



HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

The Mother Church of Auburn

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Fourth Sunday of Lent

Celebration of Mercy and Reconciliation

Saint Pope John Paul II who went to confession weekly, said: "It would be an illusion to seek after holiness, according to the vocation one has received from God, without partaking frequently of this sacrament of conversion and reconciliation. Those who go to Confession frequently, and do so with the desire to make progress, will notice the strides that they make in their spiritual lives." Every Catholic is however strongly encouraged to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation during Lent. The mercy and love of God is expansive, all-inclusive and dynamic. God has reconciled the world to himself in Christ who made his dwelling among us, bearing our human weakness and sins, calling us out of darkness into light. Jesus began his work on earth by preaching repentance and saying: "**Turn away from sin and believe the Gospel.**" Forgiveness and reconciliation is at the heart of Jesus' ministry and is central to the mission of the Church. Sin and death are not the last words. Forgiveness and life are! In the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation, also called confession, we meet the Lord, who wants to grant forgiveness and the grace to live a renewed life in him. In this sacrament, he prepares us to receive him free from serious sin, with a lively faith, earnest hope, and sacrificial love in the Eucharist. The Church encourages frequent confession in order to grow closer to Christ Jesus and his Body, the Church. By the grace of the Holy Spirit, we seek forgiveness and repentance, let go of patterns of sin, grow in the life of virtue, and witness to a joyful conversion.

If you have been away from the Church and its sacraments, come back during Lent. It is a time of renewal, of new beginnings, of new life. Allow the remaining days of Lent to be a new beginning in your life of faith. I hope you can join us for our **regular Saturday time for Confessions—3:30 to 4:30 PM** in the Reconciliation Rooms. The Light Is On for You gives every one of us an opportunity to recommit ourselves to the Lord, to start afresh, to cleanse our souls in confession, removing barriers and stony obstacles to the life of grace. I look forward to seeing you there. In addition the diocese of Rochester has scheduled a special opportunity for every Catholic to celebrate individual confession in their parish on the same day during Lent! All Catholics in the 12-county Roman Catholic Diocese of Rochester are invited to participate in a special diocesan-wide Day of Penance and Mercy Tuesday, March 28, 2016, to experience the healing power of Confession also called the Sacrament of Reconciliation. **Two priests will be available to hear individual Confessions from 2:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. here at Holy Family. We have set apart the period between 5-6 PM for those candidates preparing for their First Penance and First Holy Communion, and their families.**

In his proclamation of the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy last year, Pope Francis described mercy as "the very foundation of the Church's life." We are all sinners in need of the balm of God's mercy, which brings healing, forgiveness and peace. I call everyone in these days of Lent to experience the life-changing power of God's mercy and love. Every confession is special, but sometimes you get someone who has committed a serious sin or someone who has been away from the sacrament for 20, 30, 40, 50 years. As a priest, at least for me, I can feel the presence of the Lord in a very real and profound way. It's almost as if you can feel this heavy burden being lifted off of their shoulders that has been crippling them spiritually for years. It is an honor and a blessing as a priest to be an "Alter Christus", another Christ in the world. It brings me great joy to be an instrument of his love, mercy and compassion to unite his people by bringing them back into communion with the Church.

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Parish Office

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Office Hours

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

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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 and

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

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Sunday, March 26

9:00 am Jane S. Tabone - Tom Patterson

11:15 am Peter & Lois Riester - Estate

Monday, March 27

12:15 pm William Kenny - Family

Tuesday, March 28

12:15 pm Edward J. & Eugenia Brown - Mary Catherine Rumsey

Wednesday, March 29

12:15 pm Rev. Conrad Sundholm - Helen Delaney

Thursday, March 30 NO MASS

Friday, March 31 NO MASS

5:00 pm Mass at Schwartz Towers

Saturday, April 1

4:30 pm Victor Petruzzi & Frank Catalano - Family

Sunday, April 2

9:00 am Mary Scomber - Joyce, Sandy & Families

11:15 am Sara Jane Guinnip - Son Timothy Guinnip



FAITH FORMATION OFFERTORY PROCESSION this week--3rd Grade Faith Formation. Next week, our First Eucharist candidates will bring up the gifts at the 9 am Mass.

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.

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 9th. If you would like to help, please place your donation in the box at the front entrance to the church.

FIRST EUCHARIST PREPARATION SESSIONS begin next Sunday in church at 10 am for parents and children. Please call or email Nancy Smith with any questions: 252-9576 Ext. 16 or nwsmith@dor.org.

FOOD PANTRY DONATION FOR APRIL: Personal care items such as toothpaste, shampoo, combs, etc.



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 31st at Holy Family Church at 12:00pm and 7:00pm.

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday, April 1

4:30 pm A. Ringwood, C. Ringwood

Sunday, April 2

9:00 am C. Liberatore, E. Trupiano

11:15 am E. Frechette, O. Frechette

LECTORS

Saturday, April 1

4:30 pm B. Ringwood, S. Marullo

Sunday, April 2

9:00 am A. Bryant, M. Liberatore

11:15 am J. Kearse, R. Nestor

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday, April 1

4:30 pm G. Bennett, M. Lavey, S. Marullo, P. Stolarow

Sunday, April 2

9:00 am A. Bryant, R. Bryant, M. Castiglione, D. Walsh

Nursing Home: H. Delaney

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



FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

3/19/2017

Attendance	435
No. of Envelopes Used	223
Regular Collection	\$4,597
St. Joseph's School	\$4
Fuel/Heat	\$118
Roof	\$252
Black Nat. Amer. Hisp	\$5
Easter	\$10
Holy Land	\$134



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 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 .



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.



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): We are a gifted faith community and we are called on to share what we can to those in need. **To date we have made a great sacrifice of \$26,430.00 which is 79.94% of our total goal of \$33,060.00.** This includes the 26 families who have contributed to **HOLY FAMILY SPECIAL CARE. \$6630.00 TO GO!** Our parish is facing a challenge at this point in meeting our Catholic Ministries Appeal Goal. Again, as you probably know by now, **this is a mandatory rather than voluntary goal** and hence any shortfall is drawn from our depleting savings account therefore seriously hurting our operational income. If you are one of the 185 households who have already made a pledge, **THANK YOU.** One of our goals is to increase the number of parish households who support the CMA. Our current participation rate is only 33.5%. Won't you help improve this participation? Any amount, large or small will help. Please pray for the success of our efforts. Thank you. Fr. John



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.

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



A SANCTUARY LAMP will burn this week in memory of Veronica Nolan, requested by Martin Nolan.

In the Poor and Outcast we see Christ's face; by loving and helping the poor, we love and serve Christ.

- Pope Francis, Lenten Message

OUR THANKS to Catholic Match of New York for sponsoring our bulletin this week.

OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Tuesday, March 28

10:00 - 11:00 am Clothes Closet - School
2:30 - 7:30pm Diocesan Day of Penance - Individual Confessions
5:30 pm First Penance Celebration - Church

Thursday, March 30

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

Friday, March 31

12:00pm and 7:00pm Stations of the Cross at Holy Family

Saturday, April 1

11:00 am Movie *Ignatius of Loyola* at Fingerlakes Mall Theater
3:30 pm Confessions

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"Return to me with all your heart. Don't let fear keep us apart. Long have I waited for your coming home to Me! And living deeply our new life." These words of invitation from God to 'come home to Him' – to turn away from sin and be reconciled with our God of forgiveness and love—is an invitation to live a new life...a new way of living, in accord with His Way, that leads to inner peace, to joy and to a deeper awareness of God's presence in our lives. Jesus has given us a magnificent gift—a Sacrament in which we can easily return to the Lord without fear: the Sacrament of Reconciliation. No community can make up for my refusal to be reconciled, my stubborn resistance to letting go of past resentments, my harboring hostility. Only when the Spirit works in my heart, can the process of metanoia begin which culminates in the healing and reconciliation of the sacrament of penance celebrated by the priest in the name of and with the church.

It is my sincere hope that this Lenten pilgrimage will make us *renew personal prayer life, seek God's forgiveness for past failings and mistakes and renew a commitment to the worship of the Church community.* Make this Lent journey truly a time of renewal and rising to new life. Fr. John

TYBURN ACADEMY in Auburn, NY, is presently seeking a part-time Pre-Calc and/or Calculus teacher (s) for the 2017-2018 school year. This position offers flexibility in scheduling. Interested persons should send a resume to: Tyburn Academy, 17 Clymer St. Auburn, NY, 13021, Attn: Maura DelFavero or call: 315-252-2937.



A SANCTUARY LAMP will burn this week in memory of Louis J. Nolan, requested by Martin Nolan.

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



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 21, 2017, we have received **\$175,200.52** 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: This weekend, March 25th and 26th, 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, most 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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