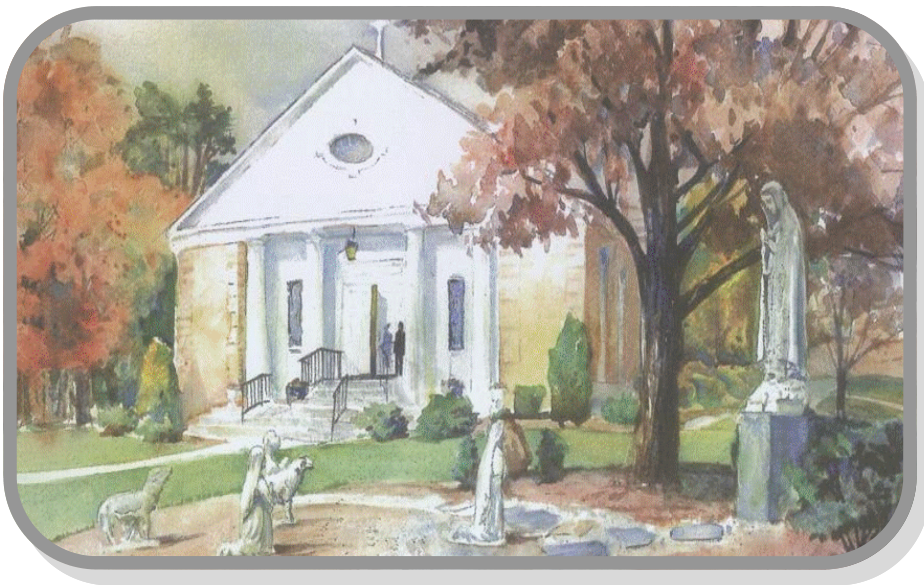


# Holy Family

CHURCH OF THE  
*We are a  
Titling Parish*



**TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME  
SEPTEMBER 24, 2017**

## ***Mass Schedule***

### **Sunday Mass Schedule**

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

### **Daily Mass Schedule**

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

### **Holy Day Schedule**

Vigil Mass, 7:30 pm  
8:15, 12:10, 7:30 pm

### **Sacrament or Reconciliation**

Saturdays, 4:30 to 5:15pm

## ***PARISH DIRECTORY***

Rev. Thomas Rekiel, Pastor  
Rev. Krzysztof Liwarski, Parochial Vicar  
Rev. Frederick Walters, Pastor Emeritus  
Deacon Peter M. Fiore  
Deacon William Ward, Retired  
Virginia Akhoury, Pastoral Minister  
Mary Smith, Director Holy Family School  
School Secretary, Toni Fiore  
School Bookkeeper Tammy Zebick  
Director of Faith Formation, Dr. Suzanne Herold  
CCD Director, Anne Giedlinski  
Youth Coordinator, Daniel Wikstrom  
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

### **FINANCE COUNCIL**

Ralph Aurilia 973-951-6508  
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Gene Miranda 973-583-2469  
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Bob Scirocco 973-377-1387  
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### **OFFICE HOURS**

**The office is open Monday-Thursday,  
8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.**

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER those serving in the military:**

**LTC Timothy Renahan USA  
Sgt. Jared K. Nucci, USA  
Matthew Manzione, USA  
AS1 Brian Schramm, USN  
LCpl. Stephen Hanily, USMC  
PFC Patrick Montuore USMC  
Lt. Stephen Scirocco USMC  
Sgt. Chad Jennings, USA**



### **2017 Bishop's Annual Appeal *In Giving, We Receive***

The vital work of our Church supported by the bishop's annual Appeal is only as successful as the number of faithful parishioners who participate by making a gift. Your support helps bring hope to those who come to our Catholic Charities agencies. It supports seminarian education, our diocesan priests' residence and our inner-city area schools.

Every gift counts! Saint Teresa once wrote that "we feel what we are doing is a drop in the ocean, but that ocean would be less without that drop." Our Bishop's Annual Appeal is able to do that much more with whatever you are able to give. Please help make 2017 the year that our Bishop's Annual Appeal does even more for people in profound need.

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM** - Sundays of each month at 1:15pm. Baptism preparation for parents first Tuesday of the month. Phone rectory for details and information.

**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE**—Please call the rectory at least one year in advance to make arrangements for a wedding.

**HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL** - An environment for growth in faith, values and knowledge. Tiny Tots (2 1/2 yrs. old), Pre K 3 &4, & K. For further information, please call the school office, **973-377-4181**, [www.holy-family-school.org](http://www.holy-family-school.org).

**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**, [hfreducation@gmail.com](mailto:hfreducation@gmail.com)

**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 Joe Guerin **973-615-1635**. 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](http://njrtl.org)) 732-562-0562.

**CENTERING PRAYER** meets at 7:30 p.m. in the K of C Hall 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.

**EUCHARISTIC 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.

**COFFEE & CAKE SUNDAY**

Calling all Bakers! On Sunday, October 1st we begin our monthly Coffee & Cake gathering after the 7:30, 9:00 & 10:30am masses. If you would like to bake something please call the rectory or email [rectory@holysfamilyfp.org](mailto:rectory@holysfamilyfp.org)



**WE EXTEND CONGRATULATIONS AND GOD'S BLESSINGS TO THE FOLLOWING COUPLES BEING MARRIED IN OCTOBER:**

**Michelle Bower and Patrick Dwyer;  
Meghan Harrington and Kevin Fleming.**

**SILVER AND GOLD WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS**

Couples, married in 1967 or 1992 are invited to celebrate their 25<sup>th</sup> or 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary with Bishop Serratelli at Mass at The Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Paterson on **Sunday, November 5 at 4:00 pm**.

Arrangements can be made by contacting the parish office at 973-377-1817 x 0, **(must respond by October 17th)**. Information will be sent from the Office of Family Life once your registration has been processed.

**BIBLE STUDY CALENDAR 2017**

Wednesday October 11 – The Book of Jeremiah

Wednesday November 8 – The book of Lamentations

Wednesday December 13 – The Book of Baruch and Ezekiel

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**MONDAY, September 25, 2017** Weekday

8:15 - Radon & Chauvette Families

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2017** Weekday

8:15- Michele McMahon

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2017** **Sts. Cosmas, Damian**

8:15 - Judith Ann Jones **Martyrs, Saints**

**THURSDAY, September 28, 2017** Weekday

8:15 - Cynthia Guerriero, *1st Anniversary*  
- Anna Prokop

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2017** **Sts. Michael, Gabriel &**

8:15 - William Kelly **Raphael Archangels**  
- Special Intention for Healing

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2017** **St. Jerome Priest**

8:15 - Cameron Fraclose  
5:30 - People of Holy Family Parish  
- Helene Searle  
- Sis Badcock

**SUNDAY, October 1, 2017** **Twenty Sixth Sunday**

7:30 - Verna Schollmeyer,

*1st Anniversary*

- Carl Krahn

- Rose Yuelling, *2nd Anniversary*

9:00 - Special Intention

- Jerry Palombo

10:30 - George Vrablik, Sr. *1st Anniversary*

- Camilo Sanchez

12:00 - Peter Wild

- Michael Grennan

7:30 -

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED:**

Joseph McCaffrey, (husband of Tina).

**PRAY FOR THE SICK** Please pray for our parishioners, relatives

and friends who are ill: Alison Walters Soderburg, James Connolly Sr., Fr. Fred, Alyssa Blatt, Peggy Schneyer, John Mahoney, Kate Monteforte, John Schneyer, Stephen Matuszek, Theresa Veverka, Steven Reich, John Veverka, Dave Kreutzer, Curt Price, Ted Gleichmann, Bedley Byers, Mary O'Connor, George Padkowsky, Marilyn Reilly, Peter and Antonette Sena, Martin Chiarolanzio, Sr., Sloane Dyer, Anne D'Innocenzio, Tina McCaffrey, Ken Eberle, Mary Seeburger, Betty O'Connor, Angel Prado, Joseph Leader, Jonathan Tagorda, Orié McMorrow, Francesca Champion.

**PHOTO DIRECTORY** Don't forget to sign up after Mass for your photo session. You will receive a free photo directory and an 8x10 just for having your picture taken.



**TITHING**

Last week's collection was \$8,713.00, (last year was \$7,888.00).

Thank you for your continued generosity to Holy Family.



**HOLY FAMILY  
PARISH  
DINNER  
IN THE CHURCH HALL**

**OCTOBER 14TH AT 6:30 PM**

This is a wonderful opportunity for adults and children to share together an evening of fun, fellowship and great food!

**Adults: \$25.00**

**Children (under 12 years) \$10.00**

**Name of guest (s)**

- 1.....
- 2.....
- 3.....
- 4.....

Please fill out and return to the rectory with payment (check payable to Holy Family) **no later than Monday, October 8th.**

**We will be taking 125 reservations**



- Sept.24** Photo Sign up After Masses  
Rosary Society Silver Tea 2:30pm  
Gr 1 CCD Mtg. 4-5:00pm  
Gr 3 CCD Mtg. 6:30-7:30pm  
*includes Mass*
- Sept.25** Gr 4 CCD Mtg. 7-8:00pm  
Centering Prayer 7:30pm K/C Hall
- Sept.27** Gr 6 CCD Mtg. 7-8:00pm
- Sept.28** Gr 7 CCD Mtg. 7-8:00pm  
Choir Practice
- Sept.29** Gr 5 CCD Mtg. 7-8:00pm

**MASS OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK** will be a special mass for the sick of the parish on October 7, at 10:00 am in the church. All those that have been ill or are anticipating surgery or medical treatments are invited to attend. We encourage family members and caregivers to assist loved ones in getting to this mass. If a ride is needed, please contact Ginny Akhoury at 973-377-2315.

Ginny Akhoury will do a **Power Point Presentation** on Tuesday, October 3rd at 7:00 pm in the Church Hall. This presentation will be on the life, work and canonization of **Saint Mother Teresa and the life of Saint Pope-John Paul II and Saint Mary Faustina Kowalska.**

**BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS:** On Sunday, October 1st at 1:15 we will be celebrating the feast day of the Patron Saint of **Animals**, Saint Francis of Assisi. It's customary that in remembrance of St. Francis of Assisi's love for all creatures, **animals** are led to churches for a special ceremony called the "**Blessing of the Animals.**" Please join us on the front lawn of the church for this blessing.

**FOOD PANTRY** Thank you for all you do to support the Food Pantry. Your continued generosity helps those in need. *On October 1st the Food Pantry will be hosting an Open House after the 7:30, 9:00 & 10:30 am Masses for all parishioners. This event will give you a chance to see the Food Pantry and get a better understanding of how it works. Please stop in and see for yourself how your generosity works for those less fortunate.* Sharon Carr @973-568-5932, Anne Platoff @ 973-822- 0430.



**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY** will begin to meet again in October. The first meeting is October 3rd at 9:30 am at the house of Barbara Tinari, 17 Cathedral Ave. We will continue to meet every Tuesday for the month of October. Hope you had a great summer and looking forward to seeing you on October 3rd.

ProLife Ministers Barbara and Frank Tinari invite parishioners to participate with them in the annual **Life Chain on Respect Life Sunday**, October 1st, from 2:00 to 3:00 pm in Morristown on Speedwell Ave. This is part of a national prayerful vigil against abortion providers, especially Planned Parenthood. Carpooling can be arranged. Call them at [973-822-0084](tel:973-822-0084).

***Dear Parishioners,***

Each day, I give thanks to our God for all of you. Through our worship, our participation in community-building events, financial contributions, and offerings of service, our parish remains vibrant, and is a place where the teachings of Christ can be both heard and seen in action. To embody His message is the most important mission of the church, and thanks to your gifts, we have this property, and its buildings, to carry out this mission.

As our financial statement for the past year is attached to this letter, I want to express **my sincere thanks to our trustees and the finance committee** for their advice and dedication. We had some crucial decisions to make this year, and through prayer, research and careful examination of the possibilities offered to us, we made choices that addressed our immediate needs, and choices that we believe will serve our needs in the future.

Although our buildings are in need of many small repairs, and there are improvements we would like to make, the finance committee and I decided to make the payment of our loan from the diocese a priority. Hence, our parish is now debt free.

We also established a fund of **\$100,000** to cover any emergency repairs to our buildings.

We have switched providers of both supplies and physical services for the grounds, and that has lowered our expenses.

Both our general and special collections have increased this past year, and because of your offerings of time and talent, we now have more volunteers in positions of leadership than we have paid employees. I know that in this economy tithing can truly be a sacrifice, and that the time you offer as a volunteer is also precious, so I truly thank you for these gifts to our parish.

As I shared with you earlier this year, the decisions I had to make regarding the future of our school were heartbreaking, but necessary for both financial and educational reasons. I do, however, have the pleasure of reporting that we have **104 students** enrolled at Holy Family School this year, spread out over our Tiny Tots program, the Pk3 and Pk4 classes, and our Kindergarten. As a result of a truly dedicated staff of teachers and aides, and with guidance from our director, we have created a supportive, loving atmosphere in which we can provide both academic and religious instruction. We look forward to welcoming more students into our family in the coming years, and we ask for your continued prayers of support.

In light of our progress this year in strengthening our financial situation, we must thank God for guiding the many decisions that have brought us to this place, and continue to ask Him for wisdom as we strive to grow in spirit and in faith.

As always, **I encourage you to give me feedback** about all of our parish activities. If you offer praise, I know that we are headed in a good direction, and if you offer suggestions for improvement, I assure you, your suggestions will be brought to the table when we evaluate that program or event.

I have referenced this quote of Mother Theresa before, but I wish to point to it again, *“Not all of us can do great things, but we can do small things with great love.”* Our individual contributions, both financial and those of time and talent, enable Holy Family Church to be a vital witness to God’s constant love and mercy in our local community, and help spread the Gospel message in ways we can only imagine.

God Bless You All,  
*Fr. Thomas*

**HOLY FAMILY PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT**

**Statement of Revenue and Expenses**

**Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017**

**Revenues:**

Offertory Collection.....	\$ 597,728.33
Christmas Collection.....	64,018.00
Easter Collection.....	33,956.00
Holy Day Collections.....	7,927.00
Building Fund <sup>1</sup> .....	8,801.00
Candle Offerings.....	6,404.01
Air Conditioning.....	1,100.00
Project Faith.....	21,817.00
Flowers.....	9,175.00
“In Memory Of” donations .....	2,340.00
Rental Income.....	1,200.00
Investment Income.....	201.37
Advertising (Bulletin).....	7,000.00
Bishop Annual Appeal Income .....	6,520.00
Partners in Faith.....	26,033.41
Parish Dinners.....	10,400.00
Religious Ed Income.....	46,273.80
Mass Stipends.....	15,567.75
Stole Fees <sup>2</sup> .....	42,785.00
Reimbursements.....	8,655.26
Capital Campaign - Pavers.....	456.00
Extraordinary Offerings <sup>3</sup> .....	58,742.50
<b>Total Revenues:.....</b>	<b>\$977,101.42</b>

**Expenses:**

Salaries - Clergy .....	\$69,282.44
Salaries - Lay.....	142,892.35
Extra Clergy (Visiting priests).....	5,625.00
Diocesan Fees - Deacons.....	700.00
Insurance – Health, Life.....	35,108.70
Pension .....	24,653.74
Retirement Saving Plan.....	4,191.25
Worker’s Compensation.....	6,309.91
FICA – Employer.....	11,624.38
Unemployment tax.....	1,530.74
Rectory Expenses.....	16,863.41
Gas and Electric .....	23,317.40
Water and Sewer .....	3,853.44
Telephone and Cable .....	6,366.03
Landscaping <sup>4</sup> .....	32,048.50
Snow Removal .....	18,614.50

**Expenses (continued)**

Church Steps Project.....	27,800.00
Cleaning Expenses.....	6982.25
Property Insurance.....	36,662.44
Auto Insurance .....	2,919.17
Office Expenses.....	9,117.41
Office Equipment.....	8,434.75
Advertising .....	3,424.77
Envelopes (Collection).....	11,858.92
Electronic Giving Service.....	3,234.19
Liturgical Expenses.....	19,945.09
Music.....	6,510.07
Religious Education.....	25,005.23
Diocesan Assessment.....	63,884.96
Religious Publications (Beacon).....	14,216.13
Parish Charity.....	5,404.59
Donations to Food Pantry.....	7,164.00
Contracted Services.....	16,033.50
Parish Picnic.....	1,345.97
Hospitality.....	793.60
Parish Dinners.....	6,249.93
Subsidy to HF School <sup>5</sup> .....	128,047.22
<b>Total Expenses:.....</b>	<b>\$799,029.29</b>

**Net Revenues over Expenses \$ 178,072.13**

**Less: Diocesan Loan Payment<sup>6</sup> 97,862.95**

**Revenues less expenses & loan \$ 80,209.18**

**Diocesan National Collections:** (Special Sunday collections passed through to the Diocese. These have no impact on parish finances.)

Catholic University.....	\$1,132.00
Missionary Co Plan.....	3,376.00
Mission Sunday.....	2,582.00
Military Service.....	1,707.00
Religious Retirement.....	2,926.00
Eastern Europe.....	1,501.00
Vatican.....	1,457.00
Holy Land.....	2,076.00
Seminarians.....	3,070.00
Latin America.....	1,292.00
Human Development.....	1,949.00
<b>Total:.....</b>	<b>\$23,068.00</b>

<sup>1</sup> Building fund includes donations for the church access ramp and sidewalk repair.

<sup>2</sup> These are fees relating to baptisms, weddings and funerals.

<sup>3</sup> Includes stock shares and miscellaneous one-time donations.

<sup>4</sup> Includes 3 months unpaid from prior fiscal year

<sup>5</sup> The parish subsidy to the school would have been \$200,847.22 without the \$72,800 in one-time contributions made to the School Reserve Fund during the drive to keep the upper school open.

<sup>6</sup> This loan represents underpayments of Diocesan charges in prior fiscal years. The remaining loan balance of \$25,000 was paid in August 2017.

# QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS

As a community grows, its needs must be reevaluated on a regular basis, and I thank you for helping me in this process. Your candid, detailed responses to last month's questionnaire have supported some of my previous views, revealed additional possibilities for growth, and given me a new perspective on some of the challenges we have been facing as a parish.

The purpose of this letter is to give you a general idea of the responses I received in regard to the topics I have listed below. But first, I want to thank you for your support and encouragement over the past year. Fr. Chris, Fr. Fred and I are here to share your burdens and joys, to assist you on your faith journey, and to celebrate God's love for us through the Eucharist. If you are in need of our support, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. You may speak to us directly after mass to set up an appointment, or contact the rectory to schedule a meeting.

**Web site** – Many of you use it, and appreciate the range of information it provides. You have asked me to add specific information to the site, so I will work with our ministry leaders to gather that information and post it as soon as possible.

**Music** - You expressed your appreciation for the music in our Church, so I'd like to pass your thanks on to Randy, our Cantors, and the choir for their extraordinary service. As with most of the ministries in the parish, the music ministry needs more members. Please consider lending your talent to the choir/cantor program this Fall.

**Bible Study Groups** – You expressed your appreciation for our Parish Bible Study meetings and Bible 101, and I thank you for your participation in these groups. The information we gain from the study of the scriptures enriches our spiritual life, and that personal enrichment contributes to our overall growth as a faith community.

**Monthly coffee hours and the Parish Dinners** – You expressed great appreciation for our monthly coffee hours and parish dinners. We will continue to hold our coffee hours after the morning masses on the first Sunday of the month, and our dinners on the second Saturday of each month.

**Decorations in our Church** – The Art and Environment committee works very hard to beautify our church, and a great number of you gave thanks for the result of their work; however, a number of you requested that we take a simpler approach to decorating the worship space. As we discuss and plan our seasonal decorations in the future, we will keep your requests and suggestions in mind.

**CCD, Youth Group and Young Professionals** – As a result of the suggestions made to me over the past year, we are in the process of restructuring several components of our CCD program. Many of our parents reiterated those concerns and suggestions in the questionnaire, and also made clear our need for an active youth group. I completely agree with the need for a youth group, and I am also interested in forming a group to address the spiritual and social needs of the Young Professionals in the parish. I will be relying on our shared wisdom, and your active support, to create and sustain these programs over the coming year.

**Mass schedules** – Almost all of you felt that our present mass schedule is fulfilling the needs of our community.

**Relationship of the Priest to the Community** – Many parishioners have mentioned a desire to invite Fr. Fred, Fr. Chris or myself to dinner, but are hesitant to do so because they do not want us to feel obligated to add yet one more thing to our schedules. I assure you that it is an honor for us to accept your hospitality, to share stories, laughter, and sometimes your concerns. So, please do ask us! A healthy family shares its joys and sorrows (often over the dinner table!), so let us follow that example of open communication in an effort to keep our Holy Family healthy.

You are always welcome to visit me in my office, and if there is time, perhaps we can have a cappuccino. If you wish to get together outside of a parish setting, Thursdays are usually best for me.

Fr. Thomas: Mobile phone (preferably text message) 973 452 5256

Email: [thomasrek@gmail.com](mailto:thomasrek@gmail.com)

You did mention other things in your responses to the Questionnaire and I assure you that I will keep your views and suggestions in mind as we make plans for the coming year. Please feel free to contact me with your concerns or suggestions at any time.

May God bless our community and all we do together.

*Fr. Thomas*