



Holy Family R.C. Church

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December 22, 2019 ~ 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

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

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

Parish Secretary

Patricia Earl

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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

Saturday Evening: 5:00pm (Vigil)

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

Monday ~ Friday mornings: 7:00am & 8:30am ~ **Saturday morning:** 8:30 am

Holy Day of Obligation Mass Schedule: Vigil Mass~ Eve of Holyday 7:30 PM

Holyday Mass Schedule: 7:00 AM, 8:30AM, 11:00 AM, 7:30 PM

CONFESSIONS

Saturday:
4:00-4:45 pm
and by
Appointment

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.

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Mass Schedule & Intentions

MONDAY Dec. 23

7:00 am Erlinda Carlos
8:30 am Denis Shea

TUESDAY Dec. 24 Christmas Eve

7:00 am Evelena and James A. Bradley
8:30 am Brian Ackerman
5:00 pm People of the Parish **Christmas Vigil Mass**
11:30 pm Christmas Carols
12:00 am People of the Parish **Midnight Mass**
Novena to the Miraculous Medal after the 8:30 Mass.

WEDNESDAY Dec. 25 Christmas Day

7:30 am People of the Parish
9:00 am Christmas Novena
10:30 am Christmas Novena
12:00 Noon Christmas Novena

No 5:00 PM Mass

THURSDAY Dec. 26

7:00 am Christmas Novena
8:30 am Rosario B. Dumoalo

FRIDAY Dec. 27

7:00 am Christmas Novena
8:30 am Cordella Delos Santos

SATURDAY Dec. 28

8:30 am Christmas Novena
5:00 pm Helen Czaja

SUNDAY Dec. 29

7:30 am Christmas Novena
9:00 am Rita Gorecki
10:30 am Daniel DePasquale
12:00 pm Marian Grillo
5:00 pm Florence Elizabeth Spencer



HOLY FAMILY

Christmas Mass Schedule

December 24th | Christmas Eve

5:00 PM Mass
11:30 PM Christmas Carols
Midnight Mass

December 25th | Christmas Day

7:30am Mass
9:00am Mass
10:30am Mass
12noon Mass





We would like to wish everyone a

**Very Happy and
Blessed Christmas to all!**

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Rev. Ralph Edel
Deacon Eugene Cassidy
Sisters and Staff of Holy Family Parish

Today's Readings



First Reading — You will be given this sign: The virgin shall conceive and bear a son (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 (Matthew 1:18-24).



Christmas Novena of Masses

**Beginning on Christmas Day we will have a
Special Novena of Masses
to remember our loved ones.**

The nine Masses will begin on Christmas Day and continue until December 31st.

To have your loved one remembered in this Novena please pick up a green "Novena of Christmas Masses" Envelope, place their names inside and return it in the collection basket or to the Rectory Office.



*This week the
Sacrificial Bread and Wine
are offered in Memory of the
Deceased Members of the
Zink Family*



*The Sanctuary Lamp
is in Memory of the
Deceased Members of the
Earl Family*



From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioners,

We've all heard the expression, "Keep Christ in Christmas." It's become a constant refrain we use this time of year and a reminder we see all around us, especially on the ever-popular Knights of Columbus magnet. There is even a banner on our Church fence that the Knights of Columbus put up this Advent season! But it's something we certainly need to hear, and need to hear often. Not just during this time, but throughout the year, because most of us can honestly admit we struggle to keep Christ at the center. We can get distracted by all our other concerns and fail to remember that without him our lives are empty of meaning and purpose and richness. Christmas, then, is meant to be a time to refocus ourselves and put things back in perspective.

And the greatest change it should bring is a greater devotion to the Holy Mass. When we give God that first hour of our week, we remember that He comes before everything else. No matter what challenges we face from day to day, we remember He is the standard to judge every decision. Especially if anything goes against our faith, it helps prepare us to sacrifice whatever it may be, to ensure that we do not imperil our souls and our relationship with God for something passing. Because no matter how difficult, God gives us the strength by feeding us with His Body and Blood in the Eucharist. As I mentioned last week in my homily, each week we are given a mini-Christmas to carry forward the presence of Christ in our hearts.

Even for priests, it can still be difficult to keep this perspective, as you notice there is a crucifix on the altar. It may seem odd to have something between the priest and the people, but it is a powerful reminder of what the Mass is all about – Jesus Christ. He should be at the center and we should never forget that. So often the priest can become our focus because we can't help but watch him as he represents Christ, but that crucifix reminds us he is only a vessel. The recent darkness in our Church should be a powerful reminder of that. Moreover, for the priest it is a blessing to see Christ among the people, to look upon Christ and remember that it is to Him that we address all our prayers on behalf of the community.

With this being the last bulletin before Christmas, I do want to take a moment before I end to wish everyone a Blessed Christmas. It has been said that a priest finally feels truly at home when Christmas comes around, and I can definitely say this is true for me. Your love, support, and kindness in this time of transition has been a blessing I could never adequately thank you for. I thank God, each day for the opportunity to serve all of you here at Holy Family. I promise to strive each day to keep Christ at the center of my life, remembering that I am called to serve Him in all of you, and I ask that we continue to pray for each other.

This season may we all remember to keep Christ in Christmas, and just importantly keep Christ in every day of the week, in every homework assignment, in every task we have, in every meal we cook and every broken faucet we fix, because when Christ is in all of that, his joy will be in all of us, and our joy will be complete.

Merry Christmas!

Fr. Sean

Our 50/50 Raffle

Holy Family Monthly 50/50 Raffle ~ \$10. to play

50/50 Raffle envelopes will be included in your Holy Family parish offertory envelope packet and can be found at the doors of church.

Please print your name, email and telephone number on the envelope and drop the raffle envelope in the collection basket during Mass or drop it off in the parish office.

A winner will be drawn on the last Monday of the month and your name will be published in the bulletin the following weekend. The winner can either pick up the check or it can be mailed directly to you.

A 50/50 envelope must be used. If you don't have one, extra 50/50 envelopes can be found near the bulletins in the back of the Church. If a parishioner plays the 50/50 raffle with an inappropriate envelope, (not the 50/50 envelope), we cannot guarantee that the money will be received for the 50/50 raffle. The 50/50 envelopes must be received by the last Sunday of the month to be eligible for the drawing. The drawing will take place the last Monday afternoon or Tuesday morning if Monday is a holiday. **Please note that each envelope for entry is \$10.00.**

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Advent
Monday: St. John of Kanty; Hanukkah begins
Tuesday: Vigil of Christmas
Wednesday: The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)
Thursday: St. Stephen;
Friday: St. John
Saturday: The Holy Innocents

Weekly Offering Dec. 15, 2019

Attendance: 1159

Parish Offering First Collection: \$ 6,895.00

Thank you for your kindness and generosity!



My Christmas Gift to My Church

During the Advent and Christmas season there will be envelopes at the doors of the Church for

“My Christmas Gift to My Church”.

Your Christmas gift to our church goes directly to our parish operating budget. This budget helps us meet our utility bills, pay salaries, and helps to sponsor our many parish programs.

The Parish truly relies on your “Gift to Church” at this time of year and every dollar helps.

May the spirit of giving and receiving inspire you during this Advent and Christmas season.

We thank you for your kind support!



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66
Tuesday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79
Wednesday: **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
Thursday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 6bc, 17;
Mt 10:17-22
Friday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Saturday: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7cd-8; Mt 2:13-18
Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Ps 128:1-5; Col 3:12-21 [12-17];
Mt 2:13-15, 19-23



Let us pray for the Sick

James Arampulikan, Ralph & Josephine Ashton, Melissa Bersamin, John Betro,
Hannah Bocker, Shannon Costello, Florence Castagliola, Cedric Cortes, Giovanna Conte, Theresa Cooney, Patrick Creegan,
Peter Cruz, Luke Enriquez, Sr. Barbara Flossie, Maria Gorecki, Catherine Hawana, Tom Hennelly, Sergio Ingenito,
Josephine Joseph, Kenneth Kerwin, Lillian Kienle, Lauren Kocher, Arthur LaBua, 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, Remington Stafford,
Lyndon Swammy, Valerie Tadeo, Frank Thomas, Jessica Thomas, Ricky Torres, Vinny Tranchida, 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.**

2020-2021 REGISTRATION OPENS IN JANUARY

COME AND SEE!



Challenging Curriculum

Strong High School Placement

Mathletics

iPads Grade 5-8

Technology & Science Lab

Flexible Full and Half day Pre-K Program

Strong Band/Music Program



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Acceptance based on entrance interview with the Principal. Applying for Diocesan aid on FACTS is strongly encouraged.



Religious Education Program

Our Confirmandi are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Part of the process is to express their desire and commitment by participating in the

Mass of Intent on January 12th at the 10:30 Mass.

Our First Communion class is preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist in the spring.

In Preparation for these sacraments, there are Parent/Child meetings and they are as follows:

Parent/Child Penance Meeting:

Sunday, February 2, 2020 at 9:00 AM

Parent/Child Communion Meeting:

Sunday, March 8, 2020 at 9:00 AM

WELCOME

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: _____



Knights of Columbus
Holy Family/Bishop Catanello
Council #14520

Proudly hosts

Pasta and Movie Night!

Spaghetti, Penne Ala Vodka, Sausage and Peppers, Meatballs, Salad
 Coffee, Tea, Soda and Water included! BYOB & Wine

FEATURED MOVIE

JUMANJI

Saturday, January 11, 2020, Doors open at 6PM
 In the School Hall at
 Holy Family Catholic Academy
 (Enter from Parish Parking Lot)
 75th Avenue and Utopia Parkway, Fresh Meadows

Adults (13 and up): \$20.00
 School Aged Children (under 13) \$10.00
 No RSVP needed! / Pay at the door! / 50/50 Raffles
 Checks payable to Knights of Columbus Holy Family

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Proceeds to Benefit:



THE BRIDGE
TO LIFE



Right to Life March 2020

Join the faithful from across the
Diocese of Brooklyn and
March for Life on
Friday, January 24, 2020 in Washington D.C.

The March on the Mall follows with
 thousands of people from across the U.S.
 Seats are available on buses leaving from parishes
 across the Diocese.

**For information about reserving a seat on the bus
 leaving from Holy Family.**

Please contact Cathy Donohoe at 917-929-2752
Mass will be at 5:00 AM and the bus will leave
At 5:30 AM. Cost is \$20.

PARISH CALENDAR

Date	Monday Dec. 23	Tuesday Dec. 24	Wednesday Dec. 25 Christmas Day	Thursday Dec. 26	Friday Dec. 27	Saturday Dec. 28	Sunday Dec. 29
Location:							
SFH	R.C.I.A. 7:30 PM						
MMH	Tai Chi 11:30 AM			Tai Chi 12:30 PM		Line Dancing 2:00 PM	
MMH	Craft Club 7:30 PM						Ballroom Dancing 4:00 PM
HFH	AA 7:00 PM	AA 7:00 PM	AI Anon 7:00PM		AA 7:30 PM		
School Hall							
Church							

Locations: SFH - Saint Francis Hall ~ CH - Church ~ SH- School Hall MMH - Msgr. Mahoney Hall ~ HFH - Holy Family Hall