



Dear Friends,

This weekend we celebrate the Third Sunday of Advent, also known as, *'Gaudete' Sunday*. The term 'gaudete' comes from the opening antiphon of the Mass for the Third Sunday of Advent – *"Gaudete in Domino semper..."* – meaning, "Rejoice in the Lord always." Therefore, this Sunday is a time for rejoicing because the birth of our Savior is near!

Some of us might say that this time of year is hardly a time to rejoice. There is no question that this can be one of the most overwhelming times of the year and we find ourselves asking, "how will I possibly be able to manage all the things that need to be done?" I think the words of the second reading for today's Mass offer some comfort for us as they remind us to be patient. We have to be patient with ourselves, those around us, and even God at times as we know God works on God's time, not ours. The reality that we all know is that we have every reason to rejoice because God has blessed us and He has blessed us in abundance. Most importantly, He has blessed us with the gift of His Son, Jesus Christ.

So, on this Third Sunday of Advent, let's pray for the gift of patience at all times and let's pray that God will allow us to celebrate and rejoice as Christmas is near at hand!

Blessings,  
Father Manno

**"LEAVE THE LIGHT ON"**  
**HOLY FAMILY CHURCH**  
**MONDAY, DECEMBER 16 @ 4 – 7PM**  
**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

**WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS**

Dec. 7 & 8	\$26,220.95
Last Year	\$24,021.51

***Please remember Holy Family at Christmas. Your gracious generosity allows us to do so much to bring God to others. Please put Holy Family on your Christmas list.***



**Display Case**

**Please stop by the display case in the foyer to see what has been happening in Mrs. Sparkes's and Mrs. Grasselli's PreK room. We come to school on MWF and love to learn and grow in our play based, developmentally appropriate classroom. You will see our beautiful frames, made with love, for our parents. Enjoy looking at our creative Gingerbread houses and symmetrical Gingerbread Babies.**

**We loved using our imaginations and wearing pajamas to school to go on a magical Polar Express journey right here at Holy Family. We believe in the magic of Christmas.**

**The season of Advent helps us to grow in kindness and to prepare our hearts for the birthday of Baby Jesus. We made signs to share the message, "Jesus is the Reason for the Season", and hung them all around our school.**

**Our little hands worked very hard to create snowflakes that are as unique as each one of us. Merry Christmas! Love, PreK**

**Registration for 2020-2021**

**Registration will begin on January 6, 2020 for the upcoming school year. All forms can be accessed on our school website after January 6, 2020.**

**Holy Family fifth grade students will be selling Prayer Pillowcases as part of their annual Rosary fundraiser. The students will be selling them in the school lobby in front of the main office after all Masses this weekend. Each pillowcase has a prayer and a beautifully depicted saint. Some of the saints are St. Patrick, St. Anthony, St. Padre Pio, St. Francis, St. Theresa, Mary, Our Blessed Mother, St Joseph, and many more. The price of each pillowcase is \$15.00. Please stop over at the school lobby after Mass and help support our fifth grade students and their rosary project.**



# Mass Schedule

# CALENDAR of Events

*Rosary @ 8:35AM Tuesday, Thursday & Friday*  
*Divine Mercy Chaplet ~ Everyday @ 3:00PM ~ MPR*

**THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT**

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 16**

6:45 AM Intentions of the Blessed Virgin Mary/  
 J. R. Pirro

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17**

9:00 AM ANN: George Riley/The Book Club

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18**

6:45 AM Joseph Ritacco/Family

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19**

9:00 AM ANN: Alfred Carducci/  
 Wife Elda & Family

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20**

9:00 AM ANN: The Schneider Family/  
 Daughter-in-Law, Martha

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21**

8:00 AM Intentions of the Saints/  
 J. R. Pirro

5:00 PM Marie Clark/Kelly, Chris & Boys

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22**

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

7:30 AM ANN: Stephen Matro/Wife & Family

8:45 AM ANN:; John Graham/  
 John & Bernadette Huver

10:30AM James Pellegrini/Wife

12:15PM ANN: Katherine & Matthew Kerwin/  
 Family

4:00 PM Ramona Passardi/Donna & Marty Martin

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 16**

3:00 PM Homebound Ministry Meeting –  
 Conference Room

4:00 PM Leave the Light On - Church

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17**

9:30 AM Young at Heart – Church Hall

7:00 PM Holy Name Meeting – Knight’s Office

7:00 PM Homebound Ministry Meeting –  
 Conference Room

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18**

6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room

8:00 PM AA - Cafeteria

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19**

6:00 PM Outreach Gift Packing – Church Hall

7:00 PM Holy Hour for Vocations - Church

7:00 PM RCIA – Church Tour

8:00 PM Lectio Divina – HFPC #2

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20**

6:30 PM Women’s LaPieta - Church

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21**

7:00 AM Men’s Prayer Group – MPR

8:00 AM Saturday Morning Basketball - Gym

3:30 PM Confessions – Church

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22**

10:30AM Children’s Liturgy of the Word – Hall

1:30 PM Baptisms - Church

7:00 PM Life Teen – Church Hall



## Newly Baptized

*Finley Jeffrey Liggett child of  
 Thomas & Kristine Liggett*

**The Liturgical Minister Schedule for  
 January, February & March 2020  
 will be prepared during the week of  
 December 16<sup>th</sup>.**

**Please let me know if you have any scheduling  
 requests.**

**Call Debbie at 315-488-3139 x 114 or send an  
 email to [debbie@holyfamilysyr.org](mailto:debbie@holyfamilysyr.org).**



**DECEMBER 21 & 22:**

- 5:00 PM Kathleen Alpha, Bill & Anne Ganey,  
Valerie James, Suzanne Kuppel,  
Carol Latini, Robert Singer,  
Barbara Snell, Deb Troiano,  
Linda Vishnesky, Kathleen Wheeler
- 7:30 AM Janice Bader, Mary Ellen Byrne,  
Joanne & John Brusa, Jr., Kathy Rudy,  
Bob McCauley, Daryl Hall
- 8:45 AM Susan Cutri, Dolores Grace,  
Phillip Grome, Laura Meluni,  
Joe & Lisa Jasinski, Barb Parkes,  
Anne Milewski-Craner,  
Nancy Schmidt, Jennifer Scott
- 10:30AM Tom Brody, David Callahan,  
Patty Costello, Janet Gleason-Rose,  
Tom Maier, John Milligan,  
Kate Ojo, Carol Pietraszek,  
Kathy Voorhees,  
Fran & Pam Stepien
- 12:15PM Frank & Rosemary Bovalino,  
Alicia Castrello,  
Mary Fangio, Maria Filippi,  
Jamie Rae, Nancy Scheutzow
- 4:00 PM Andrew Bowman, Lorraine Dardani,  
Kathy Delaney, Elizabeth Garn,  
Jim Kearns, Eileen Mack,  
Joe Ranieri, Jr., Susan Sedlack,  
Ed & Shelly Terzolo, Lisa Vignogna

**LECTORS - DECEMBER 21 & 22:**

- 5:00 PM Joseph Albino, Susan Weigel
- 7:30 AM Ellen McCauley, Thomas Whiteside
- 8:45 AM Patrick Brusa, Trina Obrist
- 10:30AM Don Hulchanski,  
Sr. Mary Lynn Rakowski
- 12:15PM Julie Martin-Barfield, Joe Sullivan
- 4:00 PM Bridget Downey, Bill Strott

**ALTAR SERVERS - DECEMBER 21 & 22:**

- 5:00 PM Spencer James, Biruk Royal,  
Victoria Zappala
- 7:30AM A. J. & Tim Brusa, Tori English
- 8:45AM Clare & Grace Olivia, Cade Caloia
- 10:30AM Thomas, Christopher, Stephen,  
Benedict, & Patrick Maier
- 12:15PM Isabella, Isaiah & Justyna Apps
- 4:00 PM Antonio, Roberto & Mia Scutari

**PLEASE PRAY FOR**

**Attention Parishioners:** We will print the "Please Pray For List" on a month-to-month basis. If you would like your loved one on the list, please call the parish office. You must call each month to have the name put back on the list.

Dr. Joseph Thornton, Marie Wing, Ed Campagna, Hank Smith, Howie Moore, Gabe, Tatum Foster, Cathy Hubert, Lucille McCulley, Kenneth Wood, Joseph Mandolfo, Mary Barrett LaPoint, Colette O'Dea, Dorothy Webster, Dotty Roulston, Rosemary Baratta, Mary Cook, Marjorie Gotch, Timothy Kendrick, Pearl Driscoll, Frank Cantello, Tom Corbett, Dolores Rozzano, Neil & Rosemarie Devine, Timothy Barrett, Joey Ponto, Norma Cargelli, Teresa Hart, Janet Neil, Robin DeMarco, Ellen Hart, Neal Quigley, Shirley Carolin, Jack Mulholland, Pearl Driscoll, Joanne Younis, Mary Ellen Caruso, Jeffrey MacCollum, Stefania Dziergas, Amanda Reese, Eden VanderFluis, Jeremy Robbins, Marlene Claps, Kayli Morgan, Christ & Mary Ann Dine, Marlene Kavanaugh, Ray Keene, Timothy Mayo, Joe Germino.

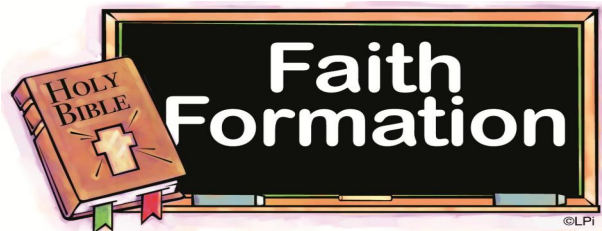
**Please Note:** Due to HIPPA laws, hospitals are not allowed to give names of patients to us. Please notify the parish office if you have a loved one in the hospital or nursing home who would like a visit from a priest or deacon.

**+PASTORAL CARE NEWS  
ATTENTION HOMEBOUND  
MINISTERS**

There will be a meeting of the Homebound Ministers on Monday, Dec. 16 at 3:00 PM and again on Tues. Dec. 17 at 7 PM. The meetings are held in the Pastoral Center in the first floor conference room. Please choose which meeting is more convenient for you to attend. Anyone interested in joining this important and rewarding ministry, please contact Sr. Mary Lynn at 315-488-3139, EXT. 107.

**BAPTISM CLASS**

There will be a Baptism Class for expectant parents or parents of newborns on Wednesday, January 8, from 7 – 8:30PM. Only first-time parents need to attend these classes prior to the Baptism but if other parents would like to review the meaning of Baptism they are also welcome. Please call Sr. Mary Lynn at 315-488-3139, ext. 107 to register.



**FAITH FORMATION – 488-5884**

**VISIT US: [holyfamilysyr.org](http://holyfamilysyr.org)**

**PLEASE NOTE UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES:**

**12/15:** 10-11:15AM Grades K, 1, 3, 4,5 (School)

Grades 6, 7, 8 (EDGE) Church

**12/16:** 6:15-7:30PM Grades K, 1, 3, 4, 5 (School)

Grades 6, 7, 8 (EDGE) Church

**12/22 & 12/23: NO CLASSES**

**12/29 & 12/30: NO CLASSES**

**1/5 & 1/6: NO CLASSES**

**FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES**

(School Cafeteria)

**12/15:10 – 11:15AM**

**12/16: 6:15 – 7:30PM**

Questions: Lisa Vignogna, 315.488.5884 or

[lisa@holyfamilysyr.org](mailto:lisa@holyfamilysyr.org)

**CONFIRMATION:**

**C1 – Cafeteria; C2 –Church Hall**

**1/12: 11:45AM – 1:15PM**

**C2 STUDENTS:**

**DUE NOW:** Sponsor Certificates

**DUE 1/12:** Letter to the Bishop  
Saint Name Form & Reflection

*Sign-Up binders for Mass are located in the Church Gathering Space.*

**EDGE**

**Middle School Youth Group & Faith Formation –**

Now welcoming all students in 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grades!

Mondays, 6:15 – 7:30PM in the church hall!!!!

**12/16: The Greatest Christmas Social of All**

**Time!** Come share our joy as we celebrate Christmas and the birth of Jesus EDGE style!

**12/23: NO EDGE**

**12/30: NO EDGE**

Contact Vince and Patty for information or if you are interested in becoming an EDGE Core Member.

[EDGE@holyfamilysyr.org](mailto:EDGE@holyfamilysyr.org) or 488-5884.



**Upcoming Life Nights**

After 4 PM Mass Sundays

Life Teen High School Youth Ministry

Open to all teens Grade 9-12

**December 15:** Love Sees - A Night on Injustice

**December 22:** Saint Camillus Service trip, for 8-12 grade. \*Permission slip required (see Lisa)

• A reminder that all Confirmation students must attend two Life Nights.

**Monday Night Football**

Grab your friends and head to Tully's to share food, fun and fellowship.

**Drop-In Hours:**

No drop-in hours this month.

**HOLY HOUR**  
For  
**VOCATIONS & CLERGY OF THE DIOCESE**  
**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19**  
**7 – 8PM**  
**HOLY FAMILY CHURCH**  
**ALL ARE INVITED**





Our Christmas Program was able to provide food and gifts to 114 families in need due to your kindness and generosity. In addition, with your help, we provided gifts to several outside agencies to help those in need have some joy for this Christmas season. We thank you and all the volunteers who helped in so many ways. Our Outreach Program is the main Christmas for many of our clients. We appreciate that you care and support our families.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts

**WISHING EACH AND EVERYONE  
A BLESSED AND MERRY  
CHRISTMAS!**

Blessings,  
Liz Marrapese and Margo Dyer



Young at Heart  
Annual Christmas Party  
All members of Holy Family, 55 and over,  
are welcome to join us for a Christmas get  
together!  
Free Hot Breakfast!  
Musical Entertainment!  
Tuesday, December 17 after the 9AM Mass

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

In situations where one loses hope, becomes powerless and can do nothing more, Christ waits for us and gives us a share in His passion. Eucharistic Adoration provides a union with Christ that can console and renew our hope in Him. Accept His invitation to come before Him with your every need. Please join our 24/7 adoration ministry – we need more dedicated adorers. Call Tom Colabufo at 315-487-8377.

**Hospitality Ministry**

**Thank you!** Our thanks to the many people who brought in treats for the Voices of Faith Concert. God is so good—we had just enough with 3 cookies left over!

**How is your Advent Reading going?** We are almost there—remember to clip your week of readings and line the crib of our King in the Gathering Space!

**Remember our College Student Parishioners** in your prayers this week as they are in finals. Always a stressful time!

**BEREAVEMENT**

*Sooner or later our intellect will pose questions we cannot possibly answer. At that point, we would be wise to remember God's ways are higher than ours.*

**MAY THEY REST IN PEACE**

**Francis Scanlon, Susan Davis**

**LOSE WEIGHT** - Eat smart, move more and pray! Join **Pray It Off** as we begin our 13<sup>th</sup> year. It's a FREE, one of a kind, Catholic Weight Loss Group. The next session begins on January 2nd and goes through June 2020. The group meets every Thursday from 6-7 pm. You must commit to attending weekly meetings. \$5.00 Materials Fee. **Must call** Ellen M. McCauley 315-468-4233 before December 30, 2019 to join, or with questions.

**Project Rachel Post Abortion Healing Ministry**

If you are hurting from a past abortion, we warmly invite you to begin your emotional and spiritual healing journey by reaching out to Project Rachel Ministry at (855)364-0076 or [hopeandhealing@syrdio.org](mailto:hopeandhealing@syrdio.org). All calls and emails are confidential.

**PRAYER CHAIN**

PLEASE CALL REQUESTS TO JUDY SHANLEY AT 315-488-2487. FOR SURGERIES PLEASE CONTACT TWO WEEKS IN ADVANCE.

**MUSICAL NOTES**



**Rob Morey – Director of Music - 315-487-1737**

**THIS WEEKEND:**

5:00 PM Gabriella Giacovelli, Gina Giufre  
 8:45AM Kristy Morgan, Tony Alvaro  
 10:30AM Kristy Morgan, Trinity Choir,  
 Tony Alvaro  
 12:15 PM Kristy Morgan, Gina Giufre  
 4:00 PM Holy Family Praise & Worship Band

**NEXT WEEKEND:**

5:00 PM Gabriella Giocovelli,  
 Gina Giufre  
 8:45AM Caitlin Barry, Tony Alvaro  
 10:30AM Caitlin Barry, Trinity Choir,  
 Tony Alvaro  
 12:15 PM Caitlin Barry, Gina Giufre  
 4:00 PM Holy Family Praise & Worship Band

**TRINITY CHOIR**

**Next Rehearsal:** Wednesday, December 18 @  
 6:30PM in the Choir Room.  
**Next Mass** – Sunday, December 22, @ 10:30AM

**JOYFUL SOUND**

**Christmas Rehearsal:** Wednesday, December 18  
 @ 6:30PM  
**Next Mass:** Christmas, Tuesday, December 24 @  
 6PM

**HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL  
 LOTTERY CALENDARS**

**Makes a Great Christmas Gift!**

Support our school for \$25 and have 91 chances to win between \$50 - \$200! Follows the NYS Midday Lotto numbers each day. Match them to your calendar number and win the amount for that day. Calendars valid January 2020 – March 2020. Questions? Contact Colleen Wills at [sierotce@lemoyne.edu](mailto:sierotce@lemoyne.edu) or call Holy Family School @ 315-487-8515

**THE BULLETIN BOARDS IN THE CHURCH  
 HAVE BEEN REMOVED**

As you may have noticed, we have new electronic monitors at the entrances to the Church. These will give all ministries a chance to have their information advertised and seen by all instead of covered up on a bulletin board! They will also be used to direct visitors to the many activities taking place here at Holy Family. And, they will help the Church look much neater!

Anyone who wants to advertise on the monitors for activities relating to the Church or community must first submit fliers for Fr. Manno’s approval (in PDF, JPEG, or PNG Form) to [michele@holymfamilysyr.org](mailto:michele@holymfamilysyr.org) Thank you!

**ATTENTION CHRISTMAS MUSIC LOVERS**

*Do you like singing Christmas carols? We’ve got just the thing...our music ministry invites you to join our Christmas Chorus who will be singing at the Christmas Eve 6PM Mass. Come join our fun group in spreading Christmas cheer at this beautiful liturgy. There will be one easy rehearsal on Wednesday, December 18 @ 6:30PM in the choir room. Just show up and join the fun!*

**ELIZABETH MINISTRY**

Elizabeth Ministry Sends A Huge Heartfelt Thank You For Your Support Of Our Bake Shoppe Raffle. Your Generosity Is Well Appreciated!

**A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE:**

The question put to Jesus in today’s gospel is also put to us today: “Are you the one?” Are you the one who will give guidance to the children in your life or must they look to TV sitcoms, films, videos and music lyrics for direction? Are you the one? Will you be the one?

**GREENBACK WINNERS**

**#4236 – Theresa Quinn**  
**#4176 – NOT SOLD**  
**\$400 JACKPOT NEXT WEEK**

**A GIFT FROM JESUS CHRIST TO YOU! OPEN YOUR GIFT BY COMING.**

**JESUS SAYS: "COME AND SEE!"**

MOST HOLY ROSARY WILL BE HOSTING: DISCOVERING CHRIST, a faith renewal process. It is FREE and begins Tuesday, January 7, 2020, 6 – 8:30PM for 7 consecutive Tuesdays & 1 Saturday retreat. Free baby-sitting. Everyone is welcome! Check it out on Facebook and Twitter: **Christlife at Most Holy Rosary**. Testimonies say it is life-changing, exciting and the best. To register and RSVP as soon as possible for **Discovering Christ** please email: [bfeldman@syrdio.org](mailto:bfeldman@syrdio.org).

**CYO HF Basketball - Home Games**

Sunday Dec 22nd, Modified – Saint Joseph's @ Holy Family 5:00 PM  
 Sunday Dec 22nd, High School - Holy Cross @ Holy Family 6:30 PM  
 A home game is only an advantage with a home crowd, come out and show your support!  
**Men's open gym Fri, 8 PM to 10 PM**  
**\$2.00**



**Dear Santa,  
 I already have everything I could possibly wish for this year. Got my family, good friends and LOVE. Please take care of those who need You. THANK YOU  
 XXOO**

**CHRIST THE KING RETREAT CENTER**

**New Year's Eve Day of Reflection  
 Tuesday, December 31, 2019  
 10AM – 3PM**

**"A New Year, An End and a Beginning"**

For some of us this past year was full of joy, happiness and great achievement! You also may be an individual that has faced a challenging year full of loss, disappointment and sadness. At our New Year's Eve Day of Reflection with Chris Spilka, Director, we will look back on the year that was and celebrate the year we are about to have! God wills for us to draw nearer to Him during this New Year so let's give Him our all! *Offering: \$30 includes lunch.* Call us to reserve your seat: 315-446-2680.