

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

The Mother Church of Auburn

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 15, 2012



WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday

Mass - 4:30pm

Sunday

Mass - 9:00am &
11:15am

Parish Information:

Confessions:

Saturday - 3:30pm

Baptisms:

By Appointment

Marriages:

By Appointment

Pastors Report #2

Dear Parishioners,

I continue with my letter, making an evaluation and assessment on the health of our parish, the catholic community of Holy Family, as we enter the second half of the fiscal year 2011-2012. I am hopeful that these reflections are offering you not only food for thought but also a burning desire to take on this journey with us, aiming at keeping the catholic faith in Holy Family community strong viable and vibrant. With regard to the future direction of our parish, last week I said that the first sign of a viable and vibrant parish is where the celebration of the Eucharist is done in a dignified and prayerful way. Where we, with others, encounter the presence of the living Christ and from which we can take that presence to our families, neighborhoods, and workplaces. I said that if the Eucharist is the center and source of our spiritual lives the place where we celebrate the Eucharist, mainly the church building, should be a place that helps us lift our minds and hearts to God. This goes hand in hand with good liturgy which entails a full, active and conscious participation of all the members of the parish. This means we should participate as fully as possible in the prayers and songs of the liturgy.

Second, a viable and vibrant parish offers solid religious education and spiritual formation programs for children, youth, young adults and adults. We have an excellent religious education program due to the leadership of Nancy Smith, our Faith Formation Coordinator. Our Faith Formation program runs from Pre-K to 8th grade for 25 weeks a year. We cannot ignore that we have over 160 children attending religious education in our parish. This is a BIG investment for the future of Holy Family. I continue to challenge the whole parish on our catechetical, spiritual and moral input of them. It will never tire me to announce that the primary responsibility lies with the parents/guardian especially in the handing of faith to them (Catechism) and preparing them for the reception of the sacraments of First Eucharist and First Penance. The best way to teach them these is through examples. It is within my responsibility as your pastor to ensure that our children are prepared well for the sacrament and faithfully in accordance to teachings and norms of the Catholic Church. This is a sacred duty for me and for the parent as well. For the parents and guardian, this is an extension of the solemn covenant that you took when you brought these children for baptism: solemnly vowed that you accept the responsibility of training your child in the practice of faith and that it will be your duty to bring the child up in keeping God's commandment as Christ taught us especially loving God and neighbor. Have you kept your covenant with God and the Church? My expectation is to empower the parent/guardian in their involvement in the faith formation of their children in fulfillment to their baptismal promises that they will see to it that their children are brought up in the catholic faith and tradition. On the top of the list is the parents/guardians call to help their children discover the value and importance of Christ's invitation, who calls the whole Christian family to Sunday Mass. A family's participation at Mass every week assures us that we will at least be at the table when the food is served. When we participate in Sunday Mass we worship as a covenant community, a community of believers, which is what God desires us to be. You should note well that your family's frequent and habitual participation in the Sunday Mass is essential to the faith formation of your children and family and is the central component of our Religious Education Program. Therefore, the religious education of your child is a task that cannot be accomplished alone. As parents, you are the primary educators of your children. You provide the example for your child by living your faith and attending Mass and receiving the sacraments regularly. In partnership with you, the religious education team in Holy Family hopes to teach your children what it means to be a Catholic Christian. This team led by Nancy Smith is here to assist and encourage you in your parental/guardian God-given responsibilities.

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PARISH STAFF

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 Rev. John Gathenya– Pastor, ext. 10
 Nancy Smith– Faith Formation Coordinator, ext.16
 Helen Delaney– Pastoral Minister, ext. 13
 Celeste D’Alberto– Secretary, ext. 14
 Jason Emerson - Facility Supervisor
 Lisa Camardo– Bookkeeper
 Anthony Trupiano– Finance Council Chairperson
 Roger Basha– Pastoral Council Chairperson



Offertory Procession this week at the 9 am Family Mass—5th Grade Faith Formation. Next week the 4th Grade Faith Formation class will bring up the gifts.

Snow Closings for Faith Formation Sessions will appear on these TV stations: WSTM-3, WTVH-5, WIXT-9, and YNN Channel 10.

Our Young People’s News: Congratulations to Ashley Justian and Thomas Miller on being named to the Honor Rolls of your schools.

Faith Formation Ark Project: We are joining the Auburn citywide effort to raise \$5,000 by June to purchase a Gift Ark from Heifer International, 15 sets of farm animals, to be distributed to families in the US and abroad. The animals and the training to care for them provide poor families with a livelihood. During January, we are asking each child in Faith Formation to put \$1 or \$2 into the ark banks in their classrooms. Also, birthday and all-occasion cards are available in the school office on Sunday mornings during Faith Formation, if anyone wishes to give a donation of any amount in someone’s honor.

Holy Family CYO 7th & 8th Grade Games for 1/15:

- 1:00 pm- St. Francis/St. Hyacinth vs St. Mary’s
- 2:15 pm- St. Peter & Paul vs St. Alphonsus
- 3:30 pm– Holy Family vs Sacred Heart



SUNDAY OFFERING

The offering for January 1 - \$3891
 The offering for January 8 - \$6332
 Christmas Collection - \$4239
 Christmas Flowers - \$1519
 St. Joseph School for the month of December - \$1289
 Weekly average for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011 - \$5140
Thank you for being faithful to your parish.

Town Meetings: I am extending an invitation to either of these Town Meetings to all parishioners. **Our first meeting will be today, Sunday, January 15 at 4.00 PM in the School building and the next will be on Wednesday, January 18 at 1.00 PM in the same venue.** I consider these meetings extremely essential towards the growth and development of our Church here at Holy Family. A good family owns the capability to share and discuss the journey of faith that we walk together and the strategic planning of their challenging future. I trust that every sincere and honest dialogue allows us to draw a map of the future of Holy Family community. God bless and hope to see you at the meeting, Fr. John.



Dear Father Gathenya,

Thank you and your parish community so very much for your generous response to *Bishop Clark’s emergency appeal for East Africa.*

Catholic Relief Services (the global humanitarian relief and development organization of the U.S. Catholic community) and their local partners in the region are working around the clock to respond. Your generosity is helping Catholic Relief Services be the messengers of hope and care in this situation.

Sincerely,

Kathy Dubel
 Diocesan Coordinator
 Catholic Relief Services

(Cont. from Page 1) I am so grateful to our 9 teachers (catechists), three aides, three office volunteers and 6 substitute catechists who work tirelessly to maintain and upkeep our faith formation program for our children. It is an added blessing for the catechists and parents who work so hard every time to maintain and lead the liturgy of the word for children. We hope to continue with this tradition and even improving it. Nonetheless, we need more parental involvement, more volunteer teachers and aides. We would be happy and excited to train you as a teacher, an aide or a volunteer. Oscar Romero once wrote in a prayer: “This is what we are about: We plant the seeds that one day will grow. We water the seeds already planted, knowing that they hold future promise.” This sums up what we are about in the religious education program. In a partnership with parents who once carried their child to the baptismal font, our dedicated catechists and their aides gather every Sunday to help nurture the seeds of faith.

Never lose the awareness that it is faith that creates our parish community that is much larger than just the bricks and mortar that house it. It is truly a “viable faith community,” what makes parishes work.

God bless and I love you all,
 Fr. John





Behind the Scenes at Holy Family

Do I have a voice in my parish? If you have ever asked yourself that question, the answer is yes!

Father John is giving us an opportunity to express our hopes, feelings and thoughts about Holy Family's future. On this Sunday (January 15th) at 4:00pm and Wednesday (January 18th) at 1:00pm Father has scheduled a "Town Meeting" for all the Parishioners of Holy Family to have our voices heard. If you want to express your thoughts, please attend either one of these "Town Meetings". Working together as one Christian Community, Holy Family's future will be bright and strong, sharing God's love with all.

Altar Servers

Saturday, January 21

4:30 pm M. Lane, H. Yorkey

Sunday, January 22

9:00 am A. Blair, M. Feocco, M. Feocco

11:15 am M. Bachman, L. Hukee, Q. Hukee

Lector

Saturday, January 21

4:30 pm L. Leary

Sunday, January 22

9:00 am C. Morrison

11:15 am T. Adessa

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday, January 21

4:30 pm J. Harmon, D. Leary, M.E. Nolan, P. Stolarow

Sunday, January 22

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

Nursing Home: P. Allen

11:15 am S. Dec, D. Holmes, E. Latanyshyn, T. Nolan



Please pray for our sick and our Armed Forces, especially Jack Graney, Mary Anne Leonard, Margaret Dorcy, Anna Kaufman, Rita Gunderson, Frances Vergamini, Mike Gallager, Suzan Rejman, Sue Daly, Richard Bryant, Joan Petrucci, Bruce Evans, Mary Fennessy, those listed in our Book of Petitions and those serving our country: LCpl Brian Baxter USMC, Capt Gregory Baxter USMC, LtCol Joseph E. Brooks USAF, PFC Earl Doyle Jr. USA, PFC David Orasi, USA, Sgt Tom Ellis, Sr. USA, CWO4 Roger Graf USA, Sgt James Johnson USMC, Sgt Kristen Adams Jones, USMC, Sgt Caleb Jones, USMC, SSgt Donald Luckinbill USAF, Pvt Justin Miller USA, Sgt 1st Class Jason Mero USA, CPT Jason D. Reed USA, Spc Michael J. Seneca USA, TSgt Diana O'Connor USAF, SSgt Angel Gonzalez, USA, Cpl Eddie Gonzalez, USMC, Pvt Zachary Gonzalez, USMC, 1SG Zachary Howell, USA. Please call Celeste (252-9576) if you would like to add or delete from the list.



There will be a Blood Drive on Friday, January 20th from 1-6pm in the gym.

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Christmas Decorators

Bill and Jason for building the platform that the poinsettias rested on, and to Pat Stolarow, Helen Delaney, Linda Kanya along with her granddaughter Lee Anna Plass, Mary Evelyn Nolan, Mary Murphy and Josie & Al Nicolella for helping in our Christmas design.



The Knights of Columbus Council #10709 will sponsor a ziti dinner fundraiser for Tyburn Academy on Saturday, January 21st from 5-7 pm at Fr. Nacca Hall at St. Francis Church. The menu includes baked ziti w/meatballs, braciolo, salad, bread & dessert. Adults-\$7.00, Child (6-12) \$4.00, family \$25.00. Please join us for a delicious, fun-filled outing.

OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Sunday

9:00 am - Children's Liturgy of the Word

10:00-11:00am - Faith Formation Classes

10:00 - 11:15 am - Catholic Shop - In school when Faith Formation classes in session, otherwise in Church Vestibule

4:00 pm - Town Meeting - School

Monday

Rectory Office Closed

Tuesday

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

10:00 - 11:15 am - Catholic Shop - School

6:30 pm - The Spirit of God Prayer Group - Church

Wednesday

1:00 pm - Town Meeting - School

Thursday

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

6:00 - 7:00 pm - Catholic Shop - School

7:30 pm - Choir Practice - Church

Saturday - 3:30 pm - Confessions



MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, January 15

9:00 am Marcelline Gallager - Family

11:15 am Bernard Sperduti - Wife & Family

Monday, January 16 - No Mass

10:45 am - CCNH

Tuesday, January 17

12:15 pm Sarah Lavey - Family

Wednesday, January 18

12:15 pm Rose Denninger

Thursday, January 19 - No Mass

Friday, January 20

12:15 pm Ellen Pabis - J.D.

Saturday, January 21

4:30 pm Fran Kinari - Doug & Laura Cuthbert

Sunday, January 22

9:00 am Michael Fromel - Wife Betty

11:15 am Catherine Tabone - Family



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