

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT– DECEMBER 13, 2015



Holy Family CHURCH OF THE

*We are a
Titling Parish*

Sunday Mass Schedule

Saturday 5:30 pm

Sunday 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 am, 12:00, 7:30 pm

Daily Mass Schedule

Monday-Friday 8:15 am, Saturday 8:15 am

OFFICE HOURS

The office will be open Monday-Thursday from 9:00
to 5:00 p.m., and Friday until 1:00.

1 Lloyd Avenue ~ Florham Park, New Jersey 07932
Phone 973-377-1817

Parish Directory



Rev. Frederick Walters, Pastor
 Rev. Thomas Rekiel, Temporary Administrator
 Rev. Philip-Michael Tangorra, Weekend Assistant
 Rev. Mr. Artur Zaba
 Deacon Peter M. Fiore
 Deacon William Ward, Retired
 Virginia Akhoury, Pastoral Minister
 Holy Family School Principal,
 Sister Ann Kavanagh, RDC
 Director of Religious Education, Anne Giedlinski
 Director of Music Ministry, Randy Hertzog
 Youth Minister, Jason Marx
 Parish Secretary, Barbara O'Connor
 Parish Secretary, Celeste Walsh

HOLY FAMILY PARISH *Welcomes* YOU & YOUR FAMILY

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CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST
SUNDAY

Saturday evening vigil: 5:30 PM
 Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, 10:30am and 12:00 and 7:30pm

WEEKDAYS

Monday through Friday: 8:15am, (12:10 During Lent)
 Saturdays throughout the year: 8:15am

HOLY DAYS

7:00pm the evening preceding
 7:30 and 9:00am and 12:10, 7:00 pm

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM - First, second, third and fourth Sundays of each month at 1:30pm. Baptism preparation for parents first Tuesday of the month. Phone rectory for details and information.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION - Saturdays, 4:30 to 5:15pm.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - Dr. McDowell Council - For information, call Charlie Pane 973-301-0753. For Hall rentals, call Ralph Aurilia at 973-301-0297.

PRO-LIFE MINISTRY - Frank and Barbara Tinari, 973-822-0084. Important Contact Information: *Crisis Pregnancy & Post Abortion Healing*-973-497-4350 or rileyche@rcan.org; *Crisis Pregnancy Helpline*-888-HOPE-4ME; *National Life Center*-800-848-LOVE; *Birthright*-800-550-4900; *Catholic Charities*-Pat Chiarello 201-246-7379; *Several Sources*-201-818-9033; *New Hope*-201-408-4726; *Good Counsel Home*-800-723-8331.

MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

Ralph Aurilia	973-951-6508
Bob McCoy	973-204-6049
Gene Miranda	973-583-2469
Roger Siara	973-822-1661

HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL - An environment for growth in faith, values and knowledge. PreK through 8th grade. For further information, please call the school office, 973-377-4181.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - A program of religious instruction for grades PreK through 8. Confirmation preparation for high school students. For further information, call the Religious Education Office, 973-377-3101.

SOCIAL MINISTRIES

Ministry to the Handicapped: Angela Landon, 973-765-0022
 Ministry to the Homebound: Ginny Akhoury, 973-377-2315
 Ministry to the Hungry: Anne Platoff, 973-822-0430
 Sharon Carr, 973-568-5932
 Hospital Visitation: Ginny Akhoury, 973-377-2315

ROSARIANS - Meet on the 2nd Tuesday of the Month, September through June, following the 8:15 morning mass.

FINANCE COUNCIL

Ralph Aurilia	973-951-6508
Bob Cottam	973-887-1232
*Anne Feith	973-966-1314
Peter Fiore	917-880-9601
*Bob McCoy	973-204-6049
Gene Miranda	973-583-2469
Michael Prokop	973-301-0678
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What is the presentation of the gifts?

The presentation of the gifts marks the beginning of the second major part of the Mass, the Liturgy of the Eucharist. This preparation also has been traditionally called the offertory, since the priest prepares the gifts to be offered. Despite the change in name, the essential idea and theology has remained unchanged.

The temptation here is to see the offertory as simply a transition between the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist. In reality, this step is essential theologically, and this is represented in the gestures and prayers that accompany the liturgical actions. It represents a shift in the emphasis in the Mass. In the Liturgy of the Word, we are nourished with the words of sacred Scripture, as well as giving glory to God through the readings, and are prepared to be nourished by the gift of the Eucharist.

What happens during the presentation of the gifts?

During the presentation of the gifts many things occur simultaneously: the presentation of the gifts, the preparation of the altar, the collection and the offertory song. At the presentation of the gifts, the faithful present the gifts of bread and wine to the priest, symbolizing an offering of creation and themselves back to the Father. This also gives an exterior sign of our internal offerings – we offer our prayers and ourselves in the same way that we offer these mere gifts of bread and wine, hoping that just as they are changed into the Body and Blood of Christ, so may we be transformed by his grace.

What should I do during the presentation of the gifts?

The faithful are given a moment to recollect themselves and prepare themselves interiorly for the sacrifice about to occur at the altar. This interior preparation should include a refocusing on the actions and prayers of the priest, but should also include an interior union with the offering itself so that we prepare to make a gift of ourselves to the Lord, offering ourselves to him as the bread is offered. This essential shift toward a focus on the sacrificial element of the Mass is embodied by the priest's own position in the sanctuary.

CONFESSION AND SICK CALLS

There will be Confessions on Monday, December 14 and December 21 from 7:00-8:00 pm or by appointment. If you would like a sick call before Christmas please call the rectory to make an appointment.

ADVENT GIVING TREE

There are baskets at the doors of the church filled with "ornaments" listing Christmas wishes. Please feel free to take an ornament, purchase the gift and bring it back to the church **unwrapped**. **Gifts must be returned to the church by Sunday, December 20th at 12:00 noon.**

Throughout the entirety of the Liturgy of the Eucharist (from the Preparation to the Communion of the Faithful), he stands centrally at the altar, functioning as priest, as one who offers sacrifice and as the father of a family at the family meal.

During the preparation of the altar, what is placed on the altar? What are the items used for?

The altar is also prepared in such a way that the chalices (vessels that are used to hold the wine), ciboria (vessels that are used to hold the hosts), purificators (linen clothes that are used to wipe away the excess Blood of Christ from the chalices), the corporal (the large, square linen that is placed on the altar and upon which the sacred vessels are placed that is used to catch all particles of Jesus Christ's Body that may fall), and the Roman Missal (the book with all of the prayers used during the Mass) are placed upon the altar.

Why are the sacred vessels made of precious metals?

The sacred vessels are to be made of precious metal in order that they may befit the dignity of that which they contain.

Why do we have a collection? What is the money used for?

A customary collection is made where the faithful are asked to present a monetary donation for the support of the church, both local and universal. These collections help the parish in its day-to-day operations, as well as to support the ministries of the parish, the archdiocese, and the church worldwide. This is also an ancient custom that took the form of the people giving portions of their crops or livestock to the church and the priest gift of self to the Lord. This serves the purpose of supporting the church, while also reminding us that everything that we have is a gift from God.

The collection usually is brought up by members of the community, expressing outwardly the gift of self on the part of the individual, but also the very vital role of the community in the liturgical worship. Accompanying all of this is a hymn or quiet music.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIALS The parish tradition of accepting donations for Christmas flowers in memory of deceased family and friends continues again this year. The memorial will be printed in the bulletin and all will be remembered in the Masses on Christmas

CENTERING PRAYER The Centering Prayer Group meets at 7:30 p.m. in the O'Connell Room (convent) on Monday nights. All are welcome.

ROSARY is prayed each day at 7:50 a.m. (before the 8:15 Mass). **MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA** is prayed on Mondays after the 8:15 a.m. Mass.

TITHING

This week's collection was \$10,359.00 (last year was \$9,812.00). On-line giving for November was \$9,895.50 (last year was \$11,054.50).

Thank you for sacrificing to help us meet our financial commitment. God bless you for your loving hearts.



- December 13 Bethlehem Wood Carvings: Church Hall
(after all masses)
CYO Basketball: Gym
- December 14 Confession: 7:00-8:00pm
Confirmation Class: Church Hall 7:00pm
Finance Meeting: Rectory 5:30pm
HFS Basketball: Gym 6:30-8:00pm
Men's BB: Gym 8:00-10:00pm
- December 15 HFS Basketball: Gym 6:30 pm
Bible Study: Church Hall 7:00pm
- December 16 CYO Basketball: Gym
- December 17 HFS Christmas Concert: Gym 7:00 pm
- December 18 HFS Basketball: Gym 6:30-8:00 pm
- December 19 CYO Basketball: Gym
- December 20 CYO Basketball: Gym
- December 21 Confession: 7:00-8:00pm
Bishop and Seminarian Christmas Dinner
In Church Hall
HFS Basketball: Gym 6:30-8:00 pm
Men's Basketball: Gym 8:00-10:00 pm
- December 22 Office Closes For Christmas
December 23-January 4
- December 23 Decorate Gym and Church for Christmas
6:00pm
- December 24 **Mass Schedule:** 4:00 pm Gym & Church,
6:30 & 10:00pm Church
- December 25 **Mass Schedule:** 7:30&10:30am&12:00pm
- December 27 Bishop Serratelli: 12:00pm Mass
- December 31 **Vigil Mass:** 5:30pm
- January 1 **Solemnity of Mary:** Masses 9:00am, 12:10pm

SUPPORT ELDERLY RELIGIOUS

A parishioner writes, "As a Catholic school student from grades K-12, I was formed to be the person I am by many religious brothers and sisters, and I am forever grateful." Show your appreciation for the senior Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests who made a positive difference in so many lives. Please give generously to next week's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious.

CHRISTMAS INVITATION "It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas" are not just words of a song as Christmas is in the air, the hallways, and on stage at Holy Family School. We are very happy to invite all parishioners to our dress rehearsal for the Christmas performance on Thursday, December 17 at 10 a.m. Please join us and celebrate with our school family the joy of Christmas. Refreshments will follow.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 14, 2015

8:15 - Anne Paccione

Tuesday, December 15, 2015

8:15 - Trudy Mulhall

- Robert T. Walsh (90th Birthday)

Wednesday, December 16, 2015

8:15 - Anna Prokop

Thursday, December 17, 2015

8:15 - John M. Fox, Sr.

- Carl Krah

- Gratitude for Prayers Offered
for Fr. Fred's Recovery

Friday, December 18, 2015

8:15 - John and Marie Carr

- Gratitude for Prayers Offered
for Fr. Fred's Recovery

Saturday, December 19, 2015

8:15 - Anna Prokop

5:30 - Margaret Farrell

- Mary and Patrick Yannotta

- Joseph DePalma

Sunday, December 20, 2015

7:30 - Carl Krah

- Dora Teta

9:00 - Christopher Mulhall

- Stanley Strand, 4th Anniversary

- Maria Tworek

- Joseph and Sabino Iandiorio

10:30 - Frank and Kay Powell

- Elizabeth Ryan

- Mary Shiviets

12:00 - Camilo Sanchez

- Mary LaPlace

7:30 - People of Holy Family Parish

THE SANCTUARY LAMP will burn in memory of Joanne Harm.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED Robert Nann, Robert Chapman, (father of Kim Chapman).



PRAY FOR THE SICK Please pray for our parishioners, relatives and friends who are ill: Alison Walters Soderburg, Brian Connolly, Fr. Fred, Peggy Steckert, Alyssa Blatt., Peggy Schneyer, John Mahoney, Kate Monteforte, John Schneyer, Linda Ryan, Stephen Matuszek, Christine Matuszek Bagniewski., Bernie Dorn, III, Carol Padden, Ramona Baumgaertner.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

those serving our country in the armed forces:

Major Timothy Renahan USA

Sgt. Jared K. Nucci, USA

Matthew Manzione, USA

AS1 Brian Schramm, USN

HT2 Thomas Dwyer ESWS, USN

HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL UPCOMING EVENTS

12/15- Boy's Varsity Basketball Game 6:30pm

12/17- 7:00 pm Christmas Concert

12/21- Students in grades Pre-K4-5 visit the
Nursing Homes

12/23 -8:15 am Mass

THE GIFT CARD PROGRAM is a year-long fundraiser that everyone can participate in and support Holy Family School. Simply purchase gift cards at face value to the stores where you shop and those stores give HFS money back. Please contact the school office, or Maggie Walsh 973-377-5029 or Marisela Marquez 973-845-2333.

***You Shop, We Wrap
& Wine Pull Raffle***



Let US wrap YOUR gifts!

*This time of year is so busy so leave the wrapping to us!
Drop off your unwrapped gifts and we will wrap them for you!
Pick them up later in the day wrapped and labeled.*

Gift cards will also be available for purchase!

Gift Wrapping Cost: Donations Accepted

Wine Pull Raffle: *Everyone wins a bottle of wine!*

Grand Prize bottle worth over \$100! Great last minute gifts!

Cost: \$20 a pull - Stop by and pull a bottle!

When: Sunday, December 20th, 10am-1pm
Where: Holy Family School Aftercare Room
17 Lloyd Avenue, Florham Park, NJ
(Behind Holy Family Church)

For more info, email: GinaMascolo@gmail.com

*Please note, that your gifts may not look exactly as pictured. We will try our best to make them as beautiful as possible! Thank you for your support. Holy Family School

Holy Family School

On Thursday, December 3rd, a young woman walked into our school office and scammed our gift card program out of \$2,900.00 in grocery store gift cards. She gave a very believable story that she was associated with a charitable organization that used the cards to help families in need during the Christmas season. We believe that this is not the first time she ran this scam. We have filed a police report and they are investigating.

The Scrip program works to help fund our school's yearly subsidy and runs on a very small surplus. This loss will have a major impact on how much stock we will be able to have on hand. Please be patient with us as we try to rebuild our surplus and work hard to restock our cards.

Unfortunately, due to the scam that resulted in the theft of grocery store Scrip, Holy Family Home and School will need to implement rules in regards to gift card purchases. These new guidelines will be effective as of December 7, 2015. Any order over \$500.00 by a person, who is not a school family or parishioner, will require a valid state driver's license, and a phone number written on the check as well as the verification of funds before the cards are given out. Also, we will not sell more than \$1,000.00 in gift cards to anyone unless it is done as a paid order, which will be placed once the check has cleared.

We are extremely grateful to everyone who supports our gift card program and we ask for patience and understanding. Thank you and keep us in mind while shopping this Christmas season.

Marisela Marquez
Holy Family HSA
Gift Card Coordinator

PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

O Jesus, I pray for Your faithful and fervent priests; for Your unfaithful and tepid priests; for Your priests laboring at home or abroad in distant mission fields; for Your tempted priests; for Your lonely and desolate priests; for Your young priests; for Your dying priests; for the sours of Your priests in purgatory.

But above all I recommend to You the priests dearest to me; the priest who baptized me; the priests who absolved me from my sins; the priest at whose Masses I assisted and who gave me Your body and blood in Holy Communion; the priests who taught and instructed me; all the priests to whom I am indebted in any other way. O Jesus, keep; them all close to Your heart, and bless them abundantly in time and in eternity, Amen.

PROLIFE NEWS

Please check out the new titles in the Right to Life pamphlet racks at the church doors. They include Roe plus 40; A Catholic response to the death penalty; Healing after abortion; and Explaining the reality of marriage to family and friends.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES Please help support our local programs by donations of clothing, shoes and household items in our donation bin located in the parking lot.

Please remember we are still collecting tabs for Ronald McDonald House. Thank you for your participation in this worthwhile cause.

Gifts from Bethlehem

Olivewood Handcrafted from the Holy Land

The olive wood carving market is the major source of income in the Bethlehem area. More than 65 percent of the income of the community in Bethlehem comes from this work. In recent years, however, the holy crafts trade has suffered many hardships and the Holy Land handicraft market is facing serious danger, and so is the Christian community in the Land. Sixty five years ago the Christians represented more than 28% of the total population in the Holy Land, today they are less than 1.5%. The loss of Christians in the land of Christianity's birth will represent a tragedy of immeasurable proportions for the billions of Christians worldwide. **We will be at Holy Family this weekend in the church hall after all masses.** Thank you for your vital support for a Christian tradition and in protecting this very important culture and industry.



Our next meeting will be January 5th at 9:30 at the home of Barbara Tinari, 17 Cathedral Ave. Newcomers are always welcome. For more information please call Barbara at 973-822-0084.



Thank you for your support of the Food Pantry. This weeks items are **cookies and crackers**. Please remember we cannot accept expired items. We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year. Sharon Carr, 973-568-5932, Anne Platoff, 973-822-0430.