

Dear Friends,

This weekend we are celebrating 'Gaudete Sunday' or the Third Sunday of Advent. It is called 'Gaudete Sunday' because the first word of the Entrance Antiphon for the Mass is, 'Gaudete' meaning, rejoice! Even though COVID has cast a dark shadow upon all of us, there is still reason for rejoicing. Jesus Christ is the light of the world that comes into the darkness of our lives. Let's pray during these remaining days of Advent that the light of Christ, given to us at Christmas, will not be overshadowed by the darkness of our current situation. We have every reason to rejoice and let's take advantage of it!

Many thanks to our music ministry for the wonderful concert on Friday evening (Dec. 11). They certainly reminded us of the beauty of this time of year and our need to celebrate this Advent/Christmas!

Just by way of reminder, the Advent Parish Mission is this week. It is entitled 'He Reigns' and it is presented by Christ the King Retreat House. Chris Spilka, our former youth minister and now Director of the Retreat House will be presenting as well as Fr. Jason Hage, our former Parochial Vicar. It promises to be a wonderful evening of prayer, reflection, and music. You are welcome to attend in-person or by way of live stream. There is more information in this bulletin for details.

Have a blessed Gaudete Sunday and a blessed Advent Season!

Blessings Always,
Father Manno



Hope Appeal 2020

As of today, Holy Family Church has raised nearly \$100,000 of the \$118,000 Hope Appeal goal. We are almost there as we have raised 85% of our goal! This is phenomenal! Thank you for your generosity. If you have not made your gift of pledge as of yet, please do so as soon as you are able. Your goodness will help to bring the presence of Christ and the Church to so many in our seven county Diocese. The Hope Appeal supports hospital and nursing home chaplains, college chaplains, the Mass for shut-ins on television, Catholic Charities, food pantries, soup kitchens, Catholic School tuition assistance, and we benefit from the Hope Appeal here at Holy Family. Our parish food pantry receives a yearly grant from the Hope Appeal to help buy food for those in need and, if we exceed our Hope Appeal goal, 100% of the overage comes back to us for our use. Thank you for making us a leader in the Diocesan Hope Appeal and thank you for the many sacrifices you make to help bring Jesus to others. God will bless us a hundredfold for our benevolence.

New Bible Study

If we consider that God is the Divine Bridegroom and the Church is his Bride, then the prophets can be seen as "spiritual marriage counselors." They afflict the comfortable and comfort the afflicted, calling us to return to our covenant relationship with God. They urge us to repentance, warn us of the dangers of sin, and announce the blessings of faithfulness. Their prophetic words speak to us even today, as they draw us closer to our heavenly Bridegroom.

Holy Family Parish will begin a ten-week Bible study *Prophets: Messengers of God's Mercy* on **Thursday, January 14, 2021 at 9 - 11 A.M.** Participants will meet *online* via **ZOOM** every Thursday to participate in lively group discussion and fellowship after having completed a home assignment and viewing of online video from Ascension Press. Participation requires purchase of one study set (cost is \$26.95 + tax/shipping and includes access to the online video until 12-1-2021). To register, visit <https://ascensionpress.com/> or call 1-800-376-0520. For more information contact Laurie Theurer at k.l.theurer@gmail.com or by phone at 315-488-8010.



**HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL
LOTTERY CALENDARS**

It's back again! Holy Family School Lottery Calendars are for sale and will definitely help your 2021 be better than your 2020! Remember they make wonderful gifts for Christmas!

Support our school for \$25 and have 90 chances to win between \$50 -\$200!

Only 1,000 calendars will be sold. First come, first served!

Name of Calendar Recipient: _____
 Address: _____
 Phone #: _____
 Mail/Drop of Calendar to:
 Name: _____
 Address: _____
 Phone #: _____

(For school use Only – Calendar #

Contact Colleen Wills at

holyfamilyhomesandschool@gmail.com or call the office at 315-487-8515

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS

December 5 & 6 \$24,589.30

Please consider making a lasting gift through:
 Your Will or Trust, Retirement Assets
 or life insurance.

BEREAVEMENT

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Learn to trust God with a child-like dependence on Him as your loving heavenly Father and no trouble can destroy you.

James Menton, Nellie Neary

Mass Intentions 
FOR THE WEEK

THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT

MONDAY, DECEMBER 14

6:45AM ANN: George Riley/The Leo Family

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15

9:00AM Raymond Sargis/Family

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16

6:45AM Mass for the People of the Parish

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17

9:00AM Thomas Liggett/The Liggett Children

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18

9:00AM Norma Cargelli/Patti Brigati

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19

8:00AM Kathleen Frances Lane/
 The Merante Family

4:00PM Julia Murphy/Family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20

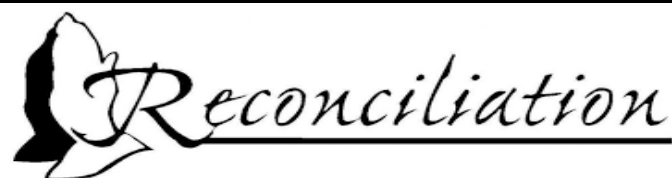
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7:30AM The Schneider Family/
 Martha Schneider – Daughter-in Law

10:30AM Joseph Ranieri Sr./Paula Verel
 James Pelligrini/Mary Pelligrini

ANN: Shirley McCabe &
 Edward Tobin Sr./Family

4:00 PM Joseph Ritacco/Family



THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU

WEDNESDAY

DECEMBER 16

5 -6:30 PM

&

LAST MONDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 21

4 -7PM



Faith Formation: 315-488-5884
Grades: K,1,3,4, & 5 **Family Faith Night:**
Mondays: 6:30 - 7pm

12/14: Vince D'Angelo will teach us on how important St. Joseph is to the Christmas story.

12/21: Our special guest speaker will be Patty D'Angelo! She will give us Mary's perspective about the first Christmas.

Questions: Contact Denise:
 denise@holyfamilysyr.org

EDGE: Grades 6, 7 & 8:
Mondays: 7:15 - 8pm

12/14 & 12/21: Join Vince & Patty for an amazing virtual fun-filled night of EDGE!!

Questions: Contact Vince & Patty:
 edge@holyfamilysyr.org

First Communion: Grade 2:

Sundays: 9:30am

12/13: Your First Reconciliation - Pt. 2

12/20: The First Christmas

Questions: Contact Patty D'Angelo:
 firstsacraments@holyfamilysyr.org

Confirmation: Grades 9 & 10:

Next class will be January 10, 2021:

Grade 9 (C1): 10 - 11am

Grade 10 (C2): 11:15 am - 12:15pm

Questions: Contact Nick:
 nick@holyfamilysyr.org






A LOVING FAMILY PRODUCTION

This Advent season our Holy Family Clergy have a treat for our parish, Clergy Clips! Clergy Clips are 1-2 minute video reflections on the daily Gospel readings. You can find these videos on our Holy Family Church Syracuse Facebook Page, @holyfamilysyr Instagram, or our Holy Family Church Syracuse YouTube Channel!

We hope these video reflections on the daily Gospel readings from our Clergy are beneficial and encouraging to your Advent season!

God bless you!



December 19 & 20

Saturday, 4PM – Kathy Kendrick
 Sunday, 7:30AM – Paul Morrell
 Sunday, 10:30AM – Shelly Terzolo
 Sunday, 4:00 PM – Eileen Mack

HE REIGNS

Let's gather to draw families nearer to the kingship of Jesus Christ

December 17
 Holy Family Church
 6:30- 8PM

Featuring:

Chris Spilka – 3 different forms of prayer & testimony of our mission

Fr. Jason Hage- Catechism of the Catholic Church & how we let Christ reign in our homes plus adoration and blessing of each family

Jeremy Bobak – Praise & Worship Leader

MUSICAL NOTES



Rob Morey, Director of Music
315-487-1737
music@holyfamilysyr.org

THIS WEEKEND

SATURDAY

4:00PM Kristy Morgan, Rob Morey,
 Gina Giufre

SUNDAY

10:30AM Kristy Morgan, Rob Morey,
 Tony Alvaro

4:00 PM Holy Family Praise & Worship Band

NEXT WEEKEND

SATURDAY

4:00 PM Gabriella Giacoveli, Rob Morey, Tony Alvaro

SUNDAY

10:30AM Kerryanna Kirshner, Rob Morey, Tony Alvaro

4:00 PM Holy Family Praise & Worship Band

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, Kenneth Wood, Joseph Mandolfo, Mary Barrett LaPoint, Dorothy Webster, Mary Cook, Marjorie Gotch, Camryn Scott, Maureen Connelly, Neal & Rosemary Devine, Jeremy Robbins, Joan Mastry, Nasir Abubakar, John Hunter, Alexander Amidon, Luka Zagata, Frank Cantello, Yvonne Cesta, Mike Kelly, Alice LaFountain, Carl & Jo-Ann Paulson, William Hess, Lori DeCola, Carrie Fuller, Barbara Olin, Dick Cizenski.

***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.*



There will be no Life Teen meetings until Sunday, January 3rd, 2021, for our New Year Kickoff! Holy Family Life Teen wishes our parish's young people and their families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

GREENBACK WINNERS

#1346 – Crystal Vile - \$100

#6681 - NOT SOLD!

\$800 Jackpot Next Week!



This week we are providing curbside pick for our pantry clients and Holy Family School. Next week we will deliver to Fairmount Gardens and our Homebound Community clients and provide curbside pickup for West Genesee School. Thank you for all you have done to make our holiday programs successful for our clients.

We are blessed with a small but amazing Outreach team who has work tirelessly behind the scenes! Words can not express our gratitude. You are awesome.

Thank you for everything
 and God bless you!
 Liz and Margo



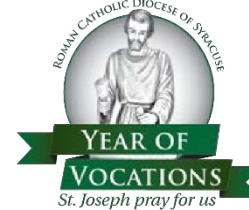
Jail Ministry and Christmas 2020...

. This year the Jail Administration has decided that a Christmas party with many people singing was not feasible but they did agree to distribute the gift bags we always bring if we provided them. As Holy Family has always shown generous Christmas spirit in filling our collection boxes with white athletic socks and instant hot chocolate we will have two boxes in the Gathering Space for the next three weeks. We all know that shopping for and bringing the gift to church is one of the best parts of the season but many cannot do that this year. So, as an alternative, you can choose to send a small check (enclosing a stamp or two for the Christmas cards in the bags) and you will surely go to Heaven. Just send your donation to Jail Ministry, 259 E. Onondaga St., Syracuse, NY 13202. As we anticipate the birth of Jesus during this holy time may all the parishioners of Holy Family enjoy a safe and blessed holiday with the complete assurance that you were in prison and you visited Him.

THE CULTURE OF LIFE

Lord Jesus Christ, you took our human nature upon yourself. You shared our life and death, our childhood and adulthood. You also shared our time in the womb. While still GOD, you dwelt for nine months in the womb of Mary. You were our REEDEMER in the WOMB, our God who was a preborn child.
Grant us the grace to PRAY and ACT to end abortion.

Holy Family Vocation Ministry



“Prepare the way of the Lord” by listening to His invitation to serve Him and discern priesthood, diaconate, or religious life. Call Father Jason Hage (315) 470-1468, or write: vocations@syrdio.org.



The Knights of Columbus, Council 4114, is once again asking for your generosity and support for our educational lottery fundraiser. Unfortunately, we cannot be with you personally selling our tickets in the church because of the COVID19 Pandemic. We are asking for your help via the mail.

All proceeds go to support our local youth programs, catholic school education, seminarians, and other charitable activities.

If you would like to participate and have not received our tickets in the mail, please contact Tom Colabufo @ 315-487-8377. Our Lottery Fundraiser will begin on January 1, 2021. God Bless!

LOOKING FOR A VOLUNTEER COUNTER

Holy Family has counting teams who count and sort the collections for each week. They are made up of 4 teams of 4 people per team. Each team counts and sorts the collection money once a month. Generally the counting is done Monday morning at 10AM. Most of the time the teams are finished by 11:30AM.

We have the need for a new volunteer as two people have discontinued their service beginning in February. We have already got a replacement for one but need one more volunteer counter. If you are interested and could spare no more than two hours once a month, please call the office @ 315-488-3139 or email Dave Callahan at dave@holymfamilysyr.org.

Many thanks in advance,

Dave Callahan

Parish Business Administrator