

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT – DECEMBER 20, 2015



CHURCH OF THE

Holy Family

*We are a
Tithing 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
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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
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 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; *Birthingright*-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
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Here we are on the **last Sunday of Advent**, when the Church and the world prepares for the coming of Christ at Christmas. The schedule of Christmas liturgies is as follows:

- December 24 4:00 P.M. Church
- 4:00 P.M. Auditorium (Children’s Choir)
- 6:30 P.M. Church
- 9:30 P.M. Christmas Music by Holy Family Choir
- 10:00 P.M. Solemn Mass of Mid-Night

- December 25 7:30 A.M. Church
- 10:30 A.M. Church
- 12:00 P.M. Church

- December 27 Feast of the Holy Family, Bishop Serratelli will celebrate the 12:00 Mass. During the mass all married couples are invited to renew their wedding vows. After Mass all the new vestments and altar cloths will be on display in the church hall.

- December 31 5:30 P.M. Holyday Vigil Mass

- January 1 9:00 A.M. Holyday Mass, 12:10 P.M. Holyday Mass

- This Sunday, December 20, is the last opportunity to place gifts under the **Advent Giving Tree**. The last of the gifts will be sorted and delivered after the 12:00 Noon Mass this Sunday. Thank you to all who have so generously participated in this annual Holy Family outreach effort.
- This Tuesday, December 22, there will be Confessions from 7:00-8:00 PM.
- This Wednesday, December 23, we will be decorating the church, the gym and the outside property. We can always use help with this undertaking. We will begin at 6:00 PM

The **Christmas Collection** is a traditional time of special generosity to your parish, and it has become a major part of the parish budget for the year. Thank you in the midst of shaky economic times, for your Christmas donation to Holy Family. For those who contribute to Holy Family **on-line through Net Charge**, you can make your Christmas donation by clicking on the “Christmas Offertory” button on the website. For those who are interested in looking into donating on-line, please go to the Holy Family website www.holyfamilyfp.org and click the button for on-line giving.

- We want to thank all our parishioners for your continuing generosity to Holy Family Parish throughout this past year. We are only able to do the things the parish does, and offer the outreach that we do, because of the continued generosity of time, talent and treasure from all our parishioners.

We the Priests, Deacons and Staff wish you all a Blessed and Merry Christmas!



WEDDING VOW RENEWAL

All married couples are invited to renew their wedding vows on Sunday, December 27th at the 12:00 noon mass. Please call the rectory by Monday, December 21st to put your name and wedding date on the list.



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

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

Grace E. Mullen, (wife of John),
Alfred Maylaph, (brother of Judy Bischoff).

THE MARIAN CANDLE will burn in memory of
Eddie Mulligan.



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



- December 20 CYO Basketball: Gym
- December 21 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 Confessions: 7:00-8:00pm
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



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.

CONFESSION AND SICK CALLS

There will be Confessions on Tuesday, December 22, from 7:00-8:00 pm or by appointment. If you would like a sick call before Christmas please call the rectory.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 21, 2015

- 8:15 - Margaret Farrell
- Peter Brogan
- Rose Mary Charbonnet

Tuesday, December 22, 2015

- 8:15 - Charles Ryan
- Richard Satora

Wednesday, December 23, 2015

- 8:15 - Anna Prokop
- Carl Krah

Thursday, December 24, 2015

CHRISTMAS EVE

- 4:00pm - Andrew Picone
- Church* - Eddie Mulligan
- William Seery
- 4:00pm - Joseph and Concetta Russomando
- Gym* - Jerry Eagan
- Raymond Eagan, Sr.
- 6:30pm - James B. McCarthy, Sr.
- Church* - Agatha and Hugh Croghan
- Kathleen and Partick McCarthy
- 10:00pm - Mary and Patrick Yannotta
- Santillo Family
- Gene and Madeline Wizorek

Friday, December 25, 2015

CHRISTMAS DAY

- 7:30 - Carl Krah
- Helen and Micahel Autera
- The Krah Family
- 10:30 - Catherine and Furie Powell
- Thomas, Elizabeth and Dolores Ryan
- Gratitude for Prayers Offered For Fr. Fred's Recovery
- 12:00 - John and Josephine Bednarick
- Michael Brower
- Robert Nann

Saturday, December 26, 2015

- 8:15 -
- 5:30 - Anna Proiop
- Antoinette and James Romano
- Robert Harris

Sunday, December 27, 2015

- 7:30 - Katherine Lepore
- Carl Krah
- Anna Mancinelli
- 9:00 - Mary Shivietz
- Thomas Hoferer
- Joanne Harm
- 10:30 - In Thanksgiving
- Anthony, Joseph and Furie, Jr. Powell
- Catherine and Mary Seton Harkins
- Joseph Core, Jr.
- 12:00 - People of Holy Family Parish
- 7:30 -

HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL UPCOMING EVENTS

12/21- Students in grades Pre-K4-5 visit the
Nursing Homes to Sing Christmas Songs.

12/23 -8:15 am Mass
12:15 Dismissal

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

PREFACE

One part of Mass often overlooked is called the Preface Dialogue. It draws our attention to the high point of the Mass, the great Eucharistic Prayer. It's kind of like getting ready for a race: "On your mark, get set, go!"

Let's look at why the Preface Dialogue is so important.

God is a Trinity of Persons — Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Humanity was created in God's image, which is why God told Adam, "It is not good for the man to be alone" (Genesis 2:18).

But sin entered the picture, resulting in separation: Humans were cut off from God, and Adam and Eve covered themselves, hiding in shame from both God and each other.

The history of the Chosen People is the drama of the people drawing close to God, then falling back into separation — back and forth. Jesus became incarnate as part of this people in order to remedy this separation. Once and for all Jesus would definitely bring humans back to God and to each other.

On the night before he died, Jesus prayed that all his disciples may be one with each other and with the Father (John 17:21). And, when Jesus died, the veil in the Temple (that symbolized our separation from God) was torn from top to bottom. The Eucharist makes that sacrifice of Jesus present on the altar. Every element of the Mass aims at overcoming the separation that has plagued humanity since the beginning.

Liturgical dialogues — back-and-forth communication between priest and people — are distributed throughout the Mass: "The Lord be with you/And with your spirit," "The Gospel of the Lord/Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ," etc. The General Introduction to the Roman Missal no. 34 emphasizes their importance:

"Since the celebration of the Mass by its nature has a 'communitarian' character, both the dialogues between the priest and the assembled faithful, and the acclamations are of great significance; for they are not simply outward signs of communal celebration but foster and bring about communion between priest and people."

In other words, dialogues in Mass do two things: they bond the people with each other so they can pray together, and they bond the people to the priest when they all speak to him in unison. The unity of the mystical Body of Christ is both expressed and advanced by these dialogues.

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

Most dialogues contain two lines, but the Preface Dialogue at the beginning of the Eucharistic Prayer is three times as long. It's as though the liturgy is telling us, *"All along we've worked at praying in unison, but it's especially important now because we're beginning the most important part of the Mass."*

The General Instruction no. 78 put it this way:

"Now the center and high point of the entire celebration begins, namely, the Eucharistic Prayer itself, that is, the prayer of thanksgiving and sanctification. The priest calls upon the people to lift up their hearts toward the Lord in prayer and thanksgiving; he associates the people with himself in the Prayer that he addresses in the name of the entire community to God the Father through Jesus Christ in the Holy Spirit. Further-more, the meaning of this Prayer is that the whole congregation of the faithful joins with Christ in confessing the great deeds of God and in the offering of sacrifice."

In the new translation it will be prayed this way:

Priest: The Lord be with you.

(Latin: "Dominus vobiscum.")

People: And with your spirit.

("Et cum spiritu tuo.")

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

("Sursum corda.")

People: We lift them up to the Lord. *("Habemus ad Dominum.")*

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *("Gratias agamus Domino Deo nostro.")*

People: It is right and just.

("Dignum et iustum est.")

Priest: It is truly right and just . . . *("Dignum et iustum est . . .")*

The language of this dialogue is very ancient and hard to translate. The verb "lift up" is not in the Latin, but is presumed. "Sursum corda" means literally, "Hearts aloft!"

Similarly, the response "Habemus ad Dominum" means literally, "We hold toward the Lord." Does it mean, "We are lifting them up"?

The last line of the dialogue: "It is right and just," is echoed by the priest as he continues the rest of the preface. It is "right" to give thanks because that is why humans were created, and it is "just" because God deserves to be praised.

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.