

## About Us

## Holy Family Catholic Community

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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 empower all to experience and share the loving presence of God through sacramental living, transformative worship, lifelong spiritual growth, and community in service to others.

#### 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 – Community Building
Bill Leece Adult Spiritual Growth

Pete Barber Stewardship

Luis Gutierrez Charity, Justice & Pastoral Care

Bob Keller Worship

Greg Flanagan Knights of Columbus

Rick Zanardo Sacramental Theology & Practice

Fr. Terry Keehan Pastor (Staff)

Sue Geegan Staff

Non-Voting Community Representatives

Chad Archer Deanery Rep
Mike Pazur Academy Parents Rep
Joan Sloan Teen Faith (Adult Rep)
Vince Perrone Teen Faith (Teen Rep)
Kasia Meler Teen Faith (Teen Rep)

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. Council meeting minutes can be found on the website.

#### **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

## Feast of the Presentation – From Preventing to Consenting

Relationships are some of the very best and most beautiful parts of this life. They reflect the heart of our God in so many ways, reminding us of how loved we are, encouraging us in moments of weakness, uplifting our weary spirits, challenging us to go deeper, and inviting us into the fullness of life. While relationships won't always be easy, they are always worth it. We weren't created to live this life alone! Whether it is with God, ourselves or others, we seek relationships that are real, meaningful and purposeful. We want the kind of relationships that carry us beyond ourselves and beyond the struggles of life. In Luke's gospel, Simeon's life is one of expectation, anticipation and waiting for the coming of the messiah . Like Simeon, we have all stood in that place waiting for and needing something to happen, living in expectation and hope, anticipating the future, and wondering if today was the day. We wait and hope for all sorts of things.

There have been times in my life when I had no idea how close God was to me. I suspect you too can recall times like that. They are times when we just didn't see Christ or recognize him for who he was. We had no idea that He would show up in that way, that place, that time or situation. Sometimes it just seems too incredible to believe that God would come to us. Maybe it's because we see God as distant, cold and uninvolved. Maybe it's because we see ourselves as unworthy and undeserving. Maybe it's because we were taught that God is more concerned about our behavior than our life. Maybe the pain, difficulty and losses of our life have caused us to wonder whether God even cares. Maybe God's ways do not fit within our own **expectations**. We come anticipating that the promise of God's presence and working in our lives can be seen and understood. The presentation of Jesus is more than the fact that Simeon held the baby Jesus, that Simeon's eyes saw salvation, or that Simeon had been set free to go in peace.

The presentation is about the truth that there is no one to whom Jesus does not come. The issue is not **Jesus' coming to us**. The issue is our **preventing** or **consenting** to his coming. Our work then is to always move from preventing to consenting. It means we experience fully God's

unique and irreplaceable love that seeks each one of us. In the end, it means we welcome God and the life he wants to give to us. The presentation of Jesus is a movement from preventing to consenting. That movement, that consent, is the fulfillment of all righteousness. It puts life and relationships back together again. It joins earth to heaven and humanity to divinity. Over and over again, Jesus comes into the struggles and triumphs, the joys and the tragedies, and the deaths and resurrections of our world and our lives. There is no part of your life or my life devoid of Jesus. He has presented himself to you and me completely. He sanctifies our life. He assumes all that we are and takes on our life. He comes into our life that we might be raised up into his. Yes, Jesus comes to us. He always has and always will. He can do nothing less. He is the God who comes when we least expect it. Let us consent to his coming. May our every word, action and choice in every relationship lead us to what is real, meaningful and purposeful.

Father, I need to feel your love today. I pray that you open my eyes to see and ears to hear your love for me. You know my name, my past, my triumphs and my wounds. Let me know it is never too late to call on you, to ask for your forgiveness, and live free as a Child of God. When I feel alone or unloved, let your love for me be so fierce that it radiates all around me. Let me live each day forward knowing that your love for me is more than I can ever imagine and that I am not alone.

Father, whenever I find it easier to love myself more than others, give me eyes to see how special all of your children are. Give me opportunities to sit down with those that don't look or think like me so that I can learn what it really means to love my neighbor. Help me to be kind, encouraging, forgiving, loving to all those around me, treating others with love no matter what. Give me the grace and strength to move from day to day with an outpouring of love, especially for my neighbor in need.

Thank you, Father, that no matter where my heart is, you are always reaching out to love me unconditionally! You are the ultimate example of love and I am grateful. In Jesus' Holy name I pray, Amen.

## Liturgical Arts

Gene Garcia
Director of
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.



Ash Wednesday is February 26. Please bring in your old palms for burning and drop them into the baskets in the Narthex. Thank you.

## Mass of Rock

Sunday February 9 at 4:00pm

Rock & Pray with us!



# **LENTEN Small Christian Community**

For the past two years we offered parishioners a chance to Test Drive an SCC during Lent. As Lent approaches we are thrilled to offer you an invitation to be part of a Lenten SCC. As our participants learned last year being part of a SCC will enhance your Lenten journey!

The group discussions focus on the important Lectionary readings for the coming week. You will each learn from one another and come to Mass with a deeper appreciation of Lenten scriptures.

We will meet at Church for 6 straight Tuesday evenings beginning February 25th and ending March 31st. Please contact us at: pmpbears@comcast.net or call 815-670-3734. Pete & Cari Pappas, Deacon Dennis Brown

## **Preparing for Next Week...**

Watch our weekly SCC reflection @ https://www.youtube.com/user/HFInverness/videos. Click on reflections for Sunday Readings for 2-9-20 and listen to Fr. Richard Rohr reflect on the readings.

## Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

- 1. In Isaiah, the Lord says: "do not turn your back on your own." Who do you consider "your own?"
- 2. In times of serious need, when you've prayed, in what ways have you heard the Lord say to you: "Here I am!"
- 3. Paul tells us to base our faith on the power of God, as opposed to human wisdom, yet often we learn of God's power through learning and human wisdom. What are your thoughts on this contradiction?
- 4. Who are the people in your life who have been the salt and the light? How have you benefitted?
- 5. Who has benefitted from your "salt and light?"

SOCIAL JUSTICE QUESTION

How do the symbols of salt and light speak to you in terms of justice?

## Liturgical Arts

## **Mass Intentions**

### Monday, February 3

9:00AM Gregory Tumbarello (Daughter)

7:00PM Donald Klass (Family)

7:00PM Rolando Adlawan (SSFOH Board)

7:00PM Gulieta Banal (Susie)

#### Tuesday, February 4

9:00AM Gerald Smith (Denise Smith)

9:00AM Veronica Kowal (Family)

9:00AM Gregory Tumbarello (Daughter)

#### Wednesday, February 5

9:00AM Mark Dahlem (Cheryl Russo)

9:00AM Nicholas Liesse (Dan Kubera Family)

9:00AM Bill Liesse (Dan Kubera Family)

#### Thursday, February 6

9:00AM Holy Family Faith Community

#### Friday, February 7

9:00AM Mary Kavalackal (Kavalackal Family)

9:00AM Alex & Ginny Braner (Shirley Campana)

9:00AM Lucy Vittorino (Family)

9:00AM Bernice Kathrein (Malysa Family)

#### Saturday, February 8

5:00PM Bobbi McCaffrey (Family)

5:00PM Paz Palang Family)

5:00PM Lilibeth Capili (Desierto Family)

#### Sunday, February 9

7:30AM Falbo Family (Pistilli Family)

7:30AM Eladio Hernandez (Family)

9:00AM Anne G. Sullivan (Friend)

9:00AM Michael James Finn (Pastoral Care)

9:00AM Thomas E. Burns (Ann & Ray Franczak)

11:00AM Mark Dahlem (Pastoral Care)

11:00AM Wilma Growney (Nwankwo Family)

11:00AM Crook Family (Crook Family)

11:00AM Maria Maciszewska (Friends)

4:00PM Barb Allen (Jim & Eileen Ongena)

4:00PM Violeta Paragas (Family)

Mass intentions are available by contacting the Parish Office

## Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them...

## + Arthur Joseph Evensen

+ Richard Gavigan

+ Sally Larson

"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...

Joseph Bailey

Margie Minton Bryon

Mary Froncek

Nicholas Karasch

Costanzo Maestranzi Angie Mildyn Lolita Ranchero

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

Lt. Colonel David J. Benjamin III (Army), Capt. Sean P. Benjamin (Army) Captain Bill Dirkes, M.D. (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, February 2

Malachi 3:1-4

Hebrews 2:14-18

Luke 2:22-40

Monday, February 3

2 Samuel 15:13-14,30;16:5-13

Mark 5:1-20

Tuesday, February 4

2 Samuel 18:9-10,14b,24-25a,30—19:3

Mark 5:21-43

Wednesday, February 5

2 Samuel 2,9-17

Mark 6:1-6

Thursday, February 6

1 Kings 2:1-4,10-13 Mark 6:7-13

Friday, February 7

Sirach 47:2-11

Mark 6:14-29 Saturday, February 8

1 Kings 3:4-13

Mark 6:30-34

Sunday, February 9 Isaiah 58:7-10

1 Corinthians 2:1-5 Matthew 5:13-16

## Parish Support & Services

Ro Geisler Parish Manager 847-907-3424

& Services Community... oversees the parish business and

efficiently.

@holyfamilyparish.org

The Parish Support

infrastructure activities to ensure they operate

rgeisler

## Weekly Attendance and Collection - Last 4 Weeks

Sunday Date	Attendance	Collection		
Jan 5	1,947	\$	59,720	
Jan 12	1,862	\$	30,120	
Jan 19	1,801	\$	41,492	
Jan 26	2,093	\$	56,469	

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Note: Collections vary week to week	prim	-	•	•	onic c	ontributions
Year to Date	_					
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		Actual		Budget	E	Budget
Sunday & Electronic Collections	\$	1,226,423	\$ :	1,175,736	\$	50,687
Christmas	\$	203,006	\$	212,419	\$	(9,413)
Easter	\$	2,100	\$	-	\$	2,100
Major Collections Totals	\$	1,431,529	\$ 1	1,388,155	\$	43,374
Total Christmas C	olle	ction Budget	is \$	215,000		
Prior Week Totals  Note: Parish fiscal year is July 1 to June 30	\$	1,371,460	\$ 1	1,349,133	\$	22,327

2019 Annual Statements will be mailed by the end of January, 2020



## **Pastoral Care**

## Ministry Needs: 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.
- 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, bring Communion
- Minister of Care to Homebound: visits homebound parishioners who request Communion in their home.
- **Minister of Care Nursing Homes:** provides Communion service and offers Communion to residents of Alden, Brookdale and Rosewood nursing homes.

Inquiries are welcomed: 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 from 7:00-9:00 pm in Breakout 1 meeting room on **February 3**. 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

Bereavement Training on March 21 from 8:30am-2:30

at St. Collette Parish, Rolling Meadows. To register: mferlita@holyfamilyparish.org. Ministry of Care Training on March 7 & 14 from 9:00-3:00 (both days required)
St Mary of the Annunciation Learning Center, 22277 W. Erhart Road, Mundelein, IL To register:mferlita@holyfamilyparish.org.

Would you personally like to bring Holy Communion to your loved one at home? Stop into the parish office to borrow a PYX (special container for the Eucharist), a tutorial for prayer and a guideline to support your ministry to your family member. You then will present your opened PYX to the Minister of Communion at Communion time at Mass and will be given the Eucharist at that time. For more information call Mimi Ferlita at 847-907-3425 or mferlita@holyfamilyparish.org.

## 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 on **February 5**. For more info contact Dan and Trudi Mickey at 847-991-6255.

#### 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)

Fr. Rich Jakubik Director 847-907-3477 rjakubik@ holyfamilyparish.org

## The Pastoral Care Community...

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

## To Be Joyful Again Ministry

"To Be Joyful Again" is a non-denominational support group for widows and widowers who meet on the first & third Thursday the month. We welcome you to join us on **February 6 at 7:00pm** in lower level room 083. For more information, please call Pat Bongiorno at 847-985-4624 or Bob Boho at 847-438-2884.

## LOSS (Survivors of Suicide) Support Group

You are welcome to join us on **February 19** 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.

## New Support Group: "A Light Hearted Break"



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

Tuesday of the month. Come join us on **February 11 at 6:30pm**. For more information call Sue Cox 847-721-4647.

## **US Too Prostate Cancer Support Group**

For men and couples who are dealing with prostate cancer. For resources and meeting information call Cliff Whall 630-718-1305. Meets every 4th Tuesday of the month. The next meeting is **February 25 from 6:30-9:00pm**; advanced group meets from 5:30-6:30pm.

## **Adult Faith**

## Mark your Calendar! Bible Journey Spring Session -Four Unique Bible Studies:

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. "What the Bible Says About Friendship"

"The Mass and the Bible"

"Biblical Foundations for Marian Devotion"

"How Was the Canon of the New Testament Formed?"

Presented by Fr. Derran Combs, OFM, Ph.D. March 4, 11, 18, and 25, 2020 Wednesday mornings, 9:45am-11:45 am

**Cost: \$35** 

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



## **Annulment Ministry**

You are not alone! We have annulment ministers who are happy to support you as you go through the annulment process. They have been through divorce and annulment themselves and will be a great source of strength for the journey. For more information, contact

Jan at jromanowsk51i@gmail.com or

Rosemary at rtspinner@gmail.com.

## **Little Black Prayer Books for Lent**



The little black prayer books for Lent will be available in the front office beginning on February 9th. As usual, the cost of each book is \$1. Please bring exact amount or, if you are purchasing for a group, please make checks payable to Holy Family.

Wishing you a prayerful and love-filled Lent this year.

## Bible Study at Holy Family

Our Thursday evening Bible Study always welcomes new members! If you would like to spend some time examining Scripture with a welcoming group, contact Jan Wood and be added to the email list. Jan can be reached at jan@wood5.com.



## **Adult Faith**

## Edwina Gateley

Born in Lancaster, England, Edwina Gateley's educational experiences have awarded her a Teacher's Degree from her home country, a Master's Degree in Theology from Catholic Theological Union, Chicago, and certification as an HIV counselor in Illinois. After some time in prayer and solitude and then spending a year on the streets of Chicago walking with the homeless and women involved in prostitution, Edwina founded Genesis House, a house of hospitality and nurturing for the women involved in prostitution. She also founded the Volunteer Missionary Movement (VMM) in England to recruit, prepare and send lay missionaries to work in the developing world. The VMM has sent over 3,000 women and men to serve in 26 countries throughout the world. Edwina's missionary work took her to Uganda where she established a school for Ugandan girls, which became the largest and most successful in the area. Edwina is a writer and speaker, leading national and international retreats as well as Parish Missions, and she continues to work with women in recovery through her small Foundation, Sophia's Circle.



## Parish Mission 2020 Call to Personal and Global Transformation

# Presented by Edwina Gateley March 22, 23 and 24, 2020 7:00-8:30 pm No cost, no need to register. Bring a friend.



Holy Family Catholic Community

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In the midst of our violent and hurting world we will explore how God as Lover, Healer and Seducer ever invites us to new possibilities and to believe in our potential to make a difference. Through Scripture and contemporary stories we will explore how we are called to recognize and nurture God's presence in our world and in ourselves.

## **RCIA**

Over the next couple of months we will be introducing our RCIA candidates and catechumens, just two or three at a time, to the community. Please keep them in your prayers as they open their hearts to this journey of becoming full, active members of the Catholic Church.



**Candidate Janette Reyes** 

My name is Janette Reyes. I have one brother and one sister and an amazing dog named Bruno. My family will be growing in June when I marry my fiancé Melvin at Holy Family. My future marriage brought me to Holy Family.

I decided to join RCIA because I wanted to not only commit to my marriage, but also to my faith. I think that being a part of RCIA and completing my sacraments would help make our marriage stronger.

My grandmother has inspired me by her faith. No matter what challenges come her way she knows that having strong faith will help her through that challenge. She is a strong woman because her faith is so strong. Her mind is calm because her faith is so strong and pure. She inspires me to have a strong faith like hers.

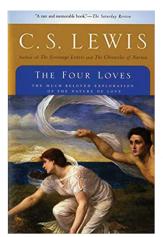
My name is Luke Musinski. I've been happily married for 10 years and have three children. I have one boy and two girls, ages 5, 4 and 1. My wife and I have been parishioners for roughly 6 years, and we came to Holy Family when she was pregnant with our first child.

My wife is Catholic and we have baptized each of our children in the faith. It is important to me to have a unified and strong spiritual foundation in my family.

The Holy Family community has inspired me in my faith. Everyone from Father Terry and Father Rich to the young families that I have met at Kid Church. This parish and community is something special and truly in it together.



**Catechumen Luke Musinski** 



## Lenten Book Discussion – The Four Loves by C.S. Lewis

Facilitated by Marsha Adamczyk Tuesday, March 10, 2020 frpm 10:00am to 11:15am

Please join us during Lent for a discussion of this spiritual classic written by C.S. Lewis, the great British scholar and bestselling author of The Chronicles of Narnia, Mere Christianity, The Screwtape Letters, Out of the Silent Planet and many other books. He explores the four types of human love: affection, friendship, erotic love and love of God.

Please purchase the book and read it prior to the discussion on March 10.

To register, contact Marsha Adamczyk at 847-907-3458

or madamczyk@holyfamilyparish.org

## Family & Teen Faith

Peg Hanrahan Director 847-907-3431 phanrahan@ holyfamilyparish.org

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

## CHRISTMAS OUTREACH TO KENYA







On November 3rd and 6th our Family Faith kids prepared Christmas Gift Bags for our friends at the Divine Mercy School with small toys, coloring books, pencils, crayons, other school supplies, lollipops, toothbrushes, toothpaste, socks, underwear, and hats. The children also sent their own messages on hand-decorated Christmas cards. These items were delivered by members of our Holy Family community who traveled to Kenya in early January.











Dear Parents and Children,

Blessings! On behalf of the Missionaries of the Poor and the Children at the Divine Mercy School we wish you a Happy and Prosperous New Year!

We want to thank every one of you for your generous support of the poor kids at Nairobi Mission by sending gift packages to them. It was a wonderful expression of your deep love for the Lord and the His children. Your wonderful gifts made a big difference in the life of the kids here. For most of them, your gift was the only gift they received for Christmas and the New Year. Once again You brought so much joy and hope to our students!

As we thank the parents and kids at the Faith Program, we also express our sincere gratitude to Dr. Peg, Laura, Marta, and the catechist, in motivating the kids to share their gifts with the poorest kids from the Divine Mercy School. God bless you for your wonderful initiative.

Be assured of our humble prayers.

In Christ, Fr. Paul Vilangappara, MOP

THANK YOU!



## Family & Teen Faith

## SACRAMENTAL PREP UPDATES



I came to seek the lost I came to forgive

# **Celebrating First Reconciliation with our First Communion Candidates**

Children younger than Grade 4 who are receiving their First Communion this May, will celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time during a Prayer Service designed specifically for families, on

Wednesday, February 5, 2020 in the Church, 6:30-7:30 pm.

The week of January 12, 2020, Deacon Dennis Brown or Dr. Peg visited with all the children preparing to receive their First Communion during their Faith/Religion class to talk about the Sacrament of Reconciliation, answer any questions the children may have and explain what will happen

during the Prayer Service.

This past week Mrs. Julie Siska, Mrs. Lisa McKian and introduced the songs we will be singing during the service. The best way to have children learn these songs is to listen to them. We ask that parents follow-up by listening to the MP3 files of the music for First Communion we sent in the fall. The two songs we will be singing that are on the file we sent are **YOU FORGIVE ME** and **THANKFUL**. The third song we will be singing MY HOPE IS IN THE LORD can be accessed on YouTube <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cbpyUAbWWWg">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cbpyUAbWWWg</a>. The children do not have to learn the motions just the song. Why not download the MP3 files to your phones and listen to them in the car.

If you have lost the link contact mrobak@holyfamilyparish.org / 847-907-3447.

#### OTHER DATES FOR UPCOMING EVENTS FOR FIRST COMMUNION CANDIDATES

- > The Presentation of the Lord's Prayer Sunday, February 9, 2020 at the 9:00 am Mass
- First Communion Faith-In Saturday, April 4, 2020 2:30-5:00 pm

### RECONCILIATION WITH OUR FOURTH GRADERS

At Holy Family, we do catechesis on Reconciliation in stages, with age appropriate instruction and rituals. In fourth grade, we prepare the children to celebrate Form 1 of the Sacrament (Individual Face-to-Face). Dr. Peg and one of the Parish Priests will offer additional catechesis on the Sacrament during February and early March in their Faith/Religion classes. Parents are not required but are welcome to attend this session. We will email these dates for



these sessions to parents. Faith families if your child cannot attend their regularly scheduled class that day please send them to one of our other sessions that week.

The children will then celebrate this form of the sacrament on either Wednesday, March 11, 3:30-6pm OR Saturday, March 14, 10am-noon. We will email a sign-up list to parents in mid-February so they can choose which date works best for their family. Be aware that we ask at least one parent to accompany their child for this celebration.

As always, if you have any questions please reach out to Marta Robak, <a href="mailto:mrobak@holyfamilyparish.org">mrobak@holyfamilyparish.org</a> or Dr. Peg Hanrahan, phanrahan@holyfamilyparish.org

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# The Human Concerns Community...

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## LENTEN FISH FRY AT HOLY FAMILY

Fridays, February 28, March 6 & 13 from 6-7:30pm

Friday, March 20 will be a St. Joseph's Table Banquet from 6-9pm



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**Friday, March 20** will be a free will offering in the tradition of St. Joseph's Table. All proceeds will go to our homeless shelter program held at Holy Family on Sunday evenings from October through April. This evening will offer an expanded menu and beer and wine for purchase. Thank you to the Knights of Columbus and the Multicultural Ministry for hosting this event. Reservations are recommended. More information to follow.

## One In Love LGBT February 8, 2020 -LISTENING SESSION 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!)

## **Human Concerns**

## The Call to Holiness in an Election Year - by Cardinal Blase Cupich

(from Chicago Catholic, November 24, 2019)

A few weeks ago, I was invited to talk to a group of young Catholics about what it means to live as a disciple of Jesus. During the question and answer period, I was asked how our faith should inform our politics and our voting decisions.

First, I suggested reading the sound advice Pope Francis offers in his apostolic exhortation, "Gaudete et Exsultate" ("Rejoice and Be Glad"). In that magisterial document, especially paragraph 101, the Holy Father urges us to participate in political debate, as opposed to limiting our involvement to the voting booth. There should be no fear of engaging in dialogue with others, especially those who have views different from our own.

In fact, he warns of the "harmful ideological error ... found in those who find suspect the social engagement of others, seeing it as superficial, worldly, secular, materialist, communist or populist." In other words, it is a mistake to lock ourselves into an ideological mind-set that pigeonholes others because they belong to a different party or way of thinking to the point that we dismiss them out of hand. We limit our options if we reject the ideas of others simply on the basis of their political affiliation.

Likewise, I asked my young friends to be cautious about allowing their political affiliation to be so absolute that they check their conscience at the voting booth out of a false sense of party loyalty. As Pope Francis notes, such an approach runs the risk of making core ethical values relative, "as if there are other more important matters, or the only thing that counts is one particular ethical issue or cause that they themselves defend."

By way of example of the balance we need, Pope Francis writes: "Our defense of the innocent unborn, for example, needs to be clear, firm and passionate, for at stake is the dignity of a human life, which is always sacred and demands love for each person, regardless of his or her stage of development. Equally sacred, however, are the lives of the poor, those already born, the destitute, the abandoned and the underprivileged, the vulnerable infirm and elderly exposed to covert euthanasia, the victims of human trafficking, new forms of slavery, and every form of rejection."

The pope continues in the same vein: "We often hear it said that, with respect to relativism and the flaws of our present world, the situation of migrants, for example, is a lesser issue. Some Catholics consider it a secondary issue compared to the 'grave' bioethical questions. That a politician looking for votes might say such a thing is understandable, but not a Christian, for whom the only proper attitude is to stand in the shoes of those brothers and sisters of ours who risk their lives

to offer a future to their children" (no. 102).

What the Holy Father is urging is that we attend to the interconnection of moral issues. I reminded the audience that Cardinal Joseph Bernardin made the same point decades ago when he pressed for a consistent ethic of life. The cardinal understood that a comprehensive commitment to respecting life has the potential of connecting all the issues in a way that benefits them all. As he observed in his 1983 address at Fordham University: "The purpose of proposing a consistent ethic of life is to argue that success on any one of the issues threatening life requires a concern for the broader attitude in society about respect for human life ... the viability of [this] principle depends upon the consistency of its application."

Much like Cardinal Bernardin, Pope Francis appreciates the integrity of Catholic social teaching, which makes it unique in holding these issues together under a common principle. It is that integrity that has set the Catholic Church apart in witnessing ardently against both abortion and the nuclear-weapon policies of the United States. The point is that Catholic social teaching cannot be neatly fitted into the partisan political framework that governs American public life, then or now.

I concluded by urging the young people in attendance to consider the connection between their responsible participation in the political arena, marked by a consistent ethic of life, and their baptismal call to holiness. As Pope Francis puts it: "We cannot uphold an ideal of holiness that would ignore injustice in a world where some revel, spend with abandon and live only for the latest consumer goods, even as others look on from afar, living their entire lives in abject poverty."

Exercising responsible citizenship means keeping all of this in mind. It requires:

- a. social engagement in the political process, particularly with those who have different views;
- b. an interior freedom that avoids limiting our involvement to party-aligned or litmus-test issues;
- c. an appreciation of the interrelationship of issues in order to promote a consistent ethic of life and
- d. the firm conviction that our political involvement is nothing short of living out our call to holiness, making God's work of bringing about the kingdom of heaven our own

I suspect that the questions posed by these young people are on the minds of many Catholics as we enter this election cycle. Pope Francis urges us to draw on the rich tradition of Catholic social teaching to guide us, not only in acting responsibly in the voting booth, but also as we respond to our call to holiness.

# 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.

## **Option for the Poor and Vulnerable**

A basic moral test is how our most vulnerable members are faring. In a society marred by deepening divisions between rich and poor, our tradition recalls the story of the Last Judgment (Mt 25:31-46) and instructs us to put the needs of the poor and vulnerable first.

Still, when there is question of defending the rights of individuals, the poor and badly off have a claim to especial consideration. The richer class have many ways of shielding themselves, and stand less in need of help from the State; whereas the mass of the poor have no resources of their own to fall back upon, and must chiefly depend upon the assistance of the State.

On the Condition of Labor (Rerum Novarum. . . ), #37

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## **Puerto Rico Earthquakes**

Puerto Rico has suffered two major earthquakes and many foreshocks and aftershocks since late December which continued into January. In September 2017, Puerto Rico was devastated by Hurricane Maria. In October of that month, Holy Family sent the island portable generators and heavy-duty batteries since all power had been lost due to the electrical grid suffering severe damage. I was informed by Catholic Extension that our gift from two years ago was appreciated once again as they were used to bring back power where the electricity had been knocked out by the earthquakes. They were so grateful to have these generators and batteries on hand to keep emergency power flowing. For more updates on the earthquakes and how Catholic Extension is providing relief, go to www.catholicextension.org.





## Holy Family Partnerships & Support Groups

## **Partnerships**

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#### Journeys the Road Home

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

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#### 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. Contact Tom Kabarec - 847-337-5033 - trkabarec@comcast.net

### 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

"To Be Joyful Again, a non denominational support group for widows, widowers, or anyone else who has lost a significant other, meets the 1st and 3rd Thursday of every month at 7PM at Holy Family. All are welcome. Please contact Pat Bongiorno at 847-985-4624 or Bob Boho at 847-438-2884 for more information."

## 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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## Of Special Note



## **GLOW --- Growing Leaders Through Outreach and Witness**

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This year we will be running two retreats with Family Faith. The first one is an Ignite retreat February 1st to 2nd. It will include new faith formation experiences as well as a glow party. The second one is a retreat for sophomores, juniors and seniors February 22nd to 23rd. This will also include faith experiences but also a live praise and worship band. Both of these retreats will take place at Holy Family.

GLOW will be doing service projects in the upcoming months. Our first one is making fleece blankets for those struggling with stable housing. Teens can join us at Faith on Fire March 15th to make the blankets. Further information about distribution will be forthcoming. If you would like to donate fleece,\* please drop it off in the container in the Narthex coat closet. \*Donations need to be 2 1/2 yards to 3 yards in length.

## 2020 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL



Many families in our parish will be receiving the Annual Catholic Appeal request mailing from Cardinal Cupich. On behalf of those served by the ministries and services funded by the ACA, we thank you for your gifts. Please return your response as soon as possible. You will also be able to make a pledge **next weekend** at Mass.

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