



Dear Friends,

I want to be the first to wish you a Merry Christmas! I know that Christmas will be different for all of us this year, but it should not prevent us from celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ.

By way of reminder, Christmas Masses are Thursday, Dec. 24th – Christmas Eve, 4 PM (full), 6 PM (full), and 12 Midnight (nearly full). On Christmas Day, Friday, Dec. 25th at 7:30 AM (openings available) and 10:30 AM (openings available). **PLEASE PRE-REGISTER FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES.** As you can see the Christmas Eve 4 PM and 6 PM are full, we cannot accept any more people. There are still openings for the Midnight Mass and Christmas Day. To register, please visit our parish website at www.holyfamilysyr.org or call the parish office at (315)488-3139. **REGISTRATION ENDS MONDAY, DECEMBER 21.**

Once again, on behalf of the priests, deacons, religious sisters, and parish staff, I wish all of you a Merry Christmas. I pray that this Christmas gives us an opportunity to thank God for the greatest gift given to humanity – our Savior. May the Holy Family of Nazareth keep you and you loved ones safe, happy, and healthy at Christmas and always!

Blessings always,
Father Manno

CHRISTMAS MASS INFORMATION

Please be sure to arrive to the Mass you registered for a half hour before the Mass starts. It gives our safety team the opportunity to get people checked in and seated in a timely fashion. At the same time, it gives us the opportunity to ensure all safety protocols are followed and everyone is safe and healthy. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

HOPE APPEAL 2020

Currently, 491 families (roughly 16% of our parish) have contributed just over \$100,000 of the annual Hope Appeal goal of \$118,000. To date we have raised 85% of our goal. Thank you to all of the families who have given thus far. If you have not made your gift or pledge as of yet, please do so as soon as possible. The Hope Appeal ends on December 31 and we want to wrap up the campaign soon. Please remember, your gift to the Hope Appeal supports Catholic School tuition assistance, hospital and nursing home chaplains, Mass for shut-ins, pro-life activities, youth and young adult programs, Catholic Charities, food pantries, soup kitchens, and so much more. Your gift

to the appeal brings the presence of Christ and the church to so many people in our seven county Diocese. In addition, if we meet and exceed our goal, 100% of the overage comes back to Holy Family for needs. We have used the overage in the past to install our live stream video system, which has been a blessing during the pandemic. Once again, thank you for your generosity and support. God will bless us a hundredfold for our goodness.

CHRISTMAS AND YEAREND GIVING

Holy Family relies on the generosity of its parishioners at Christmas and year end to meet the expenses of maintaining our buildings and grounds, operating our school, and continuing the many programs that help to build up the Kingdom of God in our parish. As always, thank you for remembering Holy Family in a special way at Christmastime and in your year-end giving, as it helps to ensure a strong parish community today and a vital community for future generations. God bless you for your many sacrifices made on behalf of Holy Family!

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 12 & 13 \$23,918.81

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



Mass Intentions 
 FOR THE WEEK

FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT

MONDAY, DECEMBER 21

6:45AM Lena Heifferon/Helen, Theresa & Robert

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22

9:00AM ANN: John Graham/Ed & Dotti Hetner

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23

6:45AM Mass for the People of the Parish

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24

4:00PM Rosina Spillet/Ed & Son, John

6:00PM John Neary/Ed & Matt Flavin

Lucille McCulley/Victor Raab

12:00 Midnight – Duane Olin/Outreach

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25

7:30AM Neal Quigley/Janet Munro

9:30AM Serge Desgardins/Karen Picioni

Grace Antonio/Jack Wall

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26

8:00AM Joseph Sgambuti/Mary Manno

4:00 PM John Naples/Susan Winks

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

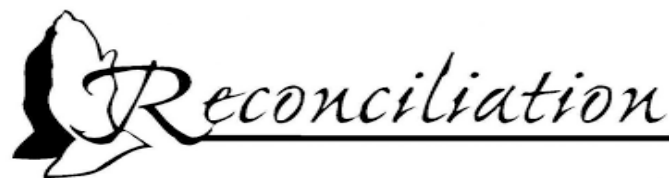
7:30AM Michael & Rose Baratta/Rosemary

10:30AM ANN: Eleanor McCarthy/Family

Steven Brunetta/Joan Nowicki

Phillip Annis/Fred

4:00 PM Frank Malara/Sister



THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU

DECEMBER 21

4 -7PM

THE CULTURE OF LIFE

God Himself was born as a child. The greatness of a person does not depend on size, for the newborn King is very small. Let us pray for an end to the destruction of God's tiny preborn babies by abortion. Let us remember that Jesus was our REDEEMER in the Womb.



Faith Formation: 315-488-5884

We wish all our students, parents and teachers a happy and blessed Christmas Season and a brighter 2021.

Stay safe!

Grades: K,1,3,4, & 5 Family Faith Night:

Mondays: 6:30 - 7pm

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

12/28 & 1/4: NO Family Faith Night.

Questions: Contact Denise:
denise@holysfamilyyr.org

EDGE: Grades 6, 7 & 8:

Mondays: 7:15 - 8pm

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

12/28 & 1/4: NO EDGE

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

First Communion: Grade 2:

Sundays: 9:30am

12/20: The First Christmas

12/27 & 1/3 – NO Classes

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

HOSPITALITY MINISTRY

MERRY CHRISTMAS WISHES TO OUR HOLY FAMILY!
HERE'S TO A HEALTHY, HAPPY normal 2021!

And, Happy Feast Day! What a gift we have in the family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph – they are models and treasures. Drawing closer to them during this pandemic is finding the source of joy. May you be blessed!



December 24 – Christmas Eve

Saturday, 4PM – Kathy Voorhees

6PM – Pat Brusa

Midnight – Kathy Kendrick

December 25 – Christmas Day

Sunday, 7:30 AM – Shelly Terzolo

10:30AM – Linda Vishnesky

December 26

4:00PM – Linda Vishnesky

December 27

7:30AM – Mary Ellen Byrne

10:30AM - Anne Milewski-Craner

4:00PM – Elizabeth Garn

GREENBACK WINNERS

#6302 - Patricia Snyder - \$100

#1359 - NOT SOLD!

\$900 Jackpot Next Week!

MUSICAL NOTES

Rob Morey, Director of Music

315-487-1737

music@holysfamilyyr.org

THIS WEEKEND

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

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

4:00 PM Holy Family Praise & Worship Band

CHRISTMAS EVE

4:00 PM Holy Family Praise & Worship Band

6:00 PM Kristy Morgan, Rob Morey, Gina Giufre, Nick Cantello

12:00 AM Rob Morey, Tony Alvaro, Nick Cantello

CHRISTMAS DAY

10:30AM Camryn Cortez, Rob Morey, Gina Giufre, Alexa & McKensie Robbins

NEXT WEEKEND

SATURDAY

4:00 PM Gabriella Giacoveli, Rob Morey, Christine Camuglia

SUNDAY

10:30AM Camryn Cortez, Rob Morey, Tony Alvaro

4:00 PM Holy Family Praise & Worship Band

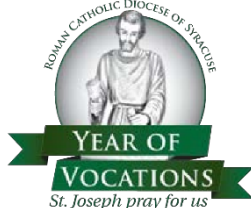
PLEASE PRAY FOR

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, Ida Neshewait, Frank Locurcio.

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.

Holy Family Church Vocation Ministry



Dear Parishioners,
Welcome to the Holy Family Vocation Ministry. Jesus often used rural farming images when speaking about vocations. In looking at promoting vocations, we use similar images. The goal of a Vocation Ministry is to create fertile soil for the Holy Spirit to plant seeds of holiness. The guiding scripture for our Vocation Ministry is "Some seed fell on rich soil and produced fruit yielding a thirty, sixty, and hundredfold." Mark 4:8.

We will prepare the soil for vocations in our parish with prayer, awareness, and education, especially for our youth, and affirmation of those already living their vocations. In time, this will bring about a vocation-friendly environment where the Holy Spirit will more easily speak to our parishioners. Like us on Facebook @ HFVocationMinistry In Him,
Dolores Grace and Steven Barlow
Directors of Holy Family Church Vocation Ministry



All high school age youth are invited to join us on Sunday, January 3rd from 5-6:30pm following the 4 P.M. Mass for our New Year kickoff celebration! Join us as we kickoff the new year for our high school youth ministry program! We will be meeting in the Holy Family School Gym - feel free to invite a friend.

Life Teen will be on "Christmas Break" from our regular Sunday meetings between now until our Sunday, January 3rd New Year Kickoff. We hope that these Sundays without our regularly scheduled Sunday Life Nights can be a great opportunity for the families of our young people to come together for some extra Sunday evening family time and fellowship. Holy Family Life Teen is so thankful for all of you parents and grandparents of kids who participate in our Life Teen youth ministry - thank you so much for your love and support of our parish's young people!

During Life Teen's Christmas Break from our Sunday schedule, there will still be Life Teen gatherings available during the week. On Mondays from 6-7:30 P.M. Life Teen will be having Open Gym Social Nights in the Holy Family Gymnasium, and on Wednesdays from 6-7pm we will be having "Power Hour" Bible Study & Prayer Ministry. We hope that all of our high school age youth feel welcome to come and join us on these nights to help continue to have our young people connected to each other and their faith during our Christmas Break from the regular Sunday Life Nights - feel free to invite a friend to these nights as well.

At all youth ministry activities all in attendance are required to wear a mask and follow the proper social distancing guidelines that have been directed to us to follow by the government and the Diocese of Syracuse. Thank you all for your support of these safety measures that help to ensure the safety of all those participating in our ministries.

God bless!

Memorial Update

The following Memorial Leaves were added to the Trees of Life the week of December 14th:

Michael Dean Spadaro	Leanne Spadaro Torrence
A very good Son	Gone but not forgotten,
Love and Miss you, Mom	Love Always, Mom

In Loving Memory of Helen Ponti



This year has truly created new and challenging experiences for most of us. However, there have been equally rewarding experiences. So many people have reached out to help others. This is truly evident in our Outreach Program. We have asked for assistance and have received it daily to help our clients.

You have stepped to the plate over and over again in ways to numerous to mention.

This week we would like to give a special thank you to Bishop Ludden and Split Rock Road Schools for their food drives that provided much needed items for the pantry. We thank Sister Beth Ann Dillon of Bishop Ludden, Sarah Capella, of Split Rock Elementary School, and the staffs, students, and families of both schools for their generosity.

We also thank our Holy Family School students for the beautiful Christmas cards that they drew! We have given them to our clients.

Thank you to all!
To reach us, please call 315-466-2885

Blessings,
Liz and Margo

Jacob Richard Williams child of
Patrick & Amanda Williams



Did you know?

Our small class sizes offer personalized attention, academic excellence, moral development, and life-long learning!

Bishop Ludden is one of only two schools in the Syracuse area to offer the International Baccalaureate (IB) programme. The IB programme is recognized as the worldwide gold standard of education, as it provides an academically challenging and balanced program of study.

An IB education and a Bishop Ludden diploma will prepare graduates to compete and excel in college and, more importantly, in a global society.

Participation in IB coursework gives a distinct advantage to students in the college admission process. Universities around the globe recognize the rigor and value of an IB education.

For more information, contact the Admissions Office at 315-579-0086 or email acoolican@syrdiocese.org. For interested students and families, please register for a shadow day a private tour, or schedule a virtual visit!

**2020-2021 LeMoyne College
CYO Scholarship**

For many years, LeMoyne College and the Catholic Youth Organizations have worked together to offer eight \$4,000 scholarships (\$1,000/year). These scholarships will be awarded to prospective LeMoyne students who have demonstrated leadership abilities and have performed outstanding service to their school, community and parish. Completed application packets must be returned to the Regional Chairperson NOT LeMoyne College, no later than January 1st, 2021. These packets may be picked up at the Pastoral Center of Holy Family. If you have any questions or concerns about this process, please do not hesitate to call 315-445-4300.