Welcome to Holy Family! Reserved seating is available in the front pew and at the cross-aisle for those who are mobility impaired. A handicap-accessible restroom can be found on this level off the west side vestibule adjoining the adoration chapel. Proceed downstairs from the Narthex for the main restrooms. Please speak to an usher if you need any kind of assistance.

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**PRELUDE TO MASS**

**Veni Emmanuel (O Come, O Come Emmanuel)**

Anon., 15th c.

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**INTROIT**

*(9:00)*

Gregorian chant, mode I


*Ps. Cæli enarrant gloriam Dei: et opera manuum eius annuntiat firmamentum.*

Skies, let the Just One come forth like a dew, let him descend from the clouds like rain. The earth will open up and give birth to our Savior. ☾ The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims the work of his hands. *Is 45:8; Ps 19*

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**PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

*Savior of the Nations, Come*

*Collegeville Hymnal* 184

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**GREETING**

**Celebrant:** In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**℟:** Amen.

**Celebrant:** The Lord be with you.

**℟:** And with your spirit.

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**PENITENTIAL ACT**

**Celebrant:** Brethren, let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

**℟:** I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,

And, striking their breast, they say:

through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault;

Then they continue:

therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

**Celebrant:** May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

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**KYRIE**

*Kyriale Mass XVIII*

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FIRST READING
II Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16

RESPONSORIAL PSALM
Psalm 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29
Cantor, then all; thereafter: all
R. Rice
For ev - er I will sing the good - ness of the Lord.

SECOND READING
Romans 16:25-27

GOSPEL
Luke 1:26-38
Deacon: The Lord be with you.
R. And with your spirit.
R. Glory to you, O Lord.
At the conclusion of the Gospel:
R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

NICE CREED
I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
(All bow while saying:) and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY HYMN (5:00)
Collegeville Hymnal
334 The God Whom Earth and Sea and Sky EISENACH

OFFERTORY CHANT (9:00)
Gregorian chant, mode VIII
Ave Maria, gratia plena, Dominus tecum: benedicta tu in mulieribus, et benedictus fructus ventris tui. Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb. Lk 1:28

OFFERTORY MOTETS
9:00 Gabriel’s Message Basque carol, arr. E. Pettman
11:00 Canite tuba G. P. da Palestreina
Blow ye the trumpet in Sion, for the day of God now is near at hand. See, he cometh and will save us: he will make the crooked ways straight, the rough places will he make plain: Come then, O Lord, and do not tarry. Cf. Joel 2:1; Is 40:4

INVITATION TO PRAYER
Celebrant: Pray, brethren, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.
R. May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

SANCTUS
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MYSTERY OF FAITH

GREAT AMEN
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SIGN OF PEACE
Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be with you always.
R. And with your spirit.

AGNUS DEI
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HOLY COMMUNION
We invite actively practicing Catholics who are properly disposed to come forward to receive Holy Communion. Our brothers and sisters of other faiths are invited to approach with arms crossed over the chest to receive a blessing. At Holy Family we receive the combination of the Body and Blood of Christ on the tongue. If you prefer to receive just the Body of Christ in your hand, please have your hands clearly out before you approach.
HOLY FAMILY CALENDAR

Sunday, December 24 :  FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Christmas Eve
8:00 AM Confessions
9:00 AM Mass
11:00 AM Mass
4:00 PM Nativity Pageant & Vigil Mass of Christmas
9:00 PM Mass of Christmas Night
11:30 PM Mass: Church of Saint Bede

Monday, December 25 :  NATIVITY OF THE LORD
9:00 AM Mass of Christmas Morning  Parish Offices Closed
11:00 AM Mass of Christmas Day
Cancelled Exercise Class
Cancelled Widows and Widowers Holy Hour
5:30 PM Mass: Church of Saint Bede  See p. 4 for details

Tuesday, December 26 :  FEAST OF SAINT STEPHEN, THE FIRST MARTYR
7:30 AM Confessions
8:00 AM Mass  Parish Offices Closed
After Mass Coffee & Rolls Fr. Moorman Hall
9:00 AM Children’s Eucharistic Adoration Adoration Chapel
5:30 PM Mass: Church of Saint Bede  See p. 4 for details
Cancelled Weekly Scripture Study
Cancelled Goodtimers 500 Club
Cancelled Young Adults Meeting
Cancelled Neocatechumenal Way

Wednesday, December 27 :  FEAST OF SAINT JOHN, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST
7:30 AM Confessions
8:00 AM Mass
8:00 AM Exercise Class Fr. Wilkins Room
1:00 PM Merciful Love Prayer Group Church
5:30 PM Mass: Church of Saint Bede  See p. 4 for details
7:00 PM Parish Choir Rehearsal Choir Loft

Thursday, December 28 :  THE HOLY INNOCENTS
7:30 AM Confessions
8:00 AM Mass
8:45 AM Divine Mercy Chaplet & Benediction Church
9:00 AM Children Confessions
8:00 AM Mass
8:45 AM Divine Mercy Chaplet & Benediction Church
11:00 AM Mass
11:00 AM Mass
11:00 AM Mass
After Mass Baptism Church
After Masses Donuts & Refreshments Fr. Moorman Hall
3:00 PM Mass: Church of Saint Bede  See p. 4 for details
5:00 PM Vigil Mass: Mary, Mother of God

Friday, December 29
7:30 AM Confessions
8:00 AM Mass
8:45 AM Divine Mercy Chaplet & Benediction Church

Saturday, December 30
3:30 PM Confessions
4:45 PM Benediction
5:00 PM Mass

Sunday, December 31 :  FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY
New Year’s Eve
8:00 AM Confessions
9:00 AM Mass  Donut Sunday
11:00 AM Mass
After Mass Baptism Church
After Masses Donuts & Refreshments Fr. Moorman Hall
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Merry Christmas!

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**INTERCESSIONS**

*Please pray for:*

*All Parishioners and their loved ones*

Go to www.hfcmn.org and click on “submit prayer request” or call the parish office. You need permission from the person for his/her name to be listed in our prayer intentions. Sign up for “Prayer Partners” on Flocknote to receive notifications. Prayer intentions will be sent by email and listed in the bulletin for one week. Birth and death notices (with meal calendars) will be sent to those signed up for “Prayer Partners.”

**Sunday Stewardship**

**Contributions for December 16-17, 2017**

- **Plate**: $2,203.63
- **Member Envelopes**: $26,277.00
- **Online Giving**: $5,467.55
- **Total Contributions**: $33,948.18

**Second Collection**: $933.31

*Thank you for your generosity!*

**Stewardship Note**

Even when the second collection goes to another organization, please fill out all checks to “Holy Family Catholic Church;” the church then is able to write one check to the organization. Thank you!

**Church of Saint Bede**

The Personal Ordinariate of the Chair of Saint Peter was created by the Vatican in 2012 to assist former Anglicans who wish to become Catholic. Their liturgy is a valid Catholic Mass but incorporates distinctive elements from their tradition. Everyone is welcome, and attendance fulfills the obligation for any Catholic for Sunday and Holy days. Visit www.thevenerablebede.org for more information.

**Special Saint Bede Christmastide Masses**

- **Sunday, December 24th**: 11:30 PM Mass
- **Monday, December 25th**: 5:30 PM Mass
- **Sunday, December 31st**: 3 PM Mass
- **Monday, January 1st**: 11 AM Mass

**Parish News & Events: Flocknote**

**Get Advent & Christmas Updates!**

We have many special Mass and confession times this holiday season, not to mention many engaging events you’ll want to attend! Stay updated through Holy Family’s communication tool, Flocknote. You’ll get weekly updates from the parish, as well as any timely updates from the school and any groups you’d like to join (e.g. Adorers of the Blessed Sacrament).

**How to hear from Holy Family:**

1. Visit www.flocknote.com/HFC - or - Text HFCMN to 84576
2. Fill in your information (which will be kept confidential) and join those groups (e.g. ‘Adorers...’ or ‘Prayer Partners’) that pertain to you. Please be sure to join the group representing your region to keep up with activities in your neighborhood.
3. You can log in anytime to change what groups you follow!

**Holy Family is on Facebook!**

“Like” Holy Family on Facebook to get updates on parish life, Catholic topics around the archdiocese, and upcoming parish events! For the Church, click the ‘Like’ button on the homepage at www.hfcmn.org. For HFA, click the ‘Like’ button at hfamn.org.
**TRAVELING VOCATIONS CHALICE**

We welcome more families to sign up for the traveling chalice to pray for vocations in their homes! Once a family signs up to pray for one week, they are entered into the scheduling rotation; they will be asked every few months to take the chalice home after the 9 AM Mass, pray for vocations in their homes, and then return it before the 9 AM Mass the following Sunday. Thank you for praying for vocations!

- **December 24th**: The Chris and Mary Ann von Dohlen family
- **December 31st**: The Paul and Gretchen Reetz family
- **January 7th**: The John and Margaret Berens family
- **January 14th**: The Tim and Lynn Herren family

If your family would like to participate in this important program, please contact Phyllis Galarneault (to sign up or with questions) at thegconnec@aol.com or at 612.702.3735 (call or text).

**HOLY FAMILY ACADEMY CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

Friday, January 5th; 5:00 PM in the Church. Open to all! 6th - 8th grade will be performing.

**PERFECT CHRISTMAS GIFT: A TRIP TO BETHLEHEM!**

Registration has just opened for our pastor Fr. Joseph’s pilgrimage to the Holy Land, September 30 - October 12, 2018. Twelve grace-filled days of Scripture study and prayer! Save the dates and sign up soon as there is a limited number of places available. Total cost including airfare, all taxes, and tips: $4,629 Stop by the office or contact Consolidated Travel for more information: tel. 404.767.2727 or email info@ctoinc.com.

**TREE OF LIFE**

We support two centers that assist mothers and fathers in choosing life. You may pick an ornament from the tree in the vestibule and return it with a new unwrapped gift by **Sunday, Jan. 7th**.

**VOCATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING FOR NEW MEMBERS**

**Sunday, January 14th**; 12:30 PM in Fr. Wilkins Room

Our parish is blessed with many young people in seminary, religious life, or actively discerning. We invite new members of our parish to join the Vocations Committee to continue efforts in promotion of and support of vocations. Please join us for an informational and brainstorming meeting!

**SAVE THE DATE - CANA DINNER**

Married and engaged couples: Plan to attend our Cana Dinner on **Saturday, Feb. 3rd**! Please join us for this special evening to celebrate and refresh your marriage, right in time for St. Valentine’s Day! The evening includes the regular 5 PM Mass followed by an elegant 4-course dinner in Fr. Moorman Hall, fellowship, and speaker Fr. Kyle Kowalczyk. Stay tuned for more details!

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**STEWARDSHIP: Gratitude for God’s Gifts, Commitment to the Church’s Mission**

Everything we have comes as a gift from God. Advent is the time we especially remember the poverty of our sinful world before Jesus brought the riches of God’s Merciful Love. The joy of Christmas evokes generosity towards those we love as we exchange gifts with them. It prompts us to ask: How do I show my gratitude to God in exchange for all His gifts to me?

Gratitude for a life of discipleship in this parish, including:

- The gift of baptism through which I was freed from original sin, adopted as a child of God, and given the promise of eternal life
- This beautiful church where I worship with my spiritual family in the Mystical Body of Christ
- The Real Presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist by which I am nourished by the Bread from Heaven
- The full Mass schedule and reverent liturgies with extraordinary sacred music
- The opportunity to spend time with our Eucharistic Lord in the perpetual adoration chapel
- The forgiveness of sins in Confession offered here every day of the week (instead of 45 minutes once per week or “by appointment” as in other parishes)
- A dynamic Catholic school which shapes the minds and hearts of our youngsters with Truth, Goodness, and Beauty
- A wide range of faith formation opportunities for every age presented according to the Magisterium of the Church

The way we spend our time, talent, and treasure is the concrete expression of how we prioritize our lives. In January, Holy Family will invite our parishioners to fill out a pledge card as a sign of our gratitude to God and commitment to the mission of the Church. Please prayerfully begin discerning now what your commitment will be for 2018.

**Advent examination of conscience:** Does the holiday whirlwind mean I devote less time to prayer in this holy season? Am I just a “consumer” at my parish or do I actively participate in prayer as well as faith formation initiatives, service opportunities, etc.? Do I take my share of personal responsibility for the financial health of the parish where I practice my faith? Do I spend more money on Christmas gifts for others than showing my gratitude to God? Do vacations and holiday celebrations consume more of my resources than my support of the Church’s mission does? Is renewed effort to grow closer to Christ and serve Him more wholeheartedly the most important aspect of my observance of Christmas?

**Definitions:**

1. “Tithe” - the debt of gratitude we owe to God in thanksgiving for all He has done for us. The Bible records this as 10% of our income. It is always directed towards the Church though it may be split between our parish and other Catholic entities.
2. “Almsgiving” - sacrifices freely made out of charity after we have fulfilled our tithe. This can be directed towards any good cause or a particular neighbor in need.
3. “Firstfruits” - the opposite of leftovers! We are supposed to honor God first before we spend time/money on ourselves.
Holy Family Academy

2018-19 Registration
Registration for the 2018-2019 school year will take place the week of January 8th - 12th for all current families. A link will be sent to each family on January 8th, 2018. The re-enrollment is important to ensure there is a place for your child(ren) in the classroom. Registration for new families will start on January 12th. A link will be made available on our website on that day (and sent by email to families who have specifically requested it through the school office).

Pre-Kindergarten offerings will be the same as this year: Every day, M-W-F, or Tuesday and Thursday (1/2 or full day for Pre-Kindergarten). Every school office will be available for families. A link will be sent to each family on January 8th, 2018. The re-enrollment is important to ensure there is a place for your child(ren) in the classroom. A link will be made available on our website on that day (and sent by email to families who have specifically requested it through the school office).

Please spread the good news about Holy Family Academy! The care hours and rates are also available on the website.

Schools (Pre-K, Kindergarten, Lower and Middle, explaining our day, M-W-F, or Tuesday and Thursday (1/2 or full day for Pre-Kindergarten). Offerings will be the same as this year: Every day, M-W-F, or Tuesday and Thursday (1/2 or full day for Pre-Kindergarten). Every school office will be available for families. A link will be sent to each family on January 8th, 2018. The re-enrollment is important to ensure there is a place for your child(ren) in the classroom. A link will be made available on our website on that day (and sent by email to families who have specifically requested it through the school office).

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To access Catholic movies, books, audio recordings and more, go to www.Formed.org, and sign up using our parish code: 2QC4G4. Delve into the Advent and Christmas seasons with this little book’s inspiring and profound meditations from the writings and sermons of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI. Access the ePub or Kindle version of “The Blessing of Christmas” on www.FORMED.org by hovering over the “READ” tab, selecting “Nonfiction” from the dropdown menu, and choosing it from the “Discover the Catholic Faith” section.

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  - 11 AM Mass of Christmas Day

Please note: All Catholics are obliged to attend separate Masses for both the Fourth Sunday of Advent and for Christmas.

**Feast of the Holy Family**

- **Saturday December 30th**
  - 5 PM Vigil Mass

**Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**

(Not a Holy Day of Obligation)

- **Sunday December 31st**
  - 9 AM Mass

**Adoration Chapel Hours for Christmas & New Year**

Closed Saturday, Dec. 23rd, 5 PM - Tuesday, Dec. 26th, after the 8 AM Mass.
Closed Saturday, Dec. 30th, 5 PM - Tuesday, Jan. 2nd, after the 8 AM Mass.

**Parish Office Closures**

Parish Offices will be closed on:
Monday, December 25th, Tuesday, December 26th,
Monday, January 1st, and Tuesday, January 2nd.