

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

The Mother Church of Auburn

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Fifth Sunday of Lent

Lenten Pilgrimage: Holy Week 2017

Holy week begins with Palm or Passion Sunday finding its culmination with the Easter Triduum: these are the three holy days in which the Church commemorates the mystery of Jesus' passion, death, and resurrection. The Easter triduum begins with the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, reaches its height point in the Easter Vigil—the holiest of all holy days. These days are of utmost importance in the spiritual and pastoral life of the Church and I invite you to join us in our beautifully celebrated Holy week liturgies that we may all enter and join Christ in his GREAT ACTION of our redemption--dying He destroyed our death and rising He restored our life. Palm Sunday recalls the triumphant entry of Christ into Jerusalem with the residents greeting him with palm and shouts of "Hosanna! (Save us!)" The complete narrative of the Lord's Passion will be read during Mass "as a reminder of the total obedience of Christ to the will of the Father which, through His Holy Cross, brought salvation to the world."

Each year in Holy Week, the bishop of a diocese blesses and consecrates the holy oils to be used at Easter and through the coming year in local parishes. This will happen at the Chrism Mass at the Cathedral in Rochester celebrated by Bishop Salvatore Matano on Tuesday, 7.00 PM April 11th. If you've never celebrated it, you're missing one of the most solemn and significant liturgies of our Church. Here the bishop blesses three oils — the oil of catechumens, which is used in baptism, the oil of the infirmed, which is used for the anointing of the sick, and holy chrism, which is used for baptisms, confirmation and ordinations. These oils will be used in the administration of the sacraments throughout the diocese of Rochester in the coming year. Since the bishop is the only minister in the diocese who may consecrate chrism, this Mass highlights his ministry and our union with him. He will not baptize and confirm everyone in the parishes of the diocese, but he will be symbolically present in the holy oils which the priests and deacons will use. The Mass of Chrism gathers the faithful of the diocese at their mother Church with their shepherd to prepare for celebrations of Christ in all our churches throughout the year. In the same Eucharistic celebration, the Bishop **exhorts the priests to fidelity** in fulfilling their office in the Church and invites them to **renew publicly their commitment to priestly service.**

With the **Holy Thursday Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper (7:00 pm)**, we commemorate the institution of the Eucharist and ministerial priesthood, by which Christ's mission and sacrifice are perpetuated in the world. The traditional English name for Holy Thursday is "Maundy Thursday", from the Latin phrase *Mandatum novum* – "a new command" (or mandate) – which comes from Christ's words: "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; even as I have loved you, that you also love one another" (Jn 13:34). Jesus washes the feet of His apostles, inviting them to love one another as He loved them, giving His life for them. "Repeating this gesture in the liturgy, we are also called to actively bear witness to our Redeemer's love." The church will remain open until 11.00 PM for any who wish to come and pray before the Blessed Sacrament reserved on the repository shrine!

On Friday evening at 3.00 PM we will have the **Celebration of the Lord's Passion**. This liturgy includes the proclamation of the Passion from the gospel of John, the annual Solemn Prayers of the Faithful; the procession with and Veneration of the Cross, and Holy Communion. The quietness of the rites of this day remind us of Christ's humiliation and suffering during his Passion. Everybody present in this liturgy is invited to approach and venerate the cross by touching, reverential bowing, genuflecting or kissing it. In this way each person acknowledges the instrument of Christ's death and publicly demonstrates their willingness to take up their cross and follow Christ, regardless of what trials and sufferings it might involve.

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Parish Office

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Office Hours

Monday through
Thursday 9:00-5:00
Closed on Fridays

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253-8327

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Weekend Mass

Schedule

Saturday: 4:30 pm
Sunday: 9:00 am &
11:15 am

Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:30 pm

Baptisms

By appointment. Class
April 19th, 6:30 pm;
Call to register.

Marriages

By Appointment

auburnholymfamily.org and
[facebook.com/
auburnholymfamily](https://www.facebook.com/auburnholymfamily)

Sunday, April 2
 9:00 am Mary Scomber - Joyce, Sandy & Families
 11:15 am Sara Jane Guinnip - Son Timothy Guinnip

Monday, April 3
 10:30 am Mass at Boyle Center
 12:15 pm The William E. Bouley Family - Estate

Tuesday, April 4
 12:15 pm Rosie & Nick Nanna - Family

Wednesday, April 5
 12:15 pm Marie Comby - Family

Thursday, April 6 NO MASS

Friday, April 7
 12:15 pm Donald & Elizabeth McCann - Family

Saturday, April 8
 4:30 pm William J. Solomon - Phyllis Loyster
 Nancy Roe - Sister Vi
 Rev. Joseph T. Jaynor - Estate

Sunday, April 9
 9:00 am Jean Doyle - Smith Family
 11:15 am Louise M. Janusz - Lorraine & Donald Arliss



FAITH FORMATION OFFERTORY PROCESSION this week--
 First Eucharist candidates. Next week, 1st Grade Faith Formation
 will bring up the gifts at the 9 am Mass.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS: Sign-up sheets for the Triduum (Holy
 Thursday to Easter, April 13th to 16th) are in the sacristy. Please
 sign up by today.

FIRST EUCHARIST PREPARATION SESSIONS begin today in
 church at 10 am for parents and children. Please call or email
 Nancy Smith with any questions: 252-9576 Ext. 16 or
nwsmith@dor.org.


CIRCLE OF FRIENDS BACKPACK COLLECTION: Ethan Tru-
 piano, for his Confirmation service project, is working with Deacon
 Carges' Circle of Friends. This organization is working closely with
 the severely overcrowded Davis Primary School in Jamaica, re-
 modeling, updating and adding new classrooms. The principal of
 Davis Primary has requested backpacks for their students. Ethan
 will be collecting backpacks through April 9th. If you would like to
 help, please place your donation in the box at the front entrance to
 the church.


THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be Friday, April 7th at
 St. Hyacinth Church at 12:00pm and SS Peter & Paul Church at
 7:00pm.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

	<u>3/26/2017</u>
Attendance	408
No. of Envelopes Used	277
Regular Collection	\$4,303
St. Joseph's School	\$20
Fuel/Heat	\$29
Roof	\$112
Black Nat. Amer. Hisp	\$15
Holy Land	\$171
Easter Flowers	\$320
Ash Wednesday	\$30
Catholic Relief Serv.	\$637

MARK THIS DATE **HOLY FAMILY PARISH LIFE COMMITTEE'S Family Fun Day** will be April 29th from 10am-2pm in our Gym.
 Committee members will be selling Raffle Tickets for a
 chance to win 1st prize \$1000.00, 2nd prize \$500.00 and
 3rd prize \$250.00, after weekend Masses April 1/2 and
 April 22/23. You can also purchase tickets from committee
 members and at the Rectory. Please remember New York law
 requires when purchasing tickets it is cash only. More information
 about this fundraiser will be coming. Thank you.

 **ADORATION AND BENEDICTION** will be held
 Wednesday, April 5th, 7-8pm in church.

 **HAIL MARY FULL OF GRACE**...please kneel down after
 Mass and pray three Hail Mary's for the next parishioner
 who dies.

**God Bless you for your generosity. Your support is needed
 and greatly appreciated.**

Thank You!

ELECTRONIC GIVING: Currently we have 24 parishioners
 who participate in electronic giving. It is safe, secure and
 convenient. You can choose to give your regular Sunday
 collection on a weekly, biweekly or monthly basis. Once you are
 set up it is automatic and you don't have to worry about your
 church envelopes again. Let's double our participation in 2017,
 pick up an electronic giving packet at the entrances of the church
 or call the rectory for more information. Thank you!

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday, April 8

4:30 pm C. Duffy, K. Duffy

Sunday, April 9

9:00 am W. Furnia, G. Gorney, J. White

11:15 am L. Mosley, E. Sbelgio, N. Sbelgio

LECTORS

Saturday, April 8

4:30 pm C. Tomandl, A. Seneca

Sunday, April 9

9:00 am R. White, E. Nolan

11:15 am J. Renahan, S. Weldon

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday, April 8

4:30 pm G. Bennett, A. Lane, A. Seneca, C. Tomandl

Sunday, April 9

9:00 am P. Allen, C. Siddal, D. Sikora, B. Tonzi

Nursing Home: P. Allen

11:15 am S. Mills, T. Nolan, S. Weldon, B. Wilson





HOLY FAMILY'S CATHOLIC MINISTRIES

APPEAL (CMA): We are a gifted faith community and we are called on to share what we can with those in need. **To date we have made a great sacrifice of \$27,250.00 which is 82.42% of our total goal of \$33,060.00.** This includes the 26 families who have contributed to **HOLY FAMILY SPECIAL CARE. \$5810.00 TO GO!** Our parish is facing a challenge at this point in meeting our Catholic Ministries Appeal Goal. Again, as you probably know by now, **this is a mandatory rather than voluntary goal** and hence any shortfall is drawn from our depleting savings account therefore seriously hurting our operational income. If you are one of the 185 households who have already made a pledge, **THANK YOU.** One of our goals is to increase the number of parish households who support the CMA. Our current participation rate is only 33.5%. Won't you help improve this participation? Any amount, large or small will help. Please pray for the success of our efforts. Thank you. Fr. John



ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL \$100 RAFFLE! Tickets are now on sale (**CASH ONLY**) with 11 chances to win, including the grand prize of \$5000. The Drawing is Sunday, May 21st and the \$500 Early Bird Drawing is May 11th. For more information please call the school at 315-253-8327. Thank you for your ongoing support of St. Joseph School!

OUR THANKS to White Chapel Funeral Home Inc. for sponsoring our bulletin this week.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK: Mary Adams, Caroline Blowers, Mel Brown, Arthur Conti, Ray Cuddy, Sue Daly, Tim Daly, Virginia Dranscak, Ginny Elardo, Mary Guido, Carter Hergert, Caleb Jones, Sr. Rita Kaufman, Joanne Komanecky, Elizabeth Lane, Frances Lane, Kathryn Malek, Alicia Mattie, Sonja O'Brien, Jim O'Connor, Joan Petrucelli, Siobhan Phillippe, Jean Redmond, Roberta Slayton, Leonard Smith, Paul Vitagliano, **those listed in our Book of Petitions and those serving our country:** LCpl Brian Baxter USMC, Capt Gregory Baxter USMC, Capt DJ Benzing USAF, LtCol Joseph E. Brooks USAF, PFC Earl Doyle Jr. USA, Sgt Tom Ellis Sr. USA, SSgt Angel Gonzalez USA, Cpl Eddie Gonzalez USMC, Pvt Zachary Gonzalez USMC, CWO4 Roger Graf USA, 1SGT Zachary Howell USA, Sgt James Johnson USMC, SFC Jason Mero USA, Pvt Justin Miller USA, TSgt Diana O'Connor USAF.



A SANCTUARY LAMP will burn this week in memory of Mark E. Nolan, requested by Martin Nolan.

OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Tuesday, April 4

10:00 - 11:00 am Clothes Closet - School

Wednesday, April 5

1:00 pm Parish life Meeting - Church

7-8:00pm Adoration & Benediction - Church

Thursday, April 6

6:00 - 7:00 pm Clothes Closet - School

Friday, April 7

12:00pm Stations of the Cross at St. Hyacinth Church

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross at SS Peter & Paul Church

Saturday, April 8

3:30 pm Confessions

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On Saturday night at 7.30 PM, the Easter Vigil will begin outdoors with the lighting of the New Fire, outside the rectory. This is followed by the procession with the Easter Candle and the candlelite proclamation of the Easter Exsultet. A series of vigil readings and sung responses will trace our salvation history right up to the gospel account of the Resurrection. And during this solemn Easter Vigil, "mother of all vigils", the Good Friday silence is broken by the singing of the Alleluia which announces Christ's Resurrection and proclaims the victory of light over darkness, of life over death. On this holy night the Church keeps vigil, waiting for the Resurrection of the Lord, and celebrates the Sacraments of Christian Initiation.

On Easter Sunday, April 16th Masses are at 9:00AM and 11.15AM: I hope that many people will join us for this wonderful celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Mass is as usual with a renewal of Baptismal Promises by everyone. Those who engage themselves wholeheartedly in living the entire paschal cycle (Lent, Triduum and Easter's Fifty Days) discover that it can change them forever. This is especially so of the Triduum which, standing at the heart of the Easter season, is an intense immersion in the fundamental mystery of what it is to be Christian. During these days, we suffer with Christ so that we might rise with Him at His glorious Resurrection. Holy Week is a time to clear our schedules of unnecessary activities. Our minds and hearts should be fixed on Jesus and what He did for us. Let us bear the Cross so that we may be worthy of wearing the crown He wore. Fr. John.

There is only one real kind of poverty; not living as children of God and Brothers and Sisters of Christ.

- Pope Francis, Lenten Message



A SANCTUARY LAMP will burn this week in memory of Judith M. (Judy) Nolan, requested by Martin Nolan.

TYBURN ACADEMY in Auburn, NY, is presently seeking a part-time Pre-Calc and/or Calculus teacher(s) for the 2017-2018 school year. This position offers flexibility in scheduling. Interested persons should send a resume to: Tyburn Academy, 17 Clymer St. Auburn, NY, 13021, Attn: Maura Delfavero or call: 315-252-2937.

THE "LIVING FAITH DAILY CATHOLIC DEVOTIONS" booklet is available at the entrances of the church for a suggested donation of \$1.00, which can be placed in the envelope in the basket. These devotions contain a highlighted passage from the bible, a reflection and the scripture readings for the day. The booklet is published quarterly. Please pass the word. Maybe there is someone else you know who would benefit from this daily reflection!



PRESERVING OUR TRADITION AS COMMITTED

STEWARDS: With 552 households at Holy Family, we should easily raise \$300,000 and even more. Our true goal is to have a 100% participation in the Church Roof Campaign. As of Tuesday, March 28, 2017, we have received **\$175,312.52** in gifts and pledges! We are now at **58%** of our desired goal of \$300,000.00. **Thanks to all of you who have helped us reach this point and our success depends on us!**

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