



HOLY FAMILY
CATHOLIC COMMUNITY
inviting all to new life in Christ



About Us

Holy Family

Catholic Community

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Fr. Richard Jakubik

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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.

Holy Days Varies; watch bulletin

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

Mike Myers	Chair
Chad Archer	(Deanery Rep)
Fr. Terry Keehan	Pastor (Staff)
Bill Leece	Adult Faith
Pete Barber	At Large (Pastor)
Luis Gutierrez	At Large (Pastor)
Barb Knuth	At Large (Council)
Andrew Konopka	At Large (Council)
Rick Zanardo	Family Faith
Laura Clark	Holy Family Academy Staff
Mike Pazur	Academy Parents Rep
Greg Flanagan	Knights of Columbus
Sue Geegan	Staff
Joan Sloan	Teen Faith (Adult Rep)
Vince Perrone	Teen Faith (Teen Rep)
Kasia Meler	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:

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

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Fr. Rich Jakubik

*“Think about it, there must be a **higher love** – down in the heart or hidden in the stars above. Without it, life is wasted time. Look inside your heart and I’ll look inside mine...”* Steve Winwood

The Joyful Season of Advent is upon us. Matthew’s gospel puts us right in the tension that exists in our world today with the suffering and those who can make a difference in their lives. This Advent is for us to take time to **search, dialogue and be renewed**. We are to make room for something wholly unexpected and transcendent, **a higher love** that interrupts our lives and forever changes our destiny and that of the world. Together we, the community of Holy Family, seek to **encounter** and **witness** to “**a higher love.**”

Therefore, let us: awaken to see that black people are still victims of racism and sometimes it seems as if their lives don’t matter; that women still face discrimination and too many live in a culture of violence; that LGBTQ people often do not feel accepted or safe; that acts of anti-Semitism still exist along with a rising voice of white supremacy; that income inequality is growing; that we often fear those who think and act differently from us; that we have not always welcomed the foreigner and have turned away the refugee; that we have not responded to the pain and needs of the poor, the hungry, the homeless, and those in need of medical care; that we have failed to see the depth of hurt, anger, and frustration in this country; that we are, at times, a divided United States; and that we may all wake up and see all human life as sacred and fragile.

These are not issues to be solved, agendas to be pursued, or problems to be fixed. These are real people whose lives are **fragile and sacred**; just as fragile and sacred as our own lives. How can we live **a higher love** in an unknown and uncertain future? Advent reminds us to see one another and ourselves through the lens of our **baptism**. It means returning to the waters of our baptism where we promised to proclaim, by our words and example, the **Good News of God in Christ Jesus**. It is where we promised to seek and serve Christ in all persons, not just the persons of our party, our race, our religion, our country, but all persons. It is where we promised to love our neighbors as ourselves; where we promised to strive for justice and peace for all people; and promised to respect the dignity of every human being.

Our baptismal waters may have dried, but our promises remain eternal, just as God’s promises are eternal in us. This coming of Advent has set before us a context for our baptismal work. This is

the unexpected hour. Now is the moment for us to wake from our sleep (Romans 13:11). Reclaiming our baptism may just be the most important work we can do throughout this Advent season. It is our work for one another and for Christ. Let us begin by promising to persevere in resisting evil and, whenever we fall into sin, to repent and return to the Lord. **What if we let Advent be a time where we live out our baptismal vows, allowing them to guide our actions, determine our words and establish our priorities? What would that mean for us? What would it call forth from us? What would it demand of us? What might we need to change? What would we need to let go of or give up? How would we do life and politics differently? What would it take for us to fulfill our baptismal promises in today’s circumstances?**

Advent invites us to enter this moment, this hour, this day, as the only one in which we have the potential for clarity, the opportunity to make a change, the ability to do things differently. We face the uncertainty and the unknowability of our future by living faithfully in the present. That means we must remain vigilant. We must stay awake and be watchful. We must first be watchful of what is going on inside of us; our thoughts, fears, anger, the emotions that overtake us, the choices we make, the words we speak, the actions we take. **Do they align with our baptismal vows? Are they congruent with the life of Christ? Do they show us to be followers of Jesus or partisan proponents?** We must also be watchful for the divine presence in the other; the divine presence in our neighbor, in the stranger, in the foreigner, in our enemy; the divine presence in those who think and act differently from us; the divine presence in those who do not worship or believe as we do; the divine presence in the poor, the hungry, the homeless, the refugee, the marginalized, the oppressed; the divine presence in those whose choices and lifestyles are not our own; the divine presence in all of humanity. The very unexpectedness of the **divine presence** coming in another human being, especially one who is different from us, demands that we be awake and watchful because, if we are not, we will surely miss it. It means trading our words and acts of violence for words and actions that **grow, sustain and nourish life**. **“Lord, Bring Us To A Higher Love This Advent Season.”**

SEEK HIGHER LOVE DURING ADVENT!

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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.

We Christians hold a great festival during the winter solstice, the shortest days of the year. We call this festival “Christmas,” meaning the “feast of Christ.” It takes several weeks to **prepare** and several weeks to **celebrate**. It is, undoubtedly, one of our favorite feasts. It’s very important, however, to not confuse the **preparing** and the **celebrating**.

The weeks of preparation are called **Advent**, the season of growing darkness before the solstice. Advent and a new church year begins this weekend. The weeks of celebration are called **Christmastime**, the season of growing light after the solstice. Perhaps it comes down to something basic: We are children of the Light.

Of course, there’s a great contrast between these two seasons of our faith and the commercial “holiday season.” The “holiday season” usually begins in early November and then comes to a crashing halt on December 26. And, unfortunately, it is most often filled with great stress and fatigue because the preparing is usually focused on cleaning, shopping, decorating, baking, and partying. Yes, even partying can be stressful and exhausting! **We need something different!** We need a **Higher Love!**

We need Advent. We need a spiritual “oasis” to which we can retreat during all the craziness and be loved. Without it we stop being who we are: a people who are waiting in joyful anticipation for Emmanuel, God-With-Us. **And we need Christmastime.** We need a festival that runs beyond a single day or week. In the many days of Christmastime we shout loud and clear that Jesus Christ is born. The reign of God is here among us, in our flesh and blood. That is why we have star-topped trees, decked halls, and bountiful tables.

Advent, however, cannot exist if we jump the gun on Christmas. And Christmastime cannot exist if we are already tired of it by December 25. These two seasons require each other. Commit to making Advent a little different this year. Reach beyond yourselves and find **Higher Love** here at Holy Family. **Invite someone else who might need some spiritual enrichment...** a family member, a friend, a neighbor... to attend at least one mass with you during the season. Awaken to a **Higher Love!** Awaken to who you are as a **Beloved Child of God!**

May the lights of the Advent wreath lead us all to the Star of Bethlehem, the Light of the World.

Peace and Blessings, Deacon Dennis



Liturgical Arts



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.



Kids and adults are invited to help us celebrate our special 1:30pm Family Mass on Christmas Eve

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.



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.

KID CHURCH in our JAMMIES!

DECEMBER 8th @ 10:15 in the chapel

Adults, wear your ugly sweaters!!



Donation Items:

Body Wash	Shampoo	Toilet Paper
Honey	Olive Oil	Tuna
Saltine Crackers	Diet Coke	Tea
Jello-O	Flour	Body Lotion
Tissues	Styrofoam Cups	Hand Soap

* please donate items from this list only

All items will be donated to the elderly of Little Sisters of the Poor
St. Joseph's.

Collection Dates: 12/8 & 12/23

Liturgical Arts

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 2

9:00AM Mildred Kinzig (Family)
9:00AM Michael Vivo (Family)
7:00PM Donald Klass (Family)

Tuesday, December 3

9:00AM Bernice Moyer (Carol Hack)
9:00AM Mary Moore (Family)
9:00AM Bernice Kathrein (Larry & Kitty Stahl)

Wednesday, December 4

9:00AM Ken Guilette (Family)

Thursday, December 5

9:00AM Rita Neff (Kimberly Anderson)
9:00AM Samuel Francione (Family)
9:00AM Kathryn Kosmeja (Mom)

Friday, December 6

9:00AM Blanche Lautz (Andy & Florette Sokulski)

Saturday, December 7

5:00PM Dan Shepherd (Carol Hack)
5:00PM Chester Lis (Stan & Pat Sowizrol)
5:00PM Eustace Pereira (Alex Jimenez)
5:00PM Carol Collins (Nedza Family)

Sunday, December 8

7:30AM Lucy Iacopetti (Lapacek Family)
7:30AM Marion Tunzi (Vincent & Matthew)
7:30AM John J. Fannon (Tanja Biebel)

9:00AM Lulu Pastorello (Family)
9:00AM Billy VanSickle (Friend)
9:00AM Ron Lencioni (Gail Riss)

11:00AM Mary Ellen Pellegrini (Family)
11:00AM Shary Blinzler (Crook Family)
11:00AM Richard "Mac" McCoy (Pat McCoy)

4:00PM Carmela Roppo (Mercurio Family)
4:00PM Kathryn Kosmeja (Mom)

Mass intentions are available
by contacting the Parish Office



Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them...

+ Mary Hagen
+ Anna Kolbusz
+ Mary Rotolo
+ Joseph Sausen
+ 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...

Sue Cywinski
Gwynn Fiedler
Sharon Gerlikas
Patricia Hoover
Catherine Keller
Donnally Olsen

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, December 1

Isaiah 2:1-5
Romans 13:11-14a
Matthew 24:37-44

Monday, December 2

Isaiah 4:2-6
Matthew 8:5-11

Tuesday, December 3

Isaiah 11:1-10
Luke 10:21-24

Wednesday, December 4

Isaiah 25:6-10a
Matthew 15:29-37

Thursday, December 5

Isaiah 26:1-6
Matthew 7:21, 24-27

Friday, December 6

Isaiah 29:17-24
Matthew 9:27-31

Saturday, December 7

Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26
Matthew 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday, December 8

Isaiah 11:1-10
Romans 15:4-9
Matthew 3:1-12

Parish Support & Services

If you have reached age 70½, you can donate to Holy Family directly out of your IRA. These qualified charitable distributions (QCDs) can help you lower your tax obligation.

Who wouldn't like that?

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

Qualified charitable distribution (QCD) basics

Qualified charitable distributions (QCDs) can be taken out of your traditional IRA(s) free of any federal income tax hit. In contrast, other traditional IRA distributions are taxable (wholly or partially depending on whether you've made any nondeductible contributions over the years).

Unlike garden-variety charitable donations, you can't claim itemized deductions for QCDs. That's OK, because the tax-free treatment of QCDs equates to a 100% deduction because you'll never be taxed on those amounts. And you don't have to worry about tax-law restrictions that apply to itemized charitable write-offs. QCDs have several potential tax-saving advantages.

Advantage No. 1 QCDs are not included in your adjusted gross income (AGI). This lowers the odds that you will be affected by various unfavorable AGI-based rules, such as those that can cause more of your Social Security benefits to be taxed, less of your rental estate losses to be deductible, and more of your investment income to be hit with the dreaded 3.8% Medicare surtax (the so-called net investment income tax).

Advantage No. 2 QCDs always deliver a tax benefit while "regular" charitable donations might not. The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA) almost doubled the standard deduction amounts for 2018-2025, and you only get a tax benefit from a charitable donation if your total itemizable deductions exceed your standard deduction. These higher standard deduction amounts under the TCJA reduce the odds that you will be able to itemize deductions and gain any tax savings from "regular" charitable donations.

Advantage No. 3 A QCD taken from your traditional IRA counts as a distribution for purposes of the required minimum distribution (RMD) rules. Therefore, you can arrange to donate all or part of your annual RMD (up to the \$100,000 limit) that you would otherwise be forced to receive and pay taxes on.

Talk to your financial or tax advisor to see if making an QCD distribution from your IRA to Holy Family is right for you.

Once you are ready to contribute contact Bernie Schaeffer at Holy Family (847-907-3420 or bschaeffer@holyfamilyparish.org) for instructions on how to make complete your distribution.

Source: Bill Bischoff – *Market Watch*



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

Adult Faith

Bible Journey “A Living Biblical Experience”

Presented by Fr. Rich Jakubik

Wednesdays, January 8, 15 and 29, 2020

9:45-11:45 am (one hour of lecture and one hour of small group discussion)

Cost: \$30

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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.



Have you ever wanted to step back into Biblical times and wondered what it might be like to experience for yourself what those historical happenings in ancient Jerusalem might have been like? Now is your chance! We'd like to invite you to join us on a journey through the Holy Land while we explore Scriptural stories and passages that pertain to various locations. For those seeking enlightenment and insight into the life of Jesus Christ, this is where it all begins. Travel a devotional walk through Jesus' life from his birth, ministry, crucifixion, and resurrection.

To register, please contact Jeannie Parry
at jparry@holymfamilyparish.org or 847-907-3448

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!



Advent by Candlelight: An evening for women

“A Spiritual Makeover: The Homes of Our Hearts”

Presented by Laura Field

Tuesday, December 3, 2019

7:00-9:00 pm

No charge



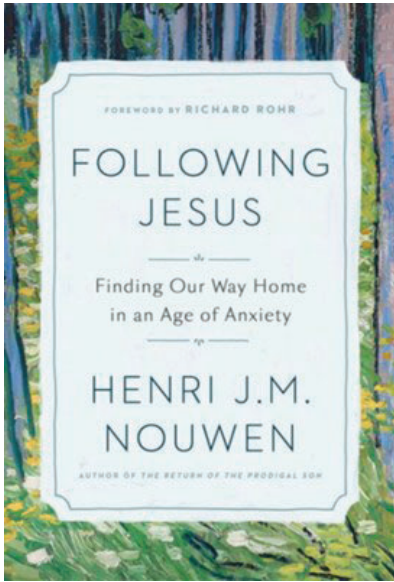
All women are invited to join us for a spiritual reflection in the church followed by a wine and cheese reception in the narthex. Our speaker, Laura Field, is a spiritual director at Old St. Patrick's Church in Chicago and a lay leader of the acclaimed Beloved Retreat since 2013. Laura is a lover of 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



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

by *Henri Nouwen*

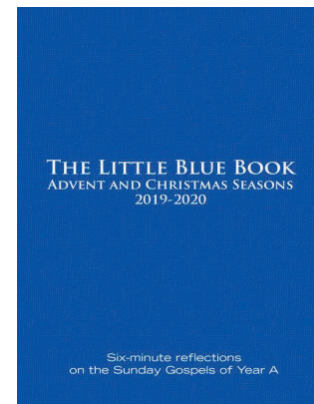
Facilitated by **Marsha Adamczyk**
Thursday, December 12, 2019
10:00 am – 11:15 am

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

Little Blue Advent Prayer Books

The little blue Advent prayer books will be available for purchase at the front office for \$1 each beginning on **November 9th** (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.



Richard Rohr Webcast

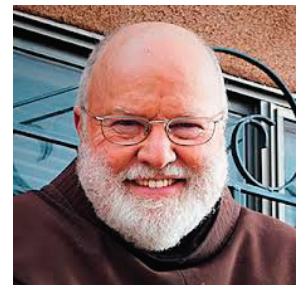
“The Universal Christ: Another Name for Every Thing”

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.

Kairos 28

Teen Faith gives a big thank
you to the Directors, adults,
the entire leadership team and
all the retreatants for a great
Kairos experience. Now, let's
prepare for K29 on February
14-17!



"LET GO AND LET GOD"



ablaze

young adult ministry



Ablaze Faith Sharing

Ablaze is a young adult ministry created for 18-25 year olds.

Are you looking to continue your faith journey and connect with others?

Join us for faith sharing, social events, outreach opportunities, and fellowship to share in friendship and faith with one another. All young adults are welcome, parishioners and non-parishioners alike, so bring a friend.

For more information or to get involved, see the website or contact the Ablaze coordinator, Courtney Smola, at csmola@holyfamilyparish.org or (847) 907-3483.

Faith Sharing is held every Wednesday
from 7-8pm in the Family Room to set
aside time to pray and discuss our faith.

We have weekly topics with videos or
speakers to listen to and reflect upon.
Regular attendance is not required.
Journals are provided.

RETHINK WAITING



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 life-skill we learn through practice. Patience is 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.

He sees
He knows
He's coming

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Advent 2019
Begins next Sunday

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



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 <https://www.catholiceducation.org/en/culture/catholic-contributions/the-history-of-the-advent-wreath.html>

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.

WATCH



If you have 10 minutes a day to invest, check out this app or go to <https://pray-as-you-go.org>

Look for their Advent 2019 retreat and their Living the Magnificat Retreat

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HOLY FAMILY
CATHOLIC ACADEMY
THINKERS. LEADERS. GROUNDED IN FAITH.

International Baccalaureate

Primary Years Programme



Holy Family Catholic Academy.... offers an innovative curriculum that focuses on cultivating critical thinking, problem solving and teamwork.

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Date: Friday, December 6

Place: Breakout 1

Hours: 9-3, or while supplies last.

Do you love to bake? Please consider donating 2-4 dozen of cookies to make our selection even more amazing! Please drop off your donations at the school office on Thursday, December 5. Questions? contact Kathy Pazur (kathy.pazur@falxglobal.com)



HOLY FAMILY PADS SITE for the Homeless

Sue Geegan
Director
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promoting mercy and
justice by putting our
faith into action.

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.

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@holymfamilyparish.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

Also needed:

Women's underwear: sizes 8, 9 10 and 11
Men's undershirts: 34-36; 38-40; 42-44; 46-48
Men's underwear: 32-34; 36-38; 40-42; 44-46

Thank you! The items can be left in the cart in the west coatroom.

WEEKEND HOSPITALITY MINISTRY NEEDS YOUR HELP



We have an urgent need to build a team for the 5pm Mass to help prepare and serve coffee and refreshments after Mass once every 5-6 weeks. If you like to bake, you are more than welcome to serve something homemade for our parishioners and visitors to enjoy.

If you have questions or would like more information, please contact Carrie at carrie.crall@yahoo.com or Sue Geegan at 847-907-3443 or sgeegan@holymfamilyparish.org.

We also welcome cookie and juice donations at any time for our weekend Mass Hospitality teams to serve after Mass. Mark them "hospitality" and leave in the kitchen across from the parish office. Thank You!

Human Concerns

Catholic Social Teaching – United States Catholic Conference of Bishops



The Church's social teaching is a rich treasure of wisdom about building a just society and living lives of holiness amidst the challenges of modern society.

Solidarity

We are one human family whatever our national, racial, ethnic, economic, and ideological differences. We are our brothers and sisters keepers, wherever they may be. Loving our neighbor has global dimensions in a shrinking world. At the core of the virtue of solidarity is the pursuit of justice and peace. Pope Paul VI taught that if you want peace, work for justice. The Gospel calls us to be peacemakers. Our love for all our sisters and brothers demands that we promote peace in a world surrounded by violence and conflict.

[Solidarity] is not a feeling of vague compassion or shallow distress at the misfortunes of so many people, both near and far. On the contrary, it is a firm and persevering determination to commit oneself to the common good; that is to say, to the good of all and of each individual, because we are all really responsible for all. *On Social Concern (Sollicitudo rei Socialis. . .)*, #38

More information found at www.usccb.org

Holy Family Job Support Group Invites you to a Presentation by Bruce Bixler "Your LinkedIn Profile or a Box of Rocks" Saturday, December 7, 2019 @ 7:30 am at Holy Family Parish

- How to Optimize the New LinkedIn Features
 - How to Overhaul Your LinkedIn Profile
- What Skills Should be Added to Your LinkedIn Profile

Join Bruce Bixler one of the top 200 LinkedIn Practitioners in the world and listen to him explain these new features to you! Bring your laptop!

Register online at <http://holyfamilyparish.org/pastoral-care/services.job-support/>

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) is an international mutual aid fellowship with the stated purpose of enabling its members to stay sober and help other alcoholics achieve sobriety. AA is nonprofessional, self-supporting, and apolitical. The only membership requirement is a desire to stop drinking. Alcoholics Anonymous is active in the Northwest Suburbs, with meetings and resources to help people get sober and live happy, joyous, and free. If you would like to learn more for yourself or a family member, feel free to call their area line at 847-382-4455 or David G. at 312-961-2511 or visit <http://www.barringtonaa.org/meetings.htm> or http://dist21.aa-ia.org/index_files/meetings.htm for a list of meetings.

Human Concerns

One In Love LGBT LISTENING SESSION December 14, 2019 10AM - NOON



ALL ARE INVITED to come for safe and respectful conversation.

You are free to share your story or whatever is on your heart that day or just listen to others. This ministry offers both community and communion for the LGBT community, their families, friends and allies.

One In Love is a friendly and safe place for:

- Families to share stories and experiences with other LGBT families
- LGBT Community to share stories and insights
- Friends to come together with the common goal of love, acceptance and support

Throughout the year, One in Love will host a variety of events to provide education, explore and discuss issues surrounding sexuality, gender and our faith, to listen to our stories and to discover ways to serve our community. Coffee and light refreshments will be served.

If you plan to attend or have questions, please contact Chris Evon at chris.evon@yahoo.com. (RSVP appreciated, but not necessary!)

GET CONNECTED TO HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

Would you like more information about Holy Family Catholic Community and its ministries and programs or would like to serve in a particular area using your gifts and talents? Do you have prayer requests or comments to provide Holy Family Staff or Ministry Leadership? If so, please look for these cards located in the pews and on the narthex shelves. The cards can be placed in the offering plate at Mass or brought to the front office. Holy Family Staff and Ministry Leaders strive to develop a relationship with each parishioner. If we can assist you in answering a question, engaging you in ministry, or joining you in prayer, The Get Connected Card is ready to Connect with you.



NATIONAL WEEK OF PRAYER FOR THE HEALING OF AIDS/HIV

Every 9-1/2 minutes someone in the United States is infected with HIV. It is estimated that 25% of the persons living with the virus DO NOT KNOW that they are infected. There is no cure and no vaccine to prevent it. For more information about testing sites call the National HIV/AIDS hotline at 1.800.232.4636 or through the Catholic Charities HIV/AIDS liaison to the Archdiocese of Chicago at 312.948.6500 or www.catholiccharities.net. Throughout the year, please pray for those infected with and affected by HIV/AIDS and their families and loved ones.

Pastoral Care

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- **Bereavement Team:** we guide families who want to plan a Funeral Mass or Memorial Mass for a loved one.
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- **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.

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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

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 Kvitik 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
December 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.

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

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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, December 10** from 6:30-7:30pm. For more information call Sue Cox 847-721-4647.

Homebound parishioners

Ministers of Care bring Communion to our Holy Family Faith Community parishioners when they are unable to join us for weekend Liturgy. If you have a family member who would like to be placed on our prayer list or desires a home visit, please call Mimi Ferlita at 847-907-3425 or mferlita@holyfamilyparish.org

US Too Prostate Cancer Support Group

For men and couples who are dealing with prostate cancer. For resources and meeting information call Cliff Whall 630-718-1304. Meets every 4th Tuesday of the month from 5:30 - 7:00 pm

Holy Family Partnerships & Support Groups

Partnerships

Catholic Charities

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847-376-2100

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www.springoflifehabitat.org

Journeys the Road Home

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www.journeystheroadhome.org
847-963-9163

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Cathie: 847-255-3653

AMITA Health Behavioral Medicine

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

Job Support

A vibrant networking group designed to support those who are searching for a new position or career. We encourage all attendees to share talents, advice and contacts. The group meets Saturday mornings from 7:30 to 9:30 am in Common Ground. For each meeting bring 25 copies of a resume or handbill.
Doris Willerth 847-922-6633
Tom Kabarec - 847-337-5033 -
trkabarec@comcast.net
Frank Sevilla 847-567-0969

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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 Kvittek: kathykv2@gmail.com
630-697-1655

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Cliff Whall - 630-718-1304

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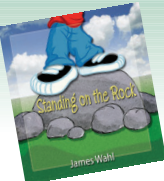
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Providing For Our Family's Future is the Capital Campaign that builds our present community through spiritual renewal, ensures our campus will be maintained at its current level of excellence and fulfills our commitment to the programs and scholarships of the Archdiocese. It is a vision for Holy Family that honors our past, gives thanks to the present, and embraces our future.

Thank you to all the volunteers, parishioners, and donors who made the ***Providing For Our Family's Future*** Capital Campaign a tremendous success. A special thanks goes to Campaign Chairs Melissa and Michael Canning, Committee Chairs Kathy and Chris Abbinante, and our dedicated Committee who have all worked tirelessly in securing pledges and gifts from fellow parishioners. And thank you to all of the families of Holy Family Catholic Community who opened their hearts and their homes to speak with representatives and commit to the Campaign.

Below is a report on the ***Providing For Our Family's Future*** Capital Campaign through to Wednesday, November 20th. We are still tallying up the pledges!

Campaign through November 15	90 pledges	\$1,885,000
Commitment Weekend (Nov. 16 & 17)	190 pledges	\$720,000
<u>Commitment Weekend (Nov. 23 & 24)</u>	<u>to be tallied</u>	<u>to be tallied</u>
STATISTICS TO NOVEMBER 20 th :	280 pledges	\$2,605,000

It's not too late to make a pledge to the ***Providing For Our Family's Future*** campaign. There are three options available you can use to support the campaign:

1. Mail in your pledge form.
2. Visit Debbie Lively-Weyers in the church office to fill out a pledge card.
3. Make your pledge directly online by visiting www.holyfamilyparish.org/donate

For more information or if you have any questions on how to fulfill your pledge, please contact Jean Swenson at 847-907-3428 or jswenson@holyfamilyparish.org

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