



# HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

## The Mother Church of Auburn

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**September 17, 2017**

## The Twenty-Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time

### 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.  
Class September 20,  
6:30pm Call to  
register.

### Marriages

By Appointment

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

and

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

### Catechetical Sunday 2017: "Living as Missionary Disciples"

We begin this new year of Faith Formation classes with the commissioning and blessing of our catechists and volunteers at the 9am Mass. After Mass, the children are introduced to their catechists and receive Father's blessing to start the year. Every year on the third Sunday in September, the Catholic churches in the United States celebrate Catechetical Sunday, with a special focus for the year. The theme of Catechetical Sunday 2017 is "Living As Missionary Disciples", with our focus being an invitation to all members of the community to reflect on the role they play in handing on the faith.

Our catechists and aides are a gift from God! Their love for God, for our Faith and for the children of Holy Family is evident in the joy and enthusiasm they bring to every activity and interaction inside and outside the classroom. Our parish community is also a gift from God. Your love and dedication to sharing your faith with each other and with our young Catholics is evident in the prayers, encouragement and support you give to our Faith Formation program. And so, on Catechetical Sunday we look to the future, but we also pause and thank God for all His gifts, past, present and future.

Our Faith Formation students not only learn about our Faith but also learn to live it. They learn about and participate in the worship of the community. Our Children's Liturgy of the Word program at the 9am Mass welcomes children of all ages, both parishioners and visitors. Designated classes participate in the Offertory Procession at the 9 am Mass on each Sunday when Faith Formation is in session. Each class also participates in the All Classes Mass and in a Class Mass for each grade. These are scheduled for several 9 am Sunday Masses throughout the year. Students help with hospitality, Mass readings and taking up the collection. We also invite children enrolled in Catholic school, home study and the summer program to join us for the Class Masses and Offertory Processions for their grades.

Welcome back to our catechists who have served our community so lovingly: Pre-K & Kindergarten, Christine Kinsella (9 years) and aide Abigail Blair-Kinsella (3 years); 1<sup>st</sup> grade, Lynne Scott (2 years) and aide Pat Farrell (5 years); 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, Valerie Curtis (18 years); 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, Liza Kelly (5 years); 4<sup>th</sup> grade Nubé Staehr (2 years) and aide Katie Sincebaugh (4 years); 5<sup>th</sup> grade, Linda Kooi (18 years); 6<sup>th</sup> grade Barbara Quinn, who is also our Youth Minister for 7<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> grades (6 years). Welcome to our new 3<sup>rd</sup> grade aide, Felicia Sciortino!

The Children's Liturgy of the Word program at the 9 am Mass is headed by Linda Atkins (16 years); and Sandy Tonzi (19 years), aided by Lynne Scott. Our Faith Formation office aides who have all served 8 years: Sandi Dec, Jack Kears and Pat Stolarow serve in the school office on Sunday mornings for several months each. Our substitute catechists, Sandi Dec and David Moskov have volunteered to teach when one of our regular catechists is not able to be in class.

We thank all our catechists and volunteers for answering God's call and bringing love and joy to our faith community. We also thank our children and their families, our pastor, Father John, and our celebrant, Father Anthony, for their dedication to our program. And thank you to all of you, whose help and prayers bless our ministry of catechesis.

Nancy Smith

Faith Formation Coordinator

**Sunday, September 17**

9:00 am Jim Beer - Family

11:15 am Pauline Gard - Blowers &amp; Tonzi Families

**Monday, September 18**

12:15 pm Robert Foster - Veronica Kane

**Tuesday, September 19**

12:15 pm Joseph Bruton - Estate

**Wednesday, September 20**

12:15 pm Edward J. &amp; Eugenia Brown - Mary Catherine Runsey

**Thursday, September 21**12:15 pm **NO MASS****Friday, September 22**

12:15 pm Helen Walsh Ditton - Estate

**Saturday, September 23**

4:30 pm Joan &amp; William Morgan - Family

Joseph &amp; John Carberry - Family

Pat Cinotti - Family

Dick Jenner - Sister Vi

William Stuart - Linda

**Sunday, September 24**

9:00 am Joseph Savarese - Jennifer &amp; Patrick Furnia &amp; Family

11:15 am Carol Day - Estate



**FAITH FORMATION OFFERTORY PROCESSION** this week at the 9 am Family Mass—Catechists and Aides. Next week, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Faith Formation will bring up the gifts at Offertory time.

**PRE-K TO 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE FAITH FORMATION** weekly Sunday morning classes begin today at 10 am in church. Classes continue next week from 10 to 11 am in the school building.

**YOUTH GROUP** for grades 7 and up meets monthly beginning October 1<sup>st</sup> in the school, Room 2.

**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION** preparation is now a two-year program for 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> graders. The sacrament is celebrated at the end of 9th grade with other parishes in the Auburn area. Year 1 candidates' initial Confirmation meeting for parents and candidates is tonight from 5:30 to 7:00 pm in the school. Year 2 candidates' first session is scheduled for October 15<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 to 7 pm in the school. Please call or email Nancy Smith ([Nancy.Smith@dor.org](mailto:Nancy.Smith@dor.org)) for more information.

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS:** Are you interested in becoming Catholic, or are you a baptized Catholic needing to complete the sacraments of initiation by celebrating Confirmation and First Eucharist? The RCIA is a journey of faith for both un-baptized and baptized persons, helped by sponsors, catechists and parish RCIA teams. If you or someone you know is being called to explore the Catholic faith more deeply, please come to our RCIA Inquiry Session on Thursday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 pm at Sacred Heart Church at 90 Melrose Road. Please call or email Nancy Smith ([nancy.smith@dor.org](mailto:nancy.smith@dor.org)) for more information.

**THE CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT** is our 2nd collection this week. In the United States one in six people live in poverty. With this collection you support programs that address the causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those who are struggling across the country. In addition, 25% of funds collected remains in our diocese to fund local antipoverty projects. More information about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development can be found at [www.uscch.org/cchd/](http://www.uscch.org/cchd/) collection

**FEELING LUCKY?** The Holy Family Church \$100 Raffle will take place, Sunday, January 7, 2018. Remember we only sell 200 tickets for the event. Again this year we will have 4 early bird drawings, with the first one being at the Chicken BBQ, September 16, 2017!! Tickets for the BBQ and 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, September 18**

7:00 pm Bible Study - School

**Tuesday, September 19**

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

**Wednesday, September 20**

6:30 pm Baptism Preparation Class - Sacristy

**Thursday, September 21**

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

**Saturday, September 23**

3:30 pm Confessions

**FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP**

	<u>9/3/2017</u>	<u>9/10/2017</u>
Attendance	361	335
No. of Envelopes Used	237	258
Regular Collection	\$4,074	\$4,286
St. Joseph's School	\$551	\$143
Fuel/Heat	\$151	\$238
Roof	\$624	\$1,487
Assumption	\$5	\$40
Campaign Human Dev.	\$15	\$5
Emerging Churches	\$5	
World Mission		\$5
All Saints		\$5
Ascension		\$5
Hurricane Irma		\$2,871

**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 27 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, September 23**

4:30 pm C. Duffy, K. Duffy

**Sunday, September 24**

9:00 am T. Dennis, W. Furnia, J. Siddall

11:15 am E. Sbelgio, N. Sbelgio

**LECTORS****Saturday, September 23**

4:30pm A. Seneca, S. Marullo

**Sunday, September 24**

9:00 am M. Liberatore, S. Weldon

11:15 am R. Nestor

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS****Saturday, September 23**

4:30 pm P. Allen, G. Bennett, S. Marullo, A. Seneca

**Sunday, September 24**

9:00 am C. Siddall, P. Stolarow, B. Tonzi, S. Weldon

**Nursing Home:** P. Stolarow

11:15 D. Holmes, S. Mills, T. Nolan, E. Petrosino



**PARISH LIFE COMMITTEE:** Cayuga Seneca County Action Agency would like to "Thank you" for all the "Back to School" items that you donated to the children in our community. We were able to give many Book Bags, pens, pencils, packs of paper, notebooks, etc. to CSCAA. Because of your generosity, you helped many children have a better start to their new school year. Thank you for all you do and for your caring.

An Irish toast to you, "For each petal on the shamrock, there brings a wish your way-good health, good luck and happiness for today and every day."



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

**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!

**Bereavement Ministry** *"We are told that time will heal the grief, but it is in taking the time to grieve that we are healed."* If you have lost a loved one, and are grieving, come and be refreshed. Sacred Heart Church hosts a Bereavement Support Group that meets on Wednesday afternoons at 1:00 in the Conference Room. An evening group is also being formed. Peer Support is one of the best ways to move from hurting to hope, in a safe, confidential environment rooted in faith. The Bereavement Support Group is open to all who seek comfort and hope after a loss. Contact Bernie Tomasso at (315) 246-3440 for further information.

**JOIN HOLY FAMILY BIBLE STUDY** Mondays at 7pm for eight weeks at the Holy Family School Room 2. Starting September 18 through November 6, 2017, Doug Taylor-Weiss will lead us through the Letter to the Hebrews. The work draws us to Christ in meditation on Eucharistic Life and further strengthens our celebration of the Year of the Eucharist. Doug Taylor-Weiss, a convert to Catholicism and former Protestant Minister is an adjunct professor at Northeastern Seminary in Rochester and is a parishioner at St. Mary's where he is involved in Faith Formation and Bible Studies.

**OUR THANKS** to Janet Trapani, PT, Inc. for sponsoring our bulletin this week.



**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 \$184,570.00 (61.5%) 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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