

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT-NOVEMBER 27, 2016

ADVENT GIFTS FOR THE CHILDREN OF HOLY FAMILY PARISH



Holy Family CHURCH OF THE *We are a Tithing Parish*

Parish Directory

Mass Schedule

Rev. Thomas Rekiel, Administrator
Rev. Krzysztof Liwarski, Parochial Vicar
Rev. Frederick Walters, Pastor Emeritus
Deacon Peter M. Fiore
Deacon William Ward, Retired
Virginia Akhoury, Pastoral Minister
Dawn Sacco Paskalides,
Holy Family School Principal
School Secretary, Toni Fiore
School Bookkeeper Tammy Zebick
Director of Religious Education, Anne Giedlinski
Director of Music Ministry, Randy Hertzog
Parish Bookkeeper, Robyn Morris
Parish Secretary, Celeste Walsh

MAINTENANCE COUNCIL

Ralph Aurilia - 973-951-6508
Gene Miranda - 973-583-2469
Roger Siara - 973-822-1661

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*Michael Prokop 973-301-0678
Bob Scirocco 973-377-1387
Fred Summa 973-822-3362

*Parish Trustee

Sunday Mass Schedule

Saturday 5:30 pm
Sunday 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 am,
12:00, 7:30 pm

Daily Mass Schedule

Monday-Saturday, 8:15 am

Holy Day Schedule

Vigil Mass, 7:30 pm
7:30, 9:00 am, 12:10, 7:30 pm

1 Lloyd Avenue ~ Florham Park, New Jersey 07932

OFFICE HOURS

The office is open Monday-Thursday from 8:30 to 2:30 p.m.

RECTORY

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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.

HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL - An environment for growth in faith, values and knowledge. Tiny Tots (2 1/2 yrs. old) through 8th grade. For further information, please call the school office, 973-377-4181.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - A program of religious instruction for grades 1 through 8. Confirmation preparation for high school students. For further information, call the Religious Education Office, 973-377-3101.

SOCIAL MINISTRIES

Ministry to the Homebound: Mary Scirocco, 973-377-1387

Ministry to the Hungry: Anne Platoff, 973-822-0430

Sharon Carr, 973-568-5932

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - Dr. McDowell Council - For information, call Charlie Pane 862-368-8585. For Hall rentals, call Ralph Aurilia at 973-301-0297.

PRO-LIFE MINISTRY - Frank and Barbara Tinari, 973-822-0084. Important Contact Information: New Jersey Right to Life (njrtl.org) 732-562-0562.

CENTERING PRAYER meets at 7:30 p.m. in the O'Connell Room (convent) on Monday nights.

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.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for veneration on the First Friday, after the 8:15 mass until 10:00 a.m., and every Thursday after the 8:15 mass.

MASSES AROUND THE COUNTRY - To find the closest church in the U.S., or go to www.masstimes.org

A **televised Sunday Mass** is now airing on ABC Family from 6:30 to 7 a.m. each Sunday morning. For more information, go to www.TheSundayMass.org.



**PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER
those serving 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
Master Sgt. Jennifer Sweetin USAF
PFC Patrick Montuore USMC
Lt. Stephen Scirocco USMC

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Please pray for our parishioners, relatives and friends who are ill: Alison Walters Soderburg, Brian Connolly, Fr. Fred, Alyssa Blatt, Peggy Schneyer, John Mahoney, Kate Monteforte, John Schneyer, Stephen Matuszek, Bernie Dorn, III, Carol Padden, Ramona Baumgaertner, Theresa Veverka, Steven Reich, John Veverka, Dave Kreutzer, Mary Ann Senko, Curt Price, Ted Gleichmann, Bedley Byers, Helene Searle.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, November 28, 2016 Advent Weekday

8:15 - John Parissi, Jr.

- Fr. William Santeliz

TUESDAY, November 29, 2016 Advent Weekday

8:15 - John Day

- Fr. William Santeliz

WEDNESDAY, November 30, 2016 St. Andrew, Apostle

8:15 - Fr. William Santeliz

- Paul Chauvette, 4th Anniversary

THURSDAY, December 1, 2016 Advent Weekday

8:15 - Fr. William Santeliz

- Anna Prokop

- Margaret Farrell

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2016 Advent Weekday

8:15 - Fr. William Santeliz

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2016 St. Francis Xavier,
Priest

8:15 - Fr. William Santeliz

5:30 - Jane Dalena

- David Coovert & Karen Clayton

- Diana DeCrescenzo

SUNDAY, December 4, 2016 Second Sunday of
Advent

7:30 - Carl Krah

- Fr. William Santeliz

9:00 - David Coovert

- Karen Clayton

- Ralph Gaeta

10:30 - Sylvia and Robert Roznoy

- Dr. Arthur Hoagland

- Mark McCabe

12:00 - Marguerite Michaels

- John J. Anderson, Jr.

- Librado Mendez

- Tim Leuzarder

7:30 - Richard Rizzo

- People of Holy Family Parish

**The Divine Mercy Candle will Burn
For a Special Intention.**

**The Marian Candle will burn in Memory of the
Radon and Chauvette Families.**



We extend congratulations and God's blessings to the following couples being married in December:

**Amy Shera and Bryan Calzone,
Allison Brozyna and Matthew Altieri.**



Christmas Confessions Wednesday December 21 9am – 10pm

8 Reasons Not to Go To Confession Before Christmas

1. I haven't been in a long time.

Reply: That's why you should go now.

2. I'm embarrassed.

Reply: Human beings say and do embarrassing things. All of the time. Don't let embarrassment keep you from receiving God's grace.

3. The priest might yell at me.

Reply: I hope that doesn't happen. The priest is a sinner too. And, I'm guessing that 98% of the time, priests are just really happy to be able to be hearing confessions. It's when we feel most like a priest! So, I think our inclination--especially before Christmas--is to be happy that we are being used in the way that God intended. If you do get one of us during that 2% cranky period, chalk it up to us being tired and that we are sinners too!

4. I'm afraid the priest will think less of me.

Reply: When I hear confessions, I am grateful for the privilege to be welcomed into the messiness of someone's life. I'm thinking how great it is that this person is confessing his or her sins. I'm not thinking any less of the person. Quite the opposite. Oh yeah, and the priest is a sinner too.

5. It's been so long, I forgot exactly what I'm supposed to say.

Reply: Say, "Father, it's been so long I forget exactly what I'm supposed to say." The priest is going to be delighted that you are there. He's not worried that you don't remember the Act of Contrition. (And by the way, if you're really stuck on the Act of Contrition, here is a good one: "Lord Jesus Christ, Have Mercy on Me a Sinner. Amen.")

6. I'd like to go, but there are certain things I really don't want to say.

Reply: "Abortion, gossip, envy, masturbation, pornography, fornication, adultery, lying, being cheap, refusing to forgive, not praying, not going to Mass, deceiving, looking lustfully at others, using the Lord's Name carelessly or inappropriately, receiving the Eucharist unworthily, sullyng the good reputation of another, being hateful, being filled with pride, cheating, stealing, not contributing faithfully and generously to the works of the Church, and at times despairing of God's mercy and at other times presuming too much on God's mercy." If I heard any of that or ALL of that in a single confession, I would think, "Praise God!! What a beautiful and great confession." The more honest a confession, the better. When we open our wounds to the Lord, His grace floods those wounds and heals them.

7. I'd like to go, but I'm really busy.

Reply: If you wanted to go, you'd go. So, go.

8. I really haven't done anything wrong.

Reply: You REALLY need to go!

Jesus is coming. Give Him the best Christmas gift; not gold, frankincense, and myrrh, but your sins. This is why He came to us. He loves you. Let Him love you through His Mercy.



Advent

Beginning the Church's liturgical year, Advent (from, "ad-venire" in Latin or "to come to") is the season encompassing the four Sundays (and weekdays) leading up to the celebration of **Christmas**.

The Advent season is a time of preparation that directs our hearts and minds to Christ's second coming at the end of time and also to the anniversary of the Lord's birth on Christmas. The final days of Advent, from December 17 to December 24, focus particularly on our preparation for the celebrations of the Nativity of our Lord (Christmas).

Advent devotions including the **Advent wreath**, remind us of the meaning of the season. Our Advent calendar above can help you fully enter in to the season with daily activity and prayer suggestions to prepare you spiritually for the birth of Jesus Christ. More Advent resources are listed below.

Advent Wreaths

Traditionally, **Advent wreaths** are constructed of a circle of evergreen branches into which four candles are inserted, representing the four weeks of Advent. Ideally, three candles are purple and one is rose, but white candles can also be used.

The purple candles in particular symbolize the prayer, penance, and preparatory sacrifices and goods works undertaken at this time.

The rose candle is lit on the third Sunday, Gaudete Sunday, when the priest also wears rose vestments at Mass; Gaudete Sunday is the Sunday of rejoicing, because the faithful have arrived at the midpoint of Advent, when their preparation is now half over and they are close to Christmas. The progressive lighting of the candles symbolizes the expectation and hope surrounding our Lord's first coming into the world and the anticipation of his second coming to judge the living and the dead.

November

November 27 CYO Games Gym
 November 28 Centering Prayer Group 7:30pm Rectory
 November 29 Prayer Shawl Ministry
 November 30 Liturgy Talk 7:00pm Church Hall

DECEMBER

December 1 Bible Study 9:30am Church Hall
 December 2 Altar Server Meeting Church 7:00pm
 December 3 Rosary Society Craft Fair
 December 4 Coffee and Donut Sunday
 CYO Games Gym
 December 5 Centering Prayer Group 7:30pm Rectory
 December 6 Bible Study 7:00pm Church Hall
 December 7 Vigil Mass 7:30pm
 December 8 Feast of the Immaculate Conception
Holy Day of Obligation
 December 10 Parish Dinner
 December 11 K of C Breakfast with Santa Gym
 CYO Games

HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL NEWS FAITH, FAMILY, ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE!



Gift Cards Come and order your gift cards before it's too late! After **December 31, 2016**, we will no longer be offering the program. Stock up now and let us know which ones to order. This is another great gift idea for teachers, coaches, friends, and family.



Mega Raffle Enter for your chance to win cash! Mega raffle tickets will be sold after church on December 4th, at coffee and doughnuts and again on December 11th at the Santa breakfast. Drawings will take place once a month from January until June 2017, with 5 winners picked every month! Each booklet contains a ticket for each month (6 tickets), so you have 30 chances to win! (Those are great odds). The first drawing is on Friday, January 13th, 2017. You do not need to be present to win.



Spirit Wear Come and join the spirit and fun by wearing your Holy Family spirit wear! We have a new line of clothes which will be available to order soon!

As always, if you have any questions, you can reach us via e-mail at: hsa@holy-family-school.org



WE WELCOME INTO OUR COMMUNITY:

Joseph Thomas Ritchey,
 Son of David and Laura Ritchey.



HOLY FAMILY ROSARY SOCIETY CRAFT FAIR

Bakers are needed for the Bake Sale at the Craft show scheduled for December 3rd. Call Angela Landon @973-765-0022 if you are going to bring a baked good.

LITURGY TALKS

On November 30th Dr. Suzanne Guerin Herold will share a look into the Church's liturgical year, "*Holy Days and Holidays*." As we prepare for Advent, this presentation will include a discussion of the Church's liturgical calendar, colors, the celebration of feast days, and the pre-eminence of the celebration of the Paschal Mystery of Christ in the liturgical year. The talk will be held in the church hall beginning at 7:00 PM



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CHOIR

Holy Family Children's Choir is accepting new members and welcoming back our wonderful singers to perform at the the Christmas Eve Mass at 4 PM. Rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings from 6:15-7:30 in the church. Grade 3 (except by special permission) and up-including college +.



COFFEE & CAKE SUNDAY

December 4th in the church hall after the 7:30, 9:00 & 10:30am masses.

Baked goods always welcomed and appreciated!

GREGORIAN MASSES FOR FR. WILLIAM SANTELIZ

What are Gregorian Masses?

Gregorian Masses are a series of Holy Masses traditionally offered on 30 consecutive days as soon as possible after a person's death. They are offered for an individual soul.

The custom of offering Gregorian Masses for a particular soul recognizes that few people are immediately ready for heaven after death, and that, through the infinite intercessory power of Christ's sacrifice, made present in Holy Mass, a soul can be continually perfected in grace and enabled to enter finally into the union with the Most Holy Trinity – our God, Who is Love Itself.

History of Gregorian Masses

Gregorian Masses take their name from Saint Gregory the Great, who was sovereign Pontiff from 590 to 604. St. Gregory the Great contributed to the spread of the pious practice of having these Masses celebrated for the deliverance of the souls from purgatory. In his Dialogues, he tells us that he had Masses on thirty consecutive days offered for the repose of the soul of Justus, a monk who had died in the convent of St. Andrew in Rome. At the end of the thirtieth Mass, the deceased appeared to one of his fellow monks and announced that he had been delivered from the flames of Purgatory.

F. P. SENIOR CITIZEN TRANSPORTATION SURVEY

The Florham Park Senior Citizen Club is assessing the transportation needs of all Florham Park seniors 62 years and older. If you are a FP senior, please complete the survey and submit it by 11/30/16. Copies of the survey can be obtained at the Florham Park Borough Clerk's Desk, Florham Park Library, Florham Park Recreation Department, Florham Park Senior Center and Holy Family Church.



HOLY FAMILY CHRISTMAS PARISH DINNER

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10TH AT 6:30 PM

**Please join us to celebrate the Christmas Holidays.
This is a wonderful opportunity for adults and children to share an evening of fun, fellowship and great food!**

Our Menu Will Include:

***APPETIZERS,
ROAST PORK, WITH STUFFING,
ROASTED POTATOES, VEGETABLES
DESSERT
BYOB***

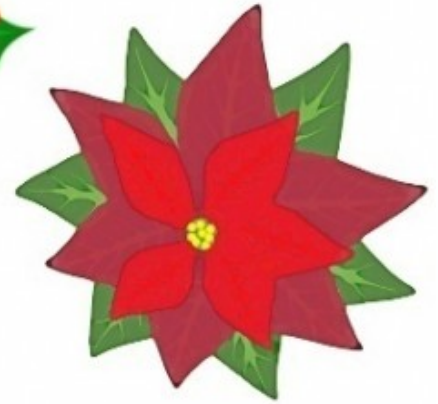
**RSVP BY December 5th,
Only 80 Reservations Will Be Taken**

**Adults: \$25.00
Young Adults & Children (21 and under)
\$5.00**

Name of guest (s)

1. _____ 3. _____
2. _____ 4. _____

Breakfast with Santa!



**Knights of Columbus Host
PANCAKE BREAKFAST
WITH SANTA**

**Sunday, December 11
8:00 am to 11:30 am
Holy Family Gym
Tucker St. Florham Park**

\$6 per person/ \$25 Max Per Family

Free digital picture with Santa

Proceeds will benefit the annual K of C Scholarship Fund.