

December 17, 2023

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH



MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

Mass Schedule for December 23, 24, and 25, 2023

This is an unusual year in the sense that the 4th Sunday of Advent falls on Christmas Eve. As a result, the Mass Schedule for next weekend will be slightly different. Please be sure to make note of the schedule for next weekend.

Saturday, December 23, 2023

Vigil Mass for the Fourth Sunday of Advent at 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 24, 2023 (in the morning)

Masses for the Fourth Sunday of Advent at
7:30 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. (no 10:30 a.m. Mass)

Please note that the 10:30 a.m. Mass is canceled so as to allow for the final preparations for Christmas and due to the reality that there are many other Masses over the three-day period.

Sunday, December 24, 2023 (in the evening)

Christmas Eve Masses

4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m., and 12 Midnight

Monday, December 25, 2023 | Christmas Day Masses

7:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Please note there are no confessions on Monday, December 25

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](https://www.holyfamilysyr.org/live).

GREENBACK WINNERS

#6068- Bill Oliver - \$100

#1172 - NOT SOLD

\$400 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 18

6:45 a.m. William Michalik/Ellen, Theresa & Robert

Tuesday, December 19

9:00 a.m. Carmella Pirro White/Deborah Pirro

Wednesday, December 20

6:45 a.m. Norma Cargelli/Maria Pia

Thursday, December 21

9:00 a.m. PMass for the People of Holy Family

Friday, December 22

9:00 a.m. James Pelligrini/Wife

Saturday, December 23

8:00 a.m. Donald V. McLaughlin/Family

4:00 p.m. Albert Cutri/Rita Petrocci

Sunday, December 24 / Fourth Sunday of Advent / Christmas Eve

7:30 a.m. Anna McCann/Robert Ryan

9:00 a.m. Robert Whitbread, Sr./Family

4:00 p.m. Rosina Spillett/Son, John

6:00 p.m. Tony Sardino/Louise Mercurio

MIDNIGHT Billy Micho/Wife

Monday, December 25 / Christmas Day

7:30 a.m. Rose Marie Train/Kathleen Wheeler

10:30 a.m. Fr. Regis Rodda/Marni Pfeiffer

BEREAVEMENT

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

May he rest in peace.

Terrance McBride

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, Keon 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 9 & 10: \$24,086.89

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](https://www.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

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Syracuse, NY 13219

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School Staff

Daryl Hall, Principal
Anne Colon, Business Administrator

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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 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.

THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU 2023 Monday, December 18, 4:00 - 6:30 p.m.

All parishes in the Diocese of Syracuse will be open for confession during this time. By participating in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, whether our first time in days, weeks, months or years, we are experiencing God's individual and unwavering love for us, and one of the true graces made available to us by our Catholic faith.

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.

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.

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: _____	
Address: _____	Please mail tickets and money to: Holy Family School 130 Chapel Drive Syracuse, NY 13219
Phone: _____	
Email: _____	
Mail/Drop off Calendar to:	
Name: _____	For School Use Only Calendar # _____
Address: _____	
Phone: _____	

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@syrديو.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.

THE THIRD OPTION

Today, 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@syrديو.org](mailto:ss Stewart@syrديو.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@syrديو.org.

BAPTISMS

Welcome to the newest members of our parish family!

Kennedy Lynch 12/9/23

Cameron James 12/10/23

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

CALENDAR



To view the calendar of events online, visit www.holyfamilysyr.org/calendar or scan the QR code.



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

12/18 - 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

FAMILIES OF FAITH

(Grades K- 4)

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

12/20 - Families of Faith

FIRST SACRAMENTS

(Grade 2)

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

12/17 - First Sacraments

We hope that everyone is having a blessed Advent season. We will be wrapping up most of our faith formation and youth ministry programming for 2023 this week and next. We can't wait to kickoff the new year and make 2024 another faith filled time for our children and families!

Please know of our continued prayers, and please pray for us as we prepare for the new year ahead.

God bless!

Nick, Patty, Vince

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Adult Evangelization & Youth Ministry (High School, Confirmation)

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SCHOOL UPDATES



Holy Family School had a very busy week, full of Advent activities, our Christmas Concert, a Pep Rally, Polar Express day and a special fund raiser for one of our Pre-K students who is very ill. We were also asked to go to the Cathedral for the Christmas Mass Taping. A number of students will be participating as readers, altar servers, and as gift bearers. This will be a very special time for all of us. This Mass will be streamed on Christmas Day and available on our website.

As we move through Advent we will be focusing more on the birth of Jesus as we get closer to Christmas. We have a special Prayer Service planned for our last day of school before vacation. A number of our students will be participating in this interactive prayer service that reinforces what a wonderful gift Jesus is to our lives, and inspires us to use our voices and actions to be a light for others in our world. Thanks be to God!

OUTREACH & FOOD PANTRY

We are pleased to share that our Christmas Program was a great success. Our families thank you for all that you repeatedly do to support them. We served more people in December as our number of clients has increased.

Thank you to all of you, to Principal Hall, the school staff, and the students and their families for the food drive that helped supplement items needed in the pantry.

OUTREACH CONTACTS

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GOSPEL REFLECTION

John 1: 6-8, 19-28

When I think about being humble, I remember the example of John the Baptist. He didn't want attention for himself but pointed to something bigger. This makes me think about how I fit into the world.

When people asked John questions, it feels like they were asking the same things we all wonder—Who am I, and what's my purpose? His quick and strong answers show how important it is to stay humble and know our place in the big story.

The way John is humble, and the religious leaders question him, makes me ask myself: Do I often want things to be clear only on my terms, or can I be humble and let the light shine through without demanding signs? It challenges me to be more like John, putting something bigger before myself in a world where everyone wants attention.

This isn't just an old story; it's a lesson for today. In a world full of noise and distractions, I wonder if I'm making things better. Are my actions pointing to something and someone greater than me, or am I just trying to get noticed?

Thinking about John the Baptist's story makes me ask myself about my own story. Am I leading others to something important, or am I only thinking about things that don't last? These thoughts help me see where I fit into the bigger picture of life, and the need to follow the example of a humble person like John the Baptist.

Happy Advent!
Nick Longo

MUSICAL NOTES

THIS WEEKEND December 16-17

Saturday

4:00 Gabriella Giacobelli, Rob Morey, Gina Giufre

Sunday

9:00 Camryn Cortez, Rob Morey, Tony Alvaro

10:30 Camryn Cortez, Rob Morey
Tony Alvaro, Trinity Choir

4:00 Holy Family Praise & Worship Band

NEXT WEEKEND December 23-25

Saturday

4:00 Gabriella Giacobelli, Rob Morey, Gina Giufre

Sunday

9:00 a.m. Lily Young, Rob Morey, Tony Alvaro

Christmas Eve

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

6:00 p.m. Kristy Morgan, Rob Morey, Gina Giufre,
Joe Davoli, Loren Barrigar

12:00 a.m. Gabriella Giacobelli, Rob Morey, Tony Alvaro

Christmas Day

10:30 a.m. Camryn Cortez, Rob Morey,
Gina Giufre, Trinity Choir

TRINITY CHOIR:

Next Rehearsal: Wednesday, Dec. 20 at 6:30pm

Next Mass: Christmas Day, Monday, Dec. 25 at
10:30am

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

December 23 & 24 (4th Sunday of Advent only)

LECTORS

Saturday

4:00 p.m. Kathy Kendrick

Sunday

7:30 a.m. Kathleen Wheeler

9:00 a.m. Carol Graham

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday

4:00 p.m. Douglas Craner, Raj Dewan, Lucille Mamorella, Anne Milewski-Craner

Sunday

7:30 a.m. Kris McGuire, Kathleen Corso,
Jennifer Kolakowski, Ed McLaughlin

9:00 a.m. Dolores Grace, Karen Riedl

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday

4:00 p.m. Noah Vetter

Sunday

7:30 a.m. AJ Brusa

9:00 a.m. Aiden Bishop, Leah Boronczyk

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