



HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

The Mother Church of Auburn

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March 12, 2017

Second Sunday of Lent

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Monday through
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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
March 15th, 6:30pm;
Call to register.

Marriages

By Appointment

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

My Dear Parishioner,

With deep joy and gratitude, I extend to you my prayerful best wishes during this Lenten Season and I am glad for your belongingness to the community of Holy Family as your spiritual home. Lent is an appropriate time for us to walk-through together our sense and journey of Stewardship in our community. Saint Ignatius of Loyola offered us these words of wisdom, which seem particularly relevant to us in this season. "He who goes about to reform the world must begin with himself, or he loses his labor." A Christian steward is by nature a reformer. We attempt to live our lives in a way that makes the world a better place. We contribute to charities that we believe in. We build up our Catholic parishes so that they might shine the light of truth into our weary world. We work to alleviate poverty and injustice.

As your pastor, I find myself asking you in writing to support our Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA) share to the diocese. To date, 155 of our 552 (28%) parish households have responded to the Appeal. Thank you! However, we need the support of **every** member of Holy Family if we are to be successful in reaching our parish goal of \$33,060. So far we are running short of our **mandatory** goal by \$10,815. **If you have not yet made your commitment, please consider a donation of \$30 to enable us to reach our goal.** This is not just for the attainment of a monetary goal, but to demonstrate our willingness as a parish community, to help those in need and strengthen the life and vitality of our Church. I am pleased to share that, last year, for the first time in the over five years we had a record number of 258 households participate which is 46.7% of our total number! On the level of community participation we ranked among the top ten parishes in the diocese. And we exceeded our goal of \$34,668.00 by 101.5% [35,188.00] This was more important to me than the monetary figure as it demonstrated that we are growing aware of our collective responsibility and embracing ownership of our church in its growth and development.

Please note, **this is a mandatory rather than voluntary goal** and hence any shortfall is drawn from our depleting saving account, thereby, seriously hurting our operational income. **This is our shared responsibility: I am asking all registered parishioners to consider prayerfully how they might share this responsibility and also participate in planning the future of the Church of Holy Family, especially its financial stability.**

If you are registered but not active in your financial contribution, then the burden is shouldered by a small percentage of our congregation. Yet, your count was considered in the diocesan assessment on both the CMA and Catholic Courier goal. Certainly every parishioner needs to be supporting their parish financially. **If you do not contribute, the parish would simply be unable to continue its ministries and operation.** Because everyone who is a parishioner benefits from some element of the parish, **it is unfair for some people to bear all of the financial burden.** It is my hope that all our registered families and good friends of the Church of Holy Family will embrace this opportunity to join us in our CMA journey and struggle. **Once again...failure for us to reach our mandatory goal by May 31 only means that the difference is paid out of our shrinking savings.**

If you are a newly registered parishioner or if you didn't receive a mailing, extra copies of the brochure and pledge forms are available **at each entry of the Church or call the parish office at 315-252-9576**. Please return your CMA pledge card to the Diocese or place it in the weekly collection basket.

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Sunday, March 12

9:00 am William Foster - Family
 11:15 am Jack & Irene Flaherty - Family

Monday, March 13

12:15 pm Harriet Gamache - Woodwards & Tom

Tuesday, March 14

10:30 am Mass at Auburn Nursing Home
 12:15 pm The William E. Bouley Family - Estate

Wednesday, March 15

10:00 am Mass at Northbrook Heights
 12:15 pm Reverend Joseph T. Jaynor - Estate

Thursday, March 16 NO MASS

Friday, March 17

10:00 Mass for St. Patrick's Day - Ancient Order of Hibernians
 12:15 pm Myron Mosley - Estate

Saturday, March 18

4:30 pm Joseph & John Carberry - Family
 Ann Drancsak Gallagher - Family
 Jack Hogan - Family

Sunday, March 19

9:00 am Teresa Foster - Family
 11:15 am Margherita Fiermonte - Family



FAITH FORMATION OFFERTORY PROCESSION this week-- 5th Grade Faith Formation will have a Class Mass at the 9 am Mass which includes performing some of the liturgical ministries as well as participating in the Offertory Procession. Next week, 4th Grade Faith Formation will have their Class Mass.

PREPARATION SESSIONS FOR FIRST PENANCE AND FIRST EUCHARIST: Preparation session today at 10 am for students in Room 16 in the school.

LITURGY COMMITTEE AND MINISTRY LEADERS MEETING: Monday, March 20, at 7 pm in the rectory to plan for Holy Week.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS: Sign-up sheets for the Triduum (Holy Thursday to Easter, April 13th to 16th) are in the sacristy. Please sign up by April 2nd.

THOUGHT TO PONDER: "To whom much is given, much is expected."

ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL \$100 RAFFLE! Tickets are now on sale **CASH ONLY** with 11 chances to win, including the grand prize of \$5000. The Drawing is Sunday, May 21st and the \$500 Early Bird Drawing is May 11th. For more information please call the school at 253-8327. Thank you for your ongoing support of St. Joseph School!

JOIN US for the Movie **Ignatius of Loyola** on the big screen. Tickets are \$6 and presale only. On sale at the Rectory and at Mass. Saturday, **April 1, 2017 at 11am** at TRACK Cinema. Catch the preview at www.ignatiusmovie.com

FOOD PANTRY DONATION FOR MARCH: Pasta, dried beans and powdered milk.



PANCAKE BREAKFAST sponsored by John Paul II Academy, Sunday, March 12th from 9am-1pm at Holy Family Gym.

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday, March 18

4:30 pm C. Duffy, K. Duffy

Sunday, March 19

9:00 am W. Furnia, G. Gorney, C. Liberatore
 11:15 am E. Frechette, O. Frechette, L. Mosley

LECTORS

Saturday, March 18

4:30 pm A. Seneca, B. Ringwood

Sunday, March 19

9:00 am M. Liberatore, P. Ferrari, 4th Grade Prayers
 11:15 am J. Kearse, R. Nestor

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday, March 18

4:30 pm M. Lavey, A. Seneca, P. Stolarow, D. Walsh

Sunday, March 19

9:00 am S. Marullo, C. Siddall, D. Sikora, B. Tonzi
 Nursing Home: S. Marullo
 11:15 am D. Holmes, M. Lawson, K. Pines, B. Wilson



FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

	<u>3/5/2017</u>	<u>Ash Wed 3/1/17</u>
Attendance	402	307
No. of Envelopes Used	296	59
Regular Collection	\$4,477	\$1,396
St. Joseph's School	\$421	
Fuel/Heat	\$314	
Roof	\$367	
Catholic Courier	\$18	
Initial Offering	\$8	
Black Nat. Amer. Hisp	\$712	

THOUGHT TO PONDER "No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted." Aesop

THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be Friday, March 17th at St. Alphonsus Church at 12:00pm and 7:00pm.

OUR THANKS to Home Security Team for sponsoring our bulletin this week.

God Bless you for your generosity. Your support is needed and greatly appreciated.



ELECTRONIC GIVING: Currently we have 24 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!

2017 NOTRE DAME RETREATS: The theme for this year is: "Prayer: God is talking. Are you listening?" Is God calling you to get away for a weekend with him? You have a great opportunity to have a life changing spiritual experience.

Couple's retreats: June 2-4

Auburn area Women's retreat weekend March 31 – April 2. Other weekends are open if you cannot attend one of these! For more information you can call Pat Cleaver at 315-406-4238 or the Notre Dame Retreat house office at 585-394-5700, e-mail ndlynch@rochester.rr.com.



Jacob Griffin and Trisha Pike

HOLY FAMILY PARISH LIFE COMMITTEE will be holding its annual Family Fun Day April 29, 2017 in our Gym. Committee members will be selling Raffle Tickets for a chance to win 1st prize \$1000.00, 2nd prize \$500.00 and 3rd prize \$250.00, after weekend Masses March 18/19, March 25/26 and April 1/2 and April 22/23. You can also purchase tickets from committee members and at the Rectory. Please remember New York law requires when purchasing tickets it is cash only. More information about this fundraiser will be coming. Thank you



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, March 7, 2017, we have received **\$173,671.52** in gifts and pledges! We are now at **58%** 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!**



A SANCTUARY LAMP will burn this week in memory of the Barron Family requested by the family.

HOLY FAMILY POT LUCK SUPPER will be held in the gym on Saturday, March 25th after the 4:30 pm Mass. Please bring a dish to pass and enjoy the evening with your Holy Family friends.



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



A SANCTUARY LAMP will burn this week in memory of the Delaney Family requested by the family.

LENTEN BOOK TALK "Resisting Happiness." Join us, we will be discussing Chapters 13-25 at the Holy Family School from 7-8pm on **Monday March 13**. Come and share your thoughts with friends.

OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Monday, March 13

7:00 - 8:00pm - Lenten Book Club - School

Tuesday, March 14

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

Thursday, March 16

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

Saturday, March 18

3:30 pm Confessions

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If it is easier for you to make your gift online, you can visit the CMA website at <http://www.dor.org/> and check **Give-On-Line**. Make sure that Holy Family, Auburn #204 receives the credit for your pledge to go against our goal. **If you can help your parish in this endeavor, 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 our difference in the Appeal.

We need all households and families to participate. Also please pray for the success of this appeal and please respond generously Thank you all for that you've done to help make our parish a vibrant faith community. Your presence and support are critical and most appreciated. ***No matter how large or small our contribution may be, we can, with this one gesture, both strengthen our faith and help others experience the same love of God that has blessed our lives.*** Thanks for your generosity and mutual support.

Sincerely yours in Christ, Fr. John

DISPENSATION GRANTED FOR ST. PATRICK'S DAY. On Friday, March 17th, 2017, we celebrate the Commemoration of St. Patrick's Day. In accordance with canon 87,1 Code of Canon Law and noting the many celebrations that will occur on that day, hereby grant a dispensation from abstinence to all the faithful of the Diocese of Rochester.



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, 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, TSgt Diana O'Connor USAF.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE HOLY FAMILLY 7/8 CYO BASKETBALL TEAM, coached by Jeff Dolan & Joe Tardif, who won the 7/8 playoff championship game for the second year in a row! They won in double overtime with a score of 62-56!!

2017 ROCHESTER DIOCESE WOMEN'S CONFERENCE: Holy Family Women are invited to attend "A Morning with Immaculee" on Saturday, March 18, 2017 at The Aquinas Institute, 1127 Dewey Avenue, Rochester, NY 14613. Registration and further information can be found at: <http://rochesterwc.org/2017>. If you are interested in attending sign up early, the conference sells out quickly.

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