



HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

The Mother Church of Auburn

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February 12, 2017

The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February, the Month of LOVE

When Father John asked if I would write the Bulletin article for February 12th, I agreed. Then I began to doubt that I would have enough to fill the front of the bulletin. Doubt, in my opinion is an “evil green-eyed monster” that gets in the way of our “Yes” to opportunities which are presented. It is that feeling that: I am not good enough or I do not have the time, talent or treasure or there is someone else better suited to the task. If I have learned anything in my 60 plus years, it is to trust the Holy Spirit. If when presented with a challenge or an opportunity, I remember to say a prayer: “If this is Your will, God, please show me the way.” I have never been disappointed.

February is the month associated with love, after all, Valentine’s Day is in February and we see, hear and read that we must get those cards, flowers and/or candy. Granted there is a lot to love about February, the days are getting longer, we have made it through January and Spring is a little over a month away!

We as Catholic Christians know that every month and every day is about love. From Baker’s Evangelical Dictionary: “God is Love.” God does not merely love, He is love. Everything that God does flows from His Love. I would like to share just a few of the many examples from Sacred Scripture:

Matthew 22: 37-39. Jesus replied. “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and withal your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself.”

1 Corinthians 13: 4-7. Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

1 Corinthians 13:13. And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

1 John 4:7. Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God.

1 John 3: 16-18. This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down His life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.

I have been in my position as Pastoral Minister for a little over a year and I am very proud to say that there are many examples of Love in Action here at Holy Family! Our Volunteers spend countless hours sharing their love. Many of them work behind the scenes and often their efforts go unnoticed. I know that Father John appreciates the time and energy of our volunteers! My Ministry is **enhanced** by the efforts of our volunteers. There are many opportunities for more parishioners to become involved. Perhaps you worry that if you try something and it does not fit with your schedule or desires that you will be stuck. Not true at all. Volunteering is the perfect opportunity to try something, if that does not suit you, there are many other areas.

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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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Chair

Robert Ringwood

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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
February 15, 6:30 pm;
Call to register.

Marriages

By Appointment

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

Sunday, February 12

9:00 am Agnes O'Hara - Family

11:15 am The William E. Bouley Family - Estate

Monday, February 13 NO MASS**Tuesday, February 14 NO MASS****Wednesday, February 15 NO MASS****Thursday, February 16 NO MASS****Friday, February 17**

12:15 pm The Souls in Purgatory - Kelly

Saturday, February 18

4:30 pm Lucien & Georgette Chenel - Daughter

Joseph & John Carberry - Family

Sunday, February 19

9:00 am James Beer - Family

11:15 am Jack & Irene Flaherty - Family



FAITH FORMATION OFFERTORY PROCESSION this week--6th Grade Faith Formation and Youth Group Session II will have a Class Mass which includes performing some of the liturgical ministries as well as participating in the Offertory Procession. Next week, there will be no participation by Faith Formation due to Winter Break. Classes resume February 26.

FIRST PENANCE & FIRST EUCHARIST: Information and registration letters were sent this week to all families with children in grades 2 and up who have not yet celebrated these sacraments. Preparation sessions begin Sunday, March 5th, for the First Penance celebration on March 28th and for the First Eucharist celebration on May 21st. Please call or email Nancy Smith with any questions: 252-9576 Ext. 16 or nwsmith@dor.org.

"CHANGE FOR LIFE": Please return baby bottles filled with your change, currency or check by February 26th. The collection box for the bottles is on the shelf next to the vigil lights in the front of the church.

THOUGHT TO PONDER: "The day the power of love overrules the love of power, the world will know peace." Mahatma Gandhi



2017 ROCHESTER DIOCESE WOMEN'S CONFERENCE: Holy Family Women are invited to attend "A Morning with Immaculee" on Saturday, March 18, 2017 at The Aquinas Institute, 1127 Dewey Avenue, Rochester, NY 14613. Registration and further information can be found at: <http://rochesterwc.org/2017>. If you are interested in attending sign up early, the conference sells out quickly.

OUR THANKS to Westminster Manor for sponsoring our bulletin this week.

ALTAR SERVERS**Saturday, February 18**

4:30 pm H. Yorkey, M. Yorkey

Sunday, February 19

9:00 am A. Blair-Kinsella, G. Gorney, E. Trupiano

11:15 am E. Frechette, O. Frechette

LECTORS**Saturday, February 18**

4:30 pm S. Marullo, B. Ringwood

Sunday, February 19

9:00 am E. Nolan, P. Ferrari

11:15 am J. Renahan, J. Kearse

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**Saturday, February 18**

4:30 pm J. Madden, S. Marullo, P. Stolarow, H. Yorkey

Sunday, February 19

9:00 am A. Bryant, R. Bryant, C. Kinsella, M. Lavey

Nursing Home: S. Marullo

11:15 am D. Holmes, M. Lawson, E. Petrosino, K. Pines

**FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP****2/5/2017**

Attendance	371
No. of Envelopes Used	266
Regular Collection	\$5,440
St. Joseph's School	\$560
Fuel/Heat	\$360
Roof	\$504
Christmas	\$20

ST. ALPHONSUS FOOD PANTRY would like to extend its great appreciation for the contribution of food this year. We distributed 538 baskets for the Thanksgiving Holiday and 358 for Christmas. Your donation allows us to help families in need. The thanks we receive from them is wonderful but we know that without your help we could not accomplish this. May God bless you... Happy New Year to you all.

HOLY FAMILY LOANING LIBRARY is located in the front vestibule of the church. Come and browse our selection of Catholic books, CDs and DVDs for children and adults that are free for you to borrow.



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 23 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!



HOLY FAMILY'S CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

(CMA): Our goal for 2016-17 is \$33,060.00. As of Tuesday, February 7, 153 of our 552 families have pledged \$22,015.00 which is 66.59% of our goal.

Your contribution is critical. Thank you all for

your sacrifice and I continue to invite those who have not yet participated to continue praying about it and I am sure that you will join us along the way. So far our effort and generosity is just breathtaking and outstanding!! Your response to God's generosity is of great consolation to me as your pastor, and I hope that I can count many more families participating this year. If you can help your parish in this load, but do not want to contribute to the CMA directly, please place your check payable to Holy Family in the weekly collection and at the MEMO write "PARISH SPECIAL CARE". This will ensure that these monies are used to make up the difference. Your continued support is a great encouragement to me in my ministry here at Holy Family as we continue our work of Christ. **We need all households and families to participate. As you know, whatever we do not make in voluntary donations will be made up out of the regular Sunday collections. Please do the best you can and we will soon put this behind us.** I sincerely thank you for the many ways that you bring goodness and joy in my life, and also make Holy Family a home where families and friends can worship and dwell in peace. **Thank you for your consideration and generosity.** Fr. John

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You will always receive instruction and will be paired with a seasoned volunteer or staff person to assist and enhance your experience. Prayerfully consider volunteering, please. If you would like to discuss opportunities at Holy Family, you may contact me and/or Nancy Smith and we will be happy to help. Perhaps you are thinking that you do not have a lot of time or that you are not physically able to volunteer. Consider this: if you know of someone who is homebound, in the hospital or Nursing Care Facility, contact them, let them know that someone cares. This could truly brighten their day! Ask them or their family if they would like to receive Communion. Call the Rectory office and make me aware. I or one of our Eucharistic Ministers would be happy to bring them Communion and assure them of the love and prayers of our Holy Family community. Please do not assume that we already know. I would much rather be told several times than to think that we are missing parishioners. We need to reach out to as many parishioners as possible to share the love of God.

God Bless you and remember go out and share the Love of God in any way that you are able.

Carole Tomandl, Pastoral Minister



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THIS DATE**



HOLY FAMILY PARISH LENTEN RETREAT will be Saturday, March 11, 2017. Sister Nancy Whitley returns to guide us in our Lenten Journey. Open to all.



There will be a Blood Drive, Saturday, Feb.25th from 7:30 am until 12:00 pm at Holy Family Gym. Walk-ins are welcome or call 1-800-REDCROSS. Please bring ID! The need is constant. The gratification is instant. Give Blood.

PARENTING HAPPY & VIRTUOUS CHILDREN is the topic of two free dinners at the K of C #207 Hall on Market Street on March 22 and May 23. The talks, given by world-class speakers, will be focused towards parents of school aged children. Details can be found on the bulletin boards. Seating is limited so early registration, by call or text to Deacon Dennis at 315-406-1538, is recommended.

OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Monday, February 13 NO MASS

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

Wednesday, February 15 NO MASS

Thursday, February 16 NO MASS

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

Friday, February 17

Normal Mass schedule resumes

Saturday, February 18

3:30 Confessions

2017 NOTRE DAME RETREATS: The theme for this year is: "Prayer: God is talking. Are you listening?" Is God calling you to get away for a weekend with him? You have a great opportunity to have a life changing spiritual experience.

Couple's retreats: February 17-19 or June 2-4

Auburn area Men's retreat weekend March 3-5

Auburn area Women's retreat weekend March 31 – April 2

Other weekends are open if you cannot attend one of these! For more information you can call Pat Cleaver at 315-406-4238 or the Notre Dame Retreat house office at 585-394-5700, e-mail ndlynch@rochester.rr.com.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK: Mary Adams, Caroline Blowers, 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, 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.



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, February 7, 2017, we have received **\$172,001.52** in gifts and pledges! We are now at **57%** 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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