



## **About Us**

## Holy Family Catholic Community

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Fr. Terry Keehan
Pastor
Fr. Richard Jakubik
Associate Pastor
Fr. Medard Laz
Pastor Emeritus

#### Vision Statement

Holy Family Catholic Community invites all to new life in Christ. Our response to God's call is evident through full, conscious and active participation in our community.

### Mission Statement

To engage all in the sacramental life through vibrant worship, life-long learning and passionate community.

#### Core Values

Animated by our faith in God to evangelize, we live the following core values:

- Integrity
- Excellence
- Unity
- Service
- Justice

### Welcome to Holy Family

Holy Family Catholic community invites all to new life in Christ. Are you new to Holy Family? Are you considering becoming a registered parishioner? We welcome you to become engaged in carrying out our mission. New members are registered on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of every month (excluding holidays) immediately following the 9:00 A.M. Mass. Welcome Ministers will be available at the Welcome Desk to walk you through the short registration process. Saint Paul says, "We are the Body of Christ." We look forward to experiencing that reality with you. Fr. Terry Keehan, Pastor

### Schedule

## Masses Weekdays:

Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m.
Monday & Wednesday 7:00 p.m.
First Friday of the month 9:00 a.m.
(with Anointing of the Sick)
First Saturday of the month 9:00 a.m.

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

**Sunday** 7:30 a.m.; 9:00 a.m. (interpreted for the hearing impaired); 11:00 a.m.; 4:00 p.m.

Kid Church - 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month at 10:15 in the chapel.

Holy Days 7:00a.m., 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Assisted Listening Devices available in the Liturgical Life Office for use at Masses.

#### **Eucharistic Adoration**

Everyday 6:00 a.m. to Midnight

#### Reconciliation (Available upon request)

Communal Reconciliation with individual absolution First Saturday of the month at 4:00 p.m. in chapel) Individual Reconciliation (in Reconciliation Room) Other Saturdays from 4:00 p.m.-4:45 p.m.

#### Nursery Available

Sunday 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

#### Anointing of the Sick

Please know that recent hospital privacy laws have significantly limited our knowledge of parishioners who are hospitalized. If you have a loved one who is ill, please contact our Liturgical Life office to request the Anointing of the Sick. The ideal time for anointing is when family is present and not necessarily in the final hours of life. Monthly Anointing of the Sick takes place on the First Friday of the month at 9:00 a.m. Mass.

#### Sacramental / Formation Ministers

Fr. Charles Bolser Fr. George Kane Friar Johnpaul Cafiero Fr. Bill Zavaski Fr. Denis Carneiro

Deacon Dennis Brown, Pastoral Associate

#### **Pastoral Council**

e-mail: council@holyfamilyparish.org
Chad Archer Chair (Deanery Rep)
Jack Shedd (At Large/Pastor))
Fr. Terry Keehan Pastor (Staff)
Bill Leece Adult Faith
Luis Gutierrez At Large (Pastor)
Barb Knuth At Large (Council)
Andrew Konopka At Large (Council)
Rick Zanardo Family Faith

Cattie Tenzillo Holy Family Academy Staff
Karina Chavez Academy Parents Rep
Joe Ferlita Knights of Columbus
Mike Myers Human Concerns

Bernie Schaeffer Staff

Pauline Carlson Teen Faith (Adult Rep) Anthony Piasecki Teen Faith (Teen Rep) Alexandra Posey Teen Faith (Teen Rep)

Bob Keller Liturgical Life

Council meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. All are invited to attend and listen to the items on the published agenda. If you or your group have an item for discussion, it needs to be submitted in writing to the council chair one week prior to the scheduled meeting.

#### **Finance Council**

The Finance Council of Holy Family meets quarterly and its current members are:

Ken Aman - Chair Jim Vande Logt Randy Olech Chet Zara

Ron Sobon

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## Fr. Terry Keehan

It is with great pleasure and excitement I announce our new Director of Liturgical Arts Gene Garcia effective January 1, 2018. In his new role Gene will be responsible for all areas of our worship experience including liturgy, music and creative arts.

Gene will serve with a very competent team including Dennis Brown who will continue as Deacon and will also be instrumental in supporting Gene as he assumes his new liturgical responsibilities. Judy Petrie has also assumed additional administrative responsibilities supporting liturgy as well as her current administrative position in music. Sherry DeLuca will also provide liturgical support with her presence at weekend liturgies. We will continue to expand the department as needed to provide and enhance our Liturgical experience. This new structure, along with Rich Jakubik's presence here at Holy Family, will also enable me to spend more time and energy on the liturgical, worship and musical planning with Gene, Dennis, Judy and Sherry.

Pastoral Care, previously a part of Liturgical Life, is now a separate major ministering Community under the direction of Fr. Rich Jakubik, who will do a wonderful job of directing and guiding the advancement of the Ministry. Mimi Ferlita will continue as Associate Director.

These changes are significant in the ongoing delivery of our mission and vision as a unique, welcoming and vibrant Catholic Community. Please join me in congratulating Gene.

This weekend we celebrate perhaps my favorite feast of the year. The Epiphany story provides a beautiful way to help each of us embrace the personal call that God has for us – for you. As I have mentioned so many times before, and many scripture scholars suggest, a very effective way to pray with a scripture passage is to take the part of one of the characters. In the Epiphany story, try to put yourself in the place of one of the wise men or kings. They had some astrology background and they were attentive to the stars that lit up the night sky. One particular star caught their attention. They responded by following it. Their response connected them with the journey of others who had similar passions and interests – they were following the same star.

But there was something really special about this certain star right from the start. It encouraged them to pack up a gift that represented their homeland. This gift was a natural resource from the area they were from and for some reason the star not only caught

their attention, it motivated them to give that valuable something, that important treasure, away.

The narrative of the story continues. These kings/ astrologers did not travel alone; they traveled with others. Their path was along the terrain of the land with sturdy, steady animals carrying them. They held in their hands gifts that represented who they had come to believe they were, and they were guided by a special star, one that had something to do with royalty. They kept their eyes on the star. They allowed themselves to be led so they trusted in the goodness of where they were being led. When they came close to their destination they made a bad assumption. They assumed that the star was leading them to the King in the city of Jerusalem. That assumption took them off course. The real destination was a surprise; Bethlehem, a little town nearby. The real King was another surprise, not an authoritarian ruler in fine robes, but an innocent baby born to first time nervous parents who couldn't find anywhere to stay, until a generous stable owner opened his manger to them. Through all of this, this itinerant family who also trusted in the deep spiritual dimension of the unfolding of these surprises.

As much as these magi/king/astrologer/wise men knew about the stars, they never confused the star with its purpose. The star was not the destination. The star was the guide and Jesus is the destination. The star led them to their savior. When they arrived and saw – they were amazed and inspired. They were motivated by the innocence and holiness of the child/King and they were moved by the simple yet warm love of his parents. This moved them to give their gifts away, and in giving their treasures they were really giving themselves.

What is your star? Who is your star? What or who is it that you may, at times, confuse with the destination, but ultimately leads you to your savior? My star is priesthood. It is what continually leads me to the savior. It is what inspires me to give my talents away.

I am so honored to travel with all of you and at times, when I get off course, perhaps by making assumptions, I am equally grateful for the times that you help me to get back on track and to be led to the true destination which is Jesus Christ. I am also consistently inspired by the way that so many of you follow various stars that lead you to the Savior.

Let's continue to be led by our stars. Let's continue to travel together and not alone. Let's keep our eye on the star and not confuse it with its true purpose—it will lead us to THE SAVIOR!

## Liturgical Life

## Dennis Brown Permanent Deacon

847-907-3440 dbrown@ holyfamilyparish.org

## Gene Garcia Director of Music & Worship Technology

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## The Liturgical Life Community...

creates a vibrant prayer and worship experience so that all may participate in a fully conscious and active way in the liturgy. This includes different forms of prayer and worship experiences, for all attending Holy Family, whether on campus, the homebound, nursing, rehab facilities and hospitals.



# ATTENTION ALL EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS!

Re-Mandation training has been scheduled for the following dates:

Sunday, Jan. 14, Noon-2:00 PM, in Common Ground

Wednesday, Jan. 17, 7:00-9:00 PM, in the Church

Monday, May 21, 7:00-9:00 PM in the Church (this one is to accommodate those who may be out of town for the winter).

You only need to attend ONE of these sessions, but attendance at one of your choice is required for all current EM's.

If you have any questions, please contact Deacon Dennis Brown (dbrown@holyfamilyparish.org, 847-907-3440).

## PREPARING FOR NEXT WEEK

Watch our weekly LBSCC reflection @
https://www.youtube.com/user/HFInverness/videos.Click on reflections for Sunday
Readings 1-14-18 and listen to Mimi Ferlita reflect on the readings.

## **Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

- 1. The first three times the Lord calls for Samuel, he thinks it's Eli. How easy is it for us to miss the Lord's call?
- 2. As Eli instructed, Samuel responds to God's call with: "Speak, for your servant is listening." When you realize God is calling you, what has been your response? In what ways has your response changed you, transformed you?
- 3. Paul tells us in our second reading that "your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit." How do we reconcile this with the needs of our mortal body?
- 4. In our Gospel, Jesus asks the two disciples who followed him: "What are you looking for?" If Jesus asked you the same question today, how would you answer?
- 5. Andrew told his brother Simon, "We have found the Messiah." What could have led Andrew to this conclusion so early?

## Liturgical Life



## **An Epiphany Blessing**

Today is the Feast of the Epiphany, the fulfillment of Advent,

the merriest day of our merry Christmastime! But, wait a minute...the lovely branches of our Christmas trees are not so lovely anymore, and the boughs of holly that have decked our halls are drooping a bit, if they still hang at all. But, just when it seems that the season has lost its luster, here comes the celebration of Epiphany. The word "Epiphany" means "revelation" and this feast reveals to us that God is truly present, in Jesus Christ, in our very ordinary lives; let the celebration continue!

Epiphany is the traditional day for the blessing of the home, the center of our ordinary lives. Today, gather the family around the front door. Make the following inscription over the door with chalk or marker: 20 + C + M + B + 18. The numerals are those of the new year. The four crosses represent the four seasons. The letters are the initials of the legendary names of the magi...Casper, Melchior, and

Balthasar. They also signify the Latin motto Christus Mansionem Benedicat which means "May Christ bless the house." Then pray the following blessing as you sprinkle the front door with holy water:

God of all time and space, with Christmas joy we praise you for the year gone by and for the year we have begun. May this home we have made be filled with kindness to one another, with hospitality to guests and with abundant care for every stranger. By the gentle light of a star, guide home all seek you on paths of wonder, peace, and charity. Fill the year with good gifts for all the world as we join with the angels in proclaiming your praise: Glory in heaven and peace on Earth, now and forever. Amen

Now pray the Lord's Prayer together and exchange the greeting of peace before beginning a special Epiphany meal.

I hope that this blessing ritual will enrich your celebration of this day and that it will become a tradition for your family, as it has become one for ours.

Epiphany Peace and Blessings, Deacon Dennis



## An Epiphany Thank You!

On this Feast of the Epiphany we celebrate the revelation of God incarnate, God-With-us, in the Infant Jesus. This feast powerfully reminds us that the glory of God is present in the most ordinary people and situations. It tells us that God is here and now, in our everyday lives.

On this great feast day, the final day of the great Advent/Christmastime season, Liturgical Life wishes to express deep appreciation to all those "ordinary" people who worked so extra-ordinarily to assure that the Holy Family experience of Advent and Christmastime was spiritually enriching for all our "holy families." Parish staff members, Art and Environment Team, Music Ministers, Mass Coordinators, Greeters, Hospitality Ministers, Proclaimers, Eucharistic Ministers, Table and Light Ministers, Ushers, Sacristans, Maintenance personnel, many of whom worked long hours, created a welcoming, grace-filled, and joyful worship experience that awakened us all to the loving presence of Emmanuel, God-With-Us, in Jesus Christ. Thank you all very much!

And last, but certainly not least, thank you to the assembly, literally multiple thousands of you, who came to worship, giving thanks and praise to God for the gift of life and love to the world. You are a living witness of God-With-Us.

May the Star of Bethlehem guide us all through a new and blessed year of experiencing God in the ordinary!

## Liturgical Life

## **Mass Intentions**

#### Monday, January 8

9:00AM Residents of Poplar Creek (Ministers of Care)

7:00PM Charles Dianis (Mel Dianis)

## Tuesday, January 9

9:00AM Ron Hart (Vera Hart)

#### Wednesday, January 10

9:00AM Dr. Daniel Nwankwo (Family)9:00AM Yuleppe Soares (Petrie Family)7:00PM Bebing Policios (Desierto Family)

#### Thursday, January 11

9:00AM Walter Gonsalves (Sarita Pinto) 9:00AM Josefina V. Teano (Guerrero Family) 9:00AM Patricia Gramarosa (Family)

#### Friday, January 12

9:00AM Pietrina Rabbeni (Daughter)

9:00AM Catherine Carubia (Marietta Satalino)

#### Saturday, January 13

5:00PM Daniel A. Nixon III

(St. Edward Grammar School Class of 1957)

5:00PM Mary Ann Rooney (Mike & Robin Hanrahan)

5:00PM Patricia Keehan (5 o'clock ushers)

5:00PM Jerome Stanisz (Bridie & Family)

#### Sunday, January 14

7:30AM Patricia Zygmunt (Harris Family) 7:30AM Virginia LaMantia (Harris Family) 7:30AM Johnny Tumbarello Sr. (Family)

9:00AM Fr. Bob Erickson (Sesko Family) 9:00AM Ross Klicker (Frank & Donna) 9:00AM Patricia Keehan (Dodie Carney)

11:00AM John Weidler (Weidler Family)11:00AM Jayne Sanders (Lencioni Family)11:00AM Jennifer Braden (Biank Family)

4:00PM Jan Szewczyk & Family, Richard Kieltucki & Family, Ewa Krasiniska (Kieltucki Family)

## Mass intentions are available by contacting the Parish Office



## Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them...

\* Shari Bryant

\* John Danneker

\* Robert Buscher

\* Rosemarie Gloeckmer

\* Helen Clark

"I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.: John 11: 25

## In a Special Way We Remember Those Who Are Ill...

Richard Brown Tony Capalbo Darlene Conrad Mark Dahlem Pamela Hanssler Brian Healy George Krueger Jennie Martin Sarah Lauren Scienski Michael Speros Susan Tipre Jon Wittenberg

## Wedding Banns

Samantha Harden & Antonio Cipolla - II

## We Pray for Family Members in Service of Our Country

Lt. Colonel David J. Benjamin III - US Army
Capt. Sean P. Benjamin - US Army
Lt. Anne Louise Graft - US Air Force
Ensign Patrick J. Kennelly - US Navy
Major Brian Malloy - US Army
Lt. Colonel Jade Patrick Miller - US Army
Pvt. Theodore Rogers - US Army
Capt. Nick Lewis-Walls - US Army

## **Weekly Readings**

#### Monday, January 8

Isaiah 42: 1-4, 6-7 Acts 10: 34-38 Mark 1: 7-11

#### Tuesday, January 9

1 Samuel 1: 9-20 Mark 1: 21-28

#### Wednesday, January 10

1 Samuel 3: 1-10, 19-20

Mark 1: 29-39

## Thursday, January 11

1 Samuel 4: 1-11 Mark 1: 40-45 Friday, January 12

1 Samuel 4: 1-11 Mark 2: 1-12

Wark 2. 1-12

Saturday, January 13

1 Samuel 9: 1-4,17-19;10:1a

Mark 2: 13-17

#### Sunday, January 14

1 Samuel 3: 3b-10, 19

1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a,17-20

John 1: 35-42

## Parish Support & Services

## SUNDAY ATTENDANCE & COLLECTIONS

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# The Parish Support & Services Community...

oversees the parish business and infrastructure activities to ensure they operate efficiently.

	ATTENDANCE	COLLECTIONS		
Dec 3	2,302	\$	47,999	*
Dec 10	2,381	\$	53,912	*
Dec 17	2,447	\$	47,390	*
Dec 24	699 **	\$	42,506	**
Total	7,829	\$	191,807	_
Year to Date Sunday Collections		\$	1,021,643	_
Year to Date Budget		\$	988,064	_

Christmas collection total to date: \$225,837

\* Includes online giving
\*\* 4th Sunday of Advent numbers



Consider increasing your weekly donation by the cost of one cup per week.

## **NURSERY SERVICES**

We have had much good news with our many ministries. The success of Our Kid Church has been a blessing to our community. Our many families with young children have discovered a way to pray with their families and teach their children how to pray. The improvements in the Narthex with screens projecting the mass and creating a sense of inclusion to families who feel it is sometimes necessary to step out of the church have helped to create an even more welcoming environment in church for families.

As a result of these changes, we have found the demand for Sunday nursery services has all but disappeared. Consequently, it no longer makes sense for us to continue to maintain the nursery. Effective January 1 we will no longer provide babysitting services on Sunday mornings. We may continue to provide services on a special needs basis.

Thank you for your support and involvement in our continued growth and ongoing changes to meet the needs of our parishioners.

## Attention Engaged Couples,

## Mary Whiteside Director

847-907-3450 mwhiteside @holyfamilyparish.org

## The Adult Faith Community...

supports the mission of lifelong learning by providing educational, spiritual, and formational activities for the parish and the community. We will be having a Wedding Orientation to help walk you through the process of getting married at Holy Family. Staff will be available to answer questions and you may pick up your wedding manual at this event. Choose one of the two dates below to attend. If you are not able to

attend, you may send a family member or bridal party member to attend for you.

Saturday, January 27, 2018, 3:00 pm-4:30 pm

OR

Thursday, February 8, 2018, 7:00 pm -8:30 pm

To register, contact Eileen Neal at 847-907-3448 or eneal@holyfamilyparish.org

## Mass 101 Wednesday, January 24, 2018 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm



Join Fr. Terry in the church as he walks us through the parts of the Mass and explains why we do what we do!

If you would like a better understanding of our worship experience, this is for you!

No need to register, just come!

## **Beloved Retreat**

Our January 2018 Beloved Retreat is now FULL! We encourage you to put your name on the waiting list if you are interested in the retreat. Those on the waiting list will be the first ones called if any retreatants change their plans, and they will also have priority registration for the 2019 Beloved Retreat.

Please pray for our team and our 35 registered retreatants as they prepare for Beloved 2!

To be added to the waiting list, contact Mary Whiteside at 847-907-3450 or mwhiteside@holyfamilyparish.org

# **Bible Study**

Our Thursday night Bible Study group will resume again on January 11 and they will be studying the Gospel of Mark. Mark your calendar for January 11, 18, 25, February 1, 8 to kick off the New Year with some quality time with the Word and some Holy Family friends in faith. All are welcome to join at any time. For more information or to be added to the email list for this group, contact Jan Wood at jan@wood5.com.

Catholic Scripture Study Invites you to:

## Bible Journey





# God Who Speaks There: The Art of Reading Biblical Texts

Presented by Elizabeth Nagel, S.S.D.
January 10, 17, 24, 31, February 7 and 21, 2018
9:45 am - 11:45am
Cost: \$35



Join us on Wednesday mornings for one hour of small group discussion and one hour of lecture by Dr. Elizabeth Nagel, teaching us a methodology that Biblical scholars use to understand narratives and parables. Dr. Nagel will present some easy but essential steps that will help us to see these Old Testament and New Testament texts with new eyes, and to develop a deeper appreciation of God's Word. This intriguing class is for everyone who enjoys Bible Study—from beginners to advanced learners. Elizabeth Nagel received her Doctorate in Sacred Scripture from the Pontifical Biblical Institute in Rome. She has taught for many years at the University of St. Mary of the Lake in Mundelein. In 2012 the Pope appointed Dr. Nagel as President of the Pontifical Faculty of Theology at Mundelein. She is one of the very few women to have held that position across the United States. Dr. Nagel is the author of Be a Blessing: A Spring of Refreshment on the Road of Daily Life. Her primary interest is in teaching and communicating Sacred Scripture in a way that helps contemporary Christians enter into the Biblical text and hear, for themselves, God who speaks there.

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Our Bible Journey program has been a favorite for many years at Holy Family. If you haven't ever attended, come check it out!

To register, contact Mary Whiteside at 847-907-3450 or mwhiteside@holyfamilyparish.org.

## **Adult Faith**



# Parish Mission 2018

"Love Me Tender, Lord:
The Work of Transformation"
Sunday-Tuesday, February 11, 12, and 13, 2018,
7:00-8:30 pm
(followed by hospitality in the narthex)

Much of religion is about comfort, when in reality, Jesus preached a life of conversion and transformation. How do we participate in our work of becoming whole in Christ? What does it really mean to take up our cross and follow Jesus? How can we become more intentional about our discipleship in Christ? This parish mission is about forming ourselves more authentically and deeply through the perennial message of Christ.

Our presenter will be Fr. Jim Clarke, Director of New Evangelization for the Los Angeles Archdiocese. Fr. Clarke is also an Associate Spiritual Director at the Cardinal Manning House of Prayer for priests in Los Angeles, and a previous Director of Spiritual Formation at St. John's Seminary in Camarillo, California. He is a well known and very popular Parish Mission speaker as well as a regular presenter at the Religious Education Conference in Los Angeles and we look forward to welcoming him to Holy Family!

There is no cost to attend the Parish Mission and there is no registration necessary. Come, bring your friends and prepare your heart for Lent...

# Young Adults (ages 21-39)



The Young Adult Ministry-Northwest will be hosting a **Winter Wine Series** beginning in January. Details will follow, but here are the dates...Mark your calendars!

January 17, 24, 31 and February 7, 2018 – Location and speaker information will follow! Watch the Bulletin for details and the YAM-NW Facebook page www.facebook.com/groups/yamnwc/ or email them at yamnw.suburbs@gmail.com

# Annulment Support

If you would like to speak to someone who has experienced an annulment or have someone walk the journey with you as you complete the annulment process, we hope you will consider contacting our Annulment Ministry leaders.

For more information, contact Jan at jromanowski@sbcglobal.net or 847-504-6924 or Rosemary at rtspinner@gmail.com or 847-991-7833



## The Feast of the Holy Family

One woman's prayerful request - Peg Hanrahan

**Christmas is a SEASON**, for no one day could ever adequately celebrate the magnificence of the Incarnation. Magnificence needs room to stretch. Mystery is meant to continuously unfold, deep into deep, rising within consciousness, enfolding one into a more skillful attentiveness.

We wrap "the peace of Christ," around our alleluia prayer. We dare to ask, "let the Word of Christ dwell in you/me/us <u>richly</u>". God listens, hears and replies to our heartfelt desires coming nearer, nearer, and nearer still,

descending into the depth of our minds and hearts, taking up residence within all of humankind. Angelic choirs greet such preposterous divine behavior by acclaiming in glorious tones the generosity of God and the hospitality of humanity, made known in Mary and Joseph and their newborn child.

The splendor of "God with us", shines bright, illuminating the commonplace of stables, revealing the holiness of ordinary living, encouraging us to grasp a <u>spirituality of appreciation</u>. Savor Christ's coming; take delight in the wondrous gift of salvation unfolding in the joys and challenges of family life.

During this Christmastide try this simple prayer reflection. Recall a time when you could not take your eyes off a newborn child. Remember the longing you felt to hold, to clasp the sweet warmth of new life, to embrace with such carefulness a child. Summon day in and day out during these holy days those moments when you found love gently swaddling wounds that still ache, binding up the anguish and sorrows of life, bringing comfort, enfolding you in love's power to heal. Summon and give thanks.



As Catholics we choose to celebrate *family life* during the Christmas season, intentionally raising it up as sacred, as blessing. For our part, as members of the *Holy Family Catholic Community* let us embrace this feast that names us as family, as holy, as Church. In a *spirituality of appreciation* let us center our attention on the places of ease and happiness woven within the fabric of our life together as a community of faith and hope. Let us lift our voices in psalm- prayer "Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways." May we celebrate these sacred days in ways that disclose to us our brokenness, and our

experiences of innocents slaughtered (*The Feast of the Holy Innocents is celebrated on Dec. 28*). Let no one forget the scandals of love we have both perpetrated and endured. Let us promise here and now, within and without to be mindful of God's enfolding presence, making it possible to love again with tenderness.

Breathe the fragrances of gifts that come our way in these enlightened days of Christmastide. Stand before the crib, now crowded with all that is human. Draw near and take your place among shepherds and kings. Accept for yourself the balm of peace and good will this most unlikely of places offers. Hear in God's Word the joyful proclamation - I AM here, you are saved, set free, liberated from all that oppresses the spirit.



THE *FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY IS OUR FEAST DAY*. Let us renew our efforts that day, in this place to make our family/families *holy*, safe in every way - a refuge from the corrosive influences of exclusion and alienation - a shelter from violence and hostility. Let us offer again the gift of solidarity, our intention to identity with everyone who has ever felt disconnected. May our ability to feel their longing for safety and belonging make us a people who welcome, and diligently work to strip away whatever makes us less than who we are – A HOLY PEOPLE – chosen to be a home for the Christ-child.



## □ Check your email frequently

- ☐ Help us keep our database updated if you are not receiving regular emails from Family & Teen Faith check with us to make sure we have the correct email address
- □ Stay in regular contact with your child's/teens catechist text, email, phone or speak to him/her before or after class and respond to their calls, texts and emails.
- ☐ Check your child's folder after every class
- ☐ Attend parent meetings whenever possible
- Read the FTF quarterly newsletter we have published two this year so far, one in September and one in December

## How parents can help

## make communication with FTF better

- Read the parish bulletin our bulletins are archived online as pdf documents.
  See www.holyfamilyparish.org
- ☐ Check the Holy Family website weekly www.holyfamilyparish.org
- ☐ Check theTeen Faith Facebook page Facebook.com/holyfamilyteenfaith & Instagram Account@holyfamily.teenfaith
- □ Call or email the FTF staff if you have questions or concerns. Don't let issues fester.
- Make an appointment with a FTF staff member when you drop off or pick up your students from Faith classes

# BEGIN

## A child's Religious Education

If you are new to Holy Family or were not able to register your child for Religious Education this past Fall please do so now. For more information about our programs go to <a href="http://holyfamilyparish.org">http://holyfamilyparish.org</a> and click Family Faith for Pre-K-grade 6; or Teen Faith for grades 7-12 or each out to Laura Ferlita, 847-907-3436 (Family Faith); Mel Tomal, 847-907-3439 (Teen Faith); (sacramental preparation). For information on preparing children/teens to receive sacraments go to Sacrament or reach out to Isabella McPherrin, 847-907-3426.

Tuition assistance is available. To register download our Registration Form. Archdiocesan policy requires that children receiving sacraments have two years of formal religious education prior to receiving First Eucharist and four years prior to Confirmation.

# Holy Family has a CHILDREN'S CHOIR

## Would your 1<sup>st</sup>- 6<sup>th</sup> grader be interested in joining?

The Children's choir sings once a month at the 9:00 am Mass. They rehearse twice a month. If you want more information please contact Lisa McKian at <u>LisaMcKian@gmail.com</u>. Currently we have 25 children in the choir.

The Spiritual Life of Children by renowned child psychiatrist Robert Coles, is a great read for parents and grandparents. In this eighth and final volume in his Pulitzer Prizewinning Children of Crisis series, Coles examines the religious and spiritual lives of children.

In this work we find ourselves getting remarkably well-acquainted with Haroon, an eleven-year-old Muslim boy of Pakistani origin, now living in London; with Alice, a working-class girl of ten from a Boston suburb; with Junior, a twelve-year-old member of an ardent Protestant family in east Tennessee; with Leah, whose devout Judaism comforts her amid the terrors of acute leukemia; and with dozens more.

## Journeys Scuba Discovery Dive Program



## Open to all Holy Family Teens & friends space is limited

Join our **Journey's** group us on **Saturday**, **Jan.** 6<sup>th</sup>, **2018** Learn the basics of scuba diving right here in Chicago at a local University pool. You will learn how to use the equipment and get to try out a dive into another world. **All equipment provided** – just bring a swimsuit and towel.

Meet at Holy Family at 930 a.m.
Return by 3:00 p.m.
Cost: \$20.00 per person includes everything

- Permission forms available on line at <u>http://holyfamilyparish.org/journeys</u>
- > Turn in forms and money to Owen Walsh at the parish.
- Got questions? Contact Bernie Rupe at bernie@chicagovoyagers.org or 847 636 0422.

## It all begins again Passion Play 2018

### 'Come to the Water'

A new original script co-authored by



Dr. Peg Hanrahan & Lynn Daugerdas

- > Become a member of the Passion Play community (adults are needed as well as teens, 7<sup>th</sup> grade on up)
- Rehearsals will be held on Sunday afternoons 12:30-3:00 (lunch is provided) beginning Jan. 7, 2018
- Missed the auditions but want to be part of Passion Play? Contact this year's director, Lynn Daugerdas at lynndaugerdas@gmail.com ASAP!
- Want to be part of the tech crew? Contact Bernie Rupe at bernie.rupe@gmail.com

Lend your talents to this one-of-a-kind worship experience at Holy Family. Adult volunteers contact Dr. Peg, phanrahan@holyfamilyparish.org





Home from college?
Living at home but got a few days off work & school?

Connect up with friends old and new

Bowling Night
Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2018
Meet up at Holy Family @ 6:15 pm

Let Owen Walsh know if you will be coming at <a href="mailto:owalsh@holyfamilyparish.org">owalsh@holyfamilyparish.org</a> or 847-907-3446



Nazareth Farm is a Catholic service organization with a focus on home repair in the Appalachian region. Find out more at <a href="https://www.nazarethfarm.org">www.nazarethfarm.org</a>

## Cost: \$350 per young adult

- Open to: students who have just finished their first year of college up through the class of 2019
- We must have at between 7-10 participants to go to Nazareth Farms

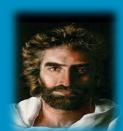
For more information or to reserve your spot contact Owen Walsh at 847-907-3446 owalsh@holyfamilyparish.org

Promise yourself you'll do one thing in 2018 to become a more faithfilled person. Faith never stands still; it is either increasing or decreasing.

IGNITE Teens & Parents mark your calendars now!

The Historical Jesus
A Dramatic Presentation
by Michael Hugo

Sunday, January 7, 2017 5:15-6:45 pm @ Holy Family



The Historical Jesus is a ninety minute dramatic presentation on the life of Jesus. In this presentation, Mr. Michael Hugo, with the use of multiple props, garments and music presents the life of Jesus; at times in his own language and many

stories of the Gospels. The reflection culminates with a detailed account of the crucifixion of Jesus. Michael has offered this presentation over a hundred times in multiple parishes and schools throughout the archdiocese of Chicago, always to enthusiastic reviews.

If developing a personal relationship with Jesus is important to you, don't miss this thought-provoking and moving presentation.

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ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND

## **Enjoy the Christmas Break**

Be safe Stay Warm



We hope to see all our Family & Teen Faith students back on Sunday, Jan. 7, 2018 or Wednesday, Jan. 10, 2018



## Spirit Camp at Holy Family Get the dates on your

calendar now!

June 18-22, 2018



**Spirit Camp** is Holy Family's version of Vacation Bible School for Palatine, Inverness, Barrington, Arlington Heights and other NW Chicago Suburbs

**This summer** Spirit Campers will venture onto an uncharted island where kids survive and thrive. Anchor kids in the truth that Jesus carries them through life's storms.

Registration for Spirit Camp opens April 1, 2018



## **Holy Family Academy**

Kate O'Brien Principal

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## Looking Back and Ahead— Highlights of 2017 and Things to Come in 2018!

We began our school year with a year-long celebration of the 15th Anniversary of the founding of HFCA. Here are some of the highlights of the first part of this year and things to look for in 2018!

#### 2017



We began the year with our largest early childhood enrollment with over 170 2-,3- and 4-year old students.



HFCA became one of only 50 private schools in the country to earn the US Department of Education's Blue Ribbon Award for Exemplary Teaching and Learning.



HFCA became the First AdvancED STEM Accredited Middle School in the State of Illinois!



Our 8th grade girls won the conference volleyball championship! Another first in our history!

#### 2018



Join us on January 28 for our Open House from 10-11am. Meet our amazing teachers and tour our campus.



New Family Applications begin on January 29 @ 9:00am on our website hfcacademy.org.



Middle School Parent Information Night January 31 @ 6pm.

Learn about our nationally award winning program.



## **Human Concerns**

## Fr. Corey Brost Visits Holy Family

## Sue Geegan Director

847-907-3443 sgeegan @holyfamilyparish.org

## The Human Concerns Community...

offers assistance with life's basic needs, spiritual and emotional support as well as additional resources with partners in our community while promoting mercy and justice by putting our faith into action. **Fr. Corey Brost, C.S.V.**, Co-Director, Viator House of Hospitality and Co-Founder, Children of Abraham Coalition, will be celebrating mass at Holy Family on Sunday, January 21 at the 9 and 11am masses. We will also welcome a DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) guest speaker to enlighten the congregation about the struggles and accomplishments of these young Dreamers. Fr. Corey will host a Q&A session in the chapel immediately following both masses.

During this **National Migration Week**, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Justice for Immigrants campaign is currently working on behalf of the Bishops, including our own Cardinal Cupich, to promote humane migration policies towards refugees and immigrants that reflect our Catholic values.

Join the U.S. Catholic bishops in support of protecting immigrants and refugees by sending an electronic postcard to Washington, DC asking that lawmakers ensure humane treatment and reforms towards migrants and refugees. The postcards may be sent from Justice for Immigrants' homepage at www.justiceforimmigrants.org.

More information about the Catholic bishops' JFI campaign may also be found on the JFI website: www.justiceforimmigrants.org, and at www.sharejourney.org.

"Closeness to the poor, the refugee, the immigrant, the sick, the exploited, the elderly living alone, prisoners and all God's other poor, will teach us a different way of resting, one which is more Christian and generous." – Pope Francis

Thank you to all donors that supported the
Thanksgiving Assist A Family Program
and the Christmas Assist A Family
and Holiday Sharing Programs.
You brought joy and hope to hundreds of people living at or
below the poverty level.

Also, Thank You to our PADS Volunteers who consistently donate food and volunteer hours over the 30 weeks that Holy Family hosts a homeless shelter.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS AND LIFESOURCE THANK BLOOD DONORS

We were able to receive 26 pints of blood at the December Blood Drive. Thanks to all who participated. This is a time of the year when blood banks tend to run short, so your gift was very timely.

## **Human Concerns**

## Welcoming a New Year

A new year stands on my doorstep Ready to enter my life's journey.

Something in me welcomes this visitor:
The hope of bountiful blessings
The joy of a new beginning
The freshness of unclaimed surprises

Something in me rebuffs this visitor;
The swiftness of the coming
The boldness of the entrance
The challenge of a year's good-bye.

Something in me fears this visitor:
The unnamed events of future days
The wisdom needed to walk love well
The demands of giving away and growing.

A new year stands on my doorstep
With fragile caution I move
To open the door for its entrance.

My heart leaps with surprise, joy jumps in my eyes, for there beside this brand-new year Stands my God with outstretched hand! God smiles and gently asks of me: Can we walk this year together?

And I, so overwhelmed with goodness, Can barely whisper my reply:

Welcome in!

Fresh Bread and Other Gifts of Spiritual Nourishment, Ave Maria Press, 1985, Joyce Rupp, osm

# PADS CLOTHING ITEMS NEEDED

- Women's undergarments sizes Med, Lg and XL
- Warm hats, gloves, mittens, scarves
  - · Winter coats, boots

Please leave items in the PADS bin in the west coatroom.

Thanks so very much!

## "Rising from Divorce"



A support group for individuals facing separation, divorce or annulment. This open and ongoing support group will help you heal and cope. The Divorced Catholic Series is

currently offered. It is a 13-week program that will be offered on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month from 7-9pm.

## **Upcoming sessions:**

January 8: Anger and More Anger – "Handling Anger"

January 22: Blame and Guilt – "Why Did God Allow This to Happen?"

Go to the Holy Family website under Rising From Divorce to see the complete list of sessions. Come and join us, share your thoughts and experiences in a safe Christian environment!

Contact Kathy Kvitek for more information at kathykv2@gmail.com.



## Holy Family Parishioners – Drive Cautiously in the Parking Lot

Every Sunday evening until the last weekend in April, Holy Family hosts a PADS site for our homeless friends to provide them with a nutritious meal and a safe and warm place to sleep. Be aware that our guests arrive on food, on bikes as well as in automobiles. They are traveling along Palatine Road in the darkness of the evening hours and are difficult to see at times. Please drive slowly and use extra caution as you leave the church through the parking lot and onto Palatine Road. We want our guests to arrive safely. Thank You!

## Holy Family Partnerships & Support Groups

## **Partnerships**

#### **Catholic Charities**

Provides food, clothing, shelter, counseling and other services to those in need, bringing hope to the hopeless.

Mike Waters, NW Regional Director Des Plaines

mwaters@catholiccharities.net 847-376-2100

## Habitat for Humanity Spring of Life Partnership

Nonprofit, ecumenical Christian housing ministry. Provides interest free loans to families who qualify for affordable housing Larry Buettner Larrybuettner@comcast.net www.springoflifehabitat.org

#### Journeys the Road Home

At Journeys, we work to provide intervention and support to address the root cause of homelessness, and lead people back to a stable environment. Shelter through the PADS program October through April; job support, case management, food pantry, clothing room, Pathway Housing Readiness Program are a few offerings. www.journeystheroadhome.org 847-963-9163

#### Misíon San Juan Diego

Holy Family partners with this local Hispanic parish encouraging intercultural exchange. http://www.misionsanjuandiego.org

#### St. Joseph's Home for the Elderly

Staffed by Little Sisters of the Poor, provides assistance as they minister to the elderly economically disadvantaged in Palatine. www.littlesistersofthepoorpalatine. org 847-358-5700

## Chicago Voyagers

An affiliate of Trips for Kids®, a nonprofit whose mission is to empower at-risk youth through outdoor experiential adventures that foster healthy relationships and responsible behavior in order to grow into successful, healthy adults. www.chicagovoyagers.org

#### WINGS

### (Giving Flight to Hopes and Dreams)

The mission of WINGS is to provide a continuum of integrated services in an effort to end domestic violence and homelessness one family at a time. www.wingsprogram.com 847-519-7820

## **Support Groups**

#### Al-Anon

Helps friends and families of alcoholics find support and understanding. Saturday mornings from 9:30 to 11:30am in room Lower Level 3. Cathie: 847-255-3653

### AMITA Health Behavioral Medicine

One-on-one counseling. Meets on various days and times. Contact them directly at 855-383-2224.

#### Job Support

A vibrant networking group designed to support those who are searching for a new position or career. We encourage all attendees to share talents, advice and contacts. The group meets Saturday mornings from 7:30 to 9:30 am in Common Ground. For each meeting bring 25 copies of a resume or handbill.

Brian Healy 847-359-4097, Frank Sevilla 847-567-0969, Jerry Aurigemma 224-484-8709

### LOSS (Survivors of Suicide)

Facilitated by staff of Catholic Charities on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at Holy Family at 7:00pm. Contact: Jessica H. 312-655-7283

## Mental Health Support

Referrals to local support agencies for anyone with a mental health diagnosis as well as friends and family members.

Dan & Trudy Mickey: 847-991-6255 mickeydan@comcast.net

### One In Love (LGBT)

Educate, Advocate, Ally and Serve the LGBT community by exploring issues surrounding sexuality, gender, and our faith in a safe, loving environment. Meets the second Saturday every month from 10:00amnoon. Chris Evon 847-271-6030 or chris.evon@yahoo.com

#### Rising from Divorce

A support group for individuals facing separation, divorce or annulment. This open and ongoing support group who will help you heal and cope. Faith sharing, speakers and social activities are offered throughout the year. Meets on Monday twice a month from 7:00-9:00pm. Kathy Kvitek: kathykv2@gmail.com 630-697-1655

#### To Be Joyful Again

Supporting and assisting people whose spouses have died. We meet on the first and third Thursdays of every month at 7:00pm, and also provide other opportunities for connection. Contact:
Elaine at 847-705-9886
Bob Boho at 847-438-2884

## US TOO International (prostate cancer support)

For men and couples who are dealing with prostate cancer. Information, resources and support are available at the monthly meetings which are held on the 4th Tuesday of each month from 5:30-7:00pm and 6:30-9:00pm.

Cliff Whall - 630-718-1304

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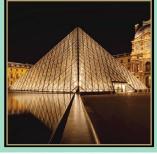
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