



# HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

## The Mother Church of Auburn

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**March 19, 2017**

**Third Sunday of Lent**

### Holy Family Adult Faith Formation

After laying the groundwork over the past year, we are blessed to have an adult faith formation team in place here at Holy Family. Presently, the team consists of four people Pat Cleaver, Liza Kelly, Julianne Dennis, and Barbara Quinn including ex-officio members Fr. John Gathenya, Pastor and Nancy Smith, Religious Education Coordinator. Along the way we have shared our hopes and dreams for adult faith formation at the parish especially the main tasks of catechesis (knowledge of faith) and evangelization. Among the hopes and dreams includes: **a need to pay more attention to adults; adults need more opportunities for spiritual growth; a need to get people engaged and on fire for Christ; a need to invite people to know the Lord; a great need to mingle with other adults who want to grow in faith; a need to reach out and invite people; a desire to get other people's perspectives on things; a need to connect our faith to everyday living; a need to creating a culture not just offering a program.** We are so much in line and conformity with the U.S. Bishops who in 1999 published a Pastoral Plan for Adult Faith Formation called "*Our Hearts Were Burning Within Us*." In the Introduction, they stated: "We seek to form parishes that are vitally alive in faith. These communities will provide a parish climate and an array of activities and resources designed to help adults more fully understand and live their faith"; holiness of life (deepening of relationship with Christ in everyday life), active participation in the Christian community, and service of God and neighbor. They identified six dimensions of adult faith each of which they described as "a fundamental aspect of Christian life and a foundational content area for adult faith formation." Those dimensions are: knowledge of the faith, liturgical life, moral formation, prayer, communal life, and outreach/social action.

Therefore, the Purpose of Holy Family Adult Faith Formation Team is to develop a multifaceted approach to adult faith formation by identifying, creating, and offering a variety of adult resources and opportunities. Working with the Pastor and Nancy Smith, the team is responsible for coordinating the establishment of a context for adult learning, and planning activities for specific programs. Its role is consultation, planning, and program implementation for adult faith formation in the parish. The Team plan, execute, and evaluate adult learning opportunities that respond to the needs of the parish community. In addition the team coordinates its efforts with those of other parish ministries. Very important to me as the pastor is the team's efforts to work with other individuals and groups within the parish to create a climate conducive to adult faith formation. This task is to sustain and deepen the faith community of the parish that motivates adults to grow in an understanding of their faith. It also involves the attempt to establish a climate for growth that puts people at ease and invites them to share with others from their experience. The team is always open to those parishioners who are interested in giving form to the vision of building the parish as a living, caring faith community and are ready to provide parishioners with opportunities and resources to deepen their knowledge of the faith, participation in the liturgy, moral formation, prayer, communal life, and missionary spirit. Programs coordinated by the adult faith formation team until now include small group Bible Studies, book clubs, lecture series by Dynamic Catholic under the leadership of Matthew Kelly, retreats, and other opportunities for growth in faith.

**The three major goals guide and direct efforts in adult faith formation includes:** First, faith formation helps adults "to acquire an attitude of *conversion to the Lord*." This attitude fosters a baptismal spirituality for adults. It leads them to recognize and repent of sin in their hearts and lives, to seek reconciliation through the sacraments, and to embrace the invitation and challenge of an ever deepening faith in Jesus. It means putting on the mind of Christ, trusting in the Father's love, obeying God's will, seeking holiness of life, and growing in love for others.

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#### Parish Office

315-252-9576

#### Office Hours

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

#### Pastor Ext. 10

Fr. John Gathenya

#### Secretary Ext. 14

Karen Brennan

#### Faith Formation

#### Ext. 16

Nancy Smith

#### Bookkeeper Ext. 13

Sandi Mettler

#### Pastoral Minister

#### Ext. 15

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

**Sunday, March 19**

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

**Monday, March 20**

12:15 pm Richard M. Walsh - Family

**Tuesday, March 21**

12:15 pm Michael Evangelista - Mary & Charlie

**Wednesday, March 22**

10:30 am Mass at Fingerlakes Center  
 12:15 pm Joseph J. Janusz - Lorraine & Donald Arliss

**Thursday, March 23 NO MASS**

**Friday, March 24**

12:15 pm Rev. Conrad Sundholm - HF Parish Life Committee

**Saturday, March 25**

4:30 pm Anthony Ursillo - Richard & Maria White  
 Yolanda Mochler - Jim & Agnes Mochler  
 William Moran - Jim & Agnes Mochler

**Sunday, March 26**

9:00 am Jane S. Tabone - Tom Patterson  
 11:15 am Peter & Lois Riester - Estate



**FAITH FORMATION OFFERTORY PROCESSION** this week-- 4<sup>th</sup>

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, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Faith Formation will bring up the gifts.

**PREPARATION SESSIONS FOR FIRST PENANCE AND FIRST EUCHARIST:**

Preparation session today at 10 am for parents in Room 22 and 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 13<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup>) are in the sacristy. Please sign up by April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**CIRCLE OF FRIENDS BACKPACK COLLECTION:**

Ethan Trupiano, for his Confirmation service project, is working with Deacon Carges' Circle of Friends. This organization is working closely with the severely overcrowded Davis Primary School in Jamaica, remodeling, updating and adding new classrooms. The principal of Davis Primary has requested backpacks for their students. Ethan will be collecting backpacks through April 9<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to help, please place your donation in the box at the front entrance to the church.

**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 315-253-8327. Thank you for your ongoing support of St. Joseph School!

**THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS** will be Friday, March 24th at St. Francis Church at 12:00pm and 7:00pm.

**ALTAR SERVERS**

**Saturday, March 25**

4:30 pm H. Yorkey, M. Yorkey

**Sunday, March 26**

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

11:15 am E. Sbelgio, N. Sbelgio

**LECTORS**

**Saturday, March 25**

4:30 pm A. Lane, A. Seneca

**Sunday, March 26**

9:00 am E. Nolan, R. White

11:15 am S. Weldon, J. Renahan

**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

**Saturday, March 25**

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

**Sunday, March 26**

9:00 am P. Allen, C. Kinsella, M. Lavey, M. Warter

Nursing Home: M. Warter

11:15 am S. Dec, S. Mills, T. Nolan, S. Weldon



**FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP**

**3/12/2017**

Attendance	334
No. of Envelopes Used	225
Regular Collection	\$4,359
St. Joseph's School	\$349
Fuel/Heat	\$151
Roof	\$1,277
Black Nat. Amer. Hisp	\$46
Easter	\$4
Catholic Relief	\$9
Easter Flowers	\$43
Ash Wednesday	\$57
Holy Land	\$46

**ELECTRONIC GIVING FOR THE MONTH OF February:**

**TOTAL: \$3,792.00**



**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 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!



### **HOLY FAMILY'S CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL**

**(CMA): Our goal for 2016-17 is \$33,060.00. As of Tuesday, March 07, 155 of our 552 families have pledged \$22,245.00 which is 67.29% 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

**MARK THIS DATE**



**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 1<sup>st</sup> prize \$1000.00, 2<sup>nd</sup> prize \$500.00 and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

**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](http://www.ignatiusmovie.com)

**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.



**A SANCTUARY LAMP** will burn this week in thanksgiving to St. Jude for prayers answered, requested by Marilyn O'Connor.

**OUR THANKS** to Farrell's Funeral Service, Inc. for sponsoring our bulletin this week.

**LENTEN BOOK TALK *Resisting Happiness*.** Join us, we will be discussing Chapters 26-37 at the Holy Family School from 7-8pm on **Monday March 20**. Come and share your thoughts with friends.

#### **OUR PARISH THIS WEEK**

##### **Monday, March 20**

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

##### **Tuesday, March 21**

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

##### **Thursday, March 23**

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

##### **Saturday, March 25**

3:30 pm Confessions

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Deepening personal prayer is a significant means toward growth in holiness in daily life. Second, faith formation helps adults make "a conscious and firm decision to live the gift and choice of faith through *membership in the Christian community*," accepting "co-responsibility for the community's mission and internal life." Adults not only receive the ministries of the Christian community, they also contribute to its life and mission through the generous stewardship of their gifts. Third, the Church and its adult faithful have a *mission in and to the world*: to share the message of Christ to renew and to transform the social and temporal order. This dual calling to evangelization and justice is integral to the identity of the lay faithful; all are called to it in baptism. Accordingly, faith formation seeks to help each adult believer become "more willing and able to be a *Christian disciple in the world*." As salt of the earth and light for the world (cf. Mt 5:13-16), adult disciples give witness to God's love and caring will so that, in the power of the Spirit, they renew the face of the earth.

I am convinced that the energy and resources we devote to adult faith formation will strengthen and invigorate all the charisms that adults receive and the activities they undertake, in the Church to serve the Gospel of Christ and the people of today. Every Church ministry will be energized through a dynamic ministry of adult catechesis. Also, adult faith formation also benefits children and youth. An adult community whose faith is well-formed and lively will more effectively pass that faith on to the next generation. Moreover, the witness of adults actively continuing their own formation shows children and youth that growth in faith is lifelong and does not end upon reaching adulthood. I am glad that we have an adult faith formation team in our parish. Let us give them our maximum support. Peace and Hope, Fr. John



#### **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 14, 2017, we have received **\$174,948.52** 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!**



**ANNUAL CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION:** Next weekend, March 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, our parish will join with Catholic parishes across the Diocese and country to take up the annual Catholic Relief Services Collection. Our offerings provide basic operating funds for Catholic Relief Services, the Holy Father's Relief Fund and the U.S. Catholic Church's other global social ministries, and, offers us a way to be merciful and generous to the poorest, vulnerable brothers and sisters around the world.

**THE "LIVING FAITH DAILY CATHOLIC DEVOTIONS"** booklet is available at the entrances of the church for a suggested donation of \$1.00, which can be placed in the envelope in the basket. These devotions contain a highlighted passage from the bible, a reflection and the scripture readings for the day. The booklet is published quarterly. Please pass the word. Maybe there is someone else you know who would benefit from this daily reflection!

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