



HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

The Mother Church of Auburn

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October 1, 2017

The Twenty-Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Parish Office

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Office Hours

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

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Fr. John Gathenya

Secretary Ext. 14

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Pastoral Minister

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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.
Class October 18th,
6:30 pm Call to
register.

Marriages

By Appointment

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THE LIFE AND MINISTRY OF FR. ANTHONY

Dearly beloved in Christ, I will first and foremost like to express my profound appreciation and thanks to Fr. John, the pastor of the parish, and to you the good people of Holy Family Church for giving me the opportunity to spend some time and to celebrate the Eucharist with you for about a month. I appreciate this so much because it is my first time experiencing the American culture. In the course of my stay and interacting with many of you, quite a number expressed the desire to know more about me, my formation, and my ministry and its challenges. I would therefore wish to use this medium to say something short. I was born in 1973 and had my seminary formation in Ghana. After my ordination in 2002, I worked in many areas and served in many capacities until I was sent to Rome to study Religious Education with specialization in Catechetics.

On returning to Ghana after my studies, I was appointed the Director of Catechetics, the Superintendent of all the Catholic Schools in the Diocese, and the pastor of St. Peter Rectorate, Fumso. All these areas have their own challenges, but I would like only to share with you in the area of Catechetics: the training/formation of the Catechists.

As Director of Catechetics, I'm responsible for the authentic Catholic teaching, on-going faith formation, and the recruitment and training of Catechists in the diocese. As of now, with the assistance of two, but old and experienced Catechists, I am working with 783 Catechists. These Catechists are the collaborators of the priests and the pastoral agents in the diocese. They perform weekday and Sunday services in the communities in the absence of the priests. They also prepare the candidates for the sacraments, and assist the priest in giving pastoral care to the parishioners. In addition to these, they as well do counselling, promote formal education, especially girl-child education, and fight for human rights and poverty alleviation. Because their work is heavy, the Catechetical Office, from time to time, brings them together at the formation and training center to give them continuous training and formation.

Since January 2015 when I took over the office, we developed a program for on-going formation for all the catechists in the diocese because about 90% are without adequate training. Each year, the program is designed to cover the training of one hundred catechists, but due to financial constraints, the program is not moving as it should be. To date, we have been able to train only one hundred catechists but with difficulties. On average, the cost of training one catechist is about \$100.00 and over all we spend \$10,000.00 a year. This covers accommodation, feeding, books and other logistics, and remuneration for the facilitator. Though I have been blessed in so many ways since I took over this office, my major concern has been the training and formation of the catechists.

So dear friends, this is the little that I can share for the meantime. Once again thank you for your hospitality and concern. May God bless us all.



"It is one of the most beautiful compensations of this life that no man can sincerely try to help another without helping himself."

Please Pray and Ask God's Help for those affected by the Hurricanes and Earthquakes

Sunday, October 1

9:00 am Rosemarie Sabatino - Mark & Beth DeTomaso & Family
 11:15 am Mickey Kelly - Bill and Ginger Foley

Monday, October 2

12:15 pm Jennie Bellerdine - Sons

Tuesday, September 3

12:15 pm Mel Brown - Estate

Wednesday, October 4

12:15 pm Peg Klink - Family

Thursday, October 5

12:15 pm **NO MASS**

Friday, October 6

12:15 pm William Kenny - Carol

Saturday, October 7

4:30 pm Anne & Michael Olusczak - Alice Seneca & Linda Simmons
 Elizabeth (Betty) Walsh - Mr. & Mrs. Albert Bayus & Karen
 Raymond S. Cuddy - Catherine Hrynyk



Sunday, October 8

9:00 am Dale Ross - Tom
 11:15 am James A. Fitzpatrick Family - Estate

FAITH FORMATION OFFERTORY PROCESSION this week at the 9 am Family Mass—5th Grade Faith Formation. Next week, no participation by Faith Formation due to the Columbus Day holiday.

YOUTH GROUP AND YEAR 1 CONFIRMATION for grades 7 and up meets monthly beginning tonight, 5:30 to 7 pm in the school, Room 2. **YEAR 2 CONFIRMATION** first session is October 15th, 5:30 to 7 pm in the school. Please call or email Nancy Smith (nancy.smith@dor.org) for more information.

I AM LOOKING FOR ALL YOU SNOWBIRDS! Yes, it is that time of year again when we will be saying good bye to you until spring. So, why not make things easy on us and yourselves, sign up for electronic giving. This will take the guess work out of stopping and starting your envelopes, remembering to pay ahead or play catch up when you return. It's easy and safe and we are gaining with 28 families signed up for this program. So give it some thought, and if you need me to come to you to help fill out the paperwork, just call the office at 315-252-9576 and I'll set up an appointment. If this is not an option, please call the rectory office **NO LATER** than **NOVEMBER 24TH, 2017** to let us know what months you will be away so that we may temporarily stop your contribution envelopes. Enjoy your winter in the south or west, and we will see you when the Robins return. God Bless all of you.....Sandi

WALKATHON- 2nd Annual Hunger Walk Fundraiser will take place on Saturday, October 14, 2017 from 9:00-10:30 am at the Ward O'Hara Agricultural Museum in Auburn. The goal is to raise awareness about hunger in our community. By participating in this event you will be supporting food pantries and soup kitchens in Cayuga County and helping to provide healthy, nutritious food for our hungry neighbors. A \$10 registration fee covers an individual or an entire group. Registration begins at 8:30 am. Proceeds from the Hunger Walk will go directly to the Food Bank of Central New York. For more information call the event chairperson, Sue Norton at (315) 515-8936.

ADORATION AND BENEDICTION will be Wednesday, October 4th from 7-8pm in church.

FEELING LUCKY? The Holy Family Church \$100 Raffle will take place, Sunday, January 7, 2018. Remember we only sell 200 tickets for the event. We will have 3 more early bird drawings, the next one will be Oct.15th after the 11:15 Mass. Tickets for the \$100 Raffle are available in the Rectory or after Masses. The Best news is, New York State has changed the law and we can now accept cash or CHECKS! So get your pens out and get your tickets, they are going fast. Good luck everyone and thank you for supporting Holy Family Church.

OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

- Monday, October 2**
7:00 pm Bible Study - School
- Tuesday, October 3**
10:00 - 11:00 am Clothes Closet - School
- Wednesday, October 4**
1:00 pm Parish Life Meeting - Sacristy
7-8pm Adoration & Benediction - Church
- Thursday, October 5**
6:00 - 7:00 pm Clothes Closet - School
- Saturday, October 7**
3:30 pm Confessions

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

	<u>9/25/2017</u>
Attendance	383
No. of Envelopes Used	159
Regular Collection	\$3,971
St. Joseph's School	\$30
Fuel/Heat	\$50
Roof	\$314
All Saints	\$5
Campaign for Human Dev	\$40

Next week's second collection is for St. Joseph School.

ELECTRONIC GIVING for the month of August was \$4479.00.



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

ELECTRONIC GIVING is happy to report we have gained the trust of another Parishioner! We are now up to 28 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.

ALTAR SERVERS**Saturday, October 7**

4:30 pm C. Duffy, K. Duffy

Sunday, October 8

9:00 am W. Furnia, E. Trupiano

11:15 am E. Sbelgio, N. Sbelgio

LECTORS**Saturday, October 7**

4:30pm C. Tomandl, Alice Seneca

Sunday, October 8

9:00 am A. Bryant, M. Liberatore

11:15 am J. Renahan

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**Saturday, October 7**

4:30 pm P. Allen, G. Bennett, A. Seneca, C. Tomandl

Sunday, October 8

9:00 am A. Bryant, R. Bryant, B. Tonzi, M. Warter

Nursing Home: M. Warter

11:15 D. Holmes, S. Mills, T. Nolan, B. Wilson



OUR THANKS to Westminster Manor for sponsoring our bulletin this week.



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

THE FUND RAISING COMMITTEE would like you to know that the week-ends of October 7th and October 14th, they will be taking orders for Holy Family Sweatshirts, T-Shirts, and hats. Orders can be placed in the rectory during the week. Orders can be paid for with a check or cash. Think Christmas.....it's only 80 days away.

DON'T MISS OUT, JOIN OUR BIBLE STUDY! On Monday Bible study is open to all. Come to the session(s) you can attend September 18 to November 6, 2017 at 7pm in the Holy Family School Room 2. Join us as Doug Taylor-Weiss of St. Mary's shares his insights into the "Letter of the Hebrews".

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCH at 303 Clark Street, Auburn will host two events the first week of October. The ST. PEREGRINE PRAYER SERVICE will take place on Tuesday, October 3 at 5:30 pm at the Shrine of St. Peregrine in St. Francis Church. Peregrine is the patron saint of all who are afflicted with cancer, leg ailments or any life-threatening or chronic illness. He is popularly known as "The Cancer Saint." Each individual may receive a blessing with the relic of St. Peregrine. The BLESSING OF ANIMALS & PETS will take place on the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi Wednesday, October 4, at 5:30 pm at the outdoor grotto next to St. Francis Church. Francis is known as the patron saint of animals. If you come to the blessing, please make sure your pet is safely secured on a leash or in an appropriate carrier for the blessing. If your pet is frightened of crowds, please leave your pet at home and instead, bring a symbol of your animal (photo, favorite toy, etc.) to the blessing. All humans and pets are welcome!

THE FUND RAISING COMMITTEE is happy to report that the Fall Chicken BBQ was a great success, again thanks to all our Parishioners. We had a wonderful bake sale that raised \$127.80! Our T-shirt sales brought in \$50.00, while the BBQ brought in \$2,016.66 for the Church Roof Account. Great job everyone, and thank you for supporting Holy Family Church.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF THE FINGER LAKES ANNUAL EMPTY BOWLS EVENTS will be October 11, 2017 at Our Lady of Peace Parish, Center St. Geneva and October 19, 2017 at Sacred Heart Church, 90 Melrose Rd., Auburn, 5-7:00pm. \$20 per ticket for adults or \$10 per ticket for children under 10. Cost includes: soup, bread, beverage, dessert, and a handmade bowl. For tickets or more information contact Rhonda Zettlemoyer at 315-789-2235 ext. 104. or Rhonda.zettlemoyer@dor.org.



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK: Mary Adams, Roger Basha Caroline Blowers, Arthur Conti, Sue Daly, Tim Daly, Virginia Dranscak, Mary Dygert, Ginny Elardo, Michael Fronzek, Mary Guido, Carter Hergert, Caleb Jones, Sr. Rita Kaufman, Joanne Komanecky, Elizabeth Lane, Frances Lane, Kathryn Malek, 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, E3 David Mirales US Navy, TSgt Diana O'Connor USAF.



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 \$184,964.00 (61.6%) 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!

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