

Dear Friends,

This weekend we begin the prayerful Season of Advent – these beautiful weeks that lead up to the birth of our Savior. The words of the Gospel are interesting this weekend. Jesus reminds us, “Be watchful! Be alert! ... Watch!” As I reflect on this particular passage and these words, I cannot help but think that “isn’t this what we have been doing the past 9 months?” Instead of using words like ‘Be watchful’ or ‘Be Alert’ or ‘Watch’ we have been using phrases like, ‘self-monitor’ or ‘wash your hands’ or ‘wear your mask’ or ‘don’t forget to sanitize.’ It seems like we are constantly checking ourselves and carrying out all that is asked of us to be sure that we are not manifesting symptoms of COVID. Perhaps, we have been living in a type of Advent during these days of pandemic...being watchful, being alert, self-monitoring and doing all we can to prevent the spread of the novel coronavirus. Hopefully, in following the wisdom of our Blessed Lord in the Gospel and the experiences of these past 9 months we have learned that valuable lesson, “you do not know when the Lord of the house is coming” so we have to be watchful, alert, on the watch, and even self-monitor and make sure we are ready, at all times, to meet the Lord. Advent is a holy season that takes on the theme of “preparation.” Advent is much more than a “preparation” for our Christmas celebrations. While that is part of it, the “preparation” that is spoken of is all about us asking ourselves, “Am I prepared to encounter and experience the Lord in this life and is the way I am living now preparing me to meet the Lord face to face in His heavenly Kingdom?” In other words, in our daily living, we should constantly engage in self-monitoring our thoughts, words, and actions to be sure they are Christ-like. If they are, thanks be to God. If not, Advent reminds us there is still time to change! I pray you and your loved ones have a blessed and holy Advent!

Blessings always,  
Father Manno

### Hope Appeal 2020

To all who have donated to the annual Hope Appeal to date, thank you so much for your generosity. Currently, 291 of 3,500 families have made a gift to the annual appeal. That’s just more than 12% of our parish supporting the appeal. As of today, we have raised just over \$62,000 of our parish goal of \$118,000. The Hope Appeal brings the presence of Jesus to so many throughout our seven county Diocese. The Hope Appeal supports vocations to the priesthood and religious life, Catholic Charities, Catholic School tuition assistance, Mass for shut-ins, hospital and nursing home chaplains, college chaplains, food pantries, soup kitchens, and so much more. Also, a gift to the Hope Appeal is a gift to Holy Family. If we exceed our goal, 100% of the overage comes back to the parish for our use. In addition, the Hope Appeal helps to subsidize our food pantry as we receive a grant every year that is used to help us by food for our pantry. Again, thank you for your generosity. To those who have not made a gift or pledge as of yet, please do so as soon as possible. Right now, 12% of our parish has contributed. Imagine if 50% or 60% or 70% of our parish supports the appeal. That would allow us to bring Jesus to so many people in our area. Thank you for your generosity and know that when we are generous to the Lord, HE repays us a hundredfold for our goodness.

### Attention Holiday Shoppers!



*You can make an impact while you shop for Black Friday deals.*

*Simply shop at  
[smile.amazon.com/ch/15-0543621](https://smile.amazon.com/ch/15-0543621)  
and AmazonSmile will donate to  
Holy Family Church, at no cost to you!*



**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](mailto:holyfamilyhomesandschool@gmail.com) or call the office at 315-487-8515**

**WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS**

Nov. 21 & 22 \$19,717.34

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

**BEREAVEMENT**

*Jesus gives us the ultimate rest, the confidence we need, to escape the frustration and chaos of the world around us. Rest in Him and don't worry about what lies ahead. Jesus Christ has already taken care of tomorrow.*

**MAY THEY REST IN PEACE**

John Moran Sr., Richard Guile, John Kupiec,  
 Janice Bonacci, Jeff's Mom



**FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT**

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30**

6:45AM Alfred Ineich/Niece

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1**

9:00AM ANN: Donald White/Carm – Wife

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2**

6:45AM Mass for the People of the Parish

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3**

9:00AM Helen Ann Lynch/

Frances Petrella & Family

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4**

9:00AM Todd Freeman/D.S.M.P.'s

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5**

8:00AM FIRST SATURDAY MASS LEAGUE

4:00PM Maureen Sheedy/

Gayle & Shoomaker Families

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6**

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

7:30AM Cornelius "Neal" Quigley/

The Franciscan Associates

8:45 AM Beverly Carpentier/

Shirley, Karen, Sue & Mary

10:30AM Janet Annis/Kris McGuire

12:15 PM Matthew & Catherine Kerwin/Family

4:00 PM Rose Malara/Daughter



**THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU  
 WEDNESDAYS DURING ADVENT**

**DECEMBER 2, 9 & 16**

**5 -6:30 PM**

**&**

**LAST MONDAY OF ADVENT**

**DECEMBER 21**

**4 -7PM**



Many of you are asking what you can do for the pantry. We are in need of canned fruits and vegetables. Some of you have asked about donating turkeys. We gave out the gift cards from Wegmans so that individual families can purchase turkeys if they choose. You were generous enough so that everyone received a gift for purchasing food in addition to all of the groceries that they normally receive.

We hope you all had a very blessed and happy Thanksgiving.

Blessings,

Liz and Margo

#### PRAYER CHAIN

PLEASE CALL REQUESTS TO JUDY SHANLEY AT 315-488-2487. FOR SURGERIES PLEASE CALL AT LEAST TWO WEEKS IN ADVANCE



Emerson Gray Motondo child of  
Paul & Taylor Montondo



### **Faith Formation: 315-488-5884**

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

**Mondays: 6:30 - 7pm**

**11/30:** No Family Faith Night

**12/7:** Father Malachi joins us again for another teaching on our Blessed Mother!

Questions: Contact Denise:  
[denise@holyfamilysyr.org](mailto:denise@holyfamilysyr.org)

#### **EDGE: Grades 6, 7 & 8:**

**Mondays: 7:15 - 8pm**

**11/30:** No EDGE

**12/7:** Join Vince & Patty for an amazing virtual fun-filled night of EDGE!!

Questions: Contact Vince & Patty:  
[edge@holyfamilysyr.org](mailto:edge@holyfamilysyr.org)

#### **First Communion: Grade 2:**

**Sundays: 9:30am**

**11/29:** No Class

**12/6:** "Your First Reconciliation" Pt 1

Questions: Contact Patty D'Angelo:  
[firstsacraments@holyfamilysyr.org](mailto:firstsacraments@holyfamilysyr.org)

#### **Confirmation: Grades 9 & 10:**

**12/6:** Grade 9 (C1): 10 - 11am

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

Questions: Contact Nick:  
[nick@holyfamilysyr.org](mailto:nick@holyfamilysyr.org)



Holy Family Presents Podcast recently released a series of three recorded talks from our Evangelize 2020 Retreat that took place at Holy Family a few weeks ago. In these talks, our speakers dove into what St. Simon of Cyrene, St. Mary Magdalene, and St. Peter teach us about being great evangelists in today's modern world. We hope that this series of talks can be enjoyed and encouraging for all of us in the parish to go out and be evangelist for Jesus Christ and His Church.

## MUSICAL NOTES



**Rob Morey, Director of Music**  
**315-487-1737**  
[music@holyfamilysyr.org](mailto:music@holyfamilysyr.org)

**THIS WEEKEND**

**SATURDAY**  
**4:00PM** Kristy Morgan, Rob Morey, Tony Alvaro

**SUNDAY**  
**10:30AM** Kristy Morgan, Rob Morey, Tony Alvaro  
**4:00 PM** Holy Family Praise & Worship Band

**NEXT WEEKEND**

**SATURDAY**  
**4:00 PM** Camryn Cortez, Rob Morey,  
 Christine Camuglia

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

### REGARDING NURSING & HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS


If you know of someone in a nursing home or that is homebound and would like to receive a card (thinking of you, get well, Christmas, etc.) please contact Laura at 315-487-6851.

### 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, Nellie Neary, 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.

***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.*



**December 5 & 6**  
 Saturday, 4PM – Joel Leite  
 Sunday, 7:30AM – Janice Bader  
 Sunday, 10:30AM – Anne Milewski-Craner  
 Sunday, 4:00 PM – Lisa Vignogna



Life Teen will be transitioning it's normally scheduled program to Sunday's immediately following the 4pm Mass from 5-6 P.M. in the Church. During Life Teen moving forward for the time being, we will not be serving food, and all programing will take place in the Church where we can follow proper social distancing guidelines. All high school teens are welcome to attend and invite their friends. All present must wear a mask in order to attend.

**GREENBACK WINNERS**  
 #1922 – Mary Plunkett - \$100  
 #3944 - NOT SOLD  
 \$600 Jackpot Next Week!



**ATTENTION CHRISTMAS MUSIC LOVERS!**

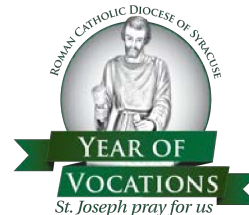
Mark your calendars for a great evening of Christmas and Advent music in anticipation of welcoming the baby Jesus. Join Holy Family Music Ministry in church on Friday, December 11, @ 7PM for this festive event. For those who prefer, the concert will also be live streamed for at-home viewing. You won't want to miss this seasonal celebration featuring our Praise & Worship Band and various guest artists.

**Jail Ministry and Christmas 2020...**

The year 2020 has been a challenging one for Jail Ministry as we try to help the incarcerated. We have been unable to make personal visits since March while recognizing that the issues that always exist are made even worse by the restrictions that have to exist in a building housing several hundred people. We are coping by keeping our phone lines open and visitor advocates are sending regular letters to as many as six individuals at once so that people don't feel abandoned. 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.

**HOLY FAMILY VOCATIONS MINISTRY**



Families have a special vocation - to witness and share faith with one another and the community. As a family, talk about how your family can recommit to daily prayer, reading Scripture, and staying faithful to God's commandments. Pray together that through this Advent season your family will be more prepared to receive Jesus when he comes again.