



# HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

## The Mother Church of Auburn

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## Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

### Passion (Palm) Sunday

After five weeks of preparation we now enter the climax of the Lenten season and what we call Holy Week. In a way, the whole week from today until Easter Sunday should be seen as one unit--the presentation of what we call the paschal mystery. This paschal mystery includes the sufferings, death, and resurrection, ascension of Jesus into glory and the sending of the Holy Spirit on the disciples of Jesus to continue the work he began. Holy Week is a time the Church sets aside each year so that we can experience in the liturgy the events of our salvation, renew our faith, strengthen our spiritual life and give strength to that vision of life that only our faith can provide us. And, as we make our faith journey we recognize that it is through the eyes of faith that we see so much more of what God intends for us. Palm Sunday calls us to begin this spiritual journey. It helps us approach the mysteries of salvation with lively faith and grow that much closer to Christ. The reading for the Blessing of Palms sets the stage for our spiritual journey. With the eyes of faith we can truly grasp what is unfolding as Jesus completes His three-year public life, as he comes now to this final stage for the last time to the gates of Jerusalem. To the crowds who lined the streets, and to His own disciples, this was a triumphant moment. Jesus enters Jerusalem and is hailed by many as the king—the long awaited messiah, the one who would come in the name of the Lord and re-establish the Kingdom of David.

Today's liturgy teaches us that the Lord has not saved us by His triumphal entry or by means of powerful miracles. The Apostle Paul, in the second reading, epitomizes in two verbs the path of redemption: Jesus "emptied" and "humbled" Himself (*Phil 2:7-8*). These two verbs show the boundlessness of God's love for us. Jesus *emptied Himself*. He did not cling to the glory that was His as the Son of God, but became the Son of man in order to be in solidarity with us sinners in all things; yet He was without sin. Even more, He lived among us in "the condition of a servant" (v. 7); not of a king or a prince, but of a servant. Therefore He humbled Himself, and the abyss of His humiliation, as Holy Week shows us, seems to be bottomless. Therefore, the fullest manifestation of the model of the Suffering Servant is expressed perfectly in Jesus the Christ. He "emptied Himself"—that is, He set aside anything that could give Him honor, power, security or divine identity. Not only did He take on our humanity, He also did so in the lowest form possible. He was totally obedient to God, even to death on the cross. The exaltation, empowerment and honor that He experienced from God was the result of trust, obedience and generous love.

However, we are reminded in the Passion Story that Jesus Christ is the Lord of history. He is not a victim. No one takes his life from him. He lays it down of his own accord. Jesus freely chooses to make his life into a prayer, an act of love, a gift that he offers to God our Father—for your sake and for mine. That is what St. Paul is talking about in the second reading that we heard today. Jesus "humbled himself, becoming obedient ... even death on a cross." There is no greater love, my brothers and sisters! That's the meaning of this beautiful Palm Sunday. May his great love touch all of us today in a new way. May his love open our hearts, and bring us to a new conversion! So that we may follow Jesus more closely. So that we may humble ourselves and take up our cross, and imitate his example of love and self-sacrifice.

It is only in the painful sequence of events during this Holy Week that the true nature of Jesus' kingdom and our part in it become clear. His is a kingdom of the Spirit. We will be invited to take up the cross as he did. We will be encouraged to see in our own limitations, suffering, pain and even death a new fuller, richer meaning. Jesus will hold out for all of us the revelation of the transforming power of love. So great is His love for us and His Father that he will freely take up the cross, suffer and die on it for us, for our salvation. Christ holds up for us the cross with this understanding: If we embrace it with love, as he did, the cross can be redemptive. Into every life comes a cross. There's no way to avoid the cross that each of us must carry. Some are simply "more visible" than others.

#### Parish Office

315-252-9576

#### Office Hours

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

#### Pastor Ext. 10

Fr. John Gathenya

#### Secretary Ext. 14

Karen Brennan

#### Faith Formation

#### Ext. 16

Nancy Smith

#### Bookkeeper Ext. 13

Sandi Mettler

#### Pastoral Minister

#### Ext. 15

Carole Tomandl

#### Pastoral Council Chair

Liza Kelly - Acting

#### Finance Council Chair

Robert Ringwood

#### Co-Chair

Laurie Piccolo

#### St. Joseph School

253-8327

#### Principal

Michael Carney

#### Weekend Mass Schedule

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

#### Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:30 pm

#### Baptisms

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

#### Marriages

By Appointment

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

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**Sunday, April 9**

9:00 am Jean Doyle - Smith Family

11:15 am Louise M. Janusz - Lorraine &amp; Donald Arliss

**Monday, April 10**

12:15 pm Joseph Bruton - Estate

**Tuesday, April 11**

10:30 am Mass at Auburn Nursing Home

12:15 pm Sara Jane Guinnip

**Wednesday, April 12**

12:15 pm Leonard &amp; Mary Casper - Family

**Holy Thursday, April 13**

7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

**Good Friday, April 14**

3:00 pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion

**Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 15**

7:30 pm Marian Smith - Office Staff at Holy Family

Helen Ranney - Deacon John &amp; Carole

Jean M. Staehr - Family &amp; Children

**Easter Sunday, April 16**

9:00 am Rev. Conrad Sundholm - Sandy &amp; Bill Tonzi

11:15 am Fred &amp; Jane Kruger &amp; son Larry - Family



**PLEASE RETURN OPERATION RICE BOWLS AND LUNCHES WITH LOVE CONTAINERS** by next week. Baskets will be inside the church near the entrances.

**A GOOD STEWARD** is one who responds to the call to serve the Lord by putting his or her time and talents to work for His Church. Do you feel the call to be a good steward, but not sure how? Let us help! You can email us at [holyfamilychurchstewardship@gmail.com](mailto:holyfamilychurchstewardship@gmail.com) and let us find a way to put your time and talents to work for Holy Family Church.

**Financial Stewardship** will not be available due to early transmission of our bulletin.

The **THE RECTORY OFFICE** will be closed at 3:00pm on April 13th, Holy Thursday and all day on April 14th, Good Friday.



**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** is one way of moving into the 21<sup>st</sup> century. We currently have 24 families using this automated system and I must say, folks really like it. I know I am from the old school; I like to hold my newspaper and turn the pages as I read. However, when I look at the cost of printing the envelopes, the mailing, and the number of trees it takes to create the envelopes, we need to move forward. I would like to double the number of families using electronic giving this year. Please give me a call, or stop in the rectory to discuss how you can get signed up, pick your days of the week or month for deductions to be made. It is simple, safe, and a cost saving for Holy Family all rolled into one. Please give this thought and hope to hear from you soon. Thanks for listening. Sandi Mettler, Bookkeeper

**FAITH FORMATION OFFERTORY PROCESSION** this week--1<sup>st</sup> Grade Faith Formation. Next week, on Easter Sunday, there is no participation by Faith Formation in the Offertory Procession and no classes. Classes resume April 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**FIRST EUCHARIST:** Preparation session today at 10 am for students only in Room 16 in the school. Next session is April 23<sup>rd</sup> for students who meet in Room 16 and for parents in Room 22 in the school.

**CIRCLE OF FRIENDS BACKPACK COLLECTION:** Ethan Trupiano, 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, remodeling, updating and adding new classrooms. The principal of Davis Primary has requested backpacks for their students. Ethan will be collecting backpacks through today. If you would like to help, please place your donation in the box at the front entrance to the church.

**ALTAR SERVERS****Holy Thursday, April 13**

7:00 pm E. Sbelgio, N. Sbelgio

**Good Friday, April 14**

3:00 pm E. Frechette, O. Frechette

**Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 15**

7:30 pm T. Dennis, C. Liberatore, E. Sbelgio, N. Sbelgio,

**Easter Sunday, April 16**9:00 am **Servers Needed**

11:15 am E. Frechette, O. Frechette

**LECTORS****Holy Thursday, April 13**

7:00 pm A. Lane, C. Tomandl

**Good Friday, April 14**3:00pm A Bryant, **1 Lector Needed****Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 15**7:30 pm C. Tomandl, **1 Lector Needed****Easter Sunday, April 16**9:00 am E. Nolan, **1 Lector Needed**11:15 am **2 Lectors Needed****EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS****Holy Thursday, April 13**

7:00 pm Deacon John Tomandl, G. Bennett, A. Lane, M. Warter

**Good Friday, April 14**

3:00 pm G. Bennett, R. Bryant

**Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 15**

7:30 pm Deacon John Tomandl, C. Tomandl, M. Lawson,

**1 EM Needed****Easter Sunday, April 16**9:00 am R. Bryant, P. Stolarow, S. Weldon, **1 EM Needed**

Nursing Home: P. Stolarow

11:15 am T. Nolan, E. Petrosino, D. Holmes, **1 EM Needed**



### 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 \$27,680.00 which is 83.72% of our total goal of \$33,060.00.** This includes the 26 families who have contributed to **HOLY FAMILY SPECIAL CARE. \$5380.00 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!

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK:** Mary Adams, Caroline Blowers, Mel Brown, Arthur Conti, Ray Cuddy, Sue Daly, Tim Daly, Virginia Dranscak, Ginny Elardo, Michael Fronzek, 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.



Jared Giannone and Caitlin Poirier



We welcome Elliot Joseph Johnson to our faith community. Congratulations to his family.



**A SANCTUARY LAMP** will burn this week in memory of Morgan & Burns Families requested by Family.

#### **OUR PARISH THIS WEEK**

**Tuesday, April 11**

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

**Holy Thursday, April 13 OFFICE CLOSED 3:00pm**

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

**Adoration after 7:00pm Mass until 11:00pm**

**Good Friday, April 14 OFFICE CLOSED**

**3:00 pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion**

**Saturday, April 15**

**3:30 pm NO CONFESSIONS**

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Yet no one escapes the ups and downs of the human condition. Sometimes the cross comes in the form of aging, physical suffering, disease, disability. Other times it presents itself as a betrayal of a friendship, an abuse of a relationship. Our cross might simply be the struggle to live out the wondrous yet demanding promises to love, honor and support one another "all the days of our lives." Whatever the cross, Jesus tells us we must take it up. We must carry it. We must pick up our cross and walk with him. Jesus embraced the cross, and in His great love he transformed it into an instrument of God's grace and instrument of God's power, an instrument of the Spirit. So too can we. We are able to unite our personal cross to the cross of Christ and, in our love, transform it and make it into something just as Jesus did. Make it into something redemptive, transforming and life-giving. Let us take this sacred journey of Holy Week together. Fr. John

**OUR THANKS** to Prison City Pub and Brewery for sponsoring our bulletin this week.

#### **CAYUGA SENECA COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY FOOD**

**PANTRY** would like to "Thank You" for all your hard work and effort put toward the food drives. Contributions and Support are what helps us continue in our mission and to assist those in our community through our Food Pantry and Home Delivered Pantry for our clients who are homebound. We thank You. Sincerely Christina Ehlers, Food Security Director.

**A NIGHT OF MUSIC!!** Come dance or just listen to the band A.D.D. Bring your own wine, beer or cider. No liquor. Soda or water for sale and a snack will be provided. Holy Family Gym on 5/13/17 from 6:30 -9:00 pm. \$10 per ticket. 21 and over, please.

#### **FAMILY FUN DAY APRIL 29TH 10:00am-2pm. SAVE THE**

**DATE!!** As always we will have a bake sale, cake booth, raffles, and games for the kids. Back by popular demand Tony and Dave will be serving their pulled pork sandwiches, along with hot dogs and burgers and don't forget the chili!! This fund raiser is put on by the Parish Life Committee; and funds go towards things like senior scholarships and Lunches with Love, just to name two. So plan to bring the family and enjoy the day. We still need volunteers, baskets for raffles, and baked goods. Signup sheets are at all church entrances. Committee members will be selling raffle tickets after each Mass for the Big Raffle! Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20. **You stand to win \$1,000, \$500, or \$250.** Get your tickets today!!

**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!

**It is thrilling to experience the joy of spreading the good news...consoling broken hearts and offering hope to our brothers and sisters experiencing darkness.**

**- Pope Francis, Lenten Message**

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