



HOLY FAMILY
CATHOLIC COMMUNITY
inviting all to new life in Christ

**Congratulations to our children
who celebrate First Eucharist.
Welcome to the Table of the Lord!**

Anna Abraham
Nina Abraham
Andrew Albritton
Rocco Aliotto
Gavin Alkass
Kyara Alvarado
Dylan Baxa
Robert Baxa
Jack Bell
Reese Bennett
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Bridget Boelens
Savannah Boghossian
Joseph Bruckner
Ella Bulgarelli
Olivia Cantarutti
Alyssa Capra
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Aiden Confuorto
Stephanie Consolazio
Stephen Consolazio
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Michaela Davis
David Dawson
Jaclyn Dawson
Rose Denka
Blake Determann
Matthew DeWulf
Maya DeWulf
Declan Donohue
Jacob Duval
Obinna Ekwonwa
Jacob Farrell
Jordan Farrell
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Blake Gradek
Liliana Greco
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Alivia Harig
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Jacob Lando
William Lau
Isaac Lewandowski
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Madeleine Lopez
Lillian Lynn
Joshua Maas

Max Millington
Gavin Mollenhauer
Joseph Multeri
Kailey Myslinski
Connor Ngo
Tyler Olanda
Olivia Otto
Isabella Ouellette
John Patchak
Madeline Pinchot
Lauren Placzek
James Polk
Matthew Porter
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Austin Riedl
Annmarie Roth
Karen Salinas Chavez
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Caden Schiavone
Sarah Schmitt
Collin Schultz
Isabella Schultz
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Sarah Schwarz
Ethan Scipione
Lilian Sheridan
Lillian Shure
Nel Skowron
Caleb Stout
Bennett Struckmeyer
Addison Stutzman
Victoria Tarara
Natalia Tomaka
Sienna Turek
Allison Vold
Calvin Williams
Grace Yonkus



Lucas Hemmer
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Addison Jansen
Julianna Jarkiewicz
Avery Jasper
Kevin Jeyanth
Eleanor Jordan
Christopher Kass
Andrew Knize
Anabell Kulesza
Theodore Kung
Sophie Kuykendall

Luke Maciejewski
Mason Mahn
Zachary Manogura
Francesca Marinelli
Faith Marshman
Sofia Mayorga
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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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FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - FEEDING AND BEING FED

First Eucharist is an exciting and awesome sacrament. The Holy Family Community focuses this weekend on making First Holy Communion celebrations personal, parish-community oriented and family-centered. This sacrament is a celebration of children being welcomed to the Table of the Lord for the very first time, and formally being welcomed into its faith community. It connects each child to the presence of Jesus Christ and allows them to experience yet another step of deeper commitment to the Catholic Christian way of life. The Sacrament of Eucharist is a sacred meal of thanksgiving, a memorial of Christ's death and resurrection. The Second Vatican Council teaches us that "the other sacraments, and indeed all ecclesial ministries and works of the apostolate are bound up with the Eucharist and are directed toward it."

The Eucharist is the center and high point of the Church's sacramental life. The celebration of first communion is a time for all of us to think about the communion we share at every Mass. It is a time for us to pause and think about how we receive the presence of Jesus under the form of consecrated bread and wine, as well as the witness we give to those around us. We are all invited this weekend to reflect on our new communicants and recognize the ways we are fed and feeding others. May we see and experience the giving and receiving, the mutuality in our hospitality, and in the sharing of our lives and culture. May the Holy Spirit flow between us in feeding and being fed by one another.

Feeding and being fed are big themes in the Gospels. There are many stories of Jesus enjoying people's company and receiving their hospitality. Feeding and being fed are a profound metaphor for our own relationship with God and each other. We experience this coming together of spiritual and physical bread in the center of our worship, the Holy Eucharist. To be church is to come hungry for an encounter with God, to gather in community and to be fed. We are also called to feed each other. We feed each other through our hospitality, service, ministry, love, and support. We come and are fed by God and by each other in a flow of both giving and receiving. Jesus said to his disciples and followers, "I am the bread of life." To feed another is to say, "I have something you need."

However, being fed can be much harder than feeding. To be fed, to open our hands, is to express our own need and our vulnerability. This does not come easily for many of us. But it's not good to just be the giver. That kind of one-sidedness doesn't work anywhere for an extended period of time in any healthy relationship.

When we are gathered as a faith community, in worship, in the company of familiar faces, being fed in body and spirit is central to our worship life and our relationship with God. Our presence says the church is not just for people who have faith all figured out. We come back week after week for the body of Christ so that we can be the body of Christ, though imperfectly, in the world. Without that sustenance, both from one another and from the Eucharist, we would spiritually starve.

The Catholic church, while not perfect itself, feeds us through Christ. Let us welcome our First Communicants who come to church this weekend and next dressed in their special clothes, smiles, and in the company of their loving parents, family, and friends. Let us pray for these children who will be nourished around the table of the Lord for the very first time. It is a very happy moment for the people of our parish community who have watched these children grow and helped foster their friendship with Jesus.

A big thank you to all of you parents for being the first teachers of the faith to your children. They learned their faith from you before anybody else, as you taught them to make the sign of the cross and to say their prayers. During these early years, you have helped them so much to know about their faith and develop a friendship with Jesus. For many years to come, you have the awesome responsibility that what you say and do will influence your child's faith. The priests, staff, teachers, and faith community of Holy Family stand with you to support you over these important years of formation. Today, we honor your families who are united in Jesus, the one who nourishes us fully. On behalf of Fr. Terry and myself, we are proud of all our First Communicants and congratulate them on their hard work done in preparation for this special day.

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

Liturgical Arts

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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 remandated?**

**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 5-13-18 and listen to Fr. Terry Keehan reflect on the readings.

The Ascension of the Lord

1. In our first reading, we are told: "After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs." The apostles had the benefit of seeing these proofs. For us today, what proofs have we witnessed that strengthens us?
2. Since we don't know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority, is this better than knowing? When you think about it, where do your thoughts lead you?
3. In our second reading, Paul tells us that the gifts He gave to many were meant to build up the body of Christ. In the same way, how are we in our SCC a gift that continues to do the same? What is our calling?
4. In our Gospel, Jesus commissioned the eleven to: "Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation." He then gave them additional final instructions. The work of the Apostles enabled our faith to grow for 2,000 years. What is our responsibility to continue this commission?
5. The Gospel speaks of the many signs that will accompany those who believe. Many of our SCC groups discuss God Sightings. Do you view these as additional signs? Do you have a significant God Sighting that you can share?



Liturgical Arts

Mass Intentions

Monday, May 7

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

9:00AM Jerry Seaman (Family & Friends)

Tuesday, May 8

9:00AM Betty Kalbas (Bustamante Family)

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9:00AM Katie Solliday (Bustamante Family)

Wednesday, May 9

9:00AM Fr. Pat Brennan (Nwankwo Family)

9:00AM Violeta Paragas (Roland-Paragas Family)

7:00PM Terry Elliott (Friend)

Thursday, May 10

9:00AM Bridget Prate (Mom & Dad)

9:00AM Tony & Irene Capalbo
(Regina & Dave Sheil)

Friday, May 11

9:00AM Pietrina Rabbeni (Daughter)

9:00AM Odinaka Ekwonwa (Family)

9:00AM Ross S. (Beamer)

Saturday, May 12 & Sunday, May 13

Happy
Mother's Day
Weekend

Mass intentions are available
by contacting the Parish Office



Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them...

* Neva Cosmos

* Peter Niggemann

* Salvatore Pizzuto

"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...

Olivia Albro

Sarah

Mark Klonder

Lauren Scienski

Tom Martin

Jona Soriano

Pam McMahon

Raymond & Rosemary White

Robert Ross

Therese Witanen

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*

Pvt. Theodore Rogers - *US Army*

Airman Zachary L. Schirmer - *US Navy*

Capt. Nick Lewis-Walls - *US Army*

Weekly Readings

Monday, May 7

Acts 16: 11-15

John 15: 26—16: 4a

Tuesday, May 8

Acts 16: 22-34

John 16: 5-11

Wednesday, May 9

Acts 17: 15, 22—18:1

John 16: 12-15

Thursday, May 10

Acts 1: 1-11

Ephesians 1: 17-23

Mark 16: 15-20

Friday, May 11

Acts 18: 9-18

John 16: 10-23

Saturday, May 12

Acts 18: 23-28

John 16: 23b-28

Sunday, May 13

Acts 1:15-17,20a, 20c-26

1 John 4: 11-16

John 17: 11b-19

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
April 8	2,181	\$ 32,691 *
April 15	1,653	\$ 52,347 *
April 22	2,049	\$ 38,745
April 29	2,140	\$ 23,633
Total	8,023	
Last year	17,787 **	
Year to Date Sunday Collections		\$ 1,725,558
Year to Date Budget		\$ 1,705,483
Year to Date Easter		\$121,136
Year to Date Budget - Easter		\$161,670

* Includes online giving ** Includes last year's Easter numbers



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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

What attendees said about our seminars:

“Excellent overview of estate planning basics presented in an informative and entertaining manner”

“The idea of doing this was fantastic. Everyone should do estate planning”

“The discussion was easy to understand... No pressure to buy anything”

“Everyone comfortable sharing and talking about situations they’re concerned about”



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

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The Pastoral Care
Community...
provides, through
our ministries,
compassionate
pastoral care with
support and guidance
for those who suffer in
mind, body and spirit.



Rising From Divorce

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

Next meeting date: May 7, 2018 - 7 - 9pm
Topic: *Keeping the Momentum*

For information, please call Pastoral Care office, 847-907-3425

Bereavement Team Planning Meeting Wednesday, May 9 at 3:00

The Bereavement Team is made up of compassionate ministers who help to plan funeral liturgies, be present for wake service prayers, and conduct interment prayers .

We invite those who have a compassionate heart and wish to serve in this ministry to contact Mimi at mferlita@holyfamilyparish.org for more information, or call 847-907-3425

Help Needed: Compassionate Ministers to Support our Funeral Ministry

The Funeral Ministry is made up of compassionate ministers who can support the Bereavement Team on the day of the Funeral Mass or Memorial Service. They help prepare for the funeral visitation held at Holy Family with hospitality, and set up for the funeral Mass in the Church or Chapel. We invite all those who are compassionate and wish to help with the liturgical preparations to call the Pastoral Care office 847-907-3425 or email mferlita@holyfamilyparish.org.

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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.

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.

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**



Bible Study

Our Thursday night Bible Study group continues and will meet at 7:00pm on
May 10, 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



Summer Enrichment Opportunities from the Adult Faith Office

Just outside the Adult Faith office there is a bookshelf full of Bible Study materials. If you would like to borrow anything from it for some summer enrichment, please help yourself. There are Bible study guides as well as some DVD sets. Feel free to drop by and see what we have to share!

Sr. Wendy Cotter,
CSJ, PhD



Sr. Wendy Cotter, CSJ, PhD is a Sister of St. Joseph from London, Ontario, Canada. She has been a full professor of New Testament in the Theology Department of Loyola University, and is now Emerita since her retirement last summer. She received her PhD in New Testament from the University of St. Michael's College in Toronto, with a specialty in Synoptic Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke), particularly the Gospel of Mark and pre-gospel material with a focus on the miracle stories. Besides her articles and papers, she has published two books, *The Miracles in Greco Roman Antiquity* (1999), and *The Christ of the Miracle Stories: Portrait Through Encounter* (2010).



We are blessed to welcome this outstanding Scripture Scholar to Holy Family!

Catholic Scripture Study
Presents...



Meeting the Jesus of the Miracle Stories

Presented by Wendy Cotter, CSJ, PhD

Tuesdays, May 15, 22 and 29, 2018

7:00-9:00 pm

\$10 suggested donation per evening

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



The Jesus miracle stories show Him with real people, and the curtain is pulled back to show us what Jesus was really like. These miracle stories reveal the face of Jesus to us, and call us to share his attitude of heart as His disciples today.

Join us for three Tuesday nights of discovery!

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John 4, 13-14

Jesus answered and said to her, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."



RCIA

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 for more information.

Here's what our Neophytes had to say:

What was your favorite memory?

"I think the moment it kicked in for me was at the Mass at Holy Name Cathedral. It was standing on the altar in front of the congregation saying, 'Here I am, God. Thank you.'"

"The retreat was a continuous series of powerful moments. Next to the Easter Vigil, it is my favorite memory."

"My favorite memory of RCIA was, hands down, the retreat. Prior to the retreat I enjoyed and appreciated RCIA. However, the retreat took the bonds of all involved to another level. I trusted the Lord to share my deepest wound, and consequently have not had to carry the sorrow of that burden a moment longer. The support, sharing, the emotions, the fun, the learning...what seemed to be an 'obligation' turned out to be a life changing weekend. The Easter Vigil was also a profoundly impactful experience."

"I was a little reluctant at first...thought all I had to do was go to a couple of meetings and then take communion. After all, I believed in God. Then I realized that every meeting was like an onion where gradually I was peeling off layers of resistance...No questions were stupid. My AHA moment was when Deacon Dennis was doing some scripture readings to prepare us for Lent. I didn't understand a section and instead of just nodding and letting it go, I asked about it. Dennis repeated, Chris made a comment and everything seemed to fall into place..."

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@holyfamilyparish.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.



Join your VBS pals for a week of awesome faith filled adventures!



Spaces are filling up fast - 200 campers are already signed-up and we can only take 300.



Register now @

<https://vbspro.events/p/events/c08364>

Shipwrecked cd's are available now in the Faith Office, get one and start learning all the castaway songs and moves.

Video preview: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9H7joG1wK64>

This year's Spirit Camp Wishlist

16 oz. Red Solo Cups
Blue Food coloring
64 oz bottle of liquid starch (5)
1 gal. bottle of Glue (10)
Baby wipes
Bouy lines
Inflatable Palm Trees
Treasure Chest (to borrow)
Thick sisal/jute rope

12 oz. Clear Solo Cups
Sea shells
Green Food coloring
Glitter (fine)
Tacky glue
Nautical themed decorations
Styrofoam life preservers
Old foot lockers (to borrow)
Green spray paint

Items for making decorations – needed ASAP

Wooden pallets
Large carpet tubes
Very large cardboard boxes
Gray foam pipe insulation
Rolls of brown craft paper

Brown paper grocery bags
Commercial printing tubes
Large boards of foam core
Christmas tree stands
Old Golf umbrellas



For our complete Wish list or to sign-up for a specific item go to

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0b4ca4a929a1ff2-spirit2>

If you have any questions please contact Laura Ferlita, lferlita@hollyfamilyparish.org We are still looking for volunteers for Spirit Camp. Please consider lending your support to this program.

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.

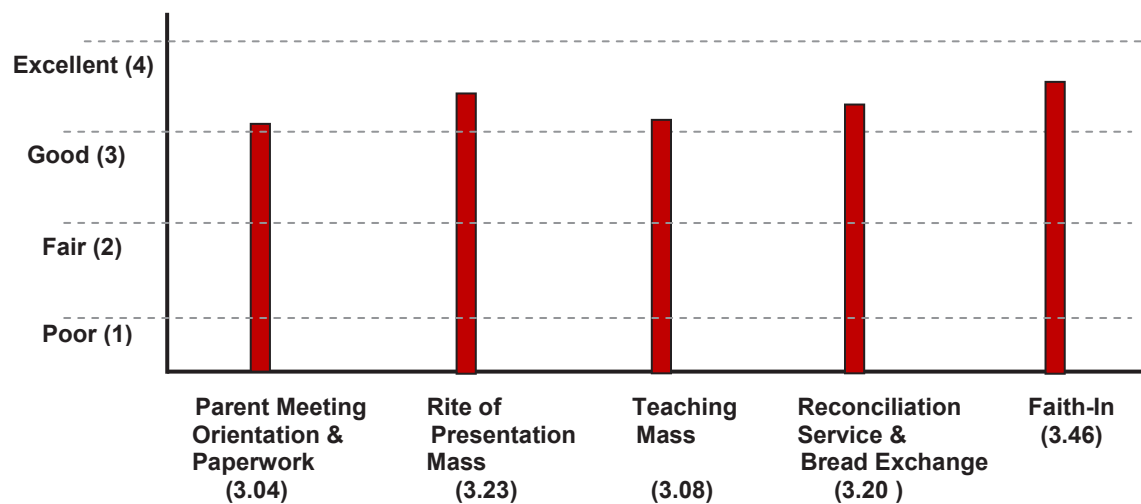
Family & Teen Faith



Results of the Parent Evaluations of the 2018 First Communion Preparation Process

Effective programs rely on accurate needs assessment and continual evaluation. Family & Teen Faith is committed to the importance of having a feedback loop, which allows us to constantly think about what we've done and how we could be doing it better. The following is a summary of what parents thought about this year's First Communion Preparation Process.

RESULTS OF NUMERICAL EVALUATION (4 point scale; 1 being poor, 4 being excellent)



Things parents liked best

- The majority of parents said the Reconciliation Service
- Several said the Teaching Mass
- Most said the Bread Exchange
- 2 said having a CD with all the 1st communion music
- Several said multiple attendance options were good - made planning around other events easy
- Many said the Faith-in, especially the Last Supper Skit
- Several commented on how well-organized the program was
- 4 were appreciative of the many email reminders and follow-ups
- One parent wrote, "I love watching Dr. Peg interact with the children, we are lucky to have her."

Things parents liked least

- Several said the Teaching Mass should be shorter and geared more to the children
- 3 said sessions should be combined
- One wrote, "Peg is difficult to deal with. Not at all welcoming or friendly."
- Some said the Parent Meeting was too long
- 3 said, they felt reprimanded for not going to Mass at the Parent Meeting
- 2 said they thought the children were poorly prepared for the Reconciliation and this caused a number of children needless anxiety.

To view the complete summary, go to: www.holyfamilyparish.org under sacraments/First Eucharist

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Everyday HFCA students are caring for creation in our Outdoor Classroom.



Picking up trash in the wetland.



Planting more seeds in our pollinator garden.

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

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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.

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).

May is National Mental Health Awareness Month

Pope John Paul II's 1977 message to healthcare workers in the L'Osservatore Romano Weekly Edition states "Whoever suffers from mental illness always bears God's image and likeness in (themselves), as does every human being. In addition, (people with mental illness) always have the inalienable right not only to be considered as an image of God and therefore as a person, but also to be treated as such."

"The people of God, the church, are called to be communities of compassion, hope and justice for people with mental illness and their families. It is important that persons with mental illness feel welcomed and supported within the parish. This requires the purest spiritual outreach, i.e., non-judgmental love and acceptance of the individual. The more that parishes can project non-judgmental love, the more its members suffering with mental illness, or those who have a family member with mental illness, are likely to acknowledge their needs and overcome their fears of rejection."

Excerpts from Deacon Tom Lambert's Mental Illness and Justice Issues. Deacon Tom is on the Chicago Archdiocese Commission on Mental Illness. The full report is available at the Social Justice table in the west coatroom.

WINGS – Giving Flight to Hopes and Dreams



Victims of domestic violence have a friend in WINGS. They find safety in their houses, therapy and life skills planning as part of the many vital services they offer. Last year, WINGS

served 1,139 individuals with 74,781 nights of shelter, counseling and supportive services and 92,154 meals served in the safe houses. For more information about WINGS, go to www.wing-program.com. For information about domestic violence and available resources, go to Holy Family's Domestic Violence Resource Guide online <https://holyfamilyparish.org/domestic-violence-resources/> or find a copy in the social justice hall.

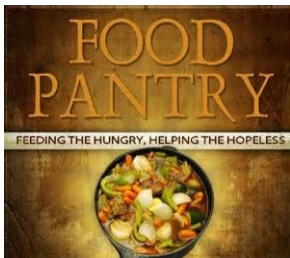
Catholic Charities Collection on Mother's Day, May 13

Next 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.



FOOD PANTRY REPORT March, 2018

Five families, including 18 individuals, were served 440 meals.

Thanks to our parishioners and St. Theresa parishioners that 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.

NEW 55+ MINISTRY IS COMING



OWLS Older Wiser Lively Spirits

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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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.

Gary Sakata 847-381-0218
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

A support group for families and friends of people with mental health issues. Meets the first Wednesday of every month from 7-8:30pm.
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 10:00am-noon. 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 Kvitik: 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.
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We are in need of the following items for camp...



- 16 oz. Red Solo Cups
- 12 oz. Clear Solo Cups
- Blue Food coloring
- 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



Please drop off all donations at the Holy Family Front Desk marked Spirit Camp. Thank you for your donations!



Contact Laura Ferlita with questions:
847-907-3436
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Items for making decorations

- Wooden pallets
- Brown paper grocery bags
- Large carpet tubes
- Commercial printing tubes
- Very large cardboard boxes
- 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 Lanturns
- Fake foliage and flowers
- Long clear or white zip ties (8")
- Large stuffed Tucson or sloth
- Rolls of blue cellophane