

December 3, 2023

# HOLY FAMILY CHURCH



## MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

### Season of Advent

Happy Advent! It seems hard to believe that Advent is here, and we are three weeks from Christmas. There are four Sundays in Advent, but, this year, there are only three full weeks of Advent. The Fourth Sunday of Advent is on Sunday, December 24th, which is Christmas Eve. Even though Advent is shorter this year, it is a time for us to spiritually prepare for Christmas. Let's use our Advent time wisely and make time for prayer and reflection. It may mean we have to give up some social media time, or television time, or whatever...but let's be sure not to lose the beauty of the holy season!

### 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 many things – gatherings, parties, prepping, planning, shopping, cooking, cleaning, wrapping, decorating, and so 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.

### The Flame of Love of Mary's Immaculate Heart

On Thursday, December 7th at 4:30 PM, you are invited to join us in church for a Rosary and a brief presentation on The Flame of Love of Mary's Immaculate Heart. This will take place prior to the Vigil Mass for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. All are welcome to attend.

### 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.

### Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses for the Holy Day are as follows: Thursday, December 7th – Vigil Mass at 5:30 PM. Masses Friday, December 8th – 6:45 AM, 9 AM, and 12 Noon.

## MASS SCHEDULE

### Daily Mass

Monday/Wednesday: 6:45 a.m.

Tuesday/Thursday/Friday: 9:00 a.m.

Saturday: 8:00 a.m.

### Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Thursday Vigil Mass: 5:30 p.m.

Friday: 6:45 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 12:00 p.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

#1569 - Dennis Schafer - \$100

#4024 - NOT SOLD

\$200 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 4

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

### Tuesday, December 5

9:00 a.m. Gerard Zutant/Connie & Maureen O'Keefe

### Wednesday, December 6

6:45 a.m. Jane Mossotti/The Lyons Family

### Thursday, December 7

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

5:30 p.m. George Petty, Jr./Sharon & Family

### Friday, December 8 / Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

6:45 a.m. Deceased Members of the Venditti Family/Mary Anne Venditti

9:00 a.m. Christopher Fazio/Fr. Manno

12:00 p.m. Holy Souls in Purgatory

### Saturday, December 9

8:00 a.m. Dc. James Mosey/Joanne & Dominick Sabatino

4:00 p.m. Diana Procopio/Judy & Ken

### Sunday, December 10 / Second Sunday of Advent

7:30 a.m. Ciaramella Castaro/Carmela Spicciati

9:00 a.m. Michael Anthony/Paula

10:30 a.m. Peter Vicarella/Denise & Dolores

4:00 p.m. Genevieve Kwick/The Kwick Family

## 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.**

Robert Reed

## 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

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

**November 25 & 26:** \$16,350.83

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

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**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](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

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### School Staff

Daryl Hall, Principal  
Anne Colon, Business Administrator

## FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL

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 - 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: _____	
Address: _____	<b>For School Use Only</b> Calendar # _____
Phone: _____	

## SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING

**Tuesday, December 5, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.**

Holy Family will be hosting an Initial Safe Environment Session in the Church Hall. Registration is required. No walk-ins. Register at the Safe Environment webpage: [syracusediocese.org/safeenvironment/](http://syracusediocese.org/safeenvironment/) or call the Safe Environment Office at 315-470-1421.

## 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](mailto: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

## THE THIRD OPTION

**Today, Sunday, December 3, 6:30-8:30 p.m.**

“Coping with Control Issues: It Doesn’t Have to Be This Way” 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](mailto:ss Stewart@syrdio.org) or (315)472-6728.

## THE FLAME OF LOVE OF MARY’S IMMACULATE HEART

**Thursday, December 7, 4:30 p.m.**

Preparing our hearts and families for Jesus this Advent with the help of Our Blessed Mother. You are invited to join us in praying The Flame of Love Rosary prior to the Vigil Mass for the Feast Day of the Immaculate Conception. After Mass, a brief (10-15 min.) explanation and teaching about The Flame of Love of Mary’s Immaculate Heart will be presented. (The Flame of Love pilgrim statue will be present.)

## 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).

## BAPTISMS

Welcome to the newest members of our parish family!

**Grayson Kozlowski 11/25/23**  
**Michael Meluni 11/25/23**  
**Jennings Potter 11/26/23**

## 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.

## 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](http://www.holyfamilysyr.org/bulletin)

## CALENDAR



To view the calendar of events online, visit [www.holyfamilysyr.org/calendar](http://www.holyfamilysyr.org/calendar) or scan the QR code.





Are you the type of person who goes from Thanksgiving and immediately puts up the Christmas decorations?

In our opinion, as Buddy the Elf says, "treat every day like it is Christmas!" No matter your answer to that heated debate - the holiday season should be an opportunity for you to rest, recharge, and take refuge with family and friends as you prepare to celebrate the birth of our Savior and set yourself up for a fantastic new year!

This upcoming week our middle school and high school teens will be learning about the need for rest in our life and how our Lord commands us to rest as He did on the seventh day of creation. Resting Prayer is one of the most transformative forms of prayer, simply being content, delighting, and resting in the presence of Jesus. This week we will be sharing this R.E.S.T. prayer acronym at youth group.

Here it is as a guide for yourself to get REST this holiday season:

- R - Remember His Goodness
- E - Express Your Neediness
- S - Seek His Stillness
- T - Trust His Faithfulness

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**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 Sacraments
- 12/17 - First Sacraments

# SCHOOL UPDATES



The students came back from their Thanksgiving break filled with joy and excitement for the upcoming Christmas holiday. This weekend we will be hosting our breakfast with Santa. Many of the families who experienced this event last year had a fantastic time enjoying breakfast with our school community and getting photos with Santa and his elves who join us. It is an exciting time and always lovely to see our children be filled with wonder and the Christmas spirit! Thank you to all of our parents who help to coordinate and make this event a memorable experience for our school family.

## 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.

Please be sure to write the dollar value on the card. If you prefer, financial donations can be made and we will purchase the gift cards. 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

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# GOSPEL REFLECTION

**Mark 13: 33 - 37**

In this weekend's Gospel passage, we see a man that leaves his house and give orders to his servants to keep watch for the master's return. It reminds us to remain watchful and wait for the return of Jesus in our lives. Have you ever watched or waited for God in your life, not knowing when He will show up? Maybe you have been waiting and even prayed for Him to show up, but again and again, you come back wondering when will God's blessing come to me and my life?

I'm reminded of the Scripture passage in 1 Kings 18, where the prophet Elijah tells his servant "Go to the shore and pray for rain". The scripture says that the servant goes and prays for rain, and nothing comes. Elijah says to his servant, "Go again", and again there is nothing. This happens repeatedly, six times, but on the seventh time that the servant returns to the shore to pray for God's blessing of rain to come, he returns to Elijah overjoyed by the abundant blessing from God who has finally brought rain to the shore.

This weekend as we are called to remain watchful for Jesus in our lives. Let us remember the encouraging words of the prophet Elijah to his servant, "Go again". If you have struggled to see God's presence in your life recently, this Advent season is an opportunity for you to "go again" and pray for the Lord's blessing to rain down on you like never before and remain with you always.

May God bless you.

Nick Longo

# MUSICAL NOTES

## THIS WEEKEND

**December 2-3**

### Saturday

**4:00 p.m.** Kristy Morgan, Rob Morey, Tony Alvaro

### Sunday

**9:00 a.m.** Kristy Morgan, Rob Morey, Tony Alvaro

**10:30 a.m.** Kristy Morgan, Rob Morey,  
Tony Alvaro, Trinity Choir

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

## NEXT WEEKEND

**December 9-10**

### Saturday

**4:00** Gabriella Giacobelli, Rob Morey, Gina Giufre

### 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

## TRINITY CHOIR:

Next Rehearsal: Wednesday, Dec. 6, 6:30 p.m.

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

# LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

## December 9 & 10

### LECTORS

#### Saturday

**4:00 p.m.** Sister Rosemary Bell

#### Sunday

**7:30 a.m.** Dan McGuire

**9:00 a.m.** Joe Assaf

**10:30 a.m.** Christian Huddleston

**4:00 p.m.** Anne Evans

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

#### Saturday

**4:00 p.m.** Raj Dewan, Kathy Kendrick, Deb Troiano, Sharon Wells

#### Sunday

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

**9:00 a.m.** Tom Brody, Lori Tucker

**10:30 a.m.** Andrew Bowman, Janet Gleason-  
Rose, Peter Petrone, Adelaide Silvia

**4:00 p.m.** Maryann Citti, Elizabeth Garn

### ALTAR SERVERS

#### Saturday

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

#### Sunday

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

**9:00 a.m.** Ricky Guy, Rose Marcinkowski

**10:30 a.m.** Isabella, Isaiah, & Justyna Apps

**4:00 p.m.** Sammy Eskandar, Noah Vetter

**Note:** The schedule is on our website and printed copies can be found in the gathering space of church.

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