

December 24, 2023

# HOLY FAMILY CHURCH



## MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

**Merry Christmas!**

Dear Holy Family Parishioners and Friends,

On behalf of the clergy, religious, and staff of Holy Family Church and Holy Family School, I wish all of you a Merry Christmas! I pray that this Christmas is filled with God's choicest blessings for you and your loved ones. I pray that the birth of our Savior reminds us that God is with us always – in the good and the bad and everywhere in between. One of my favorite Christmas hymns is Hark! The Herald Angels Sing because the lyrics are so powerful. Verse three of the hymn reads, "Hail the Heav'n born Prince of Peace! Hail the Son of Righteousness! Light and life to all He brings, Ris'n with healing in His wings, Mild he lays His glory by, born that man no more may die, born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth. Hark! The herald angels sing: 'Glory to the newborn King!'" May Jesus, the heaven-born Prince of Peace, always bring you light and life at Christmas!

In the peace of our newborn King,  
Father Manno

### **Fourth Sunday of Advent/Christmas Mass Schedule**

#### **Fourth Sunday of Advent Schedule:**

Saturday, December 23rd Vigil Mass at 4 PM

Sunday, December 24th Masses at 7:30 AM and 9 AM – NO 10:30 AM Mass

#### **Christmas Eve Masses**

Sunday, December 24th at 4 PM, 6 PM, and 12 Midnight

#### **Christmas Day Masses**

Monday, December 25th at 7:30 AM and 10:30 AM

### **Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God – Monday, January 1, 2024**

Since January 1, 2024, is on a Monday – This is NOT a Holy Day of Obligation.

Masses for the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God are:

Monday, January 1, 2024, at 6:45 AM and 9 AM

## 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

#1097 - Sheila Lowe - \$100  
CHRISTMAS BONUS DRAWING

#1706 -The Miccio's - \$1,000

#7003 - NOT SOLD

\$500 JACKPOT NEXT WEEK

## PRAYER CHAIN

Prayer chain requests may be made to Mary and John Milligan at [jrmk2007@aol.com](mailto: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 25 / CHRISTMAS

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

**10:30 a.m.** Fr. Regis Roda/Marni Pfeiffer

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26

**9:00 a.m.** Judy Shanley/Saturday Funeral Luncheon Team

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27

**6:45 a.m.** Holy Souls in Purgatory

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28

**9:00 a.m.** Tom Liggett/The Liggett Family

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29

**9:00 a.m.** Robert Settineri/John E. Settineri

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30

**8:00 a.m.** Deceased Friends/Mary Anne Venditti

**4:00 p.m.** Anthony Dominick/Family

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31 / FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

**7:30 a.m.** Catherine & Matthew Kerwin/Family

**9:00 a.m.** Eleanor McCarthy/Family

**10:30 a.m.** Larry James/The Osterdales

**4:00 p.m.** Patsy Wayne & Family/Bob Schultz

### MONDAY, JANUARY 1 / SOLEMNITY OF MARY

**6:45 a.m.** Mary Beth Maher/The Herscha Family

**9:00 a.m.** Thomas Anderson/Filomena Vona

## 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.**

William LeMoyne Scheutzow - Nancy's Son

## PRAY FOR US

Marie Wing, Ed Campagna, Gabe, Kenneth Wood, Joseph Mandolfo, Neil & Rose Marie Devine, Mike Kelly, 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, Carmella Spicciati

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 16 & 17:** \$23,676.66

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](mailto: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.

*The Pastoral Center will be closed to the public from Monday, 12/25 - Thursday, 12/28 and Monday, January 1st. The phones will be available if you have an emergency. Have a blessed Christmas!*

315-488-3139  
[holyfamily@holyfamilysyr.org](mailto: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

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Join our online community and stay up-to-date with the latest information by following along on social media [@holyfamilysyr](https://www.instagram.com/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](mailto:dave@holyfamilysyr.org) or Donna Alvaro, Office Manager ([donna@holyfamilysyr.org](mailto: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](mailto:holyfamily@holyfamilysyr.org) if interested or call Steve Burns at 315-876-8547.

## 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.

## 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](mailto:vocations@syrdio.org).

## 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](mailto:holyfamilyhomeandschool@gmail.com) for more information.

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

# NEWS & UPDATES

## 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.

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## 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](mailto:Vocations@syriodio.org).

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## PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND OR ITALY AND POLAND

Father Jozef Mucha, our former Polish Parochial Vicar here at Holy Family who has returned to Poland, is planning another possible pilgrimage to Poland or Italy and Poland in April 2024. For more information, contact Dolores Grace at [dmgrace81680@yahoo.com](mailto:dmgrace81680@yahoo.com)

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## KIWANIS CLUB DOUG'S FISH FRY FUNDRAISER

**Thursday, December 28th, 11am - 6pm**

The Solvay-Geddes-Camillus Kiwanis Club will host a Doug's Fish Fry Fundraiser here at Holy Family. Come out, support a great cause, and enjoy some fantastic food!

## FIRST SATURDAY MASS LEAGUE

Henry & Helen Ponti, John Testone, Harold & Florence McHugh, Living & Deceased Members of the Sikora & Streiff Families, Richard & Patricia Wheeler, Jim Hockey, Mary Rose Manno, The Griffin & O'Brien Families, The Hackett Family, The Walsh Family, The Trivison Family, Angela Maria "Rita" Lampreda, Deceased Members of the D'Aloise & Wing Families, Chauncey & Arlene Ball, Joan Parkes, Sandra Kane, Charles & Vera Welsh, David J. Werbeck, The Hoey & Corrigan Families, Joseph & Josephine Marascalchi, Amy Purdy Godleski, Joseph Metallo, Jerry & Bev Carpentier, Richard W. Kadlobowski, Lucy & Carm Pirro, Dorothy Pirro, Helen Procanick, Rose Marie Train, John Graham, Carrie Fuller, Paul Kortright, Patricia Scanlon, Steven Mark Burghardt, Francis James & Anne Marie Verostek, Neal Quigley, The Flanagan Family, Darwin Fesler, Joan Bellso, Julia Loperfido, Dorothy Stark, Helen Cashel, John Cashel, Ellen Gleason, Dennis Gleason, Margaret Gleason, Esther Gleason, William Gleason, Jody Kearns, Jennie Macko, Helen Procanick, Fran Giacobbi, The Vishnesky Family.

## CALENDAR



To view the calendar of events online, visit [holyfamilysyr.org/calendar](http://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

## **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

## **FIRST SACRAMENTS**

**(Grade 2)**

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

We hope that everyone has a very merry and happy Christmas holiday. We pray that the holiday festivities and celebrations can bring you many smiles, joyful laughter, and much needed rest as you prepare to close out this year and look ahead to all that is coming in the new year.

Take some time to remember the gifts and blessings that Jesus has brought into your life this year. Our ministries have been reflecting a lot lately about how gratitude is the place where our most heartfelt prayer begins. We are so grateful for all of you families that we are able to walk alongside in life to get to know the love of Jesus. Thank you for sharing your time with us and being open to encountering the love of God through the youth ministry and faith formation programs here at at parish.

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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# SCHOOL UPDATES



Holy Family School had a wonderful week filled with preparation for Christmas and a very special event. On Wednesday, December 13th, we participated in the taping of a Christmas Mass for streaming on Christmas Day at the Cathedral. Grades K - 6 attended this taping and were excellent participants in the Mass. Two 6th grade students were readers, 4 students served and 4 students were gift bearers. It was very exciting for everyone, especially those who had never been to the Cathedral before. Father Manno and Father Muench concelebrated the Mass and Deacons Fangio and Terzolo served as well. The choir of the Cathedral provided the music and song. Our students were so well behaved and will have this experience as a lasting memory. We are most grateful for this experience and thank the Bishop for inviting us.

## OUTREACH & FOOD PANTRY

On behalf of the Outreach team, we wish you and your families a holiday season filled with joy, laughter, love, good health, and many blessings. Merry Christmas to each and every one of you.

Blessings,  
Liz & Michele

### OUTREACH CONTACTS

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315-466-2885  
hfoutreach@holyfamilysyr.org

# GOSPEL REFLECTION

**Luke 1: 26 - 38**

This is an overwhelming time of the year for me. Not because there is so much going on, but because of the emotions this time of year brings. How do we capture God's love as it shines through the Christmas story? How do we put into words the love we have for our children, parents, families, or friends? How do we express how much we miss loved ones who God has called home? We most certainly can't. This time of year tends to get to the core of the human experience - with happiness, sorrow, excitement, compassion, and a hundred other emotions all wrapped into one moment.

Triggered by the 'yes' of our Blessed Mother, the story of Christmas begins to unfold. This is an improbable chain of events which illustrate God's love for us. Christmas is when God lovingly reaches out to humanity in a way that is so intimate and tender, not deterred by the mess or mix of human emotions he may encounter, but instead choosing to **use** that mess and bundle of emotions to draw us closer to himself.

For those who say "I'm simply not worth it" - look no further than the infant child - God with us. God says to each of us, you **are** worth it and I **long** for you to know me.

"O holy night, the stars are brightly shining,  
It is the night of the dear Saviour's birth;  
Long lay the world in sin and error pining,  
'Till he appeared and **the soul felt its worth**.  
A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices,  
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn"

Merry Christmas from everyone at Holy Family.

~ Vince D'Angelo

# MUSICAL NOTES

## THIS 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

## NEXT WEEKEND December 30-31

### Saturday

**4:00** Lily Young, Rob Morey, Tony Alvaro

### Sunday

**9:00** Lily Young, Rob Morey, Tony Alvaro

**10:30** Lily Young, Rob Morey,  
Tony Alvaro, Trinity Choir

**4:00** Holy Family Praise & Worship Band

### TRINITY CHOIR:

**NOTE:** No rehearsal Wednesday, Dec. 27

**Next Mass:** Sunday, Dec. 31 @ 10:30am

### CONTACT

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# LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

## December 30 & 31

### LECTORS

#### Saturday

**4:00 p.m.** Kathleen Alpha

#### Sunday

**7:30 a.m.** Daryl Hall

**9:00 a.m.** Dan Meluni

**10:30 a.m.** Julie Martin-Barfield

**4:00 p.m.** Eileen Mack

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

#### Saturday

**4:00 p.m.** Michael Filipski, Teresa Filipski, Deb  
Troiano, Sharon Wells

#### Sunday

**7:30 a.m.** Ellen McCauley, Bob McCauley, Paul  
Morrell, Ken Theurer

**9:00 a.m.** Dolores Grace, Laura Meluni

**10:30 a.m.** Elaine Lynch, James Lynch, Francis  
Stepien, Pam Stepien

**4:00 p.m.** Maryann Citti, Janet Gleason-Rose

### ALTAR SERVERS

#### Saturday

**4:00 p.m.** Manny Sandoval, Eva Sandoval

#### Sunday

**7:30 a.m.** Katie Brusa

**9:00 a.m.** Sydney Broton, Cade Caloia

**10:30 a.m.** Jamieson Macintyre, Jack Young

**4:00 p.m.** Ava Brown, Parker Brown

*You can find the January-March schedule on  
our website and also a printed copy in the  
gathering space of church.*

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