

MASS SCHEDULE*Rosary @ 8:35AM Monday ~ Friday**Divine Mercy Chaplet ~ Everyday @ 3:00PM ~ MPR***FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT****MONDAY, DECEMBER 19**

6:45 AM Julia Murphy/Rich & Jan

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20

9:00 AM Irene Schneider/Martha Schneider

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21

6:45 AM Joseph Ritacco/Children & Grandchildren

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 229:00 AM ANN: Shirley McCabe &
Edward Tobin, Sr./Family**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23**9:00 AM ANN: Esther Cristantielli/Tom Colabufo
3:00 PM WEDDING:

Amanda Carbone & Pushkar Varde

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24**CHRISTMAS EVE**

4:00 AM Rose Spillet/Son, John

6:00 PM Joe & Jean Brigati & Jeff Proietti/
Family

8:00 PM ANN: Frank & Alma & Ballester/Family

12:00 PM ANN: Tom Liggett Sr./The Liggett Children

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25**CHRISTMAS DAY**

7:30 AM John Pirong/Loren & Harriet LaRue

9:30 AM Walter Copeland/Connie & Children

11:30 AM Miriam Domres/Family

READINGS: December 17 & 18:

First Reading: Isaiah 7:10-14 (10A)

Second Reading: Romans 1:1-7

Gospel: Matthew 1:18-24

SAVE THE DATE
"LIGHT IS ON CAMPAIGN"
MONDAY DECEMBER 19

4 - 7PM**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION****PASTOR'S NOTES**

Dear Friends,

The pastor's notes today serve as an opportunity to say "thanks" to all of you for your goodness to me and to Holy Family Church!

First and foremost, I want to say thank you for all of the well wishes on the occasion of my 15th anniversary of priesthood on December 8. It is hard to believe that 15 years have passed. I look forward, please God, to the next 40 or more years and I pray they are as happy as the last 15 years. I ask for your continued prayers for me and for all of our priests!

Thank you to our Knights of Columbus Christ the King Council #4114 for the beautiful nativity set on West Genesee Street. Many people have already told me how nice it is to drive by and to be reminded of how nice it is to be reminded to "Keep Christ in Christmas."

Thank you to the Voices of Faith Choir under the direction of Jack Gardner. It was another beautiful concert that certainly kicks off the holiday season in grand fashion.

Thank you to our Hospitality Committee who have been busy working on making sure that all of our events have some type of refreshment afterward. Showing hospitality is truly Christ like and creates a loving family atmosphere at Holy Family.

Thank you to all who helped to plan and promote our parish advent mission with Paul Kim. It was a wonderful event and the message that we heard was one that God wanted us to hear. Thanks to Fr. Jason for his hard work in seeing that the details were taken care of and that everything flowed smoothly.

Lastly, thank you to all of you at Holy Family – to every parishioner, every ministry. You make Holy Family what it truly is...a loving family.

God bless you, Fr. Manno

Christmas Mass Schedule**Christmas Eve – December 24**

4:00 PM – Vigil Mass for Christmas
(doors will open at 3 PM)

6:00 PM – Vigil Mass for Christmas - Children's Choir

8:00 PM – Vigil Mass for Christmas

12:00 Midnight – Christmas Mass During the Night

Christmas Day – December 25

7:30 – Christmas Mass

9:30 – Christmas Mass

11:30 – Christmas Mass

Thank you for your generosity to Holy Family Church. Please remember us in your year-end giving, will, and estate planning. Thank you.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS*Divine Mercy Novena – 3PM Daily*

Holy Family Pre-School and Kindergarten enjoyed a “trip” on the Polar Express this past Wednesday morning in their comfortable PJ’s, with hot cocoa and Christmas cookies.

On Thursday, December 22, the students and staff will end their day and begin their Christmas Break with a Prayer Service at 1:15 pm in the Church. All are welcome to join us.

Collection for Charity Outreach: Each month at Holy Family School a class has a collection or an out-of-uniform \$1 day for a Charity of their choice. Holy Family Pre-School classes this month are collecting baby items for the Lullaby League. A collection basket is located in front of the school office.

ELIZABETH MINISTRY ~OUTREACH AND MORE!

We are an ever-changing ministry giving hope, encouragement and light to women and families during the childbearing years. We offer peer support in areas such as, abortion, single parenthood, miscarriage, fertility issues, adoption, grief, medical issues related to pregnancy and more. We are part of the John Paul II Center for Women which also offers other programs such as: Lectio Divina, ENDOW and Ladies Night Out- Food and Faith. We now have Dr. Karen Dalton who is a NAPRO Technology trained/ Catholic Internist working with us at the new Gianna Center located in the Holy Family office building. Working in conjunction are natural family planning/Creighton fertility care practitioners.
(www.jpiciicenterforwomen.com)

If we can be of assistance to you, please contact Rita Condon at 673-9458 or email elizabethministryrita@gmail.com.

PRAYER CHAIN: Please call requests to Judy Shanley @ 488-2487. For surgeries, please contact two weeks in advance.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 19

4:00 PM “The Light is On” Confessions - Church
6:15 PM Faith Formation – K-6, 2,7 & 8 – School
6:30 PM Trinity Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20

9:45 AM Respect Life Meeting - #2
6:30 PM Holy Name Meeting –Church Hall
6:30 PM Life Teen Alumni Holy Hour – Church

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21

1:00 PM Charismatic Prayer Group – MPR
6:30 PM Joyful Sound/Christmas Choir – Choir Room
7:00 PM RCIA - #1
7:00 PM Vocations Committee Meeting - #2
8:00 PM AA – Cafeteria

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22

2:00 PM Wedding Rehearsal - Church
6:00 PM Kid’s Night Out – Cafeteria & Gym
7:00 PM Daughters in Adoration – Chapel
7:00 PM Knights of Columbus – Knight’s Room
8:00 PM Lectio - #2

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23

3:00 PM Wedding - Church

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24**CHRISTMAS EVE****Masses****4, 6, 8 PM & Midnight****SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25****CHRISTMAS DAY****Masses****7:30, 9:30 & 11:30AM****A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE:**

A child born to Joseph and Mary was named Emmanuel, which means “God is with us.” Every child is EMMANUEL, reminding us “God is with us.” Children are signs of God’s continuing presence in our lives.

PRAY IT OFF

LOSE WEIGHT – Eat smart move and pray! **Pray It Off** as we begin our 10th year. It’s a FREE one of a kind Catholic Weight Loss Group. The next session begins on January 5th and goes through June 18th, 2017. The Group meets every Thursday from 6-7 PM.

You must commit to attending weekly meetings. \$5.00 materials fee. Call Ellen M. McCauley @ 447-4676 before December 30 to join, or with questions.



HOLY FAMILY OUTREACH

January 2017

7th & 8th – Food Collection Weekend

9th – Food Sorting

11th – Senior / Homebound deliveries

12th – Sandwich making, 1:00

25th - Outreach Dept. Meeting – 7pm – Church Basement

PANTRY NEEDS: paper bags!

CHRISTMAS ANGEL TAG PROGRAM

On Dec 17, we served 92 households Christmas groceries together with the special Christmas gifts. **THANK YOU** to all of you who contributed in many different ways to our parish Christmas project. God bless each of you today and throughout the coming year.

FOOD PANTRY TEAM:

Thank you to the Matthew25 Farm pick up team, to the COSTCO pick up team and to the TARGET pick up team for retrieving donations for our pantry. We have shared our food donation overages with the following organizations:

St. Brigid/St. Joseph Food Pantry

Sacred Heart Food Pantry

St. Cecelia’s Food Pantry

Catholic Men’s Shelter

Meals on Wheels – Burt St.

Meals on Wheels – Baldwinsville

Samaritan Center

Joseph’s House

Most Holy Rosary Food Pantry

Assumption Food Pantry

1st Ukrainian Pentacostal Food Pantry

Winds of Agape Day Care Ctr for traumatic brain injury patients.

Holy Family Day Care families

HOLY FAMILY PANTRY: We served 27,000 meals in the form of groceries to 1800 individuals. Thank you Holy Family Parish for helping to take care of those in need in our community. We have a tremendous ability here to make a difference.

Consider **Road to Emmaus Ministry of Syracuse, Inc.**, in your charitable or end of year contributions. Emmaus is a volunteer run ministry that serves hundreds of poor individual families in the Southside area. Make checks payable **to Road to Emmaus Ministry of Syracuse, Inc.**, and mail to P.O. Box 15224, Syracuse, NY 13215.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Mary brings us to Jesus. Recite your daily rosary with constancy and you will eventually find yourself before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, fulfilling to a higher degree the command to love God and achieving that for which we were created. The Adoration Chapel is open to all who wish to spend time in adoration of Jesus. We encourage adorers to select a specific hour in our 24/7 weekly ministry. Please call Tom Colabufo at 487-8377.

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. The name will stay on for one month. You must call each month to have the name put back on the list.

Marie Wing, Betty Sabene, Sandy Dalton, Ed Campagna, Hank Smith, Dr. Joseph & Joan Thornton, John Graham, Karen Pologa, Howie Moore, Lou Wassell, George Riley, William “Bo” Bochicchio, Tatum Bulger, Gabe, Sr. Anna Maria Bilotta, Tish Dickinson, Allison McCauley, Cheryl Davis, Nicole Canavan, Christopher Piotrowski, Grant Whiting, Marlene Claps, Rick Quadrossi, Thomas Anthony, Jim Davis, Jeanne Baranskey, Carol Judge, Mary Jo Smith, Helen Ann Lynch, Tish Dickinson, George LaFever, Kimberly Kailer, Rosalyn Antonacci, Yvonne Cesta, Orysia Husak, Carolyn Ulrich MaHarry, Jim & Patty Pagano, Cathy Hubert, Mary Kehn, Pat Reney, Joan Mulderig, Lauren Hegstenberg, William Hess.

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 a nursing home who would like a visit from a priest or a deacon.



FAITH FORMATION – 488-5884

Visit us at holyfamilysyr.org to download registration/permission forms.

Director Denise Pedercini

denise@holyfamilyyouth.com

FAITH FORMATION DATES:

GRADES, 1ST, 3RD – 6th

12/18: K-1, 3-6 classes – 10 –11:15AM – School

12/19: K-1, 3-6 classes – 6:15 – 7:30AM – School

12/25 & 12/26 No Classes – Merry Christmas

1/1 & 1/2: No Classes –Happy New Year!

FIRST COMMUNION – Coordinator – Lisa Vignogna Monday nights following the Faith Formation schedule. For more information contact Lisa @ lisa@holyfamilyyouth.com

7:30PM – School Cafeteria

12/19: First Communion Classes – 6:15 –

7:30 PM – School Cafeteria

12/: 26 No Classes – Merry Christmas

1/2: No Classes – Happy New Year!

CONFIRMATION – Coordinator – Chris Spilka

For information contact Chris @

chris@holyfamilyyouth.com

***Confirmation 2 Sponsor Forms were due**

11/20!

Please send in as soon as possible!

12/18: Confirmation 1 Classes – 10 – 11:30AM – School Cafeteria

12/18: Confirmation 2 Classes – 11:45AM – 1:15PM – School Cafeteria

12/25: No Classes! Merry Christmas!

1/1: No Classes! Happy New Year!



EDGE – Welcomes all 7th & 8th Grade students Monday nights 6:15 – 7:30PM following Faith Formation schedule.

Do not let anyone look down on you because you are young, but be an example for the believers in your speech, your conduct, your love, faith, and purity.

- 1 Timothy 4:12

12/19: The Greatest Christmas Social of all Times!

12/26: No EDGE – Merry Christmas!

1/2: No Classes – Happy New Year!

Become an EDGE Core Member or sign up to supply a snack for an evening. Please contact Vince and Patty D'Angelo at vince@holyfamilysyr.org through the Faith Formation Office if you are interested, 488-5884.



Life Teen: Leading teens closer to Christ Welcomes all students in grades 9th -12th Sundays, Mass at 4pm, Life Night 5-7 pm, Church Hall.

chris@holyfamilyyouth.com or call 382-7883

***** Text @mrspilka to 81010 to receive updates and reminders of what is going on with our Life Teen youth program.

12/18: Life Teen Visits St. Camillus – permission slips required

12/25 No Life Teen – Merry Christmas!

Life Teen Alumni Night!

To all you Life Teen Alumni out there this event is for you! Please join us for our Life Teen Alumni night on Tuesday, December 20th at 6pm. A Holy Hour and fellowship will follow! Say what? Get the word out!

Would you like to cook a meal for Life Teen?

Every Sunday evening our Life Teen Students and core team share a meal together after the 4pm Mass as part of their Life Night. It is an important part of their fellowship. Is there something special you enjoy preparing? If you would like to share your gift and talent of cooking, please contact Kathy Czajak at 468-2041. She can help with all the details and some ideas! Thank you!

ONGOING BOTTLE DRIVE – For our Youth Groups. Do you have empty bottles and cans that you would like to donate to our Youth Groups? Central City Bottle Redemption will continue to receive drop off donations at 224 Chapel Dr., any time Monday – Friday, 9AM – 6PM and Saturday 9AM – 3PM. Please specify Life Teen or Edge when dropping off. Every nickel counts!

MUSIC MINISTRY

This Weekend (December 17 & 18)

- 5:00 PM Gabrielle Giacobelli, Joyful Sound Ensemble, Trudy Butler
 8:45 AM Mary Kate Krawczyk, Tony Alvaro
 10:30 AM Mary Kate Krawczyk, Trinity Choir, Tony Alvaro
 12:15 PM Mary Kate Krawczyk, Trudy Butler
 4:00 PM Holy Family Praise & Worship Band

Next Weekend (December 24 & 25)

Christmas Eve:

- 4:00 PM Holy Family Praise & Worship Band
 6:00 PM Kristy Morgan, Holy Family Christmas Choir/Joyful Sound, Trudy Butler
 8:00 PM Mary Kate Krawczyk, Trudy Butler
 12:00 AM Kristy Morgan, Trinity Choir, Tony Alvaro, Nick Cantello

Christmas Day

- 9:30 AM Mikell DiGiorgio, Trudy Butler
 11:30 AM Gabrielle Giacobelli, Trudy Butler

TRINITY CHOIR

Next Rehearsal: Monday, December 19 @ 6:30PM
 in the choir room

Next Mass: Christmas Eve, December 24 @ 12AM

JOYFUL SOUND/CHRISTMAS CHOIR

Next Rehearsal: Wednesday, December 21 @
 6:30 PM.

Next Mass: Christmas Eve, December 2 @ 6PM

ATTENTION PARISHIONERS

Do you like to sing Christmas Carols?

Good news! We are excited to announce that we are putting together an informal Christmas Choir who will be singing at the 6PM Christmas Eve Mass. We invite all kids and adults, ages 7 – 100, who like to sing Christmas Carols to join this choir and welcome baby Jesus at this Christmas Eve Mass. There will be one rehearsal on Wednesday, December 21st at 6:30 PM in the choir room. Contact Rob Morey at 487-1737 for more information or just show up at rehearsal. Hope to see you there!

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

DECEMBER 24 & 25

Please refer to sign up sheets in sacristy

WORLD MARRIAGE DAY CELEBRATION

Annual World Marriage Day will be celebrated on February 12th, 2017, @ 2:30PM at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. The Most Reverend Robert J. Cunningham will celebrate the Mass and witness a Renewal of Commitment to Holy Marriage by all couples in attendance. He will specially honor those couples celebrating their 25th, 50th and those celebrating an anniversary beyond their 5th year. Contact your parish office to register.

WELCOME NEW CHRISTIANS:

Drew Thomas Davis child of
 Thomas & Melissa Davis
 Kayleigh Anne Zeleznock child of
 David & Anne Zeleznock
 Evelyn Sierotnik child of
 Daniel & Kathleen Sierotnik

ADVENT PRAYER

Father in heaven, the day draws near when the glory of your Son will make radiant the night of the waiting world. May the lure of greed not impede us from the joy which moves the hearts of those who seek him. May the darkness not blind us to the vision of wisdom which fills the minds of those who find him. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.



Frequently Asked Questions About Confession

~ Produced by the *United States Conference of Catholic Bishops* ~

Why should I go to Confession?

Every time we sin, we hurt ourselves, other people and God. The Sacrament of Reconciliation (also called Penance or Confession) was given to us by Christ to help us reconcile with Christ and his Church when we have committed harm.

Through the Sacrament, we acknowledge our sins, express our sorrow in a meaningful way, receive the forgiveness of Christ and his Church, make reparation for what we have done and resolve to do better in the future. During his public life, Jesus both forgave sins and reintegrated sinners into the community. This is the goal of the Sacrament of Confession: to forgive sins and to provide reconciliation with the Church. The Sacrament of Penance & Reconciliation involves four parts: contrition, confession, penance and absolution.

- **Contrition:** a sincere sorrow for having offended God and the most important act of the penitent. There can be no forgiveness of sin if we do not have sorrow and a firm resolve not to repeat our sin.
- **Confession:** confronting our sins in a profound way to God by speaking about them —aloud— to a priest.
- **Penance:** an important part of our healing is the “penance” imposed in reparation for our sins.
- **Absolution:** the priest imparts the words which reconcile a sinner to God through the merits of the Cross.

Why do I have to confess my sins to a priest?

As the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* points out, our faith in the forgiveness of sins is tied to faith in the Holy Spirit and the Church: “It was when he gave the Holy Spirit to his apostles that the risen Christ conferred on them His own divine power to forgive sins: ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained’” (976; cf. John 20:22-23).

Why does the priest sometimes ask for more information?

The priest may ask for additional information

simply to clarify what happened, to understand if the action you confessed was a one-time occurrence or a pattern, and to assess the person’s understanding of the situation.

How often should I go to Confession?

Catholics are required to receive the Sacrament at least once per year. However, if you are aware of having committed any mortal (serious) sin, you should receive the Sacrament. That being said, all are encouraged to take advantage of the Sacrament on a regular and frequent basis.

Frequent reception helps us keep aware of our spiritual progress and provides the grace to overcome our sins.

Can I receive Communion without going to Confession?

When you receive the Eucharist you affirm that you are in a state of grace, reconciled with God and the Church. Since the Sacrament of Confession provides that reconciliation, if you are in a state of mortal sin you must abstain from receiving the Eucharist until you go to Confession. A mortal sin consists of a serious action through which a person turns away from God’s law and charity, fully understands it is wrong and chooses to commit it freely.

If you have committed venial sins, you may still receive the Eucharist. Venial sins are sins which wound our relationship with God, but consist of less serious matters than mortal sins or are performed without full knowledge or consent. Penitents are encouraged to confess venial sins regularly, since the repetition of these sins can lead to more serious sin.

BAPTISM CLASS

NEXT BAPTISM CLASS

MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 2016

FROM 7:00 PM to 8:15 PM

PASTORAL CARE OFFICE:

Sr. Caryn Haas, D.S.M.P. Please call: 315-488-3139, ext. 23 to make arrangements for the baptism of your child. **WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT COUPLES ATTEND THE BAPTISMAL CLASS BEFORE THE BABY IS BORN.** Normally baptisms are the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month.

Parking at Holy Family

When parking your car during the winter months, kindly make sure that your bumper does not block any part of the sidewalk. If so, please move your car so as to not block the walkways as it makes it very difficult for plowing and snow removal. Thank you.

**HOLY NAME SOCIETY MEETING
DECEMBER 20, @ 7PM
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ROOM
ALL MEN OF THE PARISH ARE WELCOME!**

PLEASE HELP US OUT!

IF ANYONE HAS A HOLY COMMUNION
“PIX” THAT YOU ARE NOT USING,
COULD YOU PLEASE DROP IT OFF
EITHER AT THE PARISH OFFICE OR IN
THE SACRISTY IN CHURCH.
THANK YOU!

Advent Jail Ministry

Christmas Party Collection

White Crew Socks and packets of Hot Chocolate

Please help us fill the boxes at all entrances!

**SAVE AROUND SYRACUSE BOOKS
ARE AVAILABLE AT THE
FAIRMOUNT FIRE DEPARTMENT
MONDAY THRU FRIDAY
9 – 2PM
GREAT GIFT!
STOP BY – SUPPORT OUR FIRE
DEPARTMENT**

HOSPITALITY MINISTRY NOTES

WE ARE FAMILY! The Feast of the Holy Family is on **December 30** and we will be celebrating through **January 2, 2017!** We are all connected as parishioners of Holy Family Parish—in preparation for the celebration of the Feast of the Holy Family, the Hospitality Committee invites you to place your family name on a strip of paper provided at the doors of the Church. The strips will be connected together in a paper chain and will adorn our Church for the Feast.

**COMING SOON FOR HOLY FAMILY
PARISHIONERS!**

As you may know, last year we switched to a new database.

Soon we will be rolling out a component called **“My Own Church”**. It allows you to access your parishioner information, keep track of your donations, switch your donations to electronic giving, sign up for Faith Formation, pay for it on line and much more! It will also allow you to receive the informative and spiritual emails that Fr. Manno will begin sending to parishioners in the new year! But we need your help!

Of the 3000+ parishioners we have, our database has approximately 1500 correct email addresses! Many people did not participate in the census update requests. Please provide us with your family email address.

How, you ask? You can call the Parish Offices, write your email address on your donation envelope and drop it in the collection, or email us at hfamily@twcny.rr.com.

There are a lot of great things coming up in 2017! Be sure you don't miss a thing! Send us your email address today!

New Weekly Envelope Vendor

We have selected a new vendor to provide our weekly contribution envelopes. The new envelopes will begin the weekend of January 8. With any transition there may be oversights. Please contact the parish office with any questions.

HOLY FAMILY'S DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday/Wednesday – 6:45AM

Tuesday/Thursday/Friday – 9:00AM

Saturday – 8:00AM

**ST. JOSEPHS CHURCH DAILY MASS
SCHEDULE**

Monday/Wednesday - 9:00AM

Tuesday/Thursday – 6:30AM

GREENBACK WINNERS

#0322 – Dan & Shannon Griffin - \$100

#5079 – NOT SOLD!

\$700 JACKPOT NEXT WEEK

