

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

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Fourteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

THE YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST

Our Bishop the Most Reverend Salvatore Matano declared “the year of the Eucharist” for the diocese of Rochester running from the Feast of Corpus Christi 2017 to Corpus Christi 2018 in preparation for the Sesquicentennial celebration (150 years). It is his hope that this year will bring a renewed devotion, dedication to the “great treasure we have, the gift of the Most Holy Eucharist and the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.” The bishop prays that his words in his pastoral letter “may be an occasion for a renewed love of Jesus present in the Blessed Sacrament and that those not regularly participating in the life of the Church will return home to the Father’s house. Throughout this Year of the Eucharist I plan to devote much of my writing to the mystery of the Holy Eucharist which, in the words of the Second Vatican Council, is called “the source and summit of the whole Christian life.” This simple and often- repeated description of the Eucharist should cause each of us to pause and consider the pre-eminence and splendor of this sacrament. The council teaches, as the Church has taught from the beginning, that the Eucharist is the very center and foundation of our lives as Catholics. Everything we do leads us to the Eucharist, which sacrament then empowers all we do as we strive to live lives worthy of our calling. My bulletin articles will also address the challenges posed by the pastoral letter of the Bishop.

The ‘Year of the Eucharist’ should also heighten our ‘standard of Christian living’ in ways we cannot imagine. How is the Eucharist connected to our daily lives, to our answering of His call to holiness? By the Eucharist, we are ‘fed’ and ‘enlightened,’ transformed as individuals into a clearer image of Christ. In turn, the Eucharist ‘leads us to a love for our neighbor, to a love for every human being’ (*Dominicae Cenae* 6). Draw near to Him throughout this coming year, and you will find Him anew!

The joy of being Catholic is in the Eucharist. The Most Holy Eucharist, also called Holy Mass, is the wellspring of Catholic life and its summit. The Catholic is, at every moment, caught up in one of three movements. Either one is on the way to church, giving witness to the Kingdom by preparing for the Sacred Banquet; or one is in church, participating fully, consciously, and actually in the Sacred Liturgy; or one is sent forth out of church into the world to bear witness to “that which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life” (1 John 1:1). The Church lives from Eucharist to Eucharist, amazed by the wonder of so great a gift, and awaiting her “blessed hope” (Titus 2:13), the return of Christ in glory. The Eucharistic life begins on the way to church. Go to church with a heart made ready for the Mystery. Begin at home by reading the texts appointed for the day’s Mass: first reading, responsorial psalm, second reading, and Gospel. Let the Word of God resonate in your heart; read the texts aloud, slowly, and with attention. Repeat the phrases that strike you. Let the Word itself become your prayer; send back to God the Word he has addressed to you. Then, for a few moments, remain in silence. Adore the God who has spoken to you. Ask Him to give you hunger for the “daily bread” (Luke 11:4) you will receive at Mass. Go to church with hunger and desire; you will not be sent away empty (cf. Luke 1:53). Faithful to his promise, God will fill you with good things (cf. Luke 1:53).

Give yourself enough time to get to church without becoming stressed. “I was glad when they said to me, “Let us go to the house of the Lord” (Ps 121:1). In our culture it has become increasingly difficult to recollect oneself, to pass from the noisy rush of life into the “adoring silence” that a worthy celebration of Mass requires. One should not have to pass abruptly from the parking lot into the church. Some parishes may want to create a “garden of silence” between the parking lot and the door of the church.

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Monday through
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Weekend Mass Schedule

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

Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:30 pm

Baptisms

By appointment.
Class July 19, 6:30pm
Call to register.

Marriages

By Appointment

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Sunday, July 9

9:00 am Teresa Foster - Family

11:15 am Jack & Irene Flaherty - Family

Monday July 10

12:15 pm Sara Jane Guinnip - Mary Warter

Tuesday, July 11

12:15 pm Don & Elaine Becker - Family

Wednesday, July 12

12:15 pm Lotty Szczepanski - Mary Warter

Thursday, July 13 NO MASS

Friday, July 14

12:15 pm Carol Day - Estate

Saturday, July 15

4:30 pm Joan E. Morgan - Family

Marion Regets - Deacon John & Carole Tomandl

Sunday, July 16

9:00 am Charles Mettler - Sandi & Family

11:15 am Edward J. & Eugenia Brown - Mary Catherine Rumsey



EMERGING CHURCHES: This week, our second collection will be for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Your donation today helps **restore the Church and build the future** in 20 countries, many of which still struggle to recover in the aftermath of Soviet rule. Funds from this collection help support reconstruction, education, formation, and poverty outreach. For more information, please visit , www.uscch.org/ceec.

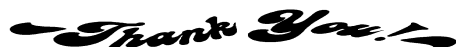
THOUGHT TO PONDER: When someone special enters your life unexpectedly, don't let them go, because they were probably brought into your life for a reason.



Nikolas Sanzotta and Angelina Barrows

THE FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP information for July 2nd and 9th will appear in the next bulletin due to the holiday.

Next week's second collection is for Visiting Missionary.



ELECTRONIC GIVING is one way of moving into the 21st century. We currently have 26 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 some thought and hope to hear from you soon. Thanks for listening. Sandi Mettler, Bookkeeper

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.

HOLY FAMILY PARISH PICNIC

SUNDAY, July 30, 2017

Come join us at the Auburn Correctional Recreational Facility for Mass at 11:15 am followed by our annual picnic. The parish will provide hamburgers, hotdogs, rolls, iced tea, lemonade and paper products. Please select what you would like to bring from the list below and drop it into the collection basket. Any questions, please contact Bill or Sandy Tonzi at 252-8441. Hope to see you there!

Potato/Macaroni Salad _____ Baked Beans _____

Fresh Fruit or Veggies _____ Snacks _____

Tossed Salad/Other _____ Dessert _____

Name _____

Number Attending _____

Can you help out? _____ Phone No: _____

Need a ride? _____ Phone No: _____

PARISH PICNIC RAFFLE TABLE: If anyone would like to donate a basket for our table, please e-mail Tara Simmonds at simmonds.tara@yahoo.com or contact her at home at 253-7131. Some ideas for the raffle items: movie basket, summer fun basket, arts and crafts, sports, cooking, etc. Thank you.

"MESSAGE TO HEAVEN" Holy Family's 1st Annual **"Message To Heaven"** fund raiser will take place on July 30th following the parish picnic. We will be launching Chinese paper lanterns with your very own personalized message to heaven to anyone you know is *"watching from above."* The cost of each lantern is \$5. You need not be present at the picnic to have your lantern launched. Lanterns are on sale at the back of the church or in the Rectory. And as always, Thank You for supporting Holy Family Church.

BEHIND THE SCENES AT HOLY FAMILY: Please remember to circle the date for our Parish picnic, July 30, on your calendar. The Parish picnic is a time to celebrate our faith and Parish community. After Mass, Parish Life Committee will be awarding their scholarship, there will be prizes to win at the raffle table and also the committee will be releasing Chinese paper lanterns. Have you purchased your "message" Chinese Paper Lantern? What message would you like God to read from you? Would it be a message of caring, hope, love, thanksgiving and/or peace? May your day be touched by a bit of Irish luck, brightened by a song in your heart, and warmed by the smiles of the people you love.



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, June 27, 2017, we have received **\$180,681.52** in gifts and pledges! We are now at **60%** 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!**

ALTAR SERVERS**Saturday, July 15**

4:30 pm C. Duffy, K. Duffy

Sunday, July 16

9:00 am W. Furnia, C. Liberatore, J. White

11:15 am E. Frechette, O. Frechette

LECTORS**Saturday, July 15**

4:30 pm S. Marullo, A. Lane

Sunday, July 16

9:00 am M. Liberatore, A. Bryant

11:15 am C. Scott, R. Nestor

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**Saturday, July 15**

4:30 pm A. Lane, M. Lavey, S. Marullo, P. Stolarow

Sunday, July 16

9:00 am A. Bryant, R. Bryant, D. Sikora, M. Warter

Nursing Home: H. Delaney

11:15 am D. Holmes, M. Lawson, K. Pines, B. Wilson

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 and let us find a way to put your time and talents to work for Holy Family Church.



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.

OUR THANKS to Brew Funeral Home, Inc. for sponsoring our bulletin this week.

OUR PARISH THIS WEEK**Tuesday, July 11**

10-11:00 am Clothes Closet - School

Thursday, July 13

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

Saturday, July 15

3:30 pm Confessions

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When you arrive at the door of your church, stop to take Holy Water with your right hand. Make the sign of the cross. Cross the threshold of the House of God deliberately and reverently. If the Blessed Sacrament is reserved in the sanctuary of the church, genuflect, bringing your right knee to the ground in an act of adoration. If the Blessed Sacrament is not reserved where you can see it, bow profoundly before the altar. Use the moments that remain to ready your heart for Holy Mass. Greet the Mother of God, the angels, and the saints represented in your church's holy images. The recovery of silence in church is the first step in fostering the "Eucharistic amazement" to which Saint Pope John Paul II called the Church of the New Millennium. Allowing Sunday Mass to become one thing among others on a weekend checklist leads to a loss of "Eucharistic amazement." Holy Mass is Sunday's central event. All other things are arranged around it. The absolute priority given to Sunday Mass is an irreplaceable witness to the Kingdom God. The beauty of Sunday Mass is an offering to God and a healing for the soul. The singing of priest, deacon, cantor, and people, the use of incense and lights, the sacred movement of bodies in worship, vesture in the appointed liturgical colors, the clear sound of the bell, the flowers that delight the eye and perfume the air — all these good things proclaim the splendor of the Mystery of Faith, each in its own way.

I invite all parishioners to make the holy Eucharist the center of all our evangelization efforts this year. May this year of the Eucharist help us discover Christ anew, adore him with greater devotion, and receive him more reverently in the greatest of gifts he has given us and the greatest of miracles he worked as he gave us his divine presence in the holy Eucharist. Fr. John

MISSIONARY COOPERATION APPEAL IS JULY 15/16: Every year during the summer months every parish in the Diocese of Rochester is expected to host a speaker from a mission congregation, lay mission organization or mission diocese. This is the Missionary Cooperation Plan Appeal (MCP) of the United States Catholic Church. The two-fold purpose of the plan is to provide opportunities for appeals for prayer and financial support from Catholics of the United States; and, to be educated about what is happening in the mission field today. **Our Missionary Cooperation Appeal is scheduled for the weekend July 15/16. Deacon Paul Bork, the Maryknoll's Eastern Director of Mission Education will speak at all the Masses. He will give our parishioners an opportunity to take part in the vital work of bringing Christ's name and Christ's message to all people. Paul has travelled to Maryknoll's missions across the globe from CHINA to HONG KONG, MEXICO and JAMAICA. While at the Parish, Deacon Paul will be happy to talk with any parishioners who are interested in doing overseas mission work as a Maryknoll's Priest, Sister, Brother or Lay Missioner.** There will be a second collection to support their continued success. Any of you who have looked at Maryknoll magazine over the years know of their strong commitment to justice and faith in the poorest parts of the world. As pastor, I humbly request that we warmly welcome Deacon Paul and also be generous in supporting Maryknoll mission work. I am a great admirer of Maryknoll and I strongly encourage your financial support. Fr. John

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