

# Holy Family

CHURCH OF THE  
We are a  
Titling Parish

**THIRTIETH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME  
OCTOBER 28, 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

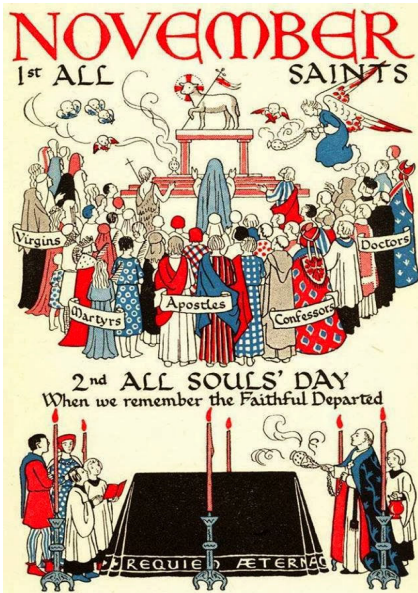
Monday-Friday 8:15 am,  
Saturday 8:15 am

### Holy Day Schedule

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

### Sacrament or Reconciliation

Saturdays, 4:30 to 5:15pm



**ALL SAINTS DAY NOVEMBER 1  
HOLIDAY OF OBLIGATION**

### MASS SCHEDULE

October 31st Vigil Mass: 7:30 PM,  
November 1st: 8:15 AM,  
12:10 & 7:30 PM

*Those from our Parish who died from  
November 1, 2016-October 31, 2017 will  
be remembered in a special way at the  
7:30 PM mass on November 1st.*

**ALL SOULS DAY NOVEMBER 2  
MASS SCHEDULE**

8:15 AM, 12:10 PM & 7:30 PM

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

**MASSES AROUND THE COUNTRY** - To find  
the closest church in the U.S., go to  
[www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org)

## PRO LIFE NEWS

**RESPECT LIFE MASS** will be held at St. John the Baptist Cathedral in Paterson on November 18th at 10:00 AM followed by a light reception. Let Frank & Barbara Tinari know if you plan to attend and if you want to car pool with others 973-822-0084.

**LEGAL CENTER FOR DEFENSE OF LIFE** brunch Sunday, November 12th at 11:00 am at the Madison Hotel. The guest speaker will be Fr. Frank Pavone. For more information please call Adele Gilhooly at [adelemg@aol.com](mailto:adelemg@aol.com).

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE** Every day through November 5th, there will be daily prayer vigils outside of Planned Parenthood and other abortion providers. Join others as they pray the rosary at [196 Speedwell Ave.](http://196SpeedwellAve.com) - Planned Parenthood of Morristown. Your gift of an hour or more of peaceful witness and prayer daily between 7 am & 7 pm will help to save God's children in danger of abortion. Sign up for any hour(s) you can give. Call Frank and Barbara at [973-822-0084](tel:973-822-0084). Signs will be provided.

**THE ANNUAL BABY SHOWER** for the benefit of Good Counsel Homes will take place in the Church Hall this weekend. We will be supporting the mothers-to-be who have chosen to give birth rather than abort their babies. *New unwrapped items only* will be accepted for the shower. Clothing (NB to 18 months), crib sheets, blankets, and disposable diapers make wonderful gifts. Also items for the Mom herself are appreciated. If you wish to make a monetary gift please make the check out to Good Counsel Homes Inc. *Any questions please call Trudy Ward at 973-377-8464.*

**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 9:45 a.m., (including confessions) and every Thursday after the 8:15 mass.

**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



**GIFT CARDS** for the Supermarkets are available in the school office Monday-Friday during school hours. For more information please call 973-377-3101.



**COFFEE & CAKE SUNDAY**

Calling all Bakers! On Sunday, November 6 we will be having our monthly Coffee & Cake gathering after the 7:30, 9:00 & 10:30am masses. If you would like to bake something you can drop it off in the church hall that morning.



**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**MONDAY, October 30, 2017** Weekday  
8:15 -

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2017** Weekday  
8:15 - Jeanne Grivalsky  
7:30pm - Fr. William Santeliz, *1st Anniversary*

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2017** All Saints Day  
8:15 - Ruth E. Foley, *20th Anniversary*  
- Maria & Joseph Lorenc  
12:10 - Patricia Cullen  
- Special Intention  
- Philomine Caivano, *6th Anniversary*  
7:30pm - Stephen Wilder

**THURSDAY, November 2, 2017** All Souls Day  
8:15 - All Souls  
12:10 - All Souls  
7:30pm - All Souls

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2017** Weekday  
8:15 - All Souls

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2017** St. Borromeo/Bishop  
8:15 - All Souls  
5:30 - All Souls

**SUNDAY, November 5, 2017** 31st Sunday Ordinary Time  
7:30 - All Souls  
9:00 - All Souls  
10:30 - All Souls  
12:00 - All Souls  
7:30pm - All Souls

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED**  
Ciro Salvatore Cirrincione, (husband of Laura).

**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 Chiarolanio, Sr., Sloane Dyer, Anne D'Innocenzio, Ken Eberle, Betty O'Connor, Angel Prado, Jonathan Tagorda, Orie McMorrow, Barbara Froetscher, Francesca Champion, Gene Taylo, Milt & Barbara Leighton, Esther Walsh, Judith Prestage, Nick Bergamotto, Steven Pilla, Denise Bergamotto.

**THE 44TH ANNUAL ROSARY SOCIETY**  
**CRAFT FAIR** will be held on Saturday, December 2nd from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. To reserve a table please contact Joelyn Hoferer at 973-377-3898.





### TITHING

Last week's collection was \$8,450.00, (last year was \$8,171.00).

Thank you for your continued generosity to Holy Family.

#### OCTOBER HAPPENINGS

- Oct. 29 **Grade 2 Religious Ed. G** 5:30-8:15pm  
*Right to Life Baby Shower*
- Oct. 30 Centering Prayer K/C Hall 7:30pm
- Oct. 31 **Prayer Shawl Ministry** 9:30am  
**All Saints Day** Vigil Mass 7:30pm

#### NOVEMBER HAPPENINGS

- Nov. 1 **All Saints Day** Masses: 8:15am  
12:10, 7:30pm  
**Grade 6 Religious Ed. CH** 6-8:30pm  
**CYO Basketball G**
- Nov. 2 **All Souls Day** Masses: 8:15, am  
12:10, 7:30pm  
**Grade 8 Religious Ed. CH** 6-8:30pm  
**CYO Basketball G**
- Nov. 3 Eucharistic Adoration/ Confessions  
**Grade 1 Religious Ed. CH** 6-8:00pm  
**CYO Basketball G**
- Nov. 4 **Coffee & Cake Sunday**
- Nov. 5 **Grade 10 Confirmation** 6:00pm
- Nov. 6 Centering Prayer K/C Hall 7:30pm
- Nov. 7 **Saints Study** Fr. Krzys 7:00pm CH  
K/C Meeting 8:00pm
- Nov. 8 **Bible Study** Fr. Thomas 7:00pm CH  
**CYO Basketball G**
- Nov. 9 **CYO Basketball G**
- Nov. 10 **Bible Study** Fr. Krzys 9:30am CH
- Nov. 11 **CYO Basketball G**  
Parish Dinner CH 6:30pm
- Nov. 13 Centering Prayer K/C Hall 7:30pm
- Nov. 14 **Clothing Drive** HFS  
**Saints Study** Fr. Krzys 7:00pm CH  
**CYO Basketball G**
- Nov. 15/16 **Bible Study** Fr. Krzys 9:30am CH
- Nov. 17 **CYO Basketball G**
- Nov. 18/19 **Grade 9 Confirmation** 6:00pm
- Nov. 20 Centering Prayer K/C Hall 7:30pm
- Nov. 21 **Saints Study** Fr. Krzys 7:00pm CH
- Nov. 22 **CYO Basketball G**  
Children's Christmas Choir Practice
- Nov. 23 Thanksgiving Mass 9:00 am
- Nov. 24 **Bible Study** Fr. Krzys 9:30am CH
- Nov. 25/26 **CYO Basketball G**
- Nov. 27 Centering Prayer K/C Hall 7:30pm
- Nov. 28 **Saints Study** Fr. Krzys 7:00pm CH
- Nov. 29 **CYO Basketball G**  
Children's Choir Practice
- Nov. 30 **CYO Basketball G**

## HOLY FAMILY PARISH DINNER NOVEMBER 11TH, AT 6:30 PM

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

*Our menu will include:  
Appetizers,  
Turkey, Duck,  
Mashed Potatoes, Sweet Potatoes  
Vegetables & Dessert*

**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, November 6.**



### FALL CLEANUP DON'T THROW IT AWAY!

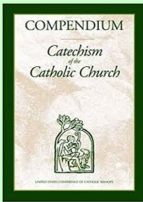


Holy Family School will be having its annual Fall Clothing Drive on Tuesday, November 14th. Donations of clothes, bedding, stuffed animals, etc. can be dropped off between 2:00-5:30 pm at the Holy Family Gym.

**FOOD PANTRY** Thank you for your support of the Food Pantry. This week's item is **toilet paper and paper towels**. Please remember we cannot accept expired items.



Sharon @973-568-5932, Anne @ 973-822-0430.



**30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
OCTOBER 28/29  
THE TRANSMISSION OF  
DIVINE REVELATION**

**11. Why and in what way is divine revelation transmitted?**

God “desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth” (1 Timothy 2:4), that is, of Jesus Christ. For this reason, Christ must be proclaimed to all according to his own command, “Go forth and teach all nations” (Matthew 28:19). And this is brought about by Apostolic Tradition.

**12. What is Apostolic Tradition?**

Apostolic Tradition is the transmission of the message of Christ, brought about from the very beginnings of Christianity by means of preaching, bearing witness, institutions, worship, and inspired writings. The apostles transmitted all they received from Christ and learned from the Holy Spirit to their successors, the bishops, and through them to all generations until the end of the world.

**13. In what ways does Apostolic Tradition occur?**

Apostolic Tradition occurs in two ways: through the living transmission of the word of God (also simply called Tradition) and through Sacred Scripture which is the same proclamation of salvation in written form.

**14. What is the relationship between Tradition and Sacred Scripture?**

Tradition and Sacred Scripture are bound closely together and communicate one with the other. Each of them makes present and fruitful in the Church the mystery of Christ. They flow out of the same divine well-spring and together make up one sacred deposit of faith from which the Church derives her certainty about revelation.

**15. To whom is the deposit of faith entrusted?**

The Apostles entrusted the deposit of faith to the whole of the Church. Thanks to its supernatural sense of faith the people of God as a whole, assisted by the Holy Spirit and guided by the Magisterium of the Church, never ceases to welcome, to penetrate more deeply and to live more fully from the gift of divine revelation.

**16. To whom is given the task of authentically interpreting the deposit of faith?**

The task of giving an authentic interpretation of the deposit of faith has been entrusted to the living teaching office of the Church alone, that is, to the successor of Peter, the Bishop of Rome, and to the bishops in communion with him. To this Magisterium, which in the service of the Word of God enjoys the certain charism of truth, belongs also the task of defining dogmas which are formulations of the truths contained in divine Revelation. This authority of the Magisterium also extends to those truths necessarily connected with Revelation.

**17. What is the relationship between Scripture, Tradition and the Magisterium?**

Scripture, Tradition, and the Magisterium are so closely united with each other that one of them cannot stand without the others. Working together, each in its own way, under the action of the one Holy Spirit, they all contribute effectively to the salvation of souls.

**SACRED SCRIPTURE**

**18. Why does Sacred Scripture teach the truth?**

Because God himself is the author of Sacred Scripture. For this reason it is said to be inspired and to teach without error those truths which are necessary for our salvation. The Holy Spirit inspired the human authors who wrote what he wanted to teach us. The Christian faith, however, is not a “religion of the Book”, but of the Word of God – “not a written and mute word, but incarnate and living” (Saint Bernard of Clairvaux).

**19. How is Sacred Scripture to be read?**

Sacred Scripture must be read and interpreted with the help of the Holy Spirit and under the guidance of the Magisterium of the Church according to three criteria: 1) it must be read with attention to the content and unity of the whole of Scripture; 2) it must be read within the living Tradition of the Church; 3) it must be read with attention to the analogy of faith, that is, the inner harmony which exists among the truths of the faith themselves.

**20. What is the Canon of Scripture?**

The Canon of Scripture is the complete list of the sacred writings which the Church has come to recognize through Apostolic Tradition. The Canon consists of 46 books of the Old Testament and 27 of the New.

**21. What is the importance of the Old Testament for Christians?**

Christians venerate the Old Testament as the true word of God. All of the books of the Old Testament are divinely inspired and retain a permanent value. They bear witness to the divine pedagogy of God's saving love. They are written, above all, to prepare for the coming of Christ the Savior of the universe.

**22. What importance does the New Testament have for Christians?**

The New Testament, whose central object is Jesus Christ, conveys to us the ultimate truth of divine Revelation. Within the New Testament the four Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John are the heart of all the Scriptures because they are the principle witness to the life and teaching of Jesus. As such, they hold a unique place in the Church.

**23. What is the unity that exists between the Old and the New Testaments?**

Scripture is one insofar as the Word of God is one. God's plan of salvation is one, and the divine inspiration of both Testaments is one. The Old Testament prepares for the New and the New Testament fulfills the Old; the two shed light on each other.

**24. What role does Sacred Scripture play in the life of the Church?**

Sacred Scripture gives support and vigor to the life of the Church. For the children of the Church, it is a confirmation of the faith, food for the soul and the fount of the spiritual life. Sacred Scripture is the soul of theology and of pastoral preaching. The Psalmist says that it is “a lamp to my feet and a light to my path” (Psalm 119:105). The Church, therefore, exhorts all to read Sacred Scripture frequently because “ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ” (Saint Jerome).

## SOME WAYS TO REMEMBER.....



From photo collages at a memorial service to planting a tree, there are many ways we can say, "I remember and loved this person." As you consider how you might want to remember a loved one, here are some ideas for remembering them at their Church parish.

### 1. MASS INTENTIONS

When we face the death of someone, even a person who is not Catholic, to have a Mass offered for the repose of his soul and to offer our prayers is more beneficial and comforting than any other sympathy card or bouquet of flowers. To have a Mass offered on the occasion of their birthday, anniversary or Holy day is appropriate, beneficial and appreciated. An individual may ask a priest to offer a Mass for the repose of the soul of someone who has died. One must never forget the infinite graces that flow from the Sacrifice of the Mass which benefit one's soul.

Pope Leo XIII in his encyclical "*Mirae caritatis*" (1902) beautifully elaborated this point and emphasized the connection between the communion of saints with the Mass: "The grace of mutual love among the living, strengthened and increased by the sacrament of the Eucharist, flows, especially by virtue of the Sacrifice [of the Mass], to all who belong to the communion of saints. For the communion of saints is simply ... the mutual sharing of help, atonement, prayers and benefits among the faithful, those already in the heavenly fatherland, those consigned to the purifying fire, and those still making their pilgrim way here on earth. These all form one city, whose head is Christ, and whose vital principle is love. Faith teaches that although the august Sacrifice can be offered to God alone, it can nevertheless be celebrated in honor of the saints now reigning in Heaven with God, who has crowned them, to obtain their intercession for us, and also, according to apostolic tradition, to wash away the stains of those brethren who died in the Lord but without yet being wholly purified."

Please keep in mind that the tradition of offering Masses for others, particularly the dead, originates in the very early Church. Inscriptions discovered on tombs in Roman catacombs of the second century evidence this practice: for example, the epitaph on the tomb of Abercius (d. 180), Bishop of Hieropolis in Phrygia, begs for prayers for the repose of his soul.

#### In The Words of Our Saints:

*St. Ambrose (d. 397)* preached, "We have loved them during life; let us not abandon them in death, until we have conducted them by our prayers into the house of the Lord."

*St. Augustine (d. 430)* recorded the dying wishes of his mother, St. Monica in his *Confessions*: "One thing only I ask you, that you remember me at the altar of the Lord wherever you may be."

*Pope St. Gregory (d. 604)* said, "Let us not hesitate to help those who have died and to offer our prayers for them."

**In your packet of envelopes for November and December there is an envelope for All Souls Day. These envelopes will be placed on the Altar for the nine days after All Saints Day and your loved ones will be remembered at all masses during those nine days.**

**2. PAVERS** The walkway outside the front of the church is lined with Belgium block pavers engraved with loved ones names. If you wish to remember someone in this way please contact the rectory for information.

**3. DONATION TO THE CHURCH** Another way to remember a loved one is with a donation to the church which can be used to purchase something in memory of your loved one.

### Saints of the Week

Ordinary Time: November 1st

### Solemnity of All Saints

During the year the Church celebrates one by one the feasts of the saints. On November 1st, she joins them all in one festival. In addition to those whose names she knows, she recalls in a magnificent vision all the others "of all nations and tribes standing before the throne and in sight of the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands, proclaiming Him who redeemed them in His Blood." The feast of All Saints should inspire us with tremendous hope. Among the saints in heaven are some whom we have known. All lived on earth lives like our own. They were baptized, marked with the sign of faith, they were faithful to Christ's teaching and they have gone before us to the heavenly home from where they call on us to follow them. The Gospel of the Beatitudes shows the road that they followed; there is no other that will lead us where they have gone.

"The Commemoration of All Saints" was first celebrated in the East. The feast is found in the West on different dates in the eighth century. The Roman Martyrology mentions that this date is a claim of fame for Gregory IV (827-844) and that he extended this observance to the whole of Christendom; it seems certain, however, that Gregory III (731-741) preceded him in this. At Rome, on the other hand, on May 13, there was the annual commemoration of the consecration of the basilica of St. Maria ad Martyres (or St. Mary and All Martyrs). Gregory VII transferred the anniversary of this dedication to November 1. Don't forget to pray for the Poor Souls in Purgatory from November 1 to the 8th.

**Prayer:** Almighty ever-living God, by whose gift we venerate in one celebration the merits of all the Saints, bestow on us, we pray, through the prayers of so many intercessors, an abundance of the reconciliation with you for which we earnestly long. Amen.



### YOUTH GROUP MEETING,

Saturday, December 2nd at 6:30 pm in the Church Hall. This group is open to 11th, & 12th graders and beyond. Come and see what we are all about!

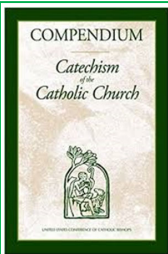


### CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CHOIR

It's that time of year again! Holy Family Children's Choir is joyfully, enthusiastically accepting new members and welcoming back our wonderful singers to perform at the most widely attended Christmas Celebration in all of Florham Park, the 4 PM Christmas Eve Family Mass. Rehearsals will be held on Wednesday evenings (Nov. 22 & 29, Dec. 6 & 20). Since we are having only 4 rehearsals it is important that you are able to attend all practices. All children Grade 3 (except by special permission) and up-including college and beyond are invited to join us. We will meet downstairs in Holy Family School Please bring a friend! Can't wait to see you.

### STOCK DONATIONS

Some of you have inquired about donating Stock to the church. We are now in a position to accept Stock. If you would like to support the parish in this way please contact Celeste at 973-377-1817.



**31ST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME  
NOVEMBER 4/5**

**MAN'S RESPONSE TO GOD  
I BELIEVE**

**25. How does man RESPOND to God who reveals himself?**

Sustained by divine grace, we respond to God with the obedience of faith, which means the full surrender of ourselves to God and the acceptance of his truth insofar as it is guaranteed by the One who is Truth itself.

**26. Who are the principal witnesses of the obedience of faith in the Sacred Scriptures?**

There are many such witnesses, two in particular: One is *Abraham who when put to the test "believed in God" (Romans 4:3) and always obeyed his call. For this reason he is called "the Father of all who believe" (Romans 4:11-18). The other is the Virgin Mary who, throughout her entire life, embodied in a perfect way the obedience of faith: "Let it be done to me according to your word" (Luke 1:38).*

**27. What does it mean in practice for a person to believe in God?**

It means to adhere to God himself, entrusting oneself to him and giving assent to all the truths which God has revealed because God is Truth. It means to believe in one God in three Persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**28. What are the characteristics of faith?**

Faith is the supernatural virtue which is *necessary for salvation. It is a free gift of God and is accessible to all who humbly seek it. The act of faith is a human act, that is, an act of the intellect of a person - prompted by the will moved by God - who freely assents to divine truth.*

*Faith is also certain because it is founded on the Word of God; it works "through charity" (Galatians 5:6); and it continually grows through listening to the Word of God and through prayer. It is, even now, a foretaste of the joys of heaven.*

**29. Why is there no contradiction between faith and science?**

Though faith is above reason, there can never be a contradiction between faith and science because both originate in God. It is God himself who gives to us the light both of reason and of faith. *"I believe, in order to understand; and I understand, the better to believe."* (Saint Augustine)

**30. Why is faith a personal act, and at the same time ecclesial?**

Faith is a personal act insofar as it is the free response of the human person to God who reveals himself. But at the same time it is an ecclesial act which expresses itself in the proclamation, *"We believe"*. It is in fact the Church that believes: and thus by the grace of the Holy Spirit precedes, engenders and nourishes the faith of each Christian. For this reason the Church is Mother and Teacher.

*"No one can have God as Father who does not have the Church as Mother."* (Saint Cyprian)

**31. Why are the formulas of faith important?**

The formulas of faith are important because they permit one to express, assimilate, celebrate, and share together with others the truths of the faith through a common language.

**32. In what way is the faith of the Church one faith alone?**

The Church, although made up of persons who have diverse languages, cultures, and rites, nonetheless professes with a united voice the one faith that was received from the one Lord and that was passed on by the one Apostolic Tradition. She confesses one God alone, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and points to one way of salvation. Therefore we believe with one heart and one soul all that is contained in the Word of God, handed down or written, and which is proposed by the Church as divinely revealed.

**HOLY FAMILY WOMEN'S CORNER**

Ladies...looking for something a bit "more" at Holy Family, without a huge commitment? Keep checking this Women's Corner. More information coming soon.

