

January 7, 2024

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH



MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Holy Family Parishioners and Friends,

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! I hope and pray you're continuing to celebrate Christmas with joy and enthusiasm and that your New Year is off to a great start.

I want to share with you a topic of significant importance. In late 2023, Bishop Lucia asked pastors to look at ways for parishes to work together. In our area, a meeting was held, and many discussions took place regarding how parishes can work together now and in the future. This is due to a clergy shortage and, post-COVID, the number of people going to Mass is down (this is true of every parish). Hopefully, we all recognize these realities. We simply do not have the number of priests we used to have and the number of people going to Church and receiving the sacraments has declined.

As we enter 2024 there will be continued meetings on how we can collaborate with other parishes in our area. There will be conversations about Mass schedules, sharing resources, and doing all we can to provide pastoral care for souls in the best way possible. You may ask, "How will this impact me or us here at Holy Family Church?" Ultimately, I do not know right now. All I can say is that I will keep you posted as we move through this process and I ask for your openness, understanding, and support. It might mean adjusting our Mass schedule for weekends and weekdays. It might mean that we share programs and other resources with other parishes. Again, I will share with you all that is discussed and takes place. The one thing I do know is that we do not have enough priests now to cover all of our parishes and, if you look around at every church, there are a lot of empty pews. These conversations have taken place in the past, but now there has to be concrete action moving forward.

Let's continue to pray for each other and pray that God will lead us and guide us through this process.

Peace and all good things,
Father Manno

HOPE APPEAL 2023 – THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

To date, Holy Family Church has raised 167,029.50 of its \$122,000.00 goal! Thank you so much for putting us well over our goal and helping to reveal the compassionate face to God to so many in our Diocese. For all who have given, thank you for your tremendous generosity. For those who have not given, please know there is still time to do so. Please make your gift or pledge as soon as you are able. God will repay us a hundredfold for our charity! **THANK YOU!**

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

#1518 - Dan Meluni - \$100

#6782 - Not Sold

\$700 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, JANUARY 8

6:45 a.m. Holy Souls in Purgatory

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9

9:00 a.m. Stefano Mantelli/Maria Pia Kelly

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10

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

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11

9:00 a.m. Pauline Anthony/Paula

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12

9:00 a.m. Nancy Evans/David & Karen Salanger

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13

8:00 a.m. Holy Souls in Purgatory

4:00 p.m. Ann Wolak/Patricia Wolak & Anne Lavere

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14

7:30 a.m. Charles Martin/Jean & Family

9:00 a.m. Ellen Baker/Katie & Joe Assaf

10:30 a.m. Theresa P. Quinn/Ann Curran

4:00 p.m. Richard O'Brien/Thomas H. O'Brien - Brother

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.

Roger Coulombe
Jeanine Scanlon
Raymond Grant
Ralph Courchaine
Mark Moth

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, Kayleigh Modugo, Kyle Dorosz, Carmella Spicciati, Stephanie Modugno.

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 30 & 31: \$25,392.76

Christmas Day: \$39,243.26

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

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NEWS & UPDATES

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.

HOLY FAMILY JV/VARSITY BASKETBALL

You are invited to join and support our Holy Family JV/Varsity Basketball Teams on the following dates as they compete in our local CYO Basketball League! The JV games begin at 6:30 p.m. and Varsity begins at 8:00 p.m. All games below are located in the Holy Family School Basketball Court.

Upcoming Home Schedule:

- 1/7** - St. Joseph's Camillus
 - 1/28** - St. Patrick's
 - 2/1** - Immaculate Conception
 - 2/4** - St. Lucy's
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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.

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.

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

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.

NEWS & UPDATES

WOMEN'S RETREAT WITH KATHY MEUS Friday, Jan 26-Saturday, January 27

“How Do You Walk Humbly with Your God?”

The prophet Micah tells us what is required: “To do the right, to love goodness, and to walk humbly with God.” Together we will explore this simple yet profound message and what it means to be humble as we journey through life. The retreat begins on Friday evening January 26th with dinner at 6:00 and ends on Saturday January 27th with dinner. Space is limited. Kathy Meus will be facilitating this retreat. Retreat begins with check-in on Friday, January 26 at 5 pm. Dinner is at 6 pm. Retreat ends after Dinner on Saturday.

Offering: \$150 and \$120 for commuter.

For reservations go to www.ckretreat.com or call 315-446-2680.

THE THIRD OPTION January 7th, 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

“Appreciating Personality Differences: Yes, Appreciating”

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.

FISHERMAN'S CLUB Tuesday, February 6th @ 6 p.m.

The next Fisherman's Club meets February 6th, and will start with Mass at 6:30pm, celebrated by Fr. James Buttner at Christ the King Retreat House in Syracuse followed by dinner and time for fellowship and conversation around the fire pit. FC aims to reach college-age young adult men who are thinking about the priesthood; to build fraternity among young adult Catholic men and assist them in the discernment of their vocation. Please contact Fr. James Buttner at jbuttner@syrdio.org

BAPTISMS

Welcome to the newest members of our parish family!

Theodore Lyon 10/22/23
Maeve Trudeau 12/27/23

CALENDAR



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



Happy New Year, families!

'The practice of writing a special code over the entrance to a home with blessed chalk is a centuries-old traditional blessing that takes place each January. It's a reminder of God's presence in our daily lives, and a dedication of the year and everything that will happen during it, to God. It's also a great witness for our guests, not to mention that it looks pretty cool.' (from CathFamily)

Pick up some chalk and directions for chalking your family's door on our Family Faith shelf in the Gatherings Space this week.

Blessings on your family and home this new year.

God bless!
Nick, Patty, Vince

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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

- 1/8 - Life Teen, EDGE, Faith Discovery
- 1/22 - Life Teen, EDGE, Faith Discovery
- 1/29 - 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

1/10 - Confirmation Year 2

2/7 - All Confirmation Students

FAMILIES OF FAITH

(Grades K- 4)

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

- 1/7 - Families of Faith
- 1/24 - Families of Faith

2/7 - Families of Faith

FIRST SACRAMENTS

(Grade 2)

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

- 1/21 - First Sacraments
- 1/28 - First Sacraments



SCHOOL UPDATES

Holy Family School began the New Year with a visit from Father Manno, to bless all favorite toys from Christmas. Pre-K through 6th grade students brought their toy to the gym for this special blessing. Father Manno brought his favorite toy from Christmas with him and the students loved seeing his stuffed dog that looked much like his real dog! This is a special time for the students and a wonderful opportunity to answer their questions. The most often asked question that day was, “What is in the holy water”? It was a great opportunity for the adults to share their faith, especially with our youngest children.

On Friday we celebrated First Friday Mass. We celebrated the “Three Kings” Mass and added some kings to the procession. Two sixth grade students and one fifth grade student processed in and knelt before Baby Jesus as they presented their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. It was a wonderful moment for all the students, their families and our parishioners. We look forward to sharing and celebrating in all First Friday Masses as a school and with the rest of our parish.

OUTREACH & FOOD PANTRY

We want to thank the Solvay Geddes Camillus Kiwanis Club for their generous donation of Shoe Boxes wrapped and filled with “goodies” for families with children.

The boxes were well received and appreciated

We thank all the club members for all you do for our pantry.

Needed Items: Paper Towels

OUTREACH CONTACTS

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GOSPEL REFLECTION

Matthew 2: 1 - 12

Today’s feast of the Epiphany makes known the story of the Magi looking up into the dark sky and seeing a bright star. We see them choosing to follow the star, wherever it might lead, and it brings them to the Lord.

Most of us enjoy looking up at the stars and might recall moments of profound peace and quiet as we gazed at the heavens on a clear summer’s night. Have we ever reflected, though, on the simple fact about stars, they they can be seen only against a backdrop of darkness?

As we close the Christmas season, many of us wish the Christmas spirit could last all year, that each day of the year were full of high spirits and peace. Wouldn’t it be nice if there were no bad news and no sadness? In other words, we would love to have stars without the darkness! The truth is we can’t have one without the other but we can choose which one we look at.

Faith-filled people have their share of finding faults and setbacks as anyone else. What makes them effective, though, is they generally concentrate on the light rather than on the darkness. If we want to find fault with others or reflect on the bad things in our lives, we will. If we look for the good points, we’re sure to find them.

Life is made or broken by what we consistently choose to look at: the stars or the darkness. Like the Magi, we can choose the stars!

- Dc. Bob Fangio

MUSICAL NOTES

THIS WEEKEND

January 6-7

Saturday

4:00 Kristy Morgan, Rob Morey, Tony Alvaro

Sunday

9:00 Kristy Morgan, Rob Morey, Tony Alvaro

10:30 Kristy Morgan, Rob Morey,
Tony Alvaro, Trinity Choir

4:00 Holy Family Praise & Worship Band

NEXT WEEKEND

January 13-14

Saturday

4:00 Kristy Morgan, Rob Morey, Gina Giufre

Sunday

9:00 Kristy Morgan, Rob Morey, Tony Alvaro

10:30 Kristy Morgan, Rob Morey,
Tony Alvaro, Trinity Choir

4:00 Holy Family Praise & Worship Band

TRINITY CHOIR:

Next Rehearsal: Wednesday, Jan. 10 @
6:30pm

Next Mass: Sunday, Jan. 14 @ 10:30am

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

January 13 & 14

LECTORS

Saturday

4:00 p.m. Sister Rosemary Bell

Sunday

7:30 a.m. Mary Ellen Byrne

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

10:30 a.m. Christian Huddleston

4:00 p.m. Elizabeth Garn

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday

4:00 p.m. Michael Filipski, Teresa Filipski, Kathy
Kendrick, Lucille Mamorella

Sunday

7:30 a.m. Kathleen Corso, Jennifer Kolakowski,
Ed McLaughlin, Ken Theurer

9:00 a.m. Carol LaGuardia, Tina Vecchio

10:30 a.m. Elaine Lynch, James Lynch, Karen
Riedl, Adelaide Silvia

4:00 p.m. Maryann Citti, Eileen Mack

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday

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

Sunday

7:30 a.m. Katie Brusa

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

10:30 a.m. Andrew Bowman, Savana Noce

4:00 p.m. Andrew Bowman

*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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