

*Pastor's Notes*

While all public Masses are suspended for the time being, please visit [www.holyfamilysyr.org](http://www.holyfamilysyr.org) to watch the live stream of our Masses at Holy Family.

**The church will be open from 12 – 2PM daily!**

**Mass Times This Week:**

Daily Mass – Monday through Saturday 8 AM followed by the Rosary.

Sunday Mass – 9AM

Please consider giving your weekly contribution to Holy Family Church so we can continue to maintain all that we offer as a parish family. Your weekly generosity helps us to maintain our technologies while we cannot be in church, maintain our buildings and grounds, pay our gas and electric bills, pay our support staffing, run our food pantry, and so much more. You can mail your weekly contributions to the parish office at: Holy Family Church, 127 Chapel Drive, Syracuse, New York 13219, drop in the mail box in front of the Parish Center or you can give electronically by going online at [www.holyfamilysyr.org](http://www.holyfamilysyr.org). Just follow the instructions at the top of our parish website to do online giving. Thank you so much for your ongoing support at this time.

**WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS**

April 25 & 26	\$18,715.44
Last Year	\$ 24,611.62

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

**A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE:**

In today's gospel Jesus tells us, HE IS THE WAY and warns anyone who offers "another way" to happiness is "a thief and a bandit." Strong words! Don't listen to the sales pitch of society for happiness. Look to yourself where God is present and "calls you by name and leads you to abundant life."



Registration has begun for the school year 2020-2021 for grades Nursery (3 year old program); PreK (4 year old program) and Kindergarten – Grade 6. Requirements: Birth Certificate, Baptismal Certificate (if applies); Immunization Record and \$50.00 non-refundable registration fee.

**MUSICAL NOTES**



**THIS SUNDAY**

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

**NEXT SUNDAY**

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

**Holy Baptism**

**James Joachim Clark child of Zachariah & Elizabeth Clark**



**Mass  
Schedule**

**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, Lucille McCulley, Kenneth Wood, Joseph Mandolfo, Mary Barrett LaPoint, Dorothy Webster, Dotty Roulston, Rosemary Baratta, Mary Cook, Marjorie Gotch, Frank Cantello, Neal Quigley, Shirlee Carolin, Jack Mulholland, Kathie Bone, John Neary, Nellie Neary, Mary "Kathy" Staffa, Camryn Scott, Rebecca Verrillo, Giselda Masella, Dave Tucker, Alice LaFountain, Teresa Hart, Ellen Hart, JoAnne Hart, Robin DeMarco, Janet Neil, Ray & Rose Ann Larson, William Hart, Maureen Connelly, Robert Hutchinson, Neal & Rosemary Devine, Marlene Claps, Jeremy Robbins, Kayley Morgan, Donna Romano, Nicholas Eye, M. Davis, Dolores Rozzano, Yvonne Cesta.

**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.

**Rosary @ 8:35AM Tuesday, Thursday & Friday  
Divine Mercy Chaplet ~ Everyday @ 3:00PM ~ MPR**

**FOURTH WEEK OF EASTER**

**MONDAY, MAY 4**

8:00AM Leo O'Connell/Kathleen O'Connell

**TUESDAY, MAY 5**

8:00AM Anita Hogan/Merilee Palerino

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 6**

8:00AM Movement of Contrition for all sins committed against Christ's Priesthood

**THURSDAY, MAY 7**

8:00AM Jane Daino/Kathy

**FRIDAY, MAY 8**

8:00AM Mass for the People of the Parish

**SATURDAY, MAY 9**

8:00 AM Mary Elizabeth O'Brien/Ann Fesler

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**SUNDAY, MAY 10**

9:00 AM John Krupka/Ben & Patricia Davis  
Deceased Members of the Domres Family  
ANN: Vera Welsh/Laura Welsh  
Joseph Bader/John & Judy Darwish  
The Feeney-Scheutzow Family/Family  
Ethel Menard/Gail Petarys

**BEREAVEMENT**

*Faith is determining to trust God when He has not answered all the questions or even assured a pain-free passage.*

**MAY THEY REST IN PEACE**

Marion Wierowski, Paul Moseuk,  
Matthew Cerio, Zechariah Isaac Brown, Jr.  
Mary Margaret Schneider, Kay Jarvi – Bill's Mom

**Upcoming Live stream events with Bishop Lucia:**

Will appear on the diocesan youtube channel:  
<https://www.youtube.com/user/syrdio>

Daily Mass at noon - weekdays (continues)  
Thursdays of May: 7, 14, 21, 28 - 7pm recitation and brief catechesis on the Rosary



Thank you for continuing to help our Outreach Program. Our modified program is working well for clients. If you are interested in dropping off items for the pantry, please call 315-466-2885 to contact us. At this time, we are meeting people outside and collecting donating items by appointment only.

ITEMS NEEDED FOR THE PANTRY  
BOXED POTATOES, CRACKERS, LAUNDRY  
DETERGENT, PERSONAL ITEMS (SOAP,  
TOOTHPASTE, TOOTHBURSHES, DEODORANT)

ANY MONETARY DONATIONS WILL BE USED TO  
PURCHASE NEEDED ITEMS

Our prayers continue for our clients, you, and your families. STAY WELL!

Blessings,  
Liz Marrassese and Margo Dyer

**REFLECTION**

How many of us have delighted in receiving the forgiveness of our sins in the Sacrament of Confession? How many of us, in this Sacrament, have experienced joy and peace and strength for the struggle that can often characterize our journey of life and faith? I know that when I have been blessed to celebrate this Sacrament, that I have been many times refueled for the spiritual journey with Christ!

In these days, due to necessary social distancing, and because of the needful precautions put in place for the safety of our people and of our priests, many of us are not able to physically celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Some of us may be concerned about how we can receive the Lord's forgiveness for our sins and failures in times like these.

The ever-resourceful Lord and His Church have given us the opportunity to still receive his pardon for our sins when we are not able to go to Confession physically. This is called perfect contrition.

In this form of being sorry for our sins, we try to be sorry (as best we can) for our sins because of love for the God that we have damaged our friendship with because of our faults. In this form of contrition, we resolve to try and go to confession when we can when opportunities for physical celebration of the Sacrament become more readily available. This is more than what is called attrition or imperfect contrition (which is sorrow for our sins due to fear of hell or because of the shame or ugliness of sin, which suffices for ordinary celebration of Reconciliation). We may be beating ourselves up over the head with trying to figure out if our contrition is perfect or not. Jesus invites us to trust in Him, to know that Our God is not a God Who stands over us and is a counter of our misdeeds. Our God is ever ready to forgive us. Our God of Mercy and His Church of Mercy are there for us, and they know better than anyone else the mixed motives that we have in our life. The important thing for you and for me is to try and allow ourselves to be moved by Christ's grace and to be sorry for our sins most of all because of having offended the God Who loves us.

This is reflected in the most popular text of the Act of Contrition. It goes like this: "O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee, and I detest all my sins because I dread the loss of Heaven and the pains of hell, but most of all because they have offended Thee, my God, Who art all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve, with the

help of Thy grace, to confess my sins, to do penance, and to amend my life. Amen." In the first section (up to "the pains of hell") we see imperfect contrition, but in the rest of the prayer we see a movement toward perfect contrition. I find this prayer helpful, and I typically pray it every day before I go to bed.

In the meantime, let us trust in our ever resourceful Redeemer, who never tires of forgiving us. And may we pray that this pandemic will pass soon, so that our Churches will be open, and so that we can avail ourselves of the Sacrament of Reconciliation more often.

May God bless you and Mary keep you!

Peace,  
Dcn. Mal

### **A Prayer to Combat the Coronavirus Pandemic**

Most merciful and Triune God,  
We come to you in our weakness.  
We come to you in our fear.

We come to you with trust  
For you alone are our hope.  
We place before you the disease present in our world.  
We turn to you in our time of need.

Bring wisdom to doctors.  
Give understanding to scientists.  
Endow caregivers with compassion and generosity.  
Bring healing to those who are ill.  
Protect those who are most at risk.  
Give comfort to those who have lost a loved one.  
Welcome those who have died into your eternal home.

Stabilize our communities.  
Unite us in our compassion.  
Remove all fear from our hearts.  
Fill us with confidence in your care.

Jesus, I trust in you.  
Jesus, I trust in you.  
Jesus, I trust in you.  
Amen.

Dear Holy Family Parishioners and Friends,

Greetings from Holy Family Church! I hope this email finds you well and in good health. Please pray for all of those who are sick from COVID-19 that they will recover quickly. It is important that we pray for all of the medical professionals. I love seeing the signs in front of homes that read, "A hero lives here." They certainly are heroes! Please pray too for all who have died and their families. May they know eternal rest and peace. Let's ask God to watch over all of us and protect us from this virus.

**Just a reminder...**

The church is open daily from 12 noon to 2 PM. Please remember to wear a mask while you are in church. Daily Mass is live streamed Monday through Saturday at 8 AM. Sunday Mass is live streamed at 9 AM.

Construction has resumed on our new parish rectory. All of the contractors working on the house have to maintain social distancing protocols and so on. The contractors are now finishing the sheet rock which means it will then be painted and then all of the finish work will be done...finishing the electrical, HVAC system, floors, trims, interior doors, the kitchen, and bathrooms. Our main goal is to get into the new rectory so we can begin the process of tearing down the old one and then take on the massive work of redoing the entire parking lot. When you stop and think about it...with the renovations to the Shrine in 2015, the Pastoral Center (Parish Offices) in 2017, and now the new rectory and parking lot in 2020 - in the past five years one half of our campus has been completely rehabbed. This is due to your generosity and goodness. Furthermore, it puts us on a firm foundation as we go forward. I cannot thank you enough for your great generosity for all that we do at Holy Family.

Even though the school kids are not in school at Holy Family School, our teachers are doing a great job of providing for them by way of distance learning. I am so proud and impressed of what our teachers are able to accomplish and they deserve our gratitude and praise as do all of the teachers at our public schools. I taught for one year at Bishop Grimes High School and there I recognized that God is not calling me to be a teacher and, the profession of teaching, is a true calling. Teachers want to be with their students and this is a difficult time for them, but through the gift of technology they are able to do great things. To all the parents who are at home helping to school the kids - God bless you for being there for your kids and helping them to succeed in their studies. Your hard work now will persevere in the long run.

I am so proud of all of the medical professionals in our parish. I pray for you daily. We have EMT's, doctors, nurses, and various hospital and nursing home employees. I pray the Holy Spirit gives you the courage daily to carry out your work with love and compassion. Sr. Mary Lynn, who is the coordinator of our homebound and nursing home visits, went back to Chicago so she could utilize her nursing skills in the home

that the Daughters of St. Mary of Providence operate in Chicago. Sr. Mary Lynn is a registered nurse and she was needed to help provide care in Chicago and she returned. I am grateful for her witness. None of her patients have the coronavirus and I know Sr. Mary Lynn will do her best to keep them healthy. Please keep all of the medical professionals in your prayers.

As you know all things at the parish have been postponed...ordinations, first Communion, and Confirmation have all been postponed. I will let you know as soon as I know when these things will take place in the future. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we move through this pandemic.

Currently, we are planning for that day when we are told we can reopen. I know when that day comes we will have to practice social distancing in church. Everyone (families included) will have to sit six feet apart and in every other pew. I am sure face masks will be required. There will be no distribution of the cup for the congregation for a long time and the sign of peace for that matter. In an effort to protect our liturgical ministers we will probably have to reduce the number of people handing out Communion. We will have to use sanitizer on our hands and sanitize the church after every Mass. The priests/deacons will need to be protected too and, as a result, we probably won't be able to greet you before and after Mass. Again, we are in the planning stages. I must stress that I do not know when we will be allowed to open for Mass. Right now, we know it will be after May 15th. Other than that, I do not know. I just ask for your prayers and support. We will get through this and I cannot wait until that time.

Some have asked me about our weekly collections and how we are doing. For Easter we did the following...

**Easter 2020 \$19,207.00 - 2018 Easter \$31,562.76**

So we were down by \$12,355.76 in our Easter collection. Our weekly collections are down as well. As you can imagine, without a congregation present, collections have been down. I am respectfully asking that you continue your weekly offering to Holy Family Church. You can mail your offering to Holy Family Church, 127 Chapel Drive, Syracuse, New York 13219 or you can drop it off at the Parish Offices in the mailbox, which is a lock box. It is checked several times a day. If you wish you can go to our website, [www.holyfamilysyr.org](http://www.holyfamilysyr.org) and sign up for electronic giving. Your generosity at this time has been astounding. As I say, Holy Family is never outdone in its generosity. Thank you for all you do and continue to do for Holy Family Church! You are a blessing to me and to so many.

As always know of my love, prayers, and support. I miss all of you so much and I long for the day when Holy Family will be packed with people. Until that day, know that I am praying for you, your loved ones, and our entire parish family. I pray that God keeps us all safe, united in prayer and holiness, and that God will bring us together real soon.

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, pray for us. Blessings.  
Fr. Manno