



# HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

## The Mother Church of Auburn

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## The Nineteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

### Saint Pope John Paul II and the Year of the Eucharist: Part Four

On Holy Thursday in 2003 the Holy Father Pope John Paul II wrote a letter to all of the faithful on the mystery of the Holy Eucharist. He signed the Encyclical Letter *Ecclesia de Eucharistia*, "On the Eucharist in Its Relationship to the Church," during the celebration of the Mass of the Lord's Supper at the Basilica of Saint Peter in the Vatican. As we prepare to celebrate the Feast of the Assumption (August 14/15) why not take some time and meditate on Mary's role as Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament? The Pope devoted the final chapter entitled "At the School of Mary, Woman of the Eucharist" where he reminded us that there is no better person to help us increase our appreciation for the Eucharist than the Mother of Our Lord. She knows Him better than any other human. He said that *"Mary is present, with the Church and as the Mother of the Church, at each of our celebrations of the Eucharist. If the Church and the Eucharist are inseparably united, the same ought to be said of Mary and the Eucharist."*

Sometimes Mary is referred to as Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament and as such she can take us by the hand and lead us to a closer relationship with the Eucharistic Christ. While observing that "at first glance", the Gospel is silent on the subject of Mary and the Eucharist as noted by the Holy Father. We know that Mary was present with the apostles who prayed "with one accord" (Acts 1:14) for the coming of the Holy Spirit. Therefore, it follows that Mary was most certainly present at the Eucharistic celebrations of the early Christians who were devoted to "the breaking of bread" (Acts 2:42). Saint Pope John Paul II points to Mary's interior disposition and observes that Mary is a "woman of the Eucharist" in her whole life. He further ascribes to her a very compelling image as "the first tabernacle" that contained the Body of Christ. When, at the Visitation, she bore in her womb the Word made flesh, she became in some ways a "tabernacle" – the first "tabernacle" in history – in which the Son of God, still invisible to our human gaze, allowed himself to be adored by Elizabeth, radiating his light as it were through the eyes and the voice of Mary. Consider that Our Lady lived the Eucharistic life before anyone else. In a beautiful passage, Saint Pope John Paul explains: *"In a certain sense Mary lived her Eucharistic faith even before the institution of the Eucharist, by the very fact that she offered her virginal womb for the Incarnation of God's word. The Eucharist, while commemorating the passion and resurrection, is also in continuity with the incarnation. At the Annunciation, Mary conceived the son of God in the physical reality of his body and blood, thus anticipating within herself what to some degree happens sacramentally in every believer who receives, under the signs of bread and wine, the Lord's body and blood."*

Without faith in the words of the Christ we can never come to term with the Eucharist which is a mystery of our faith. We see Mary's disposition of faith in her response to the Archangel Gabriel at the Annunciation. At her words, "Let it be done to me as you say," God the Son came into the world by becoming incarnate in her womb through the overshadowing of the Holy Spirit. At the moment of the Incarnation, Mary anticipated what happens for us faithful at every Eucharist: Christ becomes present for us, under the species of bread and wine, so that we may receive Him into our very being. Our Holy Father pointed out the profound similarity between Mary's belief in the words of the Archangel Gabriel and our belief in approaching Holy Communion. When the priest announces, "The Body of Christ," we respond "Amen." Our "Amen" is like Mary's "Fiat (Let it be done)".

Mary participated in the suffering and death of Jesus Christ reaching its climax at the foot of the Cross: Her share in Christ's sacrifice, after His Death and Resurrection, was continued through her participation in the Holy Mass. Our Holy Father exclaims: *"The body given up for us and made present under sacramental signs was the same body which she had conceived in her womb."* Who, then, can better teach us to unite ourselves to the sacrifice of Christ in the Holy Eucharist than Mary?

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#### 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

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#### Ext. 16

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#### Ext. 15

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#### 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** August 16,  
6:30 pm

Call to register.

#### Marriages

By Appointment

[auburnholymfamily.org](http://auburnholymfamily.org)

and

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

**Sunday, August 13**

9:00 am Mel Brown - Smith Family  
 11:15 am Elizabeth Walsh - Holy Family Bereavement Comm

**Monday August 14**

12:15 pm **NO MASS**  
 5:30 pm Vigil Mass for The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin  
 Mary Shaw - Fr. Lou, Priests & taff of St. Alphonus

**Tuesday, August 15**

12:15 pm Mass for The Assumption of The Blessed Virgin  
 Ed & Celeste Felber - Family  
 5:30 pm Mass for The Assumption of The Blessed Virgin  
 Mary Franchina - Family

**Wednesday, August 16**

12:15 pm Jeanne Salva - Mary & Chuck

**Thursday, August 17**

12:15 pm **NO MASS**

**Friday, August 18**

12:15 pm Donald Larose - Mary & Chuck

**Saturday, August 19**

4:30 pm Joan & William Morgan - Family  
 Joseph & John Carberry - Family  
 William Stuart - Linda  
 Joseph Klonowski - Mary



**Sunday, August 20**

9:00 am Blanche & Lester Furnia - Family  
 11:15 am Robert Foster - Jan & Jean

**FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP**

**8/6/2017**

Attendance	425
No. of Envelopes Used	255
Regular Collection	\$4,537
St. Joseph's School	\$524
Fuel/Heat	\$187
Roof	\$597
Assumption	\$5

**ELECTRONIC GIVING** is happy to report we have gained the trust of another Parishioner! We are now up to 27 families in this program. It is so easy and saves on paper, mailings, and YOUR TIME. Please consider switching over to electronic giving, and help Holy Family streamline our accounting system. You never have to worry about which week we collect for St. Joseph's School, or remember your fuel and heat envelope or roof donation envelopes. It is all done for you. You can pick the dates and we do all the work. It saves Holy Family money by not printing the envelopes, not having them mailed to you and most importantly saves you time! Your time is the most valuable thank you we can give. So please think about it and give me a call to set up your account today. God Bless, Sandi 315-252-9576, ext. 13.

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

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

**DO YOU FEEL CALLED TO SHARE OUR FAITH** with the children in our Faith Formation program? The ministry of being a catechist is not just being a teacher of doctrines but also a guide for the start of a lifelong faith journey, and a helper for parents who are the primary catechists for their children. This coming school year, our Sunday morning program (Pre-K to 6<sup>th</sup>) is in need of an aide in our 3<sup>rd</sup> grade classroom, and of substitute catechists who can teach a few times a year when a regular catechist has to be away. For information about this ministry, please call or email Nancy Smith ([Nancy.Smith@dor.org](mailto:Nancy.Smith@dor.org)).

**CHAMPIONS FOR LIFE SPORTS CENTER** located at 453 Grant Avenue in Auburn, will be hosting another year of indoor soccer leagues throughout the fall and winter of 2017-18. Age groups include the "Learn to Play" program (ages 4-6), competitive U8, U10, U12 leagues, and a traveling U14 team. Fall registration opens on August 7 and closes September 22. To register or find out more information, please call CFLSC at (315) 252-9305 or visit [ChampionsforLife.org](http://ChampionsforLife.org). Due to expansion, the league will need additional coaches. Please contact the sports center if interested in volunteering. **The mission of Champions for Life, Inc. is to promote Christian virtues and character through sports, recreational programs, and activities that foster a love of God, the dignity of the human person, family unity, and respect for others.**

**NOTRE DAME RETREAT HOUSE ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT September 25, 2017** at Midvale Country Club, 2382 Baird Rd., Penfield, NY. Join us for a wonderful day of golf or if not a golfer, sign up for dinner! \$150.00 per individual golfer and \$600.00 per foursome. Dinner only guests are \$50.00 per person. This is our annual fundraiser. All proceeds from this event assist in maintaining our facility and grounds. Notre Dame Retreat House serves the Diocese of Rochester by facilitating men and women retreat weekends and it also offers a place for parish staffs, ministries and parish schools to host retreats. The Redemptorists order of Priests and Brothers own and operate the retreat house. Registration form is downloadable from website: [www.notredameretreat.org](http://www.notredameretreat.org). Any questions, please contact Notre Dame Retreat House 585-394-5700 or [ndretreat@rochester.rr.com](mailto:ndretreat@rochester.rr.com).

**JOIN HOLY FAMILY BIBLE STUDY** Mondays at 7pm for eight weeks at the Holy Family School Room 2. Starting September 18 through November 6, 2017, Doug Taylor-Weiss will lead us through the Letter to the Hebrews. The work draws us to Christ in meditation on Eucharistic Life and further strengthens our celebration of the Year of the Eucharist. Doug Taylor-Weiss, a convert to Catholicism and former Protestant Minister is an adjunct professor at Northeastern Seminary in Rochester and is a parishioner at St. Mary's where he is involved in Faith Formation and Bible Studies.

**OUR PARISH THIS WEEK**

**Tuesday , August 15**  
 10:00 - 11:00 am Clothes Closet - School  
**Wednesday, August 16**  
 6:30 pm Baptism Prep - Sacristy  
**Thursday, August 17**  
 6:00 - 7:00 pm Clothes Closet - School  
**Saturday, August 19**  
 7:30 - 12:00 pm Blood Drive - School  
 3:30 pm Confessions

**ALTAR SERVERS****Saturday, August 19**

4:30 pm H. Yorkey, M. Yorkey

**Sunday, August 20**

9:00 am A. Blair-Kinsella, E. Trupiano, J. White

11:15 am E. Frechette, O. Frechette

**LECTORS****Monday, August 14, Feast of the Assumption Vigil**

5:30 pm J. Kearse, A. Seneca

**Tuesday, August 15, Feast of the Assumption— Daytime**

12:15 pm S. Marullo, A. Lane

**Tuesday, August 15, Feast of the Assumption— Evening**

5:30 pm S. Weldon, R. Nestor

**Saturday, August 19**

4:30pm S. Marullo, A. Seneca

**Sunday, August 20**

9:00 am A. Bryant, P. Ferrari

11:15 am J. Renahan, J. Kearse

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS****Monday, August 14, Feast of the Assumption Vigil**

5:30 pm. G. Bennett, A. Seneca, P. Stolarow, B. Tonzi

**Tuesday, August 15, Feast of the Assumption— Daytime**

12:15 pm A. Lane, S. Marullo, K. Pines, M. Warter

**Tuesday, August 15, Feast of the Assumption— Evening**

5:30 pm E. Petrosino, D. Sikora, S. Weldon, T. Yoensky

**Saturday, August 19**

430 pm S. Marullo A. Seneca, P. Stolarow, H. Yorkey

**Sunday, August 20**

9:00 am A. Bryant, R. Bryant, C. Kinsella, T. Yoensky

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She leads us to unite our hearts, like her Immaculate Heart, to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, poured out in perfect love of God and of neighbor. The Holy Father reminds us also that all that Christ accomplished for us on Calvary is made present for us in the Holy Mass. This is the meaning of His words: "Do this in remembrance of me." (Lk 22:9) Therefore, at every Eucharist, Christ once again gives Mary to us as our Mother and gives us to her as her true sons and daughters, as He did when He died on the cross for us. This means taking on a commitment to be conformed to Christ, putting ourselves at the school of his Mother and allowing her to accompany us. Mary is present, with the Church and as the Mother of the Church, at each of our celebrations of the Eucharist.

Pope John Paul II's motto was "Totus Tuus," or "Totally Yours," which was a reference to how he had consecrated himself to Jesus through the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Being totally dedicated to Mary, who always leads us, the fastest way possible, to her son Jesus, who IS the Eucharist. At no time do Catholics WORSHIP Mary; rather, by being dedicated to her motherly love, it leads us to WORSHIP Jesus, who IS the Eucharist. Fr. John

**SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED MOTHER:** Tuesday, August 15th is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Mother. It is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass times are as follows: Vigil Mass Monday August 14th 5:30pm; Holy Day Masses Thursday August 15th 12:15pm and 5:30pm. This is the crowning of our Blessed Lady. The Solemnity of the Assumption celebrates the end and departure of the Blessed Mother from this world when she was taken immediately body and soul into the glory of Heaven—the triumphant entrance to heaven.

**PRESERVING OUR TRADITION AS COMMITTED STEWARDS**

**TOWARDS: NEW ROOF:** Over three years ago, we kicked off the exciting plan for our Church Roof Renovation. We are so thankful to our earliest parishioners for their sacrifices to build a beautiful church and school. But 183 years have passed and now it is up to us to provide for our current needs and also for the needs of those who will come after us. Please join us in this exciting and essential effort to better our service to one another, to our community and to Christ. **Our Roof Campaign Goal is \$300,000.00. We are proud to announce that (at bulletin printing time) we have received over \$181,913.00 (60.36%) Thank You for your thoughtfulness and generosity!** We are on our way to a new roof for our Church. But we do need each and every family to continue making a pledge/gift for this important campaign. Please prayerfully consider how you can participate. We are engaged in a long distance race and as we all know, slow and steady wins that race. I thank you for helping us enter that race and for all the cooperation and generosity which itself is a blessing from God so that we might continue to stand together, to strive together and serve together in proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ in Auburn for many more years to come and together remain a beacon of hope in the community of Holy Family!



We welcome Jack Reiff to our faith community. Congratulations to his family.

**OUR THANKS** to Lakeland Equipment for sponsoring our bulletin this week.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK:** Mary Adams, Roger Basha Caroline Blowers, Arthur Conti, Ray Cuddy, Sue Daly, Tim Daly, Virginia Dranscak, Mary Dygert, Ginny Elardo, Michael Fronzek, Mary Guido, Carter Hergert, Caleb Jones, Sr. Rita Kaufman, Joanne Komanecky, Elizabeth Lane, Frances Lane, Kathryn Malek, 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, E3 David Mirales US Navy, TSgt Diana O'Connor USAF.

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