



HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

The Mother Church of Auburn

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The Solemnity of Mary

2017 New Year Resolution

Happy New Year 2017! Speaking of which, how are those New Year's resolutions going? Made any? Kept any ever? I have to admit that I'm not a big fan of New Year's resolutions but this year I will try making a single one lest I be accused of trying to discourage anyone who has managed to hold fast to their resolutions for these last several hours! I do acknowledge that that some people are successful. They make the commitment at the beginning of the year, and through sheer determination they make that change in their lives. More power to them. My 2017 New Year resolution is to love even more the people of Holy Family, work hard with you and ever be available to you in and out of season. I am very sure that we are the best community in the city—viable, caring and life-giving. However, there are some things that cannot be accomplished by our will-power alone. When we consider our spiritual life and reaching-out in compassion, we are called to be and become beyond our human power alone—this is where we allow our lives be opened to God's grace. It is right and fitting no wonder that every first day of the year is dedicated to Mary, the Mother of God. In her life we see a deep and abiding faith, and a tremendous willingness to do God's will. Her words to the angel, "I am the handmaid of the Lord. Let it be done to me as you say", are an expression of her determination to mold and shape her life according to God's plan for her. Now consider what she accomplished: she became the mother of Emmanuel, "God-is-with-us", the Savior of the world. This is something clearly beyond human power. And she could have made all the resolutions possible, exercised extraordinary amounts of determination and will-power and this feat would have still been beyond her reach. As we journey into the New Year, here at Holy Family, we still have a "big job" ahead of us—realizing our Holy Family Vision 2016 that focuses on rebuilding our HOME. But do not be afraid, just remain open and be willing to admit our need for God's grace and what God desires to accomplish in us during the months ahead. I pray that, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, God will fill every day of your New Year with graces and blessings galore.

Special thanks to all who shared their talents to help us celebrate the liturgies of Christmas and the feast of Holy Family last weekend. The art and environment volunteers spent many hours decorating the church and created a wonderful atmosphere to celebrate Christ's birth. Thanks to the leadership of Mary Warter. Tom Techman, Debbie Pinckney, Samantha Hockey, cantors and choirs provided excellent leadership in helping us worship God in song at our Christmas Masses. I also thank the Holy Family Fundraising Committee under the leadership of Bob Ringwood for their exhausting hard work in planning the event that is coming soon on January 8 that will celebrate the gift of Holy Family as a community of generosity, love and hospitality especially with the BIG Raffle and the brunch. Kudos! Thanks also to our sacristans, greeters, ushers, lectors, altar servers, Eucharistic ministers, who helped make our liturgies such inspiring celebrations of Our Lord's Nativity. Our parish is blessed to have so many talented parishioners who share their gifts by serving our parish community. May God continue to fill you with his grace throughout this New Year and keep us ever grateful for generously sharing your talents. Our parish is blessed to have so many talented parishioners who share their gifts by serving our parish community. May God continue to fill you with his grace throughout this New Year and keep us ever grateful for sharing your talents so generously.

As Christmas is already gone and New Year has just begun I offer my personal heartfelt thanks for the cards, greetings, well-wishes, and gifts I have received from members of the parish during this season. It is a blessing to be a part of your parish community and I am continually grateful for the opportunity to serve as your pastor. A Sunday school teacher decided to have her 2nd grade class memorize Psalm 23, one of the most quoted passages in the Bible.

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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

Karen Brennan

Faith Formation

Ext. 16

Nancy Smith

Bookkeeper Ext. 13

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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
January 18, 6:30;
Call to register.

Marriages

By Appointment

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

Sunday, January 1 New Year's Day

9:00 am The Syrian Refugees - Pat

11:15 am Terry Romeo - Pat

Monday, January 2 RECTORY OFFICE CLOSED

12:15 pm Joan Pudney - Deacon John & Carole

Tuesday, January 3

12:15 pm Judy & Mark Nolan - Peter & Darlene Kuzmyn

Wednesday, January 4

12:15 pm Mr. & Mrs. Peter L. Covich - Family

Thursday, January 512:15 pm **No Mass****Friday, January 6**

12:15 pm Joseph Graney - Clara Walsh

Richard Zobski - David

Saturday, January 7

4:30 pm John Oluszczak - Alice Seneca

William A. Morgan - Family

Lorenzo & Raffaella Evangelista - Family

Sunday, January 8

9:00 am Michael Evangelista - The Nicorellas

11:15 am Celeste & Ed Felber - Family



FAITH FORMATION OFFERTORY PROCESSION: This week there will be no participation by Faith Formation due to Christmas vacation. Next week, Children's Liturgy of the Word will bring up the gifts.

SNOW CANCELLATIONS FOR FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

will be on facebook.com/auburnhollyfamily and on these TV stations and their websites: WSTM-3, WTVH-5, WIXT-9, and TWC News.

HOLY FAMILY LOANING LIBRARY IS UP AND RUNNING

and 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.

CHRISTMAS ACTING GOSPEL (PAGEANT):

Thank you to all who helped with our celebration and to our young people who portrayed Mary, Joseph, the Archangel, the angels and the shepherds present at the first Christmas.

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS FOR JANUARY:

Soup and soup mixes.

SOUP KITCHEN SCHEDULE for January 14th, SS PETER & JOHN CHURCH:

Margaret Crowley, Corky Diffin, Al Nicolella, Josie Nicolella, Tammy Yoensky.

OUR THANKS

to Richard E. Pinckney, RPh. from RX City Pharmacy for sponsoring our bulletin this week.

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THE RECTORY OFFICE will be closed Monday, January 2, 2017.

**ALTAR SERVERS****Saturday, January 7**

4:30 pm A. Ringwood, C. Ringwood

Sunday, January 8

9:00 am A. Blair-Kinsella, T. Dennis, C. Liberatore

11:15 am E. Frechette, O. Frechette

LECTORS**Saturday, January 7**

4:30 pm A. Seneca, B. Ringwood

Sunday, January 8

9:00 am S. Weldon, M. Liberatore

11:15 am R. Nestor, J. Renahan

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**Saturday, January 7**

4:30 pm G. Bennett, M. Lavey, S. Marullo, A. Seneca

Sunday, January 8

9:00 am C. Kinsella, D. Sikora, M. Warter, S. Weldon

Nursing Home: M. Warter

11:15 am D. Holmes, M. Lawson, E. Petrosino, B. Wilson

**FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP****12/19/16**

Attendance	359
No. of Envelopes Used	203
Regular Collection	\$6,948
St. Joseph's School	\$98
Fuel/Heat	\$98
Roof	\$566
Christmas	\$103
Christmas Flowers	\$272
Catholic University	\$34
Solemnity of Mary	\$2
Immaculate Conception	\$126



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

Next week the second collection will be for St. Joseph's School.

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!



SCHOOL CLEAN-UP: Holy Family will be giving away furniture and miscellaneous items on January 21st, at the school from 9:30am –12noon. Large pieces include: wooden hutch with glass doors, greeting card rack, 2 display shelving units (one wood, 1 metal). All items need to be taken that day.



ADORATION AND BENEDICTION will be Wednesday, January 4th from 7-8:00 pm in the church.



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, Kathryn Malek, Alicia Mattie, Sonja O'Brien, Jim O'Connor, Joan Petrucelli, Siobhan Phillippe, Roberta Slayton, Irene Shewczyk, Leonard Smith, Rev. Conrad Sundholm, 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.

GET YOUR TICKETS NOW! The Holy Family \$100 raffle will take place on **Sunday, January 8, 2017.** There are **ONLY 22** tickets left for sale. You may purchase your tickets at the rectory office

MARK THIS DATE



Monday through Thursday from 9:00am – 5:00pm or from one of the committee members. Each ticket purchased entitles the purchaser's household to a free brunch on the day of the drawing, from 12:00pm to 2:00pm in the Holy Family Gym. If you have questions or would like additional information please call the rectory office at 252-9576 or one of the fundraising committee members: Bob Ringwood at 845-807-1198 or Sue MacDavitt at 246-0619.

OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Tuesday January 3

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

Wednesday January 4

1:00 pm Parish Life Meeting after Mass

7:00 - 8:00 pm Adoration & Benediction - Church

Thursday January 5

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

Saturday January 7

3:30 Confessions



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She gave the children a month to learn the chapter. One little boy was excited about the task, but he just couldn't memorize the Psalm. Although he practiced and practiced, he could hardly get past the first line. The day came for the children to recite Psalm 23 before the congregation. The little boy was nervous. When his turn came, he stepped up to the microphone and proudly said, "The Lord is my Shepherd and that's all I need to know!" Maybe this is all we need to know in reality when we look back to the just ended year 2016 and look forward to all that 2017 will bring and see how the good Lord has been kind and generous to us as a family and parish. **The staff, parish council and I wish you and your family a blessed and prosperous new year 2017. God bless! Fr. John**

HOLY FAMILY'S CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL (CMA): Christmas Deadline!!! Our goal for 2016-17 is \$33,060.00. As of Tuesday, December 20, 130 of our 552 families have pledged \$19,895.00 which is 60.18% 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 our of the regular Sunday collections. Please do the best you can and we will soon put this behind us before its Christmas!** I sincerely thank you for the many ways that you bring goodness and joy in my life, and also making Holy Family a home where families and friends can worship and dwell in peace. **Thank you for your consideration and generosity.** Fr. John



THOUGHT TO PONDER: Don't worry: God is never blind to our tears, never deaf to our prayers and never silent to our pain. He sees! He hears! He comforts!

CONSIDER SERVING GOD AND HIS PEOPLE AS A EUCHARISTIC MINISTER: If you have thought of devoting time to a ministry, have you considered becoming a Eucharist minister? For more information or answers to any questions, please call Terry Nolan at 315-246-1819 or email at terrynolan444@yahoo.com



PRESERVING OUR TRADITION AS COMMITTED STEWARDS:

With 554 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, December 20, we have received **\$164,815.52** in gifts and pledges! We are now at **55%** 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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