



# HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

## The Mother Church of Auburn

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**July 23, 2017**

**Sixteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time**

### Parish Office

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### Office Hours

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

### Pastor Ext. 10

Fr. John Gathenya

### Secretary Ext. 14

Karen Brennan

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### Pastoral Minister

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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.

Call to register.

### Marriages

By Appointment

[auburnholymfamily.org](http://auburnholymfamily.org)

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### The Eucharist and Parish Picnic – July 30, 2017: Parish Family Celebration

No one can encounter the living God and remain the same. And no person transformed profoundly by an encounter with God can continue to interact with others just as before. As the Eucharist affects the life of the individual, it thereby affects the broader community. We believe that the Eucharist has the power to open hearts, change minds, forgive sins, heal broken lives, dissolve separation, transform beings, and create conscious union. Beyond doubt, it is an unbroken transmission of God's love for us and Presence with and within us. You are what you eat. As we take in the Body of Christ, we become the Body of Christ. This is true at the material and the mystical levels of existence. *Receive what you are to become* (St. Augustine). So when Christ takes the bread, breaks it, shares it, tells his disciples that the bread is his body and that they should "do this in remembrance" of him, he speaks of a way of living in which his followers' bodies, like his, are to be gifts for the nourishment of others. Such bodies are Eucharistic: the spirit that moves them is one of concern for the nourishment of others. Therefore, a truly Eucharistic community cannot be "closed in upon itself", but rather the Eucharist challenges us to recognize our place within a community and the human family. Second, the Eucharist is a sign of our incomparable dignity as human persons. This dignity, given to all equally, regardless of our social or economic status or where we come from (Jas 2:1-9), causes us to recognize "what value each person, our brother or sister, has in God's eyes, if Christ offers Himself equally to each one of us. If our Eucharistic worship is authentic, it must make us grow in awareness of the dignity of each person. Third, the celebration of the Eucharist is insincere if there are divisions within the community based on class (1 Cor 11), status, or privilege (Rom 12), or if there are factions within the community (1 Cor 1). Partaking in the Sacrament as equals in the Body of Christ challenges us to unity as one family. These forms of celebration can be well witnessed and professed in many ways but particularly in a Parish Picnic set up. By virtue of the Eucharist, we have become a loving, caring, compassionate Eucharistic Community of Holy Family.

**Be our guests at Holy Family annual picnic and enjoy beautiful Auburn Correctional Recreational Facility, Sunday, July 30. The picnic will begin with Mass at 11.15 a.m. under the shade overlooking a charming and beautiful country scenario.** It's a change of scenery as Mass is always inside the building. It's beautiful out there and kids will be running around. It gives an opportunity for the parish to be social and not just see each other sitting in church every week. You can come out and talk and socialize. After receiving nourishment from the Bread of Life at Mass, attendees will get the chance to treat their taste buds to a delicious lunch. The parish will provide hamburgers, hotdogs, rolls, iced tea, lemonade and paper products. "Fun" is also one of the main reasons the picnic has taken place at the parish for over 20 years! Anyone and everyone is welcome to get involved in helping out with the picnic, and there is plenty to do, a dish-to-pass, from setting up to taking down and everything in between. And when it all comes together, the picnic is more than worth the effort.

It is always a great time of fun, fellowship and enjoyment. It is a time to reconnect with our fellow parish. The picnic always reminds me about the **original version of the parish picnic**- the generosity of God shown in the feeding of the five thousand on five loaves of bread and two fish, and more important in the gift of his Son as we break the bread of the Eucharist together. The Parish Picnic is a parish-unifying event which promotes Christian fellowship and service. As faith-filled stewards, we offer our time and talent to create an environment of enjoyment, camaraderie and safety throughout the parish picnic.

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**Sunday, July 23**

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

**Monday July 24**

12:15 pm Betty Walsh - Linda Carr

**Tuesday, July 25**

12:15 pm Thomas Marullo - Patty

**Wednesday, July 26**

12:15 pm Betty Walsh - Clara Walsh

**Thursday, July 27 NO MASS**

**Friday, July 28**

12:15 pm Carl & Charlotte Porten - Estate

**Saturday, July 29**

4:30 pm Stanley Fritz - Family  
 Paul & Mary Conaughty - Family  
 Lawrence & Josephine Kenna - Family  
 Wanda & John Casper & Pat & Steve Nemeth - Family

**Sunday, July 30**

9:00 am Gerard Shippey - Holy Family Bereavement Committee  
 11:15 am Mel Brown - Estate



**SEND NAMES FOR THE 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](mailto:nancy.smith@dor.org)) or phone.

**ANSWER:** A stamp



Nikolas Sanzotta and Angelina Barrows

**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: \_\_\_\_\_

**FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP**

**7/16/2017**

Attendance	396
No. of Envelopes Used	242
Regular Collection	\$3,960
St. Joseph's School	\$40
Fuel/Heat	\$62
Roof	\$185
Peter's Pence	\$10
Visiting Missionary	\$1,440
Emerging Churches	\$13

**ELECTRONIC GIVING** for the month of June was \$4,603.00.



**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.



**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 \$180,856.00 (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!

**ALTAR SERVERS****Saturday, July 29**

4:30 pm C. Duffy, K. Duffy

**Sunday, July 30**

9:00 am A. Blair-Kinsella, W. Furnia

11:15 am At Parish Picnic Grounds

**LECTORS****Saturday, July 29**

4:30 pm A. Lane, S. Marullo

**Sunday, July 30**

9:00 am E. Nolan, S. Nedza

11:15 am R. Nestor, J. Kearse

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS****Saturday, July 29**

4:30 pm G. Bennet, A. Lane, J. Madden, D. Walsh

**Sunday, July 30**

9:00 am P. Allen, C. Kinsella, D. Sikora, T. Yoensky

Nursing Home: T. Yoensky

11:15 am D. Holmes, M. Lawson, S. Mills, K. Pines

**BEHIND THE SCENES AT HOLY FAMILY:** Have you made your reservations to attend our Parish Picnic, July 30? Hopefully you have! Our Parish Picnic is a time of both spiritual and social renewal. The outdoor setting for Mass is unique. One has the feeling of closeness with God's creation, even if the weather does not cooperate. One sees, hears and feels the beauty of nature while together we celebrate Mass. After Mass we enjoy a time to eat and visit with members of our Parish Community. We may see these people every weekend at Mass or just once a year at our Picnic but this setting gives us a chance to visit and share our Community spirit. If you have regularly attended our Parish Picnic you know this feeling of Holy Family Spirit. If this will be your first time attending, come and experience this feeling! Have you asked a friend if he/she would like to attend the Picnic? Can you give someone a ride? See you there, July 30 at 11:15am Auburn Correctional Recreational Facility on Franklin Street Road. God's Blessing and Guidance to you all.



**FUNNY QUESTION:** What stays in a corner, but goes around the world? (Find the answer in this Bulletin)

**OUR THANKS** to White Chapel Funeral Home, Inc.. for sponsoring our bulletin this week.

**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.

**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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The parish picnic also offers an important opportunity to evangelize---that is, to give witness to the beliefs and the gospel values we deeply cherish especially that we all **the living body of Christ and each and everyone, big or small, poor or rich, young or older, have a special place and role in building and nurturing it so that it may become the sacred space of acceptance, care, welcome, loving, forgiving and above all a place of celebration.** Our annual picnic has become a great way for many families to build lasting friendships among fellow parishioners. In the last several picnics I have met new neighbors, who have actually wandered into the picnic as their first experience of our parish, and decided that this was going to be their parish home. That atmosphere is something we do very well. Holy Family has always been welcoming to all. To those parishioners who make it a point to introduce themselves to strangers and visitors and share your table and your time, I hope you know that you are doing something very important. You are living the faith, celebrating our tradition, and laying the foundation for our parish's future. **No matter what your** present status in the Catholic Church, **No matter what your** current family or marital situation, **No matter what your** current personal history, age, background, race, etc. **No matter what your** own self-image - You are invited, welcomed, accepted, loved and respected here at Church of Holy Family. We are here to welcome and serve you. We look forward to seeing you. May God continue to bless us and be with us in this and every other parish activity throughout the year. Whether you have lived here for years or have just arrived, our parish picnic is A WONDERFUL WAY FOR YOU TO MEET NEW PEOPLE and to develop personal ties that are so important for parish life. Working for the success of our picnic and participating in this coming Sunday's activities will give you A GREAT SENSE OF PRIDE AND ENJOYMENT about being a member of Holy Family Parish. God bless you and your family, Fr. John



**KNEELING DURING MASS:** Our Bishop, the Most Reverend Salvatore Matano wrote in his pastoral letter that "as a prescribed act of reverence during and continuing after this Year of the Eucharist, I am asking that, where possible (according to existing accommodations for sitting and kneeling), we renew and observe the prescription stated in the General Instruction of the Roman Missal, which reads: **"In the Dioceses of the United States of America [the faithful] should kneel after the singing or recitation of the Sanctus ("Holy, Holy, Holy") until after the Amen of the Eucharistic Prayer..."** and that **"The faithful kneel after the Agnus Dei ("Lamb of God")..."**" (General Instruction of the Roman Missal, no. 43). This normative practice of kneeling truly is a humble manifestation of our reverence before the One whom we are soon to receive. This solemn time of prayer prepares us interiorly to receive the Christ of the Eucharist as Saint John the Baptist's proclamation, "Behold the Lamb of God."

**OUR PARISH THIS WEEK****Tuesday , July 25**

10-11:00 am Clothes Closet - School

**Thursday, July 27**

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

**Saturday, July 29**

3:30 pm Confessions

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