

*From the
Pastor's
Desk*



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Dear Friends,

Over the past several months, people have been asking me about the Equality Act and the Church’s reaction to Congress passing this piece of legislation. I would invite you to read the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops response to the Equality Act by going to usccb.org/equality-act. If you do not have access to the web, here is an excerpt from the USCCB website:

“Human dignity is central to what we believe as Catholics. Every person is made in the image of God and should be treated accordingly, with respect and compassion. That means we need to honor every person’s right to be free of unjust discrimination. The Equality Act purports to protect people experiencing same-sex attraction or gender discordance from unjust discrimination. Although this is a worthy purpose, the Equality Act does not serve it. And instead of respecting differences in beliefs about marriage and sexuality, the Equality Act discriminates against people of faith precisely because of those beliefs. In the process, the Equality Act codifies the new ideology of “gender” in federal law, dismissing sexual difference and falsely presenting “gender” as only a social construct.

The Equality Act:

- *exempts itself from the bipartisan Religious Freedom Restoration Act, in an explicit and unprecedented departure from one of America’s founding principles, thereby infringing on religious freedom and making it more difficult for individuals to live out their faith*
- *forces religiously operated spaces and establishments, such as church halls, to either host functions that violate their beliefs or close their doors to their communities*
- *requires women to compete against men and boys in sports, and to share locker rooms and shower facilities with men and boys*
- *forces faith-based charities that serve all people to violate their religious beliefs, and threatens the welfare of thousands of beneficiaries of charitable services such as shelters and foster care agencies, by forcing a multitude of them to be shut down*
- *jeopardizes existing prohibitions on the use of federal taxpayer funds for abortion, likely pressuring or even*

mandating the performance of abortions by health care providers in violation of their consciences, and ultimately ending more human lives.

- *Hinders quality health care, by forcing health care professionals, against their best medical judgment, to support treatments and procedures associated with “gender transition.”*

The Catholic Church is the largest non-governmental provider of human services in the United States, helping millions of Americans in need through its parishes, schools, hospitals, shelters, legal clinics, food banks, and charities. Our core beliefs about the dignity of the human person and the wisdom of God’s design motivate both our positions on marriage, life, and sexuality, and our call to serve those most in need and the common good. By running roughshod over religious liberty, the Equality Act directly undermines the Church’s ability to fulfill that call. United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

Again, I invite you and encourage you to review the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops website for more information and how you can contact your elected officials to oppose the Act. Here are some additional links that provide information regarding the Equality Act:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZxWDY7EXh54> (video - Equality Act and What it Means for Catholics),

<https://www.osvnews.com/2021/03/25/stand-up-against-unjust-discrimination-oppose-the-equality-act/> (article by Cardinal Dolan). notaxpayerabortion.com, and there are a host of other places and sources that give information on the Equality Act. It is important that we are informed, it is important that we understand why the Church is taking the stance that it is taking, and it is important that we can articulate our faith in such a way that allows us to give witness to Christ.

**Blessings always,
Father Manno**

**Holy
Hour**

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH
EVERY 2ND & 4TH WEDNESDAY
OF THE MONTH
7 -8PM

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS

May 2 & 3 \$23,461.18

Please consider making a lasting gift through:

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Mass Schedule

SIXTH WEEK OF EASTER

MONDAY, MAY 10

6:45AM Sr. Teresa Marra/D.S.M.P.'s

TUESDAY, MAY 11

9:00AM Ernie Osier/Family

WEDNESDAY, MAY 12

6:45AM Mass for the People of Holy Family

5:30PM Kathy Papa/Ted & Rosemary Smith

THURSDAY, MAY 13

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

6:30AM Mike Steves/Marie Brennan

9:00AM ANN: Cornelius "Neal" Quigley/Victoria

FRIDAY, MAY 14

9:00AM Ciacamella, Filomena/The Spicciati Family

SATURDAY, MAY 15

8:00AM Jeanne M. Ryan/The Fitzgerald Family

4:00PM In Honor of Our Lord's Agonizing Suffering
in the Garden of Gethsemane/Joe Albino

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

SUNDAY, MAY 9

7:30AM Anthony Gentile/
Genny, Frank & Liz Lostumbo

9:00AM ANN: Richard Raymond/Family

10:30AM Dave Tucker/
Lonell, Bob & Danny O'Donnel

Pauline Morton/Ben & Patti Davis

4:00 PM Pat Simiele/Vince & Maria Ponza



MUSICAL NOTES

Rob Morey, Director of Music

315-487-1737

music@holysfamily.org

THIS WEEKEND

Saturday

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

Sunday

9:00 AM Kristy Morgan, Rob Morey, Tony Alvaro

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

4:00PM Holy Family Praise & Worship Band

NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday

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

Sunday

9:00AM Camryn Cortez, Rob Morey, Tony Alvaro

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

4:00PM Holy Family Praise & Worship Band



Liturgical Ministers MAY 15 & 16

LECTORS:

Saturday

4:00PM – Kathleen Alpha

Sunday

7:30AM – Ellen McCauley

9:00AM – Shelly Terzolo

10:30AM – Mary Fangio

4:00PM – Ellen Mack

ALTAR SERVERS:

Saturday

4:00PM – Liam Harty

Sunday

7:30AM – Katie Brusa

9:00AM - Aiden Bishop

10:30AM – Isabella Apps, Roberto & Mia Scutari

4:00PM – Zachariah Straight



Holy Baptism

Catherine Connell child of
Justin & Heather Connell
Legasi Alexander St. Louis child of
Jason Irvine & Lacey St. Louis

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

The Ascension of the Lord

Thursday May 13

Mass schedule

Wednesday, 5/12 @ 5:30PM – VIGIL

Thursday, 5/13 @ 6:45 & 9AM

If you would like to return to your ministry, contact Kris McGuire at the Pastoral Center to be placed back on the list! Thank You!



We have a responsibility to the next generation to give them every opportunity to succeed — which in turn will strengthen our communities and our country. That's why feeding children facing hunger is a main priority and your help allows us to do this in our community.

Often times the children of our program are in the car when we are placing groceries in their vehicle. When you look in their eyes and see the gratitude, it's priceless.

Thank you!

ITEMS NEEDED FOR THE PANTRY:
TOOTHPASTE, TOOTHBRUSHES

To contact us, please call 315-466-2885.
Blessings,
Liz and Margo

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Dr. Joseph Thornton, Marie Wing, Ed Campagna, Hank Smith, Gabe, Tatum Foster, Cathy Hubert, Kenneth Wood, Joseph Mandolfo, Mary Barrett LaPoint, Mary Cook, Marjorie Gotch, Camryn Scott, Maureen Connelly, Neal & Rosemary Devine, Jeremy Robbins, Joan Mastry, Nasir Abubakar, Luka Zagata, Frank Cantello, Yvonne Cesta, Mike Kelly, Alice LaFountain, Carl & Jo-Ann Paulson, Lori DeCola, Carrie Fuller, Barbara Olin, Ida Neshewait, David Iauco, Art Grady, Lauri Siniscarco, Lisa Maestri, Emily Murphy, Marjorie Gotch, Michael Pinkasiewicz, Dick & Paula Simiele, Tony Sardino, Felicia Sieklucki, Tom Kehoskie.

**The Better We Know Mary,
The Better We Will Know Her Son**

Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother is an extraordinary pilgrimage that reveals Mary's unique role in God's kingdom and in our lives. Filmed on location in the Holy Land, Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother will place you in the midst of the powerful drama of her earthly life, taking you through her joys ... and her sorrows. You will learn how she works in our lives today, drawing us ever closer to her divine Son. Seeing Mary in this way will change you forever. Mary will become a part of your daily life, and in your daily life, you will become more like Christ.

Sessions: NOW thru June 3, 2021, 7:00-8:30 P.M.,
ZOOM format 30-Minute Videos that follow each class to be viewed on your own.

Please send Barb Parkes an email to be added to our ZOOM meeting invite! bjparkes4@verizon.net

<https://ascensionpress.com/collections/mary-a-biblical-walk-with-the-blessed-mother>

SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING

The complete schedule of available training sessions and registration links can be found on the diocesan Safe Environment

page: <https://syracusediocese.org/safe-environment/>

Please note: Safe Environment Training will be on hiatus from June 25th through July 18th. Sessions will resume the week of July 19th.

EPDR (Re-certification) Training:

- Thursday, June 10, 2021 10:00am - 11:30am (Registration closes on Thursday, June 3rd at Noon)
- Wednesday, June 23, 2021 6:00pm - 7:30pm (Registration closes on Wednesday, June 16th at Noon)

Pre-registration is required for these sessions. Sessions are limited to 25 participants on a first-come, first-serve basis. (The training schedule is updated regularly with additional dates and times.) Registration for training sessions will close 5 (five) business days before the date of the training session to ensure that training materials reach participants' homes ahead of their training date and time.



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TUESDAY, MAY 11

11AM – 6:00PM

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH PARKING LOT

To call and place orders until 4, please call
607-753-9184 ext. 2.

New Bible Study

Jesus: The Way, the Truth, and the Life is a ten-week study program presented by Marcellino D'Ambrosio, Jeff Cavins, and Edward Sri. Presented by Ascension Press, it is filmed on-location in the Holy Land and anchored in the life of Christ as presented in the Gospels. This study explores the entirety of Jesus' life—who he is, what he is really like, what he taught, what he did for our salvation, and what all of this means for us as Catholics today. This is a second presentation of a very popular study presented earlier this year!

10 Sessions: NOW – July 1, 2021, 9:00 – 11:00 A.M., ZOOM format. Study preparation each week includes 30 minute online video to be viewed prior to session. For more information or to be added to our ZOOM meeting invite, email Laurie Theurer at k.l.theurer@gmail.com. Study materials required is called "Study Set" and may be purchased at <https://ascensionpress.com/collections/jesus-way-truth-and-life>

HOLY FAMILY GOLF LEAGUE

May 3, 2021 – Nine players hit under 40 in the official season opener on the Front 9 at West Hill, led by Mark Lounsbury and Tom Hayden with a 33 followed by Steve Barone with a gross of 34. Mark also had low net with a 27, followed by Steve Barone, Ken Coon and Tom Hayden with a net 28. Team #5 led by Tim Donigan and Steve Germano has the early team lead with 7 points using the new best ball net format. The skin's winners with deuces were Jim Flattery (Hole #6) and Steve Barone (Hole #9) and Tom Cunningham with a par on Hole #3.

BEREAVEMENT

"Let God be God, therein lies the secret to the peace that transcends understanding."

May They Rest In Peace

Ann Clancy

Gelsomino Venditti

Joanne Williams

Alice Davern

**ATTENTION PARISHIONERS
THE PASTORAL CENTER
WILL BE CLOSED
THURSDAY, MAY 13.**



**HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL
CHICKEN BBQ
FUNDRAISER**

SUNDAY, MAY 16TH

11:30AM - 2:30PM

**GRAB & GO IN PARKING LOT
FOOD BY**

**SCOTTY'S SMOKEHOUSE BAR-B-QUE
½ CHICKEN SALT POTATOES &
HOMEMADE SLAW FOR JUST \$12**

**To order call 315-487-8515 or send in to school.
Give your full name and the number of dinners.**

**Pre-order/payonly. Cash or checks made to:
Holy Family School**

**Orders must be received by Friday, May 14th
SUPER RAFFLE TICKETS ALSO AVAILABLE
HERE!**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MONDAY 5/10

5:00 – 6:30PM Confessions & Exposition- Church

TUESDAY – 5/11

11AM – 7PM Doug's Fish Fry Fundraiser

WEDNESDAY – 5/12

5:30PM Vigil Mass for Ascension

8:00PM – AA - Church

THURSDAY- 5/13

9:00-10:00AM Virtual Bible Study –
Gospel of John

7:00 -8:00PM –Virtual Study of Mary,
The Blessed Mother

7:00PM Knights of Columbus - Hall

FRIDAY- 5/14 Have a Blessed Weekend!

SATURDAY – 5/15

7:00 -8:00AM – Men's Prayer Group – Church

SUNDAY – 5/16

11:30AM - 2:30PM - Scotty's BBQ Fundraiser
for school – Church Parking Lot

1:00PM - Blessing of the Bikes- Parking Lot

5:00- 6:00PM - Life Teen – Church Hall

Holy Family Church Rosary Society Meeting

Tuesday, May 18 @ 7PM

What is the Rosary Society?

The Rosary Society is a group of parishioners that honor the Blessed Mother by coming together in a loving, spiritual, and social environment. It is open to all people of the parish.

What does the Rosary Society do?

The Rosary Society meets monthly to pray the Rosary and provide spiritual reflection opportunities to its members.

Join us!

All news/updates for The Rosary Society will be posted in the weekly church bulletin and sent to those members who provide an E-mail address.

Online sign up is at this link

<https://bit.ly/RosarySignup>

For more information or questions, please contact.

Steven Barlow @ stevebarlow@holyfamilysyr.org

Holy Family ALL Vocations Ministry

Happy Mother's Day to all women who are graciously fulfilling their vocation of motherhood!

NFP Family Rosary

Join families across the Diocese of Syracuse to pray the rosary for our clergy and religious and for an increase in Vocations. The Family Rosary will be on **Saturday, May 22nd at 10 am on Zoom**. We will pray together, share encouragement, and provide fun gift bags filled with treats and children's crafts to help follow along. **Register by May 14th** to receive your gift package: [nfp family rosary.eventbrite.com](https://rosary.eventbrite.com). For more information, please contact (315) 472-6754 Ext. 6 OR email nfp@syrdio.org

Virtual Date Night - May 15, 2021

"Let It Bloom - Beauty in our Marriage" Join other couples for some time to reconnect. With hosts Chris & Linda Padgett, international speakers and authors who share their marriage journey in a fun, relevant, relatable way! Register for May 15th at syrdiodatenight.eventbrite.com. This event runs the third Saturday of every month- block the date on your calendar! Questions? Contact the Office of Family/Respect Life at familyrespectlife@syrdio.org (315)472-6754 ext.2.

The Third Option

Come learn how! A Program to build better marriages.

Upcoming Schedule: **May 16, May 30, June 6**. All are welcome. Contact Stephanie Stewart for more information or to join the meeting at sstewart@syrdio.org or (315) 472-6728.

FIAT!

Are you a woman between the ages of 18 – 40 discerning a vocation, whether to marriage or consecrated life? *Fiat!* is a group of ladies on any stage in their discernment journey who meet on a monthly basis via Zoom for fellowship, prayer, and discussion centered on discernment. Please contact the Vocations Office at Vocations@syrdio.org

Vocations to Ordained and Consecrated Life- John 15: 9 - 17 "It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you . . . this I command you: love one another." Where is God calling you right now in your life? Call Fr. Jason Hage 315-470-1468, or write vocations@syrdio.org.

Like and Follow our "Holy Family Vocation Ministry" Facebook Page! Contact Laurie Theurer at 315-488-8010 if interested in assisting Holy Family Church with promoting vocations!



Joseph's House

Joseph's House for Women is holding a Golf Ball Drop Raffle on June 14th, 2021 sponsored by Harty Construction! \$25 for 1 Golf Ball or 5 for \$100 (more options on line). Enter for your chance to win up to \$2,500 and support the women and children at Joseph's House! This non-profit organization serves pregnant and parenting women who are experiencing homelessness in central New York. Purchase your chance to win www.jhfw.org/golf-ball-drop or mail in your payment to: Joseph's House, 802 Court Street, Syracuse, N.Y. 13208 and mark in the memo *Golf Ball Drop*. Visit www.jhfw.org for more info.