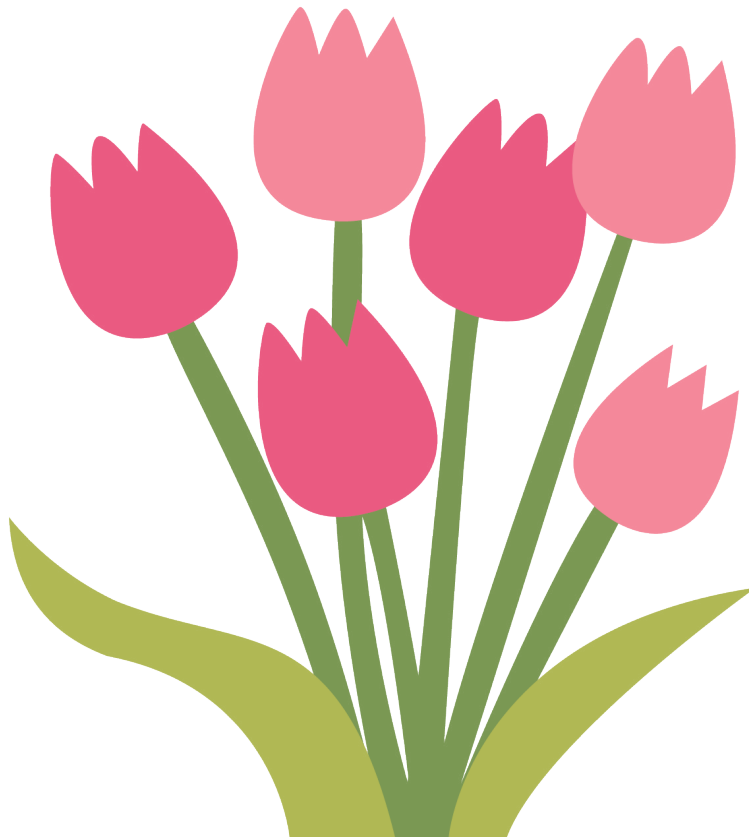


HOLY FAMILY
CATHOLIC COMMUNITY
inviting all to new life in Christ

HAPPY
Mother's
DAY



About Us

Holy Family

Catholic Community

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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)

Wednesdays from 6:00 p.m.-6:45 p.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 contact Mimi Ferlita in our Pastoral Care office at 847-907-3425 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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A Mother's Gaze

Best Mother's Day wishes to all our Moms! A mother is a special part of all that's cherished in our hearts. Many of us will be sharing words spoken, written, or prayers in thanksgiving for all the ways our moms made us feel loved, nurtured, and cared for. Though many of us feel grateful and blessed to have had amazing and wonderful moms, others may struggle with this connection for a variety of reasons.

Maureen Killoran, a spiritual writer, speaks of the power and complications that can occur with our relationship with moms and offers prayers for blessing and healing of the heart:

For all who never knew their mothers...and all who chose or were compelled to let their children drift away...We ask a blessing on this day.

For all who longed to hold their newborn in the arms of love...and all who faced a pregnancy with fear...We ask a blessing on this day.

For all who struggle with the pain of their mother's increasing confusion...and all who feel the muddle growing in their own heads and seek to keep it from their parent...or their child...We ask a blessing on this day.

For all whose mothers never grew up...and all whose mothers never learned to play...We ask a blessing on this day.

For all who missed the chance to say I love you...and all who long to say it now, but find ourselves afraid...We ask a blessing on this day.

For all who carry ancient wounds...infertility...abuse...misunderstanding...anger...grief...We ask a blessing on this day.

For all who struggle with regret...We ask a blessing on this day.

Not long before his own death, the late and now Saint Pope John Paul II, who lost his own mother at an early age, was intrigued by the work of psychologist Dr. Dan Siegal, who specialized in early parental bonding. Dr. Siegal explained that every child yearns for, and must have, eye contact for healthy emotional development to occur. Dr. Siegal founded a new field of research known as Interpersonal Neurobiology (IPNB). Through his research he proved that a mother's gaze plays a critical role in how we develop empathy.

Dr. Dan Siegal's work on "a mother's gaze" led to a private meeting between himself and Pope John Paul II at the Vatican. There they discussed, in a very personal way, the pontiff's experience of being orphaned at a very young age and the impact it had on his psychological and spiritual life and development. The gaze of our mothers, or a loving parental figure, mirrors the gaze of our loving God. Dr. Siegal wrote that a person learns the world from their mother's face. A mother's eyes are the mirror where children confirm their own existence. From the reflection of its mother's eyes, a baby draws its earliest, wordless lessons about connection, care, and love.

The mother's gaze determines more than we might realize about how we come to see ourselves, our place in the world, and the people around us. Repeated tens of thousands of times in the child's life, these small moments of mutual rapport transmit the best part of our humanity, our capacity for love, from one generation to the next. Without such mirrored transmission, children deprived of the mother's gaze are likely to feel disconnected from others later in life. Many of them will struggle to heal this disconnect in destructive ways ranging from dysfunctional love to substance abuse.

Dr. Siegal suggests that the visual interaction between mother and child primes the moral organ in visceral ways. "Through mirroring, attachment to caregivers helps the immature brain use the mature functions of the parents' brain to organize its own processes," he told a journalist. "We learn to care, quite literally, by observing the caring behavior of our parents toward us." Through the mirrored love in our parents' eyes, we learn surrender, devotion, and trust.

Let us pray for all mothers this weekend and for healing upon those who struggle with complicated relationships with their own mothers. If we have experienced a wounded relationship with our mothers, may God bring us renewed hope and healing.

Happy Mother's Day to all our mothers!

(Fr. Rich Jakubik, Holy Family's Associate Pastor, is writing this column while Fr. Terry is away.)

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The Liturgical Arts
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.



**Ever thought about becoming a Eucharistic Minister?
Are you a current Eucharistic Minister
that needs to be remanded?**

**We are offering training for NEW
AND
CURRENT Eucharistic Ministers.**

Monday, May 21 - 7:00-8:30pm
please contact Judy Petrie to register: jpetrie@holyfamilyparish.org

Preparing for Next Week...

Watch our weekly LBSCC reflection @
<https://www.youtube.com/user/HFInverness/videos>. Click on reflections for Sunday
Readings 5-20-18 and listen to Friar Johnpaul Cafiero OFM reflect on the readings.

The Solemnity of Pentecost

1. The presence of the Holy Spirit transformed the lives of the Apostles forever, and gave birth to the Church. How can we open ourselves to the transformative presence of the Holy Spirit in 2018?
2. How does Pentecost bring the Easter season to a joyous conclusion? What significance does Pentecost have in our lives today?
3. In the second reading, Paul stresses that the Church must be diverse:
"For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit."
Have we become more or less open to diversity in our church, community and country? Are we hopeful for the future?
4. Jesus repeatedly offered the gift of forgiveness, which was passed on to the Apostles. Why is forgiveness so important yet so elusive? How can we do a better job of forgiving in the coming year?
5. Now that the season of Lent and Easter has concluded, as you reflect back, are there positive changes in your thoughts or actions that you will carry forward?

Liturgical Arts

Mass Intentions

Monday, May 14

9:00AM Tony Capalbo (Florette & Andrew Sokulski)
9:00AM Bruce Ventura (Kristy & Marge)
9:00AM Bruce Ventura (Stephanie & Tyler)

Tuesday, May 15

9:00AM Jaime Sanchez (Bustamante Family)
9:00AM Richard Desmond (Bustamante Family)

Wednesday, May 16

9:00AM Dr. Daniel Nwankwo (Family)
9:00AM Peter Kippes, Sr. (Family)

Thursday, May 17

9:00AM Robert Jacks (Steve Kendzior)
9:00AM Jean McCabe (Pacini Family)

Friday, May 18

9:00AM Don Littwin (Ro Geisler)
9:00AM Gerald Zarmin (Elayne)

Saturday, May 19

5:00PM Kathleen Kinzig (Family)
5:00PM Carolyn Grosch (Family)
5:00PM Andres Gonzales
(M/M Francisco Figueroa & Family)
5:00PM Charles Lee (Lee Family)

Sunday, May 20

7:30AM Don Littwin (Ron & Kathy Wojewoda)
7:30AM Kathleen Walsh (Hornback Family)
7:30AM Donald Littwin (Hornback Family)

9:00AM Philippe Paragas (Family)
9:00AM Kathleen Mauer (Jean Mauer)
9:00AM Jim Kulikauskas (Helen & Tony Mazzocco)

11:00AM John Brenner (Carol)
11:00AM Victoria Vaughn (Emily Lee)
11:00AM Frad Neal (Bonnie Michels OFS)

4:00PM Loved Ones of Hagan/Kozlowski FLAME
2 Class (Hagan/Kozlowski FLAME 2 Teens)

Mass intentions are available
by contacting the Parish Office



Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them...

* Caroline Conti
* Neva Cosmos

"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...

Barbara Albanese
Olivia Albro
James Culotta
Tom Martin
Pam McMahon
Robert Ross

Sarah
Lauren Scienski
Jona Soriano
Raymond & Rosemary White
Therese Witanen

Wedding Banns

Michelle Moffett & Nick Bruett - I

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*
First Lieutenant Peter Keiser - *US Army*
Ensign Patrick J. Kennelly - *US Navy*
Major Brian Malloy - *US Army*
Lt. Colonel Jade Patrick Miller - *US Army*
PFC Jacob Riedl - *US Army*
Pvt. Theodore Rogers - *US Army*
Airman Zachary L. Schirmer - *US Navy*
Capt. Nick Lewis-Walls - *US Army*

Weekly Readings

Monday, May 14

Acts 1: 15-17, 20-26
John 15: 9-17

Tuesday, May 15

Acts 20: 17-27
John 17: 1-11a

Wednesday, May 16

Acts 20: 28-38
John 17: 11b-19

Thursday, May 17

Acts 22: 30; 23: 6-11
John 17: 20-26

Friday, May 18

Acts 25: 13b-21
John 21: 15-19

Saturday, May 19

Acts 28: 16-20, 30-31
John 21: 20-25

Sunday, May 20

Acts 2: 1-11
1 Corinthians 12: 3b-7, 12-13
John 20: 19-23

Parish Support & Services

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The Parish Support
 & Services
 Community...
 oversees the parish
 business and
 infrastructure activities
 to ensure they operate
 efficiently.

SUNDAY ATTENDANCE & COLLECTIONS		
	ATTENDANCE	COLLECTIONS
April 15	1,653	\$ 52,347 *
April 22	2,049	\$ 38,745
April 29	2,140	\$ 23,633
May 6	2,066	\$ 43,226 *
Total	7,908	
Last year	16,927 **	
Year to Date Sunday Collections		\$ 1,768,784
Year to Date Budget		\$ 1,738,387
Year to Date Easter		\$121,616
Year to Date Budget - Easter		\$161,670
* Includes online giving		** Includes last year's Easter numbers



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

Attention: Electronic Donors - Please remember to advise of any change in your credit card status. We are happy to assist you in updating records or you can also access ACS. Your assistance will avoid any potential confusion or interruption in your donations.

Free Estate Planning Seminar Thursday, May 17th 7:00pm

Get answers from experts in the field at this free seminar.

- ❖ What is probate?
- ❖ What about guardianship?
- ❖ Who'll make medical decisions if I can't?
- ❖ What plan is best for me/us?
- ❖ What will my legacy be?
- ❖ How can I preserve my estate's value?



Register on-line at: holyfamilyparish.org or in the Parish Office

Parish Support & Services

“When You Forget Yourself and Think of Others, This is Love!”

-- Pope Francis

volunteer *do good, feel good*

During the month of May we celebrate two occasions that are all about selfless giving and service to others: Mother’s Day and Memorial Day. But May also reminds us of the natural cycle of renewal, and the eternal sense of optimism that nature – and people – will blossom and thrive again. This May, why not experience the joy and self-renewal of serving others through volunteerism?

Volunteering and serving others has tremendous benefits for the recipients, but there’s growing evidence that the givers benefit, too – well beyond just feeling good about what they’re doing to actually being physically and cognitively healthier.

A recent article published in the Wall Street Journal cited several studies confirming that volunteering is not just good -- it’s actually good for your health. In one study cited, 75% of those who volunteered said that volunteering made them feel physically healthier. In another more comprehensive study of 64,000 people (age 60+, over a 12 year period) the study showed that volunteering actually slows the cognitive decline of aging. “We find that as people volunteer, their cognitive health scores improve. If they don’t volunteer, their cognitive scores decline faster”, said Dr. Sumedha Gupta, Indiana-Purdue University and author of the study. And it doesn’t take much: the data showed cognitive benefits with as little as 2 to 2½ hours of volunteering each week, on average, according to Dr. Gupta.

The article notes that there are many reasons that this proven benefit occurs. As many other studies have noted, and unlike paid work, there’s a unique “warm glow” effect that a volunteer experiences from helping people. Volunteering is also unique “because it supplies mental, physical and social stimulation in one package,” Dr. Gupta says. “You have to move around, you interact with people, you think about activities.” Whereas doing a Sudoku puzzle offers one type of intellectual stimulation, she says, volunteers get all of these types of stimulation simultaneously.

This month, while you’re enjoying the beauty of May in full bloom, why not help others blossom, too, through volunteering? We guarantee you’ll feel good – emotionally and physically! Think about the unique skills and experience you have to share, or getting involved with something you’ve always felt passionate about.

Still not sure where to start? Go to the “Volunteer” tab on our website, and join one of our Holy Family ministries. Our Community Service and Support ministry has many different specific programs to match your interests and talents, and works with organizations such as Habitat for Humanity, the local food pantry, and many others. Or, contact Sue Geegan, Holy Family Human Concerns Director, at 877-907-3443; sgeegan@holyfamilyparish.org and we’ll help get you started. But be forewarned: volunteering is addictive (in a good way!)

<https://www.wsj.com/articles/research-finds-volunteering-can-be-good-for-your-health-1524449280>

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The Adult Faith Community...
supports the mission of lifelong learning by providing educational, spiritual, and formational activities for the parish and the community.

In order to give you a view of what our **RCIA** program offers, we will be posting feedback from those who have participated fully in it in upcoming Bulletins. If you are interested in learning more about completing Sacraments or becoming Catholic (or you know someone else who might be interested) through Holy Family, please contact Bonnie Rooney at bonroon@aol.com or 847-977-4715 for more information.

Here's what our Neophytes had to say:

What was something you learned in RCIA at Holy Family?

"I realized that we're all on a journey and it is okay to challenge and question and wonder."

"I learned that everyone goes through struggles and trials in this life, but that we do not have to carry these things on our own when we have Jesus by our side."

"I loved learning all about the history of the early Church, when the books of the Bible were written, and what roles the apostles played. Studying these things really helped me understand those times and connect the pieces of the puzzle."

"I learned the importance of why we go to church; 'so we don't forget who we are.'"

"I had so many misconceptions about the Catholic Church. Through RCIA I was able to learn and decide for myself why it is a perfect fit for me. It is a combination of beautiful, ancient tradition and a fulfillment of modern desires and needs. I've been a believer my entire life, but the rituals and foundations of the Catholic Church have amplified my spiritual journey."

Wedding Rehearsal Ministry



If you love a good wedding and you would be interested in training to become a wedding rehearsal minister, please contact Eileen Neal at eneal@hollyfamilyparish.org or 847-907-3448 and we will set up a time to begin the training process. This ministry is full of wonderful people who give great attention to the details of each wedding and help make the day a little easier for the families of our brides and grooms. Wedding season is about to start, so it is helpful to begin when you can "shadow" during some weddings and see how the process goes at Holy Family.

Time commitment - Lead or assist wedding rehearsals (about 1 hour each) and set-up, clean up and assist during weddings (about 4 hours). Training provided.

What does
it mean
to be
Catholic?



Our RCIA (the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)/Footsteps Team invites you to inquire into our amazing process that will help you deepen in your faith journey. RCIA is the process by which persons become fully initiated Catholics.

RCIA/Footsteps is especially for adults who were:

- Never baptized
- Baptized in another Christian faith and wish to become Catholic
- Baptized Catholic but never completed Sacraments

**We will meet on September 10th at 10:15 am for an overview of RCIA.
Please let us know if you can join us!**

Contact Bonnie Rooney at 847-977-4715 or bonroon@aol.com

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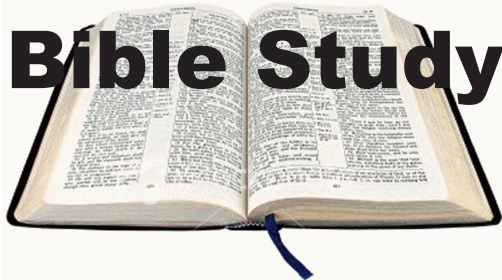
Annulment Ministry

Considering an annulment? Want more information on the process? Already decided to begin but need some help and support? We've been through the process ourselves, have completed Archdiocesan training and have helped other petitioners through the process. We'll provide you with and application, tell you what to expect, and sign all the necessary documents.

Call or email one of us:

Jan Romanowski at 847-504-6924 or
jromanowski51@gmail.com

or Rosemary Spinner at 847-991-7833 or rtspinner@gmail.com.



Our Thursday night Bible Study group continues and will meet at 7:00pm on June 7, 14, 21 and 28, July 5, 12, 19 and 26. On other weeks the group will attend other Adult Faith programs.

For more information, contact Jan Wood at
jan@wood5.com

Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass – *SAVE THE DATE*

For all couples who were married in 1968, there will be a Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass with Cardinal Blase Cupich to celebrate your 50 years together as husband and wife! Please mark your calendar and keep an eye on the Bulletin for more information as details become available.

When: **Sunday, September 16, 2018**

2:45pm – 5:00 pm

Where: **Location TBD**



Retreats

Holy Family will be offering the Beloved Retreat again in early 2019, but in the meantime there are many retreats offered at Bellarmine Retreat Center in Barrington to keep you fed spiritually. Visit their website at www.jesuitretreat.org to learn about the many retreat options that are available with outstanding Retreat Masters.

Family & Teen Faith

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The Family & Teen Faith Community... offers faith formation and catechesis to preschool through elementary school aged children and high school teens and their families.

SPIRIT CAMP 2018

June 18-22 - 9 am - 12:30 pm

Shipwrecked - rescued by Jesus

Join all your VBS friends for faith-filled adventures



Beacon wants to know if you're signed-up? If not he says go NOW to <https://vbspro.events/p/events/c08364>



Croc says, get your Shipwrecked CD and start learning all the castaway songs and moves! (available in the Faith Office)



Rae wants you to look at our Wish list to see if you could donate or lend us some items. <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0b4ca4a929a1ff2-spirit2>



Moe is wondering if you can help out before or during Spirit Camp? To volunteer go to <https://vbspro.events/p/events/c08364>



The seahorse gang say if you have questions contact Laura Ferlita, 907-3436 lferlita@holyfamilyparish.org

Engaged parents make the difference



Mom, watch me!



I did it! Did you see me?



"Did you see me score? I was good, wasn't I Dad?"



Can you remember when at least 10 times a day your child called out, **"Watch me! Mom, watch me! Can you see me? Dad, did you see me do it!"**

No matter how they old they are, or how nonchalant they try to sound, they still want you to watch. So you arrange your schedule around theirs, in order to go to games and meets, school plays, concerts and recitals, banquets and award ceremonies. Your affirmation means everything to them. Your encouragement is the one thing they count on day in and day out.

Yet also remember that long before they wanted you to watch them, **they were watching you!** You are their guide, their true north, their biggest fan. Your involvement makes an exponential difference in the quality of your child's experience of all things. When parents are engaged their kids are happier and more successful. This is why they want you there. This is why **we want you here.** Parents consider how you can be engaged in your child's faith life. Your **presence** makes a big difference in their experience and your **example** is

essential in their continued practice of their faith at every age.

REGISTER NOW For 2018-19 Faith Classes

All students need to re-register each year

For returning students

If you have not turned in your **Fast Track Form** please do so **ASAP** or register on line at www.holyfamilyparish.org. **Fast Track Forms** can be dropped off in the Parish Office.

For New Students

Paper forms are available in the Narthex, Parish Office and Faith Office. Parents please pick up, fill out the form and return it to the Parish Office or the Faith Office. You can also **register on line** (see above). If you have any questions please reach out to Marta Robak in the Faith Office, 907-3447.



important notes to parents

1. Students are ***not*** placed in a class until the registration process is complete. If you register late we cannot guarantee your choice of class placement. If your child has been with a particular group and wants to remain in that group, **register now**. We will begin to place students in classes on July 1st. (Since not all students attend Faith classes every year and students sometimes request to be in a new group, we cannot hold spots open in a particular group after July 1.)
2. Archdiocesan policy requires that children/teens who are requesting to prepare to receive a sacrament must have at least **two years of formal religious education** prior to the reception of the sacrament.
3. Archdiocesan policy requires those requesting to prepare for First Eucharist or Confirmation must be registered in a Catholic parish. If you are registered in a parish other than Holy Family you must obtain a letter from the parish you are registered in stating you are member of their parish.
4. 2017-18 tuition balances must be paid in full OR parents must make arrangements for an extended payment plan with Dr. Peg Hanrahan **prior** to registration for 2018-19.

Tuition assistance is available to all registered parishioners. To request a full or partial waiver parents must fill out a simple request form and meet with Dr. Peg Hanrahan. Payment plans can also be arranged. Contact Marta Robak for more information or to request a waiver form, 847-907-3447, mrobak@holyfamilyparish.org

Religious Education and Faith Formation for Generation Z: Part I



Who are Gen Z?

They are the 70 million kids born between 1999 and 2015, the youngest generational cohort on the planet — and the largest. They make up a quarter of the U.S. population and by 2020 will account for 40% of all American consumers. **They are Holy Family’s children and teens.**

Gen Z is the **first post-Christian generation in American history**. Post-Christians are rooted in the history, culture, and practices of Christianity but many don’t know, have forgotten or rejected the religious beliefs of Christianity. They are considered **biblically illiterate**. According to pollsters George Gallup and Jim Castelli, “They revere the Bible—but, by and large, they don’t read it.” Because they don’t read it the great biblical narratives are no longer the stories that underpin their understanding of the world and their connection with the Judeo-Christian tradition is tentative. This is not a ‘*Catholic thing*’ it is a generational shift. Even Evangelical Pastors bemoan the level of biblical illiteracy among the young.

The Barna Group released a [landmark study of Gen Z](#), in partnership with **Impact 360 Institute**, providing a snapshot of the ways Gen Z sees the world, their faith (or lack thereof) and our culture on January 23, 2018. According to this study, which included only teens between the ages of 13-18,

- The percentage of 13- to 18-year-olds who identify as atheist is double that of the general population.
- While 59 percent of Gen Z identifies as Christian, only 1 in 11 teens is considered by Barna to be an “**engaged Christian**,” (defined by Barna as those whose beliefs and practices are shaped by their faith - i.e., not “Christian in name only”).
- 37 % of engaged Christian teens, 53% of churchgoing teens and 20% of non- Christian teens say that the Church seems to reject much of what science tells us about the world.
- One of the primary blocks to faith for non-Christian teens and a central struggle for Christian teens is the problem of evil.

The Barna Group, is a visionary research and resource company is considered to be a leading research organization focused on the intersection of faith and culture. They have worked with thousands of business, nonprofit organizations and churches across the U.S. and around the world, including many protestant denominations, Catholic parishes, and faith leaders, conducting more than one million interviews over the course of hundreds of studies.

So what now?

As dismal as it might sound the research presents us with opportunities and guidelines for how to evangelize and form our children and teens more effectively.

1. Scripture needs to be incorporated in every lesson at every grade level. We have already made substantive changes in the last two years to insure this and will continue to emphasize the importance of Scripture in all our programs.
2. We need to address the relationship between science and religion in our teen programs.
3. Since regular attendance at worship from an early age is one of the traits of ‘*engaged Christians*’ it is imperative we evangelize **parents** on the need to worship weekly with their children.
4. We need to address the problem of evil directly, beginning in middle school.

Come sow the seeds of FAITH

“Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap, but by the seeds you plant.”



In last Sunday's gospel Christ says to us,

“It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain...” (John 15:17).

If the gospel takes root in us, we will bear fruit. Our lives will be a rich harvest of justice, hope, faith and love. Others who encounter us will know we are one with Christ, by the way we live. Faith is a gift from God, but like all seeds it must be tended and nurtured in order to grow.

- Who were the gardeners that tended the seeds of your faith?
- Who are the gardeners that continue to minister to you, watering, weeding, pruning, harvesting your faith today?

Those folks, whether young or old, near or far, are the catechists in your life.

Catechesis is not just about teaching, it is about attending to and cultivating the gift of faith in others. As Cardinal Cupich reminds us,

“Catechesis, preaching, and passing on the faith must not only be about educating the members of our communities in the content of our tradition. This is important, but it must equally be about developing their spiritual sensitivity to the ways God manifests His presence and action in the world.”

Catechists for 2018-19 are needed.

Please consider serving your fellow parishioners in this way. You have so much to give that will strengthen the faith of others.

- ❖ A faith story unique to you
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Contact the Faith Office if you think God might be calling you to share your faith with others in this way: 847-907-3436.



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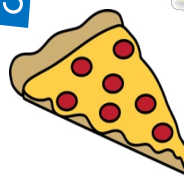
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Holy Family has completed its 17th PADS season hosting individuals finding themselves in a homeless situation. Food, shelter, personal hygiene products, clothing, compassion and a listening ear were offered to all our guests over the past 7 months. This year, we served 1432 guests which is an increase of 38.7% over last year. Obviously, our food numbers and volunteer hours also increased to 4296 meals served (40% increase) and 3139 volunteer hours (12% increase). Please consider becoming a PADS volunteer when our site will open again for its 18th season on October 7, 2018. As the volume of guests continues to increase, our site is in need of additional volunteers for shift work and food donations. There will be more information later this summer, so watch for those details.

Please keep our PADS guests in your prayers. If you would like to assist us or JOURNEYS over the summer, Holy Family will offer a monthly summer supper and JOURNEYS is open year round looking for assistance at their agency located in Palatine. Go to www.journeystheroadhome.org for more information.

Holy Family to Host Summer Meals for the Homeless May through September

Holy Family will begin hosting a Summer Meals Program the 4th Monday* of each month May through September. Our guests will eat from 6:30-8:00pm. Volunteers are needed from 5:30-8:30pm to set up, prepare, greet and serve our guests and then clean up. There is no training required, however only high school aged and older are requested. Anyone high school aged will need a parent or guardian to accompany them. Volunteers are also needed to donate food items for dinner. (A suggested menu is provided on Carecalendar.)

Dates: *Tuesday, May 29 (Monday is Memorial Day)
Mondays, June 25, July 23, August 27 and September 24

On Site Volunteer Times: 5:30-8:30pm

Volunteers Needed: 8-10 each evening

Volunteer Opportunities:

- Food donations – go to Carecalendar.org; ID 134413 Password 9236. Contact Dawn with questions at dawn.m.wagner@comcast.net.
- Onsite volunteers – contact Ann at amb883@comcast.net to schedule your dates(s).

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“St. Thomas Aquinas: Freedom of Conscience” - Presented by Father Fred Licciardi

Where: St. Zachary Church
567 W. Algonquin Rd
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When: Wednesday, June 13

Time: Doors open at 9:30 a.m.

Presentation from 10:00 to 11:15 a.m.
Box lunch to follow.

Cost: \$10.00, non-refundable (please make the checks payable to Holy Family)
Registration forms are available on the narthex shelves.

Final deadline is June 4, unless all seats are filled before June 4.

No reservations taken after June 4, 2018.

Contact Sue Geegan, at sgeegan@holymfamilyparish.org or 847-907-3443 with any questions.

Human Concerns

Catholic Charities Collection on Mother's Day, May 13

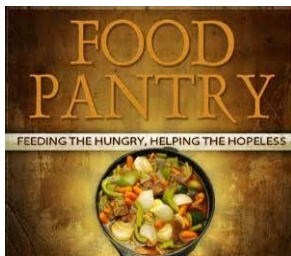
This weekend, on Mother's Day, when you honor the women who formed your life, please remember all the women and children served by Catholic Charities who need your love and support at a critical time. With your gift, you can change the course of a woman's life and the lives of the children who depend on her.

Pope Francis reminds us that, "We are called to confront the poverty of our brothers and sisters, to touch it, to make it our own and take practical steps to alleviate it." Inspired by his words, Holy Family asks you to be a protector of the poor by donating to Catholic Charities. This is the only time during the year that Catholic Charities asks each of us for financial support. Every 30 seconds someone turns to Catholic Charities for help. Two-thirds of them are women who find an open door and a listening ear. Over 1,000,000 people are served by Catholic Charities in Cook and Lake Counties every year, regardless of their race, ethnicity or religion. 92 cents of every dollar donated goes directly to help someone who has nowhere else to turn for food, housing, child care, or counseling at a difficult time in life.

Please make your check out to Holy Family and use the Mother's Day envelope available on the narthex shelves. Thank you for your generosity.



Pray the rosary next weekend, May 19 and 20, after all masses in the chapel with the Knights of Columbus and Marian Ministry. The focus will be on Mental Health Awareness.



FOOD PANTRY REPORT April, 2018

Nine families, including 25 Individuals, were served 820 meals.

Thanks to our parishioners and St. Theresa parishioners who continuously bring food to the shopping cart each week. Approximately 112 bags of food were collected! We are truly blessed to have such generous and thoughtful donors. All of our food pantry clients are so appreciative of the foods and other products you donate for their use. Thanks, also, to our pantry stewards who serve our clients with compassion and dignity. Please be mindful that we provide our clients with food products that are still within its freshness date and not expired. Check the date before making a donation, especially if it was not a recent store purchase. See the food pantry door for items in short supply.

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In the developmental stages is a new 55+ ministry for men and women; married and single; meeting at Holy Family Church. Meetings will take place twice a month to enjoy social activities; hear speakers relevant to today and our 55+ community; provide outreach opportunities and to join in spiritual fellowship. Stay tuned for updates relating to the OWLS Ministry kickoff.

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To Be Joyful Again is a support group for people whose spouses or significant others have died. They meet on the first and third Thursday of every month at 7:00pm at Holy Family.

Come join us on **Thursday, May 17** at 7:00pm to share, learn and heal. Even if you don't come to the support part of the meeting, you are welcome to join us about 8:00 for snacks and visiting.

FUNERAL LUNCHEON MINISTRY

*Do you enjoy offering compassion through hospitality?
Why not consider becoming a part of the Funeral Luncheon Ministry?*

The Funeral Luncheon Ministry is made up of men and women who support Holy Family's welcoming spirit (We are all in this Together!) by helping to serve a luncheon after a Funeral Mass or Memorial Service. They help prepare the room for guests, and offer a smile as they serve the families who have just attended a funeral at Holy Family. They set up the buffet service and organize the beverage and food donations.

If you do not wish to serve at the luncheon, you may volunteer by donating a side dish or dessert.

We invite you to call the Pastoral Care office at 947-907-3425 or e-mail mferlita@holyfamilyparish.org for more information.

NAMI FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP

The NAMI Family Support Group offers monthly meetings for family members or friends of people living with mental illness. Meetings are held at Holy Family the 1st Wednesday of each month from 7:00-8:30pm. No reservations are required. For more information call the Pastoral Care office at 847-907-3425 or e-mail mferlita@holyfamilyparish.org.

Rising From Divorce



A support group for individuals facing separation, divorce or annulment. Meets two times per month

Next meeting date: May 21, 2018 - 7-9pm

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Of Special Note

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We are hoping to find a group of individuals who would be willing to maintain beds (pulling weeds), planting, dead heading flowers and minimum pruning of shrubs. The work is typically done once a week so as not to become overwhelming and takes about 3-4 hours. As previously mentioned we do have a volunteer who has been a part of the ministry and is committed to continue.

This is a great opportunity to spend time with friends while outdoors and supporting Holy Family. Please consider this ministry and feel free to contact Maureen DeRosa at 847-907-3489 with any questions.

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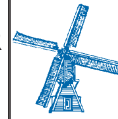
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Sea shells
64 oz bottle of liquid starch (5)
Green Food coloring
1 gal. bottle of Glue (10)
Glitter (fine)
Baby wipes
Tacky glue
Bouy lines
Nautical themed decorations
Inflatable Palm Trees
Styrofoam life preservers
Treasure Chest (to borrow)
Old foot lockers (to borrow)
Thick sisal/jute rope
Green spray paint



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Wooden pallets
Brown paper grocery bags
Large carpet tubes
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Large boards of foam core
Gray foam pipe insulation
Christmas tree stands
Rolls of brown craft paper
Old Golf umbrellas
Tiki Hut
Grass Skirts
Life Preservers
Battery Operated Lanterns
Fake foliage and flowers
Long clear or white zip ties (8")
Large stuffed Tucson or sloth
Rolls of blue cellophane