



HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

The Mother Church of Auburn

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July 16, 2017

Fifteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

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

For Saint Pope John Paul II the Holy Eucharist was the center of his life and it is the center of the Church. His devotion to the Eucharist was evident to those who were at Mass with him or who saw him during Eucharistic Adoration. At several occasions he profoundly expressed that he became a priest precisely because of the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist: "For me, the Mass constitutes the center of my life and my every day...nothing means more to me or gives me greater joy than to celebrate Mass each day and to serve God's people in the Church." It was then not a surprise given his great love for the Holy Eucharist, that in 2004 he announced the beginning of a Eucharistic Year in the Catholic Church, which began on Oct. 7 and culminated at the meeting of the Synod of Bishops in October 2005. The theme for that assembly was "The Eucharist: Source and Summit of the Life and Mission of the Church." In preparation to the "Year of the Eucharist" he released in 2003 the famous encyclical, *Ecclesia de Eucharistia, On the Eucharist in its relationship to the Church*. It is a rich, profound, and beautiful reflection on the theological connection between the Eucharist and the Church. It is an encyclical worth reading and praying with over and over again. He writes that "The Eucharist builds the Church and the Church makes the Eucharist." Each was founded by Christ with a view to the other. Unless there were a church, there would be no one to celebrate the Eucharist, but unless there were a Eucharist, the church would lack the supreme source of its vitality. The Church renews itself by continually returning to the sources of its own life. By immersing itself in the Eucharist it takes on the characteristics of that great mystery of faith. In a famous passage my great Saint Augustine depicts Christ saying, "I am your food, but instead of my being changed into you, it is you who will be transformed into me." In other words, this transformation means concretely that the ideas, attitudes and sentiments of pastors and faithful are remolded in the likeness of those of Jesus Christ as he gives himself to us in loving obedience to his Father's command. In this way the church becomes Eucharistic.

As we celebrate the Diocesan Year of the Eucharist, I would like to spend several weeks reviewing Saint Pope John Paul II Encyclical on the Church and the Eucharist! He called the year of the Eucharist with a deep consciousness that the Church was in dire need of renewal. Although it remains irrevocably holy in its divine head and in its apostolic heritage of faith, sacraments and ministry, the Church is sinful in its members and in constant need of being purified. Many of the faithful are ignorant of its teachings; some few defiantly reject them. Even the clergy are not exempt from grave and scandalous sins, as we have learned all too well in recent years. The Church can be renewed only by turning with ardent love to its Eucharistic Lord, asking to be fed on the Bread of Angels and refreshed from the wellsprings of salvation. In his own words Saint Pope John Paul II stated that he hoped the "Encyclical Letter will effectively help to banish the dark clouds of unacceptable doctrine and practice, so that the Eucharist will continue to shine forth in all its radiant mystery." His desire was to give every believer an organic reflection on the Eucharistic sacrifice that gathers within it the entire spiritual good of the Church. The encyclical's six chapters combine a profound meditation on the transcendence of the Eucharist with an appeal to all believers to reaffirm fundamental doctrine of the Mass.

The Holy Father had observed that there have been misleading "shadows" in the understanding of the Eucharist and he clearly enumerated them as follows: **"In some places the practice of Eucharistic adoration has been almost completely abandoned"; "In various parts of the Church abuses have occurred, leading to confusion with regard to sound faith and Catholic doctrine concerning this wonderful sacrament"; "An extremely reductive understanding of the Eucharistic Mystery.**

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Sunday, July 16

9:00 am Charles Mettler - Sandi & Family
 11:15 am Edward J. & Eugenia Brown - Mary Catherine Rumsey

Monday July 17

12:15 pm Alice Shaw - Chery Foster

Tuesday, July 18

12:15 pm Betty & Mike Fromel - Betty Jane Festa

Wednesday, July 19

12:15 pm Jack Hogan - Family

Thursday, July 20 NO MASS

Friday, July 21

12:15 pm Helen Walsh Ditton - Estate

Saturday, July 22

4:30 pm Joseph & John Carberry - Family
 Jack Speed - Sister
 Sophia & Charles Mulvany - Mr. & Mrs. Albert Nicolella



Sunday, July 23

9:00 am Vick Petruzzi - Pat & Jennifer Furnia
 11:15 am Robert Foster - Diane, Debra, & Lisa

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

	<u>7/2/2017</u>	<u>7/9/2017</u>
Attendance	407	430
No. of Envelopes Used	226	251
Regular Collection	\$4,276	\$4,912
St. Joseph's School	\$511	\$179
Fuel/Heat	\$155	\$88
Roof	\$314	\$352
Peter's Pence	\$33	\$8
Visiting Mission	\$22	\$138
Diocesan Mission		\$21
Emerging Churches	\$5	\$462
Catholic Campaign	\$5	



ELECTRONIC GIVING is happy to report we have gained the trust of another Parishioner! We are now up to 26 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.

BLESSING OF COLLEGE BOUND STUDENTS: Please send the names of students bound for college in the fall that you wish to be included in a bulletin announcement and in our prayers at Mass the weekend of August 19 & 20. Send names to Nancy Smith by August 7 via mail, collection basket, email (nancy.smith@dor.org) or phone.

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: _____

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 \$180,681.00 (60%) 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!

OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Tuesday, July 18
 10-11:00 am Clothes Closet - School
Thursday, July 20
 6:00 - 7:00 pm Clothes Closet - School
Saturday, July 22
 3:30 pm Confessions

ALTAR SERVERS**Saturday, July 22**

4:30 pm H. Yorkey, M. Yorkey

Sunday, July 23

9:00 am T. Dennis, J. Siddall, E. Trupiano

11:15 am L. Mosley, E. Sbelgio, N. Sbelgio

LECTORS**Saturday, July 22**

4:30 pm A. Seneca, S. Marullo

Sunday, July 23

9:00 am S. Nedza, S. Weldon

11:15 am J. Kearse, J. Renahan

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**Saturday, July 22**

4:30 pm M. Lavey, S. Marullo, A. Seneca, H. Yorkey

Sunday, July 23

9:00 am C. Siddall, P. Stolarow, B. Tonzi, S. Weldon

Nursing Home: P. Stolarow

11:15 am S. Dec, S. Mills, T. Nolan, E. Petrosino

BEHIND THE SCENES AT HOLY FAMILY: Do you ever think about how all the activities, events and needs are filled here at Holy Family? Who here carries out the Corporal works of Mercy? Who feeds the hungry, gives water to the thirsty, clothes the naked, shelters the homeless, visits the sick, visits the imprisoned and buries the dead. It is Father John and YOU! Without your volunteering your time and spirit of caring to our Parish, all that is accomplished here could not be done. Think about it, there are volunteers serving God's people through: Lunches with Love, the Clothes Closet, donating school supplies and food items to our Grocery Bag collection for the Cayuga Seneca Counties Action Agency, bringing the Eucharist to the sick and homebound, Funeral Ministers, the Ushers, Monday Morning counters, members who serve on all the Parish Committees, those of you who volunteer to beautify the Church's grounds and decorate for the Liturgies, organize the Parish Picnic and Fundraisers. You are the "Life Blood" of Holy Family! If you do not now volunteer and would like to, please call the office (315-252-9576) or tell a volunteer. If you are unable to volunteer, please continue to pray for our Parish and all who serve in these Ministries. Thank you and God's Blessings to all!



Nikolas Sanzotta and Angelina Barrows

"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.

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.

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Stripped of its sacrificial meaning, it is celebrated as if it were simply a fraternal banquet." "The ministerial priesthood is at times obscured and the sacramental nature of the Eucharist is reduced to its mere effectiveness as a form of proclamation"; some ecumenical initiatives "indulge in Eucharistic practices contrary to the discipline by which the Church expresses her faith". I grieve when the Eucharist is not celebrated devoutly and abuses are so evident. The Eucharist is too great a gift to tolerate ambiguity and depreciation. It is my hope that our Year of the Eucharist, inspired by the words of Saint John Paul II and the Most Reverend Bishop Matano will effectively help to banish the dark clouds of unacceptable doctrine and practice, so that the Eucharist will continue to shine forth in all its radiant mystery.

In the concluding chapter, Pope John Paul invites us to learn from the Blessed Mother in his emphasizing the significance of the "Woman of the Eucharist", Mary, and offers a compelling image of the Virgin as "the first tabernacle" that contained the Body of Christ. The Church's greatest love, devotion, and respect for women is seen through 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."* 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 this 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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