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Dear Friends,

Happy Feast Day! This weekend we celebrate the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph – our parish Feast Day! So, this is an opportunity to thank God for the gift and example of the Holy Family of Nazareth and to ask God to help our individual families and our family of faith (here at Holy Family Church) to grow in holiness. Let us be sure to keep that as part of our prayer intention this week...that our families will become holy families!

Secondly, I would like to offer a way for all of us to give witness to the Holy Family in our lives. If you are old enough, you may remember watching Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen on television. In 1952 the first season of “Life is Worth Living” aired. It was so successful, it continued for nine seasons. In any event, you may remember that the then Bishop Sheen would use the chalk board and the very first thing he would write is, “JMJ.” You may know this stands for “Jesus, Mary, and Joseph.” This is a custom that was used by many (even saints) to dedicate a book, letter, note, or any type of writing to the Holy Family. Not only it is a way of dedicating or offering up what we are writing to Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, it is a prayer in the sense that we are asking them for their help in our writings. In today’s world, I see it as a great tool for evangelization or bringing others to the Lord. Several weeks ago, I put that at the top of a letter that I sent to an organization. Not long after the letter was sent, a person from the organization called me and as we discussed the contents of my letter the person asked, “why is there a ‘JMJ’ at the top of your letter?” I explained what it was, and the person said that they had never heard of that custom and thought it was pretty neat. Perhaps, we could revive this custom and be more intentional in including it in our writings...on notes we send out, cards, maybe somewhere in our email, wherever we can include it, just to lovingly remind people of the blessings and graces we receive from the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph!

Happy Feast Day and Blessings Always,
Father Manno

The Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God

On Friday, January 1, 2021 we will celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. The Masses will be New Year’s Eve, Thursday, December 31 at 5:30 PM and on January 1, 2021 at 9 AM. Masses will be live streamed as well.

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.

PRAYER TO THE HOLY FAMILY

JESUS, Son of God and Son of Mary, bless our family. Graciously inspire in us the unity, peace, and mutual love that you found in your own family in the little town of Nazareth.

MARY, Mother of Jesus and Our Mother, nourish our family with your faith and your love. Keep us close to your Son, Jesus, in all our sorrows and joys.

JOSEPH, Foster-father to Jesus, guardian and spouse of Mary, keep our family safe from harm. Help us in all times of discouragement or anxiety.

HOLY FAMILY OF NAZARETH, make our family one with you. Help us to be instruments of peace. Grant that love, strengthened by grace, may prove mightier than all the weaknesses and trials through which our families sometimes pass. May we always have God at the center of our hearts and homes until we are all one family, happy and at peace in our true home with you. Amen.



**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 19 & 20 \$19,673.60

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

BEREAVEMENT

The way to Heaven may lie through the valley of the shadow of death, but the angels accompnay us all the way – and beyond is Heaven, our glorious home.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

John Hunter, Ella St. Denis

Mass Intentions 
 FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, DECEMBER 28

6:45AM Thomas Liggett, Jr./The Liggett Children

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29

9:00AM Edward & Irene Lonergan & Family/
 The Lonergan Family

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30

6:45AM Mass for the People of the Parish

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31

9:00AM Theresa Gesaroni/Niece
 5:30PM Barbara Scheaffer/Denise & Patti

FRIDAY, JANUARY 1, 2021

9:00 AM Antoinette & Victor Blair/Family
 Paul & Salvatore Cerullo/Family

SATURDAY, JANUARY 2

8:00AM First Saturday Mass League
 4:00 PM ANN: Joanne Dubar/Family

SUNDAY, JANUARY 3

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

7:30AM Carol Varre/Fred
 10:30AM Lucille McCullley/
 Karen O'Connell
 Edward Sheewchuk/Family
 Gilbert Devine/John Devine,
 Helen Hudden, Barbara Ann Wisneski
 4:00 PM (Living) Mary Susan Lundy & Children/
 Joseph Albino

THE CULTURE OF LIFE

Lord Jesus, we ask You to bless and protect the children who today are in their mother's womb. Save them from the danger of abortion. Give their mothers the grace to sacrifice themselves for the good of their children. Help all people to recognize in the preborn child a person saved by You, Our Redeemer.

Grant us the grace to PRAY and ACT to end abortion.



Faith Formation: 315-488-5884

We wish all our students, parents and teachers a happy and blessed and brighter 2021. Stay safe!

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

Mondays: 6:30 - 7pm

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

Questions: Contact Denise:
denise@holyfamilysyr.org

EDGE: Grades 6, 7 & 8:

Mondays: 7:15 - 8pm

12/28 & 1/4: NO EDGE

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

First Communion: Grade 2:

Sundays: 9:30am

12/27 & 1/3 – NO Classes

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



January 2 & 3
Saturday 4PM – Linda Vishnesky

Sunday 7:30 AM– Paul Morrell
 10:30AM - Christina Huddleston
 4:00PM – Eileen Mack



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

THIS WEEKEND
SATURDAY
4:00PM Gabriella Giacovelli, Rob Morey,
 Christine Camuglia

SUNDAY
10:30AM Camryn Cortez, Rob Morey, Tony Alvaro
4:00 PM Holy Family Praise & Worship Band

NEW YEAR'S EVE
5:30 PM Kristy Morgan, Nick Cantello

NEW YEARS DAY
9:00AM Kristy Morgan, Rob Morey, Gina Giufre

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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, 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!





Christmas celebrations were different from most of us this year. We hope that yours was filled with many blessings and the love of family and friends. As we move into 2021, we wish each and everyone of you a new year filled with hope and health.

Happy New Year and thank you for all that you do for the Outreach Program.

In response to your phone calls: ITEMS NEEDED FOR THE PANTRY ARE PERSONAL ITEMS: TOOTHPASTE, DEODORANT etc.

To contact us please call 315-466-2885. Again thank you for everything.

God bless all of you,
Liz and Margo



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!

“Whatsoever you do the least of my people you do unto me.”

If you know of any parishioners who are homebound and would like to receive the Eucharist, please call Sr. Ann at the Pastoral Center, 315-488-3139, ext. 107. Or, if you would like to use a little of your time by visiting some of our homebound parishioners, please call Sr. Ann.

GREENBACK WINNERS

#5817 – A. Verostek - \$100

#5074 – NOT SOLD

\$1,000 JACKPOT NEXT WEEK

CHRISTMAS BONUS DRAWING

#7035 –Jill Morton - \$1,000

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.