



Join us for Thanksgiving Day Mass at 10:00 a.m.

About Us

Holy Family Catholic Community

2515 Palatine Rd. Inverness, IL 60067 847-359-0042 (ph) 847-359-0639 (fax) holyfamilyparish.org Fr. Terry Keehan Pastor Fr. Richard Jakubik Associate Pastor Deacon Dennis Brown Pastoral Associate 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 part of our holy family in carrying out our mission. Registration forms are available in the parish office or contact Sue Geegan at sgeegan@holyfamilyparish.org

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 7:00 p.m. First Friday of the month 9:00 a.m. (with Anointing of the Sick)

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.

Varies; watch bulletin Holy Days

Assisted Listening Devices available in the Liturgical Arts 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):

Mondays 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.

Visiting Presiders

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

Pastoral Council

e-mail: council@holyfamilyparish.org

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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:

Tim French Elia Ponce-Tokarz Patrick Geegan Jim Vande Logt Randy Olech Chet Zara - Chair

Ron Sobon

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Fr. Terry Keehan

Christ the King

Christ! Our eternal King! What a powerful statement. This weekend the Church suggests that we focus not simply on one aspect of Christ, namely as King, but on the eternal nature of Christ's kingliness. Often at baptisms when I am about to anoint a baby with the sacred chrism, I try to give a longer and larger context to his title as Christ, and thus King. King is a title that he certainly didn't demand or even seek, but that Christ naturally has become by a sacred and grace-filled partnership between the divine and the human. God willed to be an eternal presence in our world, and humanity hungers to acknowledge something that is enduring, lasting, eternal.

The larger context begins with David, as our first reading from the second Book of Samuel mentions this weekend at Mass. Saul was the king by a human process, but the people were hungering for a true spiritual king. The prophet Samuel anointed Jesse's youngest son David, from Bethlehem, as that king by a ritual using oil. David was a good king, certainly not perfect; after all, he was human. He has left a lasting legacy as a musician (we sing the psalms that he wrote to this day at Mass), shepherd and ruler.

The chrism we use reminds us, indeed connects us, with the chrism oil that the prophet Samuel used to anoint a young David as the new spiritual king. But, much more importantly, it ritualizes here and now as we use it, that Jesus, the second person of our Trinitarian God, was and is given the title as the ETER-NALLY anointed one - with chrism - Christos, Christ. These are all part of the same word, the same concept, the same spiritual title. Christ's kingliness flows from that. Christ is the spiritual King that all humanity yearns for. The one who will give us a profound spiritual path—forever.

Advent by Candlelight

We have a real spiritual offering coming up for women. ALL women. Advent by Candlelight will be held on Tuesday evening, December 3 at 7:00pm. Laura Field from Old St. Pat's will lead our women in her presentation A Spiritual Makeover: The Homes of Our Hearts. All women are invited. Laura is a certified Spiritual Director and has been an integral part of the Beloved retreats for adults that we have offered through Holy Family in collaboration with Old St. Pat's. There is no fee for the evening, but please register by November 30 so we can be both hospitable and efficient as hors d'oeuvres and wine will be offered. Please see page 9 of this bulletin for details.

Providing for Our Family's Future

We have been taking precious time at Mass to keep you informed of the progress and need for our capital campaign. For those of you who have contributed—a heartfelt word of gratitude—thanks, not only from me, but from all who will benefit from your generosity into the future. We ask for your patience as we finalize the opportunity for ALL families of our Holy Family to make a pledge this weekend.

My primary goal is not a financial one—it is a participation goal. My primary goal is to have EV-ERY family participate. Our future is for all of us. The very sacred space that we gather in and create an environment for not only worship, but carrying out our mission, must be cared for. The very space that people come to NOT hear about a financial ask is kept beautiful by the financial resources that are being asked for.

We are all seeking spiritual nourishment and the high quality programs that we offer, the efforts to engage newcomers and current parishioners, the mission of our larger church, all require resources and support from ALL who call ourselves Holy Family. We are in this together and if you have not done so, please take some time to familiarize yourself with the details of the campaign. This can be done through our website, or holyfamilyparish.org/donate, by picking up a campaign brochure available at the front desk, through the bulletin or in a conversation with one of the campaign volunteers. Pray about this initiative and support it according to the extent that your prayerful heart has indicated. Know that it will generate support for us for several years into the future so that we will not need another such an effort for up to ten years in the future.

To date, 297 families have pledged their support for *Providing for Our Family's Future*. Again, my goal is to have ALL families who make up our Holy Family contribute. I am hoping that the remaining 4,180 families will also participate. If you do, we will far exceed our goal and more fully thank those who have already participated.

Thanksgiving Mass

Join us this coming Thursday, Thanksgiving Day at 10:00am for Mass. As we celebrate and give thanks to God for Christ's real presence among us, let us also give thanks to the same God for other countless blessings. Please bring the bread and wine that will be on your family table for a special blessing.

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.



Thanksgiving morning at our 10:00a.m.

Mass we invite you to bring the bread
and wine being served at your table to be
blessed at our Mass.

Christmas Flower Memorials

The Christmas season is a time of memories, especially of our loved ones born into eternal life. As we prepare to order flowers for the Christmas liturgies, consider making a donation in memory of a deceased loved one. We will list all donations in a bulletin during the Christmas season. Envelopes may be found on the counters in the narthex or in the parish office. Thank you.



Do you like transforming spaces? Watch a lot of HGTV?

Like how Holy Family always looks great over the holidays and wonder how that happens? We are looking for lots of hands to help our already great team transform our Advent and Christmas worship environment in the upcoming weeks. Time commitment is flexible and no experience required. Bring your sense of humor, willingness to have fun and burn some pre-Christmas calories at the same time! To lend your time, contact Gene Garcia at ggarcia@holyfamilyparish.org for details.



Kids and adults are invited to help us celebrate our special 1:30pm Family Mass on Christmas Eve here in the church. Singers, proclaimers, actors and adults helpers are all needed. Contact Judy Petrie at jpetrie@holyfamilyparish.org to sign up.

Rehearsals begin on December 7th.



Thank you for sharing pictures of your beloved deceased this month. Please pick up your pictures in the parish office.

Liturgical Arts

Mass Intentions

Monday, November 25

9:00AM Audrey Greco

(Gonzalez/Raimondo Families)

9:00AM Paul J. Looney (Family)

9:00AM Frances & Frank Lukowitz

(Emmett & Nancy Fleming)

7:00PM Dr. George Lee (Pastoral Care)

Tuesday, November 26

9:00AM Basilio Ramos (Family)

9:00AM Teodulo Ramos (Family)

Wednesday, November 27

9:00AM Charles J. Cernansky Jr.

(Cernansky Family)

9:00AM Flor deVega (Kuechenberg Family)

9:00AM Cesar Vega (Kuechenberg Family)

Thursday, November 28

10:00AM Craig Bolanos, Sr. (Family)

10:00AM Mario Feijoo (Wife)

10:00AM Robert Fischer (Wife & Family)

10:00AM Special Intention

(Emmett & Nancy Fleming)

Friday, November 29

9:00AM Diane & Frank Zankle (Kudma Family)

9:00AM Dr. Arnold Curnyn (Donnally Olsen)

9:00AM Barbara Kobylewski (Judy Snyder)

Saturday, November 30

5:00PM Vance Nwankwo (Family)

5:00PM Agnes & Constanty Obrochta (Family)

5:00PM Michael Bochenek (Pastoral Care)

5:00PM William Grosch (Dick Kinzig)

Sunday, December 1

7:30AM Nancy Burke (Jane Richards)

7:30AM Lucy Iacopetti (Lapacek Family)

7:30AM Kim Nguyen (A. O'Connor & Family)

9:00AM Aliberta & Ernesto Manfredini (Family)

9:00AM Wilson & Genevieve Scott

(Bill & Mlckey Farmer)

9:00AM Ron Lencioni (HFCA)

11:00AM Alex Walters (Family)

11:00AM Vreeland Family (Carol Hack)

11:00AM Dr. Marcello Velasco, Jr.

(Manogura Family)

4:00PM Bernice Leibold (Pastoral Care)

Mass intentions are available by contacting the Parish Office

Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them...

+ Mary Hagen

+ Frank Novelli

+ Anna Kolbusz

+ Mary Rotolo

+ Leatrice Marynowski

+ Joseph Sausen

+ Frederick Minchk

+ Jack Vainisi

"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...

Randy Crook
Sue Cywinski
Gwynn Fiedler
Scott Poulos
Sharon Gerlikas
Patricia Hoover
Catherine Keller
Donnally Olsen
Diane Parker
Scott Poulos
Alice Reinhardt
Hilda Schulte
Bridget Sievers

We Pray for Family Members in Service of Our Country

Lt. Colonel David J. Benjamin III (*Army*), Capt. Sean P. Benjamin (*Army*)
Lt. Anne Louise Graft (*Air Force*, Lt. Michael J. Graft III (*Air Force*)
Captain Peter Keiser (*Army*), Ensign Patrick J. Kennelly (*Navy*)
SSGT Robert Lang (*Air Force National Guard*)
2nd Lt. Madeline Lopez (*Army*), Major Brian Malloy (*Army*)
Lt. Colonel Jade Patrick Miller (*Army*), Lt. Joshua Michael Peck (*Army*)
SPC James Purvin (*Army*), PFC Jacob Riedl (*Army*)
Pvt. Theodore Rogers (*Army*), Airman Zachary L. Schirmer (*Navy*)
Maj. Elizabeth Greenstein Simmons (*Army*), Maj. Joshua Simmons (*Army*)
Capt. Nick Lewis-Walls (*Army*)

Weekly Readings

Sunday, November 24

2 Samuel 5:1-3

Colossians 1:12-20

Luke 23:35-43

Monday, November 25

Daniel 1:1-6,8-20

Luke 21:1-4

Tuesday, November 26

Daniel 2: 31-45

Luke 21:5-11

Wednesday, November 27

Daniel 5:1-6,13-14,16-17,23-28

Luke 21:12-19

Thursday, November 28

Daniel 6:12-28

Luke 21:20-28

Friday, November 29

Daniel 7:2-14

Luke 21:29-33

Saturday, November 30

Romans 10:9-18 Matthew 4:18-22

Sunday, December 1

Isaiah 2:1-5

Romans 13:11-14a

Parish Support & Services

Weekly Attendance and Collection - Last 4 Weeks										
Sunday Date	Attendance	C	ollection							
Oct 27	2,144	\$	28,272							
Nov 3	2,101	\$	37,760							
Nov 10	1,981	\$	30,682							
Nov 17	1,722	\$	35,152							

Note: Collections vary week to week primarily based on electronic contributions

Year to Date Collection Summary

Through November 18, 2019

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The Parish Support		Actual		Budget		Budget	
& Services	Sunday & Electronic Collections	\$	766,069	\$	771,013	\$	(4,944)
Community	Christmas	\$	1,400	\$	-	\$	1,400
oversees the parish	Easter	\$	1,100	\$	-	\$	1,100
business and							(0.00)
infrastructure activities	Major Collections Totals	\$	768,569	\$	771,013	\$	(2,444)
to ensure they operate	Prior Week Totals	Ļ	710 002	Ļ	735,861	Ļ	(16.960)
efficiently.	Note: Parish fiscal year is July 1 to June 30	Þ	718,992	Þ	733,801	Þ	(16,869)



Ro Geisler Parish Manager

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rgeisler

Help Wanted - Full Time Maintenance Crew

Holy Family is looking for a full time maintenance team member, includes benefits. Perform general maintenance and cleaning functions, open/close the facility. Contact Bob Clough at 708-768-3315



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Amazon will donate .5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to Holy Family Parish and Holy Family Academy's Parent Association

How to Set Up Your Registration with AmazonSmile:

- 1. Go to www.smile.amazon.com
- 2. Login using your existing Amazon account or register for an account if you don't have one.
- 3. Under "pick your own charitable organization" search for Holy Family Catholic Academy (make sure you choose the one located in Inverness, IL) then click "Select". (Holy Family Parish and Holy Family Academy PA will split the proceeds generated on the Holy Family Catholic Academy account).
 - 4. You should get an email confirming your AmazonSmile registration.
 - 5. Then, always use www.smile.amazon.com when making purchases.

When you click on the item to purchase, if it's eligible, you will see "Eligible for amazonsmile donation".

Purchases made through the Amazon mobile app do not apply, but if you login to www.smile.amazon.com using your internet browser on your mobile device, those purchases will count.

Thank you for supporting Holy Family Catholic Community and Academy!

Pastoral Care

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The Pastoral Care

Director

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Community...

our ministries,

compassionate

provides, through

pastoral care with

support and guidance

for those who suffer in

mind, body and spirit.

Needed!! Men & Women to offer a few hours monthly on one of our Compassionate Teams...

All ministry hours will be custom linked to your availability... Training provided; no experience necessary.

- · Bereavement Team: we guide families who want to plan a Funeral Mass or Memorial Mass for a loved one.
- · New: Pastoral Care Ministry support: help with Wake prayers; Committal Service prayers
- Funeral Ministry Team: set up for Funeral Mass or Service in the church or chapel.
- Funeral Luncheon Team: provides food set up and table hospitality upon luncheon requests.
- Minister of Care to St. Alexius Hospital: visit patients, offer Communion
- Minister of Care to Homebound: visits homebound parishioners who request Communion in their home.
- · Minister of Care Nursing Homes: Rosewood, Poplar Creek & Charter, offer Communion service to residents. Call Mimi Ferlita at 847-907-3425 or mferlita@holyfamilyparish.org.

Rising from Divorce

We are a peer support group that meets every first and third Monday evening for those with experiences or affected by Divorce, Separation or a Challenging Relationship. Come join us on December 2 from 7:00-9:00 pm in Breakout 1 meeting room. Walk-in's welcomed. Great Program! Topic is the theme of the DVD but so much more information is offered. There will be a group discussion following the DVD. The topics covered each session give important insight on divorce and effects on families, regardless of our family's ages! For more information, contact Kathy Kvitek at kathykv2@gmail.com or Mike Kimak Michael.kimak@gmail.com

Mental Health Support

A support group for families and friends of people with mental health issues that meets 1st Wednesday of each month from 7:00-8:30pm. Next meeting is December 4. For more info contact Dan and Trudi Mickey at 847-991-6255.

Save the Date: **Knights of Columbus sponsored Blood Drive** Dec. 15 from 8:00am to 1:00pm

in the Social Center.

Watch for more details.

LOSS (Survivors of Suicide) Support Group

You are welcome to join us on December 18 (3rd Wednesday of each month) at 7:00pm to be with others who share your loss. This gathering is facilitated by Catholic Charities and hosted by Holy Family. For more resources go to www.catholiccharities.net/loss. For more information, please call Emily T. at 312-655-7284.

To Be Joyful Again Ministry

"To Be Joyful Again" is a non-denominational support group for widows and widowers that meets on the first and third Thursday of each month. Join us on December 5 at 7:00pm in Lower Level Room 083. Don't forget to save the date for the Christmas party on December 19 at 7:00pm. For more information, please call Pat Bongiorno at 847-985-4624 or Bob Boho at 847-438-2884.

Al-Anon

Al-Anon helps friends and families of alcoholics find support and understanding. Come join us each Saturday morning 9:30-11:30am Lower Level #3. For more information please call Cathie at 847-255-3653.

Joyful Again!

Widowed and feeling stuck? Come and find ways to move towardinner peace and new hope in life. Joyful Again! Widowed Ministry program presents a retreat/workshop for men& women

March 14 &15, 2020 at the Mt. Assisi Center, Lemont. To register call: 708-354-7211. e-mail: joyfulagain7211@gmail.com website: www.joyfulagain.org (incls.video)

New Support Group: "A Light Hearted Break"



A Light Hearted Break is a new spiritually centered support group for those suffering with or a companion to those who have ongoing health conditions. Family members or caregivers are welcomed. We meet on the 2nd & 4th Tuesday

of the month. Join us on Tuesday, November 26 from 6:30-7:30pm. For more information call Sue Cox 847-721-4647.

Homebound parishioners

Call Holy Family at 847-907-3425 for a visit with Communion. Ministers of Care bring Communion to those who are unable to join us for weekend Liturgy. We serve those who are homebound, in nursing homes or hospitals. If you have a family member who is unable to join us at Mass, please be sure to let us know, so we can place their names on our prayer list and, if desired, bring Communion to them. For more information call Mimi Ferlita 847-907-3425 or mferlita@holyfamilyparish.org

US Too Prostate Cancer Support Group

For men and couples who are dealing with prostate cancer, join us on November 26 for support, resources and information (every 4th Tuesday of the month) from 5:30 – 7:00 pm

Adult Faith

Mary Whiteside Director

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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.

A Table Blessing for Thanksgiving

Lord of Gifts, from Your Holy Heart has come a flood of gifts to us. With uplifted hearts, we have gathered around this table to thank you with prayer. We are grateful not only for the gift of life itself, but for all the gifts of friendship, love, devotion and forgiveness that we have shared. On this feast of giving thanks, Lord, God, we thank You for showing us how to return thanks by lives of service, by deeds of hospitality, by kind-

ness to a stranger, and by concern for each other. We are most grateful, this day, for the way You, our hidden God, have become visible to us in one another, the countless daily gifts, in the wonders of all creation. Lord of Gifts, bless our table and all the food we share this day. Let us thank the Lord today and all days. Amen.



Annulment Ministry

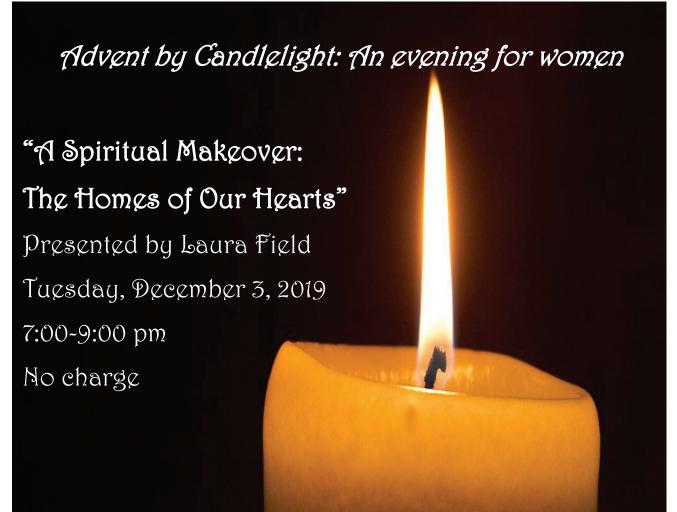
We have two leaders of the Annulment Ministry who have been through the process themselves and give of their time to help others navigate the process. If you have questions about annulment or would like to talk to someone who has "been there," please contact our ministry. All inquiries are held in strict confidence and support is here for you.

If you'd like to talk, contact
Jan at jromanowski@sbcglobal.net 847-504-6924 or
Rosemary at rtspinner@gmail.com 847-991-7833.

Bible Study

If you are looking for a comfortable Bible Study experience where you will be welcomed in and no experience is necessary, contact Jan Wood at jan@wood5.com. The group meets on Thursday evenings at Holy Family and is currently studying Genesis. There is always an extra chair!





All women are invited to join us for a spiritual reflection in the church followed by a wine and cheese reception in the narthex. Our speaker, Laura Field, is a spiritual director at Old St. Patrick's Church in Chicago and a lay leader of the acclaimed Beloved Retreat since 2013. Laura is a lover of Ignatian Spirituality and calls upon it to help people find a richer prayer life and a more intimate relationship with God.

The author of "Called to Joy, Always!," a retreat steeped in the truth of the Divine invitation to joy, Laura enjoys combining ministry with her professional work in corporate communications. If you would like to see and feel God's grace more often and more explicitly, you will want to hear Laura speak!

There is no charge for this retreat. It is for all women who would like some time to reflect and get centered for Advent.

Please register by November 30th so we can adequately plan for appetizers and beverages.

RSVP to Jeannie Parry at jparry@holyfamilyparish.org or 847-907-3448

Adult Faith



Our Beloved Retreat was a beautiful success with 32 new retreatants joining the Beloved family! Many thanks to our team for facilitating this weekend of grace!

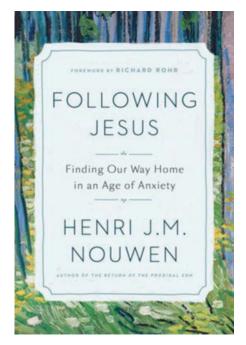
Little Blue Advent Prayer Books



The little blue Advent prayer books will be available for purchase at the front office for \$1 each until supply is gone.

Please bring exact amount if you are paying with cash, or make check payable to Holy Family

Parish if you are buying for your entire small group.



Advent Book Discussion
Following Jesus: Finding Our
Way Home in an Age of Anxiety

by Henri Nouwen

Facilitated by Marsha Adamczyk Thursday, December 12, 2019 10:00 am – 11:15 am

Please purchase your book in advance and read it prior to the discussion.

RSVP to Marsha Adamczyk at madamczyk@holyfamilyparish.org or 847-907-3458

Richard Rohr Webcast

"The Universal Christ: Another Name for Every Thing" Thursday, January 16, 2020 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Join us as we explore the central themes of Fr. Richard's newest book and discover the roots of the universal Christ in the rich history of the Christian tradition. Experience Easter in a new way as we consider Holy Week through a larger, cosmic view of Christ, drawing upon theology, practices, conversation, and liturgy. How might this vision impact our own lives and communities?

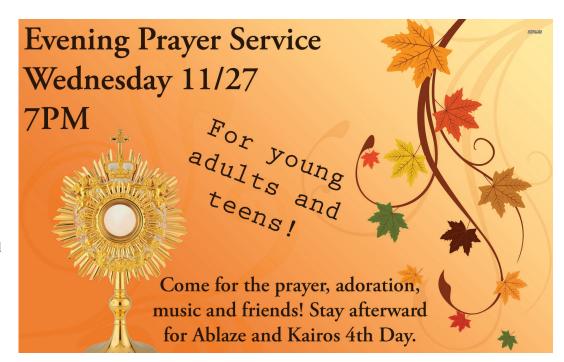
Please RSVP to Jeannie Parry at jparry@holyfamilyparis.org or 847-907-3448 so we can plan for seating.

There is no charge for this event.

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.





Family & Teen Faith

Waiting is not popular. Viewed as passive and non-productive, it has become a sign of inefficiency, even thought of as wasteful. **Adults find waiting difficult. Children find it excruciating!** Waiting frequently makes us



restless, increases our frustration and sometimes triggers aggression.

We spend a lot of our life waiting because waiting is part of the Creator's grand design. Waiting is one of God's tools for developing our hearts, our minds and our spirits. Advent asks us to rethink waiting.

Developmentally, waiting is a <u>life-skill</u> we learn through <u>practice</u>. Patience <u>is</u> a virtue, or as St. Paul teaches, one of the fruits of the Holy Spirit. Children need to learn and practice *Advent waiting*. This year, once again, our weekend liturgies will invite us to

STOP...... BREATHE LISTEN REFLECT during Mass each week of Advent.

Advent is a declaration of promise.

The Jewish writer Simone Weil, said,

"Waiting patiently in expectation is the foundation of the spiritual life."

Waiting patiently in expectation is an act of hope. Scripture tells us, and our experience confirms, that God has blessed us time and



again, fulfilling His promises and offers yet more promises that are unfolding in our lives in this very moment. The waiting that Simone Weil writes about, makes us keen, ardent and wholehearted believers.

The early pages of the gospels tell the stories of men and women who have learned to wait on the Lord. Mary and Joseph, Elizabeth and Zechariah, Simeon and Anna, all echo the hopefulness of their ancestors in faith and show an unreserved confidence, a new sense of expectancy and a keen trust in the providence of God. Mary's response to God's promise is to sing, Elizabeth's is to welcome with open arms; Zechariah's is to shout for joy and Joseph's is to act resolutely in love. We need to instill these things in our children and reaffirm in ourselves during Advent.

Advent waiting requires that we trust.

- ➤ Waiting is a movement from something to something more
- Waiting is not passive; expecting the good is an act of hope
- Waiting is open-ended; what we are waiting for is what God desires for us
- Waiting makes us more attentive to God's work for, in and through us
- ➤ Waiting gives us time to stop, breathe, listen, reflect

In Advent WE wait for the coming of Christ and GOD waits for us to respond to his invitation to a deeper,

Let us teach our children to "wait for the LORD and, hope in His Word. Let us show them this Advent how to wait in confidence for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Family & Teen Faith



WAIT

pray...

Get (or Find) an Advent Calendar – counting down the days is a thing all of us do naturally. Why not make it a prayer? Advent calendars are available everywhere. Choose simple or elaborate. Send one to your college kid!

Bring your children to Bethlehem Marketplace Sunday, Dec. 8 10:30-12:00 or 5:30-7:00; or Wednesday, Dec. 11 4:30-6:00 pm

WATCH



If you have 10 minutes a day to invest, check out this app or go to

https://pray-asyou-go.org



Look for their Advent 2019

retreat and their Living the Magnificat Retreat



Find your Advent Wreath, (buy new candles 1 pink; 3 purple if needed), create a new one or introduce this Advent practice to your family. Check out this article explaining the origin and meaning of this tradition <a href="https://www.catholiceducation.org/en/culture/catholiceducation.org/en/cultu

Pray with song - create a Christmas playlist. Just listening to the words of your favorite carols can begin to prepare your heart for the coming of the Christ child. Playing them in the car is a good and easy way to introduce your kids/grandkids to the religious significance of Christmas.

Have young children? Invest in a new Christmas storybook. There are several beautiful ones available. One we would recommend is *The night of Posadas*, which will be integrated in our Children's Christmas Eve Mass here at Holy Family. Another beautiful one by the same author is *The Clown of God*, based on the medieval French tale *Le Jongleur de Notre Dame* the story of a juggler turned monk who has no gift to offer the Virgin Mary except for his ability to juggle well.

Holy Family Academy

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Holy Family Catholic Academy....

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This year we have been particularly blessed by donations made by parish and Academy families to the Illinois Tax Credit Scholarship Fund. We are so grateful that 16 donors, along with the Archdiocesan 2-1 match, provided financial assistance for 25 needs-based students this year.

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During November we would also like to give thanks for our Veterans who have bravely served our country. We are especially grateful for the members of our Holy Family Community who recently shared their experiences with our students as we celebrated Veterans Day. Special thanks to Matt Schultz, Vince Marinelli, Dick Hicks, Pete Wickman, Paul Krueger, Mike Myers, Glenn Yamamoto, John Kordek and Steve Winston.

















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Sue Geegan Director

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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.

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Gracious and generous God,
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In the beauty and bounty of creation
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in the loving faces around us we know your own love for us.

May you nourish us and strengthen us so others many know your plenty in our kindness and see your care and concern in our witness.

Let us live true lives of gratitude as we pray in thanks to you, our God who lives forever and ever. Amen

HOLY FAMILY PADS SITE for the Homeless

Holy Family's PADS site, a Sunday evening shelter for people facing homelessness, is in its *nineteenth season*. It takes many volunteers to set up, provide and serve meals, work shifts, clean up as well as offer an atmosphere of comfort and safety. PADS shift and food sign up will be **this Sunday**, **November 24** after Mass.

If you have not completed orientation, go to www.journeystheroadhome.org and click on Volunteer Opportunities to find the 2019-20 orientation schedule or find a copy of the schedule on the narthex shelves. Online sign-ups are available to all volunteers who have completed orientation.

To provide food for dinner, lunch or breakfast, visit www.carecalendar.org using our own **calendar ID and password** listed below and feel free to sign up for food donations through the end of the season. Food can be dropped off hours, even days earlier, and prepared just prior to our guests arriving. Please feel free to pass this information along to anyone else you know that might want to donate items for our weekly PADS site. The calendar ID is 134413 and the security code is 9236.

Contact Sue Geegan with questions at sgeegan@holyfamilyparish.org

PADS Guests Need Undergarments and Warm Clothing

As our guests prepare for the colder months ahead, they can use the following items:

All warm clothing items such as coats, hats, gloves, boots and scarves and long underwear – M, L and XL for both Women and Men

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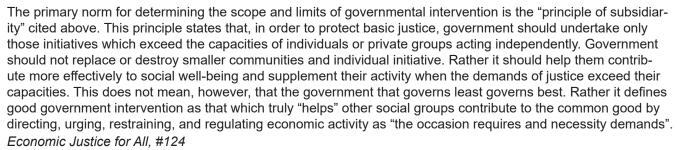
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SPOTLIGHT ON MINISTRY

Holy Family Catholic Community offers a multitude of ministries and programming as part of our mission "To empower all to experience and share the loving presence of God through sacramental living, transformative worship, life-long spiritual growth and community in service to others." Here are just a few opportunities to serve by sharing your gifts and talents.

ADULT FAITH: Wedding Ministers - Volunteers needed for wedding rehearsals and day of wedding. A great team is already in place, but additional volunteers could be used to shadow/assist the current volunteers.

Time commitment: varies Frequency: as needed

Contact: Mary Whiteside 847-907-3450 mwhiteside@holyfamilyparish.org

FAMILY FAITH: Bethlehem Marketplace will take place on December 8 and 11 during Faith classes. Volunteers are needed to prep craft projects prior to the event, set-up Saturday, December 7 between 9am and 1pm, be one of our shop keepers on the day (2 hour shifts), help serve snacks, and various other needs for our event.

Contact: Laura Ferlita 847-907-3436 Iferlita@holyfamilyparish.org

HUMAN CONCERNS: *Hospitality Ministry* - We are building a team for the Saturday 5pm Mass to help plate sweets and serve coffee and refreshments after Mass. If you like to bake, you are more than welcome to serve something homemade for our parishioners and visitors to enjoy.

Time commitment: 30 minutes before and after Mass Frequency: Once every 5-6 weeks

Contact: Carrie Crall carrie.crall@yahoo.com

LITURGICAL ARTS: *Ushers -* Ushers assist with seating and the guidance of parishioners during Mass, collect the offering, as well as ensure the comfort and safety of the congregation.

Time commitment: 15 minutes prior to Mass until Mass ends

Frequency: flexible

Contact: Steve or Scott 847-907-3434 head.usher@holyfamilyparish.org

LITURGICAL ARTS: *Arts and Environment -* Volunteers create a worship space that inspires the community as we go through the liturgical seasons and holidays. Volunteers are needed to help prepare the Church for Advent and Christmas. Help is needed to implement the design.

Time commitment: flexible

Contact: Gene Garcia 847-907-3434 liturgicalarts@holyfamilyparish.org

PARISH SUPPORT AND SERVICES: *GALA*, *February 22* - Are you creative, organized, able to make some phone calls? Can you pick up an auction donation, staff the desk for ticket sales, or stuff envelopes? Any assistance you can provide is appreciated.

Time commitment and frequency: Varies

Contact: Julie Siska and Kathy French holyfamilygala.org

PASTORAL CARE: *Funeral Ministry Team -* Members of this team set up for the Funeral Mass or Service in the church or chapel. They welcome the grieving family and their guests during visitation and the funeral service. They also assist the priest during the Mass/service. Training is provided at Holy Family

Time commitment: one hour Frequency: on call, Monday through Saturday Contact: Mimi Ferlita 847-907-3425 mferlita@holyfamilyparish.org

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Holy Family Partnerships & Support Groups

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Cathie: 847-255-3653

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LOSS (Survivors of Suicide)

Facilitated by staff of Catholic Charities on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at Holy Family at 7:00pm. Contact: Emily T. 312-655-7284

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 & Trudi 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

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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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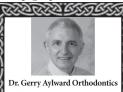


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