & women are invited to join the next session of Holy Family's successful weight loss group, Pray it Off! It's a FREE, one-of-a-kind, Catholic program that began in January of 2008 and is still going strong. The next session begins on January 4th and runs till the end of June. The group meets every Thursday from 6-7 pm in the Parish Hall. \$10.00 Materials Fee. Please call Ellen M. McCauley, 315-447-4676, before January 2, to join, or with questions.

NEWS & UPDATES

NEW YORK STATE DISCERNMENT RETREAT January 2-4

Have you felt the invitation to follow Jesus Christ as a Catholic priest? Come and see at Christ the King Retreat House. Gather with other young men from across New York State who are considering the call to the priesthood. Hear dynamic talks on the priesthood delivered by NYS Vocation Directors. Meet seminarians and hear their stories; take your life of discernment to the next level! Register by Thursday, December 28, 2023 by emailing vocations@syrdio.org.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS LOTTERY FUNDRAISER

Council # 4114 is holding a lottery fundraiser and is asking for your support. All proceeds go to support local youth programs, Catholic school, seminarians, and other charitable activities. If you would like to participate and have not received our tickets in the mail please contact Tom Colabufo @ 315-2635582. Our lottery begins Jan. 1st.

MONTHLY MEN'S PRAYER GROUP

Join men from Holy Family and St. Joe's on the first Saturday of the month from 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. The group meet in the crying room just off the main area for Mass.

THE THIRD OPTION Sunday, December 17, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

"Listening Beyond the Words: The Miracle Skill" Come learn how! A Program to build better marriages. Come build your marriage in the comfort of your own home or in-person at the Church of St. Michael/St. Peter Parish Center, 4780 W. Seneca Turnpike, Syracuse. All are welcome! For more information or to join, please contact Stephanie Stewart at sstewart@syrdio.org or (315)472-6728.

WOMEN'S DISCERNMENT GROUP: FIAT

Are you a woman between the ages of 18 – 40 discerning a vocation, whether to marriage or consecrated life? Fiat is a group of ladies on any stage in their discernment journey who meet monthly via Zoom for fellowship, prayer, and discussion centered on discernment. We will be using the Endow study in our monthly meetings. Endow studies facilitate conversations about prayer and discernment for women. Please join us! Please contact the Vocations Office at Vocations@syriodio.org.

VOCATIONS

"A voice is calling." Is Christ calling you to let Him manifest His love in you as a priest or consecrated religious? Call Father Jason Hage at (315) 470-1468, or write: vocations@syrdio.org.

BULLETIN UPDATES

If you have something you'd like to submit for consideration for the bulletin you can do so by completing our online form found on our website's "Bulletin" page:

www.holyfamilysyr.org/bulletin





Last week at our youth group for high school and middle school, we discussed the command Jesus gives to His followers to find rest for our souls. This amazing gift of rest, Jesus, in fact, promises to give to His followers. All of us can find that gift of rest by filling our lives with the Holy Spirit and developing our practice of prayer. In prayer, Jesus gives us rest. In the Holy Spirit, Jesus gives us life and His very presence.

This Monday night, Dc. Bob will be joining our youth to share how we can live life with the Holy Spirit daily and how the Holy Spirit can be our fuel for the "race of life" that we strive in daily.

Service Announcement:

Our confirmation groups are collecting Christmas gifts for children and families in need of joy this Christmas. If you're interested in supporting us, you may drop off a wrapped gift to Nick Longo at the parish office. Gifts are due no later than Wednesday, December 13th. Gifts should be tagged to label exactly what is wrapped inside the gift so we can appropiately gift it to the correct aged child. We are collecting gifts for children of elementary to high school aged in the Syracuse area. Any questions, email nick@holyfamilysyr.org.

CONTACT

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Vince D'Angelo

Edge (Middle School) vince@holyfamilysyr.org

Nick Longo

Adult Evangelization & Youth Ministry (High School, Confirmation) nick@holyfamilysyr.org

YOUTH GROUP: LIFE TEEN, EDGE, & FAITH DISCOVERY (Grades 5 - 12)

Mondays 6:30-8pm

- School Cafeteria for Grades 5 & 6
- Church Hall for Grades 7 12

12/4 - Life Teen, EDGE, Faith Discovery 12/11 - Life Teen, EDGE, Faith Discovery 12/18 - Life Teen, EDGE, Faith Discovery

CONFIRMATION (Grades 9&10)

Wednesdays 7:00pm in Church Hall

- 9th Grade First Wednesday of Month
- 10th Grade Second Wednesday of Month

12/6 - Confirmation Year 1 12/13 - Confirmation Year 2

FAMILIES OF FAITH (Grades K-4)

Sundays 10:15am & Wednesdays at 5:45pm in Church Hall

12/3 - Families of Faith 12/20 - Families of Faith

FIRST SACRAMENTS (Grade 2)

Sundays 10:15am & 11:15am in Church Hall

12/10 - First Sacraments12/17 - First Sacraments

SCHOOL UPDATES



Holy Family School began the month of December with First Friday Mass. Our 3rd grade students were the readers and a 4th grade student served. On Saturday, December 2, we had our Breakfast with Santa event. The cafeteria was turned into a winter wonderland, and over 315 breakfasts were served. Our Home School Association did all the set up, cooking and clean up.

We will be celebrating St. Nicholas Day on December 6th and attending the 9 a.m. Mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Our school Christmas Concert will be held on December 12, in the church, beginning at 6 p.m.

We have many other special activities occurring before our Christmas break. Every child received a Jesse Tree kit to learn about Advent. We will have a Polar Express Day in the next couple weeks and will end the month with a special Prayer Service on December 21. All our efforts are focused on making Advent and Christmas both a Holy and Giving time. We pray that all will understand the Reason for the Season.

OUTREACH & FOOD PANTRY

We will be distributing gift cards for our Christmas program taking place on December 16th. If you are considering donating: clients shop at Wegmans, Walmart, TOPS, and other major stores. Donations can be dropped off drop off, put in the collection basket, or mailed. Please write Food Pantry on any envelopes. Thank you very much for helping our families!

OUTREACH CONTACTS

Liz Marrapese & Michele Coyle 315-466-2885

hfoutreach@holyfamilysyr.org

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Mark 1: 1 - 8

Emmanuel – God with us. This is the essence of the Christmas season. God is coming to be with us. Jesus is with us. All this is true, but have you ever thought to yourself something like, "Sure, God was with us two thousand years ago, but I just wish that Jesus was truly here with us now"?

In this weekend's Gospel, we are reminded to "prepare the way" for the coming of the Lord Jesus into our lives, and that we will be baptized with the Holy Spirit. Have we forgotten the presence of Holy Spirit in our lives? Have we forgotten the power that Jesus promised that we'd have access to through the Holy Spirit? Do we forget that the Holy Spirit is "Emmanuel" – God with us?

Jesus told His disciples before He ascended into Heaven, in John 16:7, "It is better for you that I go. For if I do not go, the Advocate will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you." Jesus promised to send us the Advocate – the Holy Spirit – to be with us and support us always. There is nothing greater in our lives that can "prepare the way" for the coming of Jesus than the presence of the Holy Spirit to us daily.

This Advent season, as we "prepare the way" for Jesus, how can we all spend our time in prayer and fill our hearts and minds with the Holy Spirit? How can we behold Jesus' presence with us here and now and always? By simply calling upon the presence of the Holy Spirit and asking the Holy Spirit to prepare our hearts for all that God wants in our lives.

Come Holy Spirit, prepare the way for the Lord Jesus in our lives. We behold you – Emmanuel – God with us. Be present in our lives now and always. Amen.

Happy Advent! Nick Longo

MUSICAL NOTES

THIS WEEKEND December 9-10

Saturday

4:00 Gabriella Giacovelli, Rob Morey, Tony Alvaro

Sunday

9:00 a.m. Megan Brody, Rob Morey, Tony Alvaro

10:30 a.m. Megan Brody, Rob Morey,

Tony Alvaro, Trinity Choir

4:00 p.m. Holy Family Praise & Worship Band

NEXT WEEKEND December 16-17

Saturday

4:00 Gabriella Giacovelli, Rob Morey, Tony Alvaro

Sunday

9:00 a.m. Camryn Cortez, Rob Morey, Tony Alvaro

10:30 a.m. Camryn Cortez, Rob Morey,

Tony Alvaro, Trinity Choir

4:00 p.m. Holy Family Praise & Worship Band

TRINITY CHOIR:

Next Rehearsal: MONDAY, Dec. 11 at 6:30 p.m.

Next Mass: Sunday, Dec. 17 at 10:30 a.m.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

December 16 & 17

LECTORS

Saturday

4:00 p.m. Shelly Terzolo

Sunday

7:30 a.m. Mary Ellen Byrne

9:00 a.m. J.R. Pirro

10:30 a.m. Mary Fangio

4:00 p.m. Marty Breen

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday

4:00 p.m. Anne Ganey, Bill Ganey, Carol Latini, Linda Szatanek

Sunday

7:30 a.m. Daryl Hall, Paul Morrell, Ken Theurer,

Tina Vecchio

9:00 a.m. Joseph Antonio, Susan Cutri

10:30 a.m. Lucille Adorante, Cathy Jenkins,

Carol Pietraszek, Susan Sedlack

4:00 p.m. Janet Gleason-Rose, Eileen Mack

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday

4:00 p.m. Isabella, Justyna, & Isaiah Apps

Sunday

7:30 a.m. Katie Brusa

9:00 a.m. Juliet Sierotnik, Graeme Sierotnik

10:30 a.m. Jamie Goldthwait, Savana Noce

4:00 p.m. Andrew Bowman, Sammy Eskandar

Note: The January-March schedule will be prepared the week of December 18. Please let Kris know the weekend dates that you can't serve by

December 14.

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