

# Holy Family R.C. Church

175-20 74th Avenue, Fresh Meadows, N.Y. 11366

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December 18, 2016  
Fourth Sunday of Advent

## "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

**Rev. Casper J. Furnari,**  
**OFS, KHS Pastor**

Rev. Anacleto Asebias, Jr.  
Parochial Vicar

Rev. Mark G. Simmons  
In Residence

Deacon Eugene J. Cassidy

**Parish Visitor**  
**of Mary Immaculate**  
Sister Mylene Rosemarie,  
P.V.M.I.

**Parish Secretary**  
Mrs. Patricia Earl

**Director of Music Ministry**  
Mr. Gilbert High

**Director of Buildings &**  
**Property**  
Mr. Hector Mendez

### Rectory

**RECTORY ADDRESS:**

175-20 74th Ave.  
Fresh Meadows, N.Y. 11366

**Office: 718-969-2448**

**Fax: 718-591-6166**

**RECTORY OFFICE**  
**HOURS**

***Monday ~ Friday***

9:00am-12:00pm

**(Closed for lunch**  
**From 12pm to 1pm)**

1:00pm-7:30pm

*Saturday: 9:00am-2:00pm*

*Sunday: 9:00am-2:00pm*



They shall name him Emmanuel, which means  
"God is with us" Matthew 1:23

### Holy Family Catholic Academy

74-15 175th Street  
Phone (718) 969-2124

**Website:**  
[www.holyfamilyca-freshmeadows.org](http://www.holyfamilyca-freshmeadows.org)

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

### Principal

**Secretary.** Kathy Karcher

### Office of Faith Formation

Mrs. Barbara Makolin  
**Coordinator**  
74-15 175 Street  
Telephone: (718) 591-6438  
(718) 359-2022

### Office of Pastoral Care

Sister Nora McNiff, CSJ,  
**Coordinator**

Telephone: 718-969-7198

### Confessions

Saturday 4:00 ~4:45 PM

And by Appointment

## December 18, 2016

### REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE

*Saturday Evening: 5:00pm (Vigil)*

*Sunday: 7:30am, 9:00am,  
10:30am (Family Mass)  
12:00pm & 5:00pm*

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*Monday ~ Friday: 7:00am & 8:30am*

*Saturday: 8:30 am*

*Eve of Holyday: 7:30pm, Holyday: 7:00am, 8:30am,  
11:00am, 7:30pm*

## Mass Schedule & Intentions

|                  |                                           |
|------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| <b>MONDAY</b>    | <b>Dec 19</b>                             |
| 7:00 am          | Rose Guella                               |
| 8:30 am          | Marietta Benedicto                        |
| <b>TUESDAY</b>   | <b>Dec 20</b>                             |
| 7:00 am          | Francisca Zabala                          |
| 8:30 am          | Mary Jane Fortunato                       |
| <b>WEDNESDAY</b> | <b>Dec 21</b>                             |
| 7:00 am          | Purgatorial Society                       |
| 8:30 am          | Michael O'Connell                         |
| <b>THURSDAY</b>  | <b>Dec. 22</b>                            |
| 7:00 am          | Joaquina Morales                          |
| 8:30 am          | Marianna, Anthony and<br>Richard Mazzenga |
| <b>FRIDAY</b>    | <b>Dec. 23</b>                            |
| 7:00 am          | Denis Shea                                |
| 8:30 am          | Teresita Venturanza                       |
| <b>SATURDAY</b>  | <b>Dec. 24</b>                            |
| 8:30 am          | Evelena & James A. Bradley                |
| 5:00 pm          | Mathias Benzinger                         |
| 12:00am          | The Paladino Family                       |
| <b>SUNDAY</b>    | <b>Dec. 25</b>                            |
| 7:30 am          | Eden Demesa Catapusan                     |
| 9:00 am          | People of the Parish                      |
| 10:30 am         | Emmanuel D. Enriquez                      |
| 12:00 pm         | Marian Grillo & Bernadette Colbert        |
| 5:00 pm          | <b>No 5:00 PM Mass</b>                    |



### December 18, 2016 4th Sunday of Advent

**First Reading:** You will be given this sign: the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel (Isaiah 7:10-14)

**Psalm:** Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory (Psalm 24)

**Second Reading:** God has called us to belong to Jesus Christ (Romans 1:1-7)

**Gospel:** The son born of Mary shall be called Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins. He shall be Emmanuel, "God is with us" (Matthew 1:18-24)

## Christmas Mass Schedule

### Saturday, Dec. 24, 2016 Christmas Eve

8:30 AM, 5:00 PM,

Midnight Mass ~ Carols begin at 11:30 PM

### Sunday, Dec 25, 2016 Christmas Day

7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM, 12:00 Noon

**No 5:00 PM Mass on Christmas Day**

### Welcome to Our Parish

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

**Registration** is important for all parishioners because then we are able to issue sponsor letters for Baptism, Confirmation and Matrimony. We can also give end of the year statements of your contributions to the church through regular use of the envelopes. Your registration will also help us with our parish census.

**Thank you and welcome!**



### First Friday Adoration (October-June)

"Will you not spend one hour with me" is the plea of Jesus. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will follow the 8:30 Mass and conclude with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 2:00 pm.

**Please be so kind as to sign on to the schedule at the Baptismal Font the week before the first Friday to venerate the Blessed Sacrament throughout the day.**

**Please join us for Benediction that will be offered at 2:00 PM.**

### Saints and Special Observances for the Week Dec. 12th through Dec. 18th, 2016

**Sunday:** Fourth Sunday of Advent

**Tuesday:** St. Peter Canisius;

**Thursday:** St. John of Kanty

**Saturday:** The Nativity of the Lord

### Readings for the Week of Dec. 19th thru December 25th.

**Mon.** Jgs 13: 2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25

**Tues.** Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38

**Wed.** Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45

**Thurs.** 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56

**Fri.** Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66

**Sat.** 2 Sm 7:7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27,29; Lk 1:67-79

**Sun. Vigil:** Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27-29 Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]

**Night:** Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14

**Dawn:** Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20

**Day:** Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5,9-14]



## *A Blessed Christmas to All!*

Dear Parishioners,

Christmas is a special season, “For unto us a Child is born,” tells us that Jesus was born as God’s gift to each one of us. Like the Wise Men, who sought truth and found Jesus, we are pilgrims on a journey toward Christ. We seek the wisdom, the peace, and the joy that only the spirit of Christ can provide.

“We invite you to gather around the Lord’s table with us to celebrate the richness of Christ’s presence with all the people of God in our parish family.

May this Christmas season find you abounding in love, rejoicing in hope, and secure in God’s peace. May God’s richest blessings continue with you through the coming year.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rev. Casper J. Furnari

### *Holy Family Parish Pastoral Council*



*Wishing our Parish Family  
A Blessed Christmas*

**Back Row**

*Denis Reilly, Miss Mary Scheer,  
Patrick Creegan, William Krecji Jr.*

**Middle Row**

*Kavita Thekkakara, Mrs. Barbara Makolin  
Patricia Earl, Fr. Casper Furnari  
David Dolan, Patrick Grisafi*

**Front Row**

*Angie Maniego, Sr. Barbara Haran,  
Mireya Gutierrez, Theresa Angelillo  
Mary Rooney*

**Camera shy:**

*Sr. Nora McNiff,  
Mary Bacani,  
Sonia Cuchapin*

**The Parish Pastoral Council is called to lead the faith community in the discernment and expression of its own mission.**

**The purpose of the Parish Pastoral Council is primarily to develop mission –focused parishes.**

**This does not deny the importance of activity and fiscal responsibility, but it does attempt to place at the heart of the parish a consciousness and zeal for the mission of Jesus Christ.**

**In the Diocese of Brooklyn every parish is to have one Parish Pastoral Council which is to foster full participation of the entire parish in the pastoral life and mission of the Parish and of the Universal Church.**

**The Parish Pastoral Council is a consultative body with the role of advising and assisting the Pastor in developing a parish pastoral plan and providing input on issues of pastoral concern.**

**To contact a Parish Council member please call the Rectory Office.**



### Sacrificial Offering

*This week the sacrificial Bread and Wine, is offered in memory of Daniel C. De Pasquale On behalf of Ms. Sharon Damm*



*Altar Candles will burn in memory of Frank X. Simon On behalf of Virginia Simon*



### Advent Reconciliation Monday

*On Monday, December 19, 2016 the Brooklyn Diocese will be celebrating Advent Reconciliation Monday. On this special day Holy Family will offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM in preparation for the great Feast of the Lords Nativity.*

### HOLY FAMILY BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

Our Bereavement Support Group is open to everyone that has experienced a loss in their lives, whether it be a spouse, a parent, sibling, child, or special friend. We can help you get through the grief process. We offer you support, understanding, knowledge, compassion, confidentiality, and a safe haven to help you in the healing process.

Everyone is welcome, and we are here for as long as you need us. Meetings in St. Francis Hall, the first Wednesday and third Tuesday of every month, 7:30 pm—9:00 pm. Please contact our Office of Pastoral care.



### Let us pray for the Sick

Jane Albertelli, Stefano & Michelle Amodio, Tomi Anello, James Arampulikan, Ralph & Josephine Ashton, Melissa Bersamin, Florence Castagliola, Giovanna Conte, Luke Eriquez, Sr. Barbara Flossie, Josie Gana, Peter Guerrero, Sergio Ingenito, Jose Jara, Josephine Joseph, Kenneth Kerwin, Fanny Leon, Adoracion Luna, Theresa McNerney, Kolbe Olzanski, Lily Rivera, Miguel Rivera, Christopher Rosato, Treyson Smith, Helen Schlenkermann, Cynthia Simpson, John Zaptin  
**Please contact the Rectory to add a name to our Sick List**



### Weekly Offering

December 11th -Attendance: 1300  
Parish Offering: \$9681.50  
Elderly Religious \$ 4101.00

Thank you for your generosity and continued support.

Next week's 2nd collection on Christmas Day is for Catholic Charities for Brooklyn and Queens



### BAPTISM

Baptism takes place usually on the FOURTH Sunday of the month at 2:00 p.m.

To **register**, please call the Rectory to arrange an appointment and bring the child's **Birth Certificate**, and a \$10.00 non-refundable registration fee to the Rectory.

#### There are two preparatory events:

- INITIAL INTERVIEW
  - BAPTISM CATECHESIS and THE BLESSING OF THE INFANT
- Registration is ongoing at the Rectory office.



### Marriage

Please contact the rectory to make an appointment to see a Priest at least **Six Months** prior to your desired date.





**Thank You  
For Our Christmas  
Hospitality Sunday!**

We would like to thank the  
Religious Education Department  
for the wonderful  
Christmas Hospitality last Sunday.

A special Thank You to our Confirmandi and teachers  
who offered their help and  
thank you to Mr. Tony the Balloon artist who offered  
his services to us.

Of course, thank you to Santa Claus for  
visiting us and for the entertainment by the  
Holy Family Parish  
Religious Education singers.



**Thank You for our  
Christmas Concert!**

We would like to Thank the  
Holy Family Choir for the  
wonderful Christmas Concert.

A Special thank you to Gilbert High our  
Director of Music.

Thank you to our choir singers and  
accompanist Cynthia Weinrich and  
members of the Voice of Friendship Singers.  
We were treated to a enjoyable  
evening of music and song.



**Thank you for the  
Our Lady of Guadalupe  
Celebration**

We would like to thank the Spanish Faith Sharing group,  
Filipino Apostolate, Scouts and all of the Donors for their  
help and  
generous support in hosting the  
Our Lady of Guadalupe celebration. The Mass was  
uplifting and the entertainment offered by the singers and  
Mariachis made this a truly enjoyable event.



**Thank You and Merry Christmas  
from Holy Family Catholic Academy**

The Holy Family Catholic Academy Board, Faculty,  
Staff and families would like to say  
Thank You for all of your support  
during the year.  
Thanks to you, our Harvest Bake sale  
and Wreath Sale were a great success.

**Thank You and we all wish you a Blessed Christmas!**

**Something New!**

**CHARIS Seekers Retreat for Young Adults**

**This retreat is for all those ages 20-39 on  
Saturday, January 7th, from 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM.**

Celebrate the New Year with a New You  
on Epiphany Weekend.

Join with other young adults for a day of conferences, prayer,  
fellowship and Mass  
sponsored by the Sisters of St. Joseph  
Young Adult Ministry.

Retreat will be held at St. Joseph Worker House in  
Jamaica Estates.

Cost is \$45. includes all meals and retreat materials.  
\$20. for college students.

Financial assistance available.

Contact: S. Marie Mackey, CSJ at [sjmack@gmail.com](mailto:sjmack@gmail.com)  
or call 718-791-7911

**To Learn More.. Visit their website: [Charis.org](http://Charis.org)**



**Latest News !!!  
Queens Deanery # 5**

Holy Family Parish is happy to belong  
to Queens Deanery #5.

The Deanery is made up of 10 parishes:

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|-----------------------|-------------------------------|
| American Martyrs      | Holy Family                   |
| Our Lady of the Snows | Sacred Heart                  |
| St. Anastasia         | St. Gregory the Great         |
| St. Josaphat          | St. Kevin                     |
| St. Robert Bellarmine | Our Lady of Blessed Sacrament |

The purpose of the Deanery is to have a cohesive organization  
of neighboring parishes which will share and communicate their  
spiritual activities and updates going on in their parishes.

**A webpage can be found at: [www.queensdeanery5.org](http://www.queensdeanery5.org) which  
will include a copy of all of our bulletins.**

We also have a facebook page sharing many  
activities in our parishes. You can see it at:

**[facebook.com/QueensDeanery 5](https://www.facebook.com/QueensDeanery5)  
Please "like" Us!**



# Wills

We all know it is important to have a Will, but more than half of us do not. If you have been thinking of writing a Will or have not reviewed your Will in a number of years, then take the time and do so.

Planning your Will is very important. You can tell your family and your loved ones exactly what you want done with your Estate. Your first concern is to provide for those closest to you. Then, please keep in mind those who need your help. Our Church's work relies on your support. One of the ways that you can help us accomplish this work in Christ is through bequest or gift to:

**Holy Family Roman Catholic Church**  
Fresh Meadows, N.Y. 11366



Please be so kind as to help  
fundraise for our  
**Holy Family Catholic Academy.**

It is very simple!  
**Please help us collect  
Box Tops for Education**  
found on many food products. Just look for  
this label and clip it and return to the boxes  
available at the doors of the Church.  
Last year we raised over \$1000.00.  
**Thank You for your support!**

## PARISH CALENDAR

| Date:     | Monday<br>Dec. 19                              | Tuesday<br>Dec. 20                             | Wednesday<br>Dec 21                        | Thursday<br>Dec. 22                                  | Friday<br>Dec. 23     | Saturday<br>Dec. 24 | Sunday<br>Dec. 25<br><b>Merry<br/>Christmas</b> |
|-----------|------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| Location: |                                                |                                                |                                            |                                                      |                       |                     |                                                 |
| SFH       | <b>RCIA<br/>7:30PM</b>                         | <b>Bereavement<br/>7:30 PM</b>                 | <b>Faith<br/>Sharing<br/>9:30-11:00 AM</b> |                                                      |                       |                     |                                                 |
| MMH       | <b>Tai Chi<br/>11:30AM -<br/>1:00 PM<br/>~</b> | <b>Faith<br/>Sharing<br/>10:30-<br/>2:00PM</b> |                                            | <b>Faith<br/>Sharing<br/>10:00 AM -<br/>12:00 PM</b> |                       |                     |                                                 |
| MMH       | <b>Knitting Club<br/>7:30 PM</b>               |                                                |                                            | <b>Tai Chi<br/>12:30- 2:00pm</b>                     |                       |                     |                                                 |
| HFH       | <b>AA<br/>7:00PM</b>                           | <b>AA<br/>7:00 PM</b>                          | <b>AI Anon<br/>7:00PM</b>                  |                                                      | <b>AA<br/>7:00 PM</b> |                     |                                                 |
| SH        |                                                |                                                |                                            |                                                      |                       |                     |                                                 |
| Church    |                                                |                                                |                                            |                                                      |                       |                     |                                                 |

**Locations:** SFH – Saint Francis Hall ~ CH – Church ~ SH– School Hall