



# Holy Family R.C. Church

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## March 22, 2020~Fourth Sunday of Lent

### "Our Mission Statement"

*Holy Family Parish is a Roman Catholic community of believers.*

*We are a caring, welcoming, diverse community called to live and share the Gospel message.*

*We proclaim the presence of Christ in the world through Word, Sacraments and service as we strive to be faithful to Christ's command to evangelize all people.*

#### Clergy

##### **Pastor**

Rev. Sean M. Suckiel

##### **Parochial Vicar**

Rev. Anacleto Asebias, Jr.

##### **Permanent Deacon**

Deacon Eugene Cassidy

##### **Pastor Emeritus**

Rev. Casper J. Furnari, OFS, KHS

##### **In Residence:**

Most Rev. Raymond F. Chappetto

Rev. Ralph Edel

#### Rectory Office

**Our Rectory Office is not open.  
Please contact us by calling us at:**

**718-969-2448**

**and leave a message.**

##### Parish Secretary

Patricia Earl

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[Holyfamilyflushing@gmail.com](mailto:Holyfamilyflushing@gmail.com)

#### Office of Faith Formation Religious Education For Grades 1-8.

Mrs. Barbara Makolin  
Coordinator

**74-15 175th Street  
Telephone 718-591-6438**

To receive the sacraments a 2 year preparation in our program is required.

### Regular Mass Schedule

Due to the Corona Virus, regulations have been put in place.

We will not have regular scheduled Masses until further notice.

Please see page 5 of this bulletin to see how to stay connected.

Also Facebook: Holy Family Flushing page.

Our Website: [www.holyfamilyfreshmeadows.org](http://www.holyfamilyfreshmeadows.org) or FlockNote

### CONFESSIONS

**Saturday:**

4:00-4:45 pm

and by

Appointment

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First Friday Exposition and Benediction takes place on the first Friday of every month from October through June.

#### Parish Visitors of Mary Immaculate

##### **Parish Outreach**

Sister Mylene Rosemarie, PVMI

##### **Coordinator**

Telephone: 718-969-2448

##### **Youth Ministry**

Ms. Rachel Burgos, Coordinator

##### **Director of Buildings & Property**

Hector Mendez

### Holy Family Catholic Academy

##### Principal:

Miss Mary C. Scheer, M.S., P.D.

##### Secretary:

Ms. Kathy Karcher

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Registration is ongoing please contact the office

Visit our Website:

[www. Holyfamilyca-freshmeadows.org](http://www.Holyfamilyca-freshmeadows.org)

Facebook:

Holy Family Catholic Academy-Fresh Meadows

## **Mass Schedule & Intentions**

### **MONDAY Mar. 23**

7:00 am Roberto David Nieves  
8:30 am John Rooney, Sr.

### **TUESDAY Mar. 24**

7:00 am Katalina Zuckerman  
8:30 am Jay Greener

Novena to the Miraculous Medal after the 8:30 Mass.

### **WEDNESDAY Mar. 25**

7:00 am People of the Parish  
8:30 am In Thanksgiving Meredith Chan

### **THURSDAY Mar. 26**

7:00 am Special Intentions  
8:30 am Michael Amato

### **FRIDAY Mar. 27**

7:00 am Special Intentions  
8:30 am Diana Cohen

### **SATURDAY Mar. 28**

8:30 am Jane Samojedny  
5:00 pm Anthony DiCicco  
Lucille Tulimiero  
Maria T. Alcadia-Pendergast

### **SUNDAY March 29**

7:30 am Richard Mazzenga  
9:00 am Josephine Giovannotto  
10:30 am Rosemarie Garofalo  
12:00 pm Florence N. Spencer  
5:00 pm Fausto S. Carlos, Jr.

## **Lenten Season Regulations**

Once again, the celebration of Christ's Passion and Resurrection draws near. In our preparation for Easter, the Church invites us to observe the penitential and grace-filled season of Lent, which commences on February 26th with the observance of Ash Wednesday. Lent is a time of renewal for the entire Catholic community. It is also a time of spiritual accompaniment as we assist the catechumens and candidates who will be welcomed into communion with the Church during the Easter Season. In order to assist the faithful of the Diocese of Brooklyn to take full advantage of the Lenten season, our Bishop, Most Reverend Nicholas DiMarzio wishes to draw attention to the following:

**Abstinence** – All the faithful who have reached 14 years of age are required to abstain totally from meat on Ash Wednesday and the Fridays of Lent.

**Fasting** – All the faithful between the ages of 18 and 59 inclusive are bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. This practice involves limiting oneself to a single full meal and avoiding food between meals. Light sustenance may also be taken on two other occasions during the day.

**Easter Duty** – After they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, all the faithful are bound by the obligation of receiving Holy Communion at least once a year. This precept must be fulfilled during the Easter season, unless for a good reason it is fulfilled at another time of the year.

## **TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — As the prophet Samuel anointed David with oil, the spirit of the LORD rushed upon David (1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a).

**Psalm** — The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want (Psalm 23).

**Second Reading** — You who were once darkness are now light in the Lord (Ephesians 5:8-14).

**Gospel** — The man who had been blind from birth proclaimed: The one called Jesus made clay with his saliva, anointed my eyes with it, and told me to wash (John 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]).

## **SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Lent  
Monday: St. Turibius of Mogrovejo  
Wednesday: The Annunciation of the Lord  
Friday: Abstinence

## **READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54  
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16  
Wednesday: Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38  
Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47  
Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30  
Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53  
Sunday: Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]



## **Please pray for our deceased:**

**May eternal rest grant unto them O'Lord  
and let perpetual light shine upon them.  
May their soul and the souls of all the faithful departed  
through the mercy of God rest in peace.  
Amen**



## *From the Pastor's Desk*



March 19, 2020 Solemnity of St. Joseph

Dear Parishioners,

I would be lying if I said that I did not feel a sense of loss all week. Last Sunday, when I made the announcement that all public Masses and church gatherings were cancelled until further notice, it was a difficult reality for me to accept as your priest. This is the first time in history that all public Masses have been suspended throughout the United States and in other parts of the world. This week has been a roller coaster of emotions.

The week started out with the feeling that it was just a little vacation and then quickly reality began to sink in, that this is going to be the new normal for several weeks. With that in mind and heart, I am going to miss greeting all of you after Sunday Mass, hearing the students outside during recess time and praying with the regular daily mass attendees.

This is not my first crisis. In 2012, I was the parish priest at Blessed Trinity in Breezy Point when Hurricane Sandy came upon the shores of New York. In 2012, I asked myself, how do I be a priest to people in time of natural disaster? I find myself asking that question today, how do I be a priest to all of you? The answer that my heart tells me is business as usual, but not business as normal.

Two things are very important to me in parish life: Community & Sacraments. I pledge to all of you that I will do my best to keep us together as a community and continue to bring God's Word to you. That's the business that I signed up for as a priest.

Now with the COVID-19 restrictions in place, Holy Family needs to do things differently.

As the church is empty and the parish grounds are quiet, I need to find ways to bring us together. Every hand I would shake on a Sunday, is now a phone call I have to make. Every class I visit in school, is now an opportunity to do the same through Google Classroom.

As we practice social distancing, I pray for spiritual closeness with all of you. We are called to be witnesses of strength, courage and faith in times of fear. Maintaining normalcy in the midst of uncertainty, is important for us to do.

Sincerely in Christ,

Rev. Sean M. Suckiel, Pastor



### Annual Catholic Appeal

supports the daily work of our Church  
throughout Brooklyn and Queens.

**We thank all who have participated with a gift to the  
2019. We ask everyone to prayerfully consider  
making a gift the the 2020 Appeal.**

**Our Parish Goal is \$96,190.00**



### Weekly Offerings

**Mar. 15 2020 Attendance 457**

**1st Collection: \$ 5,639.00**

**2nd Collection: Holy Family Catholic Academy:  
\$1957.00**

*Thank you for your kindness and generosity!*



### Let us pray for the Sick

Rico Adelane, Claire Albino, James Arampulikan, Ralph & Josephine Ashton, Melissa Bersamin, John Betro, Hannah Bocker, Andrew Caliendo, Shannon Costello, Florence Castagliola, Cedric Cortes, Giovanna Conte, Theresa Cooney, Patrick Creegan, Peter Cruz, Luke Enriquez, Sr. Barbara Flossie, Janet Ann Gillen, John Andrew Gillen, Maria Gorecki, Joseph Hackett, Catherine Hawana, Tom Hennelly, Sergio Ingenito, Josephine Joseph, Kenneth Kerwin, Lillian Kienle, Lauren Kocher, Fanny Leon, James Leung, Louise Maddalena, Jane Maher, Evelyn Manding, Rochi Mirasol, Vincent Murray, Christine Olzanski, Kolbe Olzanski, Michael Rafanell, Gregory Restrepo, Lily Rivera, Miguel Rivera, Christopher Rosato, Marlyn Samudio, Lourdes Gopez Santos, Ginny Simon, Gertrude Slavin, Carmen Rosa Smith, Graysen Smith, Helen Schlenkermann, Cynthia Simpson, Dan Sindo, Joe Sonenfeldt, Remington Stafford, Lyndon Swammy, Valerie Tadeo, Frank Thomas, Jessica Thomas, Ricky Torres, Vinny Tranchida, Michael Tullis, Norma Vaccaro, Socorro A. Venturanza, Leon Weinstein, Gustavo Wu, Patricia Wu, John Zaptin.

**Please contact the Rectory to add a name to our Sick List.**

**If you feel you or your family member no longer need to be on the sick list please notify us.**



**We kindly invite you to come to the Parish Office and register as a member of Holy Family.**

**It is important because then we are able to issue you official letters if and when you need to become a sponsor for  
Baptism or Confirmation.**

If you do **not** register we do not have a permanent record of you being a Parishioner. If you decide you want donation envelopes we can also issue you a tax statement of your contributions that you have offered during the year.

Your registration will also help us with our parish census. **Thank you and welcome!**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Tele:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

### Communication creates Community

We are trying to modernize and improve our means of communication that will make it much simpler for you to get the information that you need. Just take a couple minutes to sign up and it lets you receive email or text messages from Holy Family Parish. Your info is kept totally private. So, from your phone:

**Text HF11366 to 84576**

Then after it texts you back, make sure you click that link and complete the process.

OR

From your computer, go to [www.flocknote.com](http://www.flocknote.com), click on "Find Your Church" and look for Holy Family. If you have any problems, please call the rectory and speak with Fr. Sean.

- If you are on Facebook, please "Like" the **Holy Family Flushing** page. This will allow you to view updates and other notifications.
- If you are on Instagram, please follow, **holyfamilyfm** for updates and other notifications.
- Our website is <http://www.holyfamilyfreshmeadows.org>. This site also another location for communication.

