



HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

The Mother Church of Auburn

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January 22, 2017

The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parish Office

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Office Hours

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

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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.
Call to register.

Marriages

By Appointment

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

Dear Parishioners,

I continue with the reflection of the December 18th bulletin article "Come Home for Christmas". Each Christmas, our churches are thronged with people who come to pray before the Manger, and feel the warmth of the Savior's love. Some of these men and women are not Catholic; others do not practice the Faith regularly. Some are estranged from the Church, angry at her teachings, hurt by her representatives; a larger number simply live their lives as if the Church had no place in their world, no bearing on their lifestyles, careers, and choices. . . except at Christmas.

Many are our loved ones, members of our families, young and old. Parents and grandparents often have a lump in their throats as they sing the Christmas carols, happy to have their adult children and grandchildren with them for Christmas Mass, but knowing that it is probably the only Mass they will attend during the year. There are probably more prayers offered for the success of the sermon than at any other time during the year; as people pray that Father will say exactly the right things to get loved ones back to church and not say anything that will push people's buttons. **The 25% drop in Mass attendance here at Holy Family in the last six years is truly hurting us in every face of the parish growth and development!** It is still my hope that with the faithful and committed implementation of **Holy Family Vision 2016** we can breathe new life into glowing embers of faith in the endeavor to renew our commitment to the life and mission of our faith community.

The obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation is a serious one. This is not merely a matter of parish policy. Divine Law sets forth this expectation in the Third of the Ten Commandments: "Remember, thou, keep holy the Sabbath". The Church Law states: On Sundays and other Holy Days of Obligation, the faithful are bound to participate in the Mass; they are also to abstain from those labors and business concerns-which impede the worship to be rendered to God, the joy which is proper to the Lord's Day, or the proper relaxation of mind and body. (Canon 1247) This is the ordinary expectation of Catholics. If done knowingly and willingly, missing Mass on Sundays constitutes serious sin. Hopefully, we live beyond the minimal dictates of the Law. **It simply follows that if Sunday Mass attendance is an important Catholic value, then parents who want a Catholic education for their children will see that this value is lived out in their family, and that both parents and their children will attend Mass faithfully on Sundays and Holy Days.** The Sacrifice of the Holy Eucharist (Mass) is more than just an obligation. It is a privilege. It is a source of strength, hope, light and peace. It is a strong support and anchor for our lives in the shifting currents of this world. On Sunday, at the Eucharist, the community is formed by hearing God's Word and responding to it. It is on this day that we remember the central mystery of Jesus' death and resurrection. We are incorporated into the Christ mystery. In Christ at Sunday worship, we are one Body in the one bread and the one cup. Whether we know each other's names or not, we are no longer strangers, but members of the one Christ. Within the Eucharistic community, we are joined on various levels. We know people in our neighborhood who share our faith. Our children attend the same school. Our children are formed in the faith and come to know more deeply the Lord in their lives. From the Eucharist, we are sent to serve one another. We are called and sent to share in the preaching of the gospel, to the feeding of the poor, to the sheltering of those in need. Within our families, friends, and the larger civic community, we are called to share in the joys and sadness of life. We are called to share the Lord present among us. The present day parish is alive and exciting in its resources and its hopes and needs. Central to it all is Christ among us.

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Sunday, January 22

9:00 am Dale Ross - Tom

11:15 am Margaret Sigona - Family of Granddaughter Sue Sigona

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Monday, January 23

12:15 pm Ann McKeon - Family

Tuesday, January 24

12:15 pm Catherine Tabone - Family

Wednesday, January 25

12:15 pm Mr. & Mrs. Louis Casaleggio - Olga

Thursday, January 26 No Mass**Friday, January 27**

12:15 pm John Paul II Students & Families

Saturday, January 28

4:30 pm Ann Drancsak Gallagher - Family

For the People of Holy Family

Sunday, January 29

9:00 am Mike Evangelista - Carol Kenny

11:15 am Robert Graney - Ed & Kelly Pines



THE HOLY FAMILY MASS BOOK is open now for Mass Intentions for 2017. Mass Cards and Sanctuary Lights are available through the Church office. Please come in person, call or send your request in writing. The customary stipend is \$10 per Mass or Light. Please keep in mind that we are sometimes booked as many as three months in advance. Please call 252-9576 or come into the rectory to enter your requests for the coming year.

THOUGHT TO PONDER: When someone special enters your life unexpectedly, don't let them go, because they were probably brought into your life for a reason.

Due to the holiday, January 15th Financial Stewardship information is not available.

**ELECTRONIC GIVING FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER:****TOTAL: \$4,836.00**

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!

FAITH FORMATION OFFERTORY PROCESSION: This week-- 2nd Grade Faith Formation will have a Class Mass which includes performing some of the liturgical ministries as well as participating in the Offertory Procession at the 9 am Mass. Next week, Catholic School students, celebrating the beginning of Catholic Schools Week, will bring up the gifts.

FILL A BABY BOTTLE WITH "CHANGE FOR LIFE": Pregnancy Care Center of Cayuga County provides hope, compassion, love and material help for women (and men) of all ages who are facing an unplanned pregnancy. If you would like to help the Center be an instrument of God's blessings, please take a baby bottle this week from one of the tables at the church entrances and return it filled with your change, currency or check by February 26th. The collection box for the bottles will be near the steps in front of the statues of the Holy Family.

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.

OUR THANKS to Janet Trapani, PT for sponsoring our bulletin this week.

**THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS LADIES AUXILIARY COUNCIL**

#207 will be holding a Polish/Ukrainian Dinner on Sunday January 29, 2017 at the council building 47 Market St. from 12 noon until 4pm or until dinners are sold out. The dinner will include pigs in the blanket, pierogis, kapusta, kielbasa, rye bread and butter. The cost per dinner is \$12 and take outs are available. For more information call Sandy at 315-730-6549.

ALTAR SERVERS**Saturday, January 28**

4:30 pm H. Yorkey, M. Yorkey

Sunday, January 29

9:00 am A. Blair-Kinsella, T. Dennis, J. White

11:15 am E. Sbelgio, N. Sbelgio

LECTORS**Saturday, January 28**

4:30 pm A. Lane, C. Tomandl

Sunday, January 29

9:00 am John Paul II Academy Students

11:15 am St. Joseph & Tyburn Students

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**Saturday, January 28**

4:30 pm A. Lane, A. Seneca, C. Tomandl, H. Yorkey

Sunday, January 21

9:00 am P. Allen, C. Kinsella, S. Marullo, B. Tonzi

Nursing Home: P. Stolarow

11:15 am T. Nolan, S. Mills, M. Warter, S. Weldon



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.



HOLY FAMILY'S CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL (CMA): Our goal for 2016-17 is \$33,060.00. As of Tuesday, January 17, 153 of our 552 families have pledged \$22,115.00 which is 66.89% 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

WOULD YOU OR YOUR FAMILY BE INTERESTED IN BRINGING UP THE GIFTS AT MASS?

When a family places a request for a Mass Intention for a loved one they are offered the opportunity to assist in bringing up the gifts at that Mass. For many Masses no one is assigned to do this and the Ushers need to select parishioners for this prior to Mass. If at any time you or your family would like to assist bringing up the gifts, please speak to an Usher 15 minutes prior to the start of Mass to see if anyone has already been assigned. They would be more than happy to have you assist as needed. Thank you!

MOTHER TERESA said: "I can do things you cannot, you can do things I cannot, together we can do great things."

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 terrinnolan444@yahoo.com

OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Tuesday January 24

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

Thursday January 26

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

Saturday January 28

3:30 Confessions

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The heart of Sunday obligation is gratitude. The word Eucharist means "to give thanks." We gather each week because we are "much obliged" to God—for everything. This obligation is not an automatic response to someone who has performed a perfunctory service. We come together to "give thanks" to God, our Father who is the source of all life and creation, and to Jesus, God's Son who gave us eternal life through his death on the Cross, this is made present in every Mass as we participate again in Christ's death and Resurrection through the Eucharist. Each time we "attend Mass," we bring our lives, our very selves, to the Eucharist. We gather together as a community grateful to have each other as fellow pilgrims in faith and grateful to be nourished by the body and blood of Christ. Just as the relationships and obligations in families are nurtured and strengthened by intimacy and communion, so too does our participation in the Eucharist nurture and strengthen our relationship with the Trinity. Food nourishes our body in the same way that our participation in Holy Communion nourishes our spirit and unites us together as individuals and as a community in Christ. Acting on our Sunday obligation of being "much obliged" gives us reason to be "more obliged" in the most authentic sense of obligation. Hope and Peace, Fr. John

PREGNANCY CARE CENTER BABY NEEDS COLLECTION:

Tyburn Academy, 17 Clymer Street, and St. Joseph School, 89 E. Genesee Street, will collect items during school hours this week to donate to the Center. Most wanted items are: Baby clothes, sizes newborn – 4; winter coats, hats and mittens; diapers, sizes newborn to 6; wipes; cozy baby blankets, purchased or homemade; adult and baby hygiene items such as lotion, diaper rash cream, soap, etc.; small toys and stuffed animals.



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, 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.



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, January 17, 2017, we have received **\$166,552.52** in gifts and pledges! We are now at **56%** 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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