



HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

The Mother Church of Auburn

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Third Sunday of Lent

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**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

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THE BEAUTY AND STRENGTH OF CHILDREN FAITH FORMATION IN HOLY FAMILY

Already in USA some dioceses are ending the independent life of parishes with centuries of historical uniqueness behind them. The system known as 'clustering' typically deprives a parish of a resident clergy, considering a dwindling number of clergy to service a number of neighboring parishes, usually with a reduced programs of weekly masses. The outright danger of this policy of closing and merging parishes is relying on a corporate model of Church rather than a pastoral which results in slowly extinguishing the richness of the body of Christ in the world today. I agree with Kate Kuenstler who asserts that, "The parish reconfiguration process used by dioceses most often has a business mentality, caught up with management, statistics, plans and evaluations whose principal beneficiary is not God's people, but the church as an institution."

On June 25, 2018 Bishop Matano wrote all the pastors of Auburn Catholic Community and Northern Cayuga that ***"I realize that much of the past year's work has been focused on preparing the parishes for a time in the not too distant future when, as I ensure sacramental ministry throughout the twelve counties of our Diocese, there will likely be four priests serving your parishes. The Planning Team proposed, and I accepted, that, as priests move to Senior Priest status or are given other appointments, two clusters will be created: 1) Our Lady of the Snow, Saints Mary and Martha, Saint Mary's, 2) Holy Family, Sacred Heart, Saint Alphonsus, Saint Ann. With the consideration of your parishioners, you are prepared with a future Sunday Mass schedule."*** And among many other things that the bishop called to our undivided attention in the planning process includes: ***"Consider the re-alignment of staffing and ministries (including a shared finance/business office as well as faith formation, youth ministry and the visitation of the homebound) to meet ministerial and administrative needs while using parish financial resources most responsibly."***

For the last five years, the Auburn Catholic Community with exception of Holy Family embarked on a mission to merge their Faith-Formation of their children under one Director. We turned down the invitation as a result of our existent program under the leadership of Nancy Smith which was more consistent, pastoral oriented, stable and more aligned to the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Now with retirement of Nancy, the commencement of the planning process and the call of the bishop, it became evident that we had to consider merging our faith formation with the entire Auburn Catholic Community. We took a period of transition (one year) that will end in September and we are glad with the stewardship of Barbara Quinn who for this period has been our most abled, hardworking and focused director of our Faith-formation! A decision has to be made before September delineating the most fruitful and efficient direction/way/ path that should be taken for our Children Faith-Formation. I have put this agenda to and consulted the Holy Family Staff, Parish Pastoral Council, Liturgy Committee and I have also the input from the Faith formation teachers (catechists). I am waiting for the input from the parents/guardians of our faith formation children! However, even with the call of merging Faith formation, we have the strongest program in the city, but we in the leadership are called to consider the changing nature of faith formation in our parishes and the ever- increasingly changing faith communities. That it is important moving forward with an exciting vision of lifelong faith formation which has to put in consideration and support these five tasks of catechesis: (a) promotion of knowledge of the faith; (b) Sacramental and liturgical education (c) moral formation (d) teaching to pray (d) education for community life. The education of children in the Catholic faith is of very great importance in the life of a parish. The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches that parents have the primary responsibility for educating their children in the Catholic faith, not schools or parishes. Parents must first take initiative to begin forming their (cont. on page 3)

Sunday, March 24

9:00 am Benjamin Cool—Fr. John & Staff

11:15 am Chris Welsh—Richard & Marie White

Monday, March 25

12:15 pm Mel Brown—Estate

Tuesday, March 26

12:15 pm Rev. Raymond Wahl—Estate

Wednesday, March 27

10:15 am Mass at Fingerlakes Center

12:15 pm Thomas Treat—Mr. & Mrs. Albert Nicolella

William Kenny—Family

Thursday, March 28**NO MASS****Friday, March 29**

12:15 pm Carl & Charlotte Porten—Estate

Saturday, March 30

4:30 pm David Coleman—Mr. & Mrs. Richard Giancola

Sunday, March 31

9:00 am David Coleman—Wride Family

11:15 am Elaine Pearce—H. F. Bereavement

**FAITH FORMATION UPDATES:****March 24**—Faith Formation Classes

10:00 am First Communion Parents Meeting

March 31— Faith Formation, Grades 3 and 4 Class Mass;

First Eucharist Instruction 10am

April 6— Confirmation Rehearsal 10:30am**April 7**— All Class Mass, Last day of Faith Formation;

First Eucharist Instruction 10am

April 11— Confirmation 7pm**April 28**— First Eucharist Instruction 10am- Both Parent and Child**May 4**— First Holy Communion Rehearsal 10am**May 5**— First Holy Communion and May Crowning 9am Mass**HOLY FAMILY'S CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL (CMA):**

As of March 15, 2019, 134 of our total 504 households have committed themselves and offered \$20,609 which is 59.04% of our total goal of \$35,076. 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. 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. Please pray for the success of our efforts. Thank you. Fr. John

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

	3/17/2019	3/6/2019
Attendance	393	266
Regular Collection	\$4407.50	
St. Joseph's School	\$15.00	
Fuel & Heat	\$45.00	
Roof Fund	\$120.00	
Easter Flowers	\$4.00	
Black & Native American	\$52.00	
Ash Wednesday	\$53.00	\$1132.65

Next weekend's Second Collection will be for Catholic Relief Services.

ROOF RENOVATION FUND: Our Roof Campaign Goal is \$300,000.00. We are proud to announce that at the bulletin printing time we have received \$212,382.00 (70.79%). Thank you for what you have sacrificed to contribute towards this Campaign!

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

SAVE THE DATE Family Fun Day. April 27th. 10am-2pm.
Plan to come and have FUN!!!

ROAST BEEF AND POT LUCK SUPPER on Saturday, March 30th, after the 4:30 pm Mass. Roast Beef, beverages and place settings are provided, just bring a dish to pass. There will be a 50/50 Raffle to help support the Holy Family Parish Life Committee. Please plan on joining us.

Hands of Christ Award Recipient Honored This week at 11:15pm Mass, we honor **David Sterling**, our 2019 Hands of Christ Award Recipient. The award is given by parishes throughout the diocese to recognize high school seniors who have consistently demonstrated a Christian attitude through word and examples, have been actively involved in the parish as well as their school and community, is a positive role model for their peers, younger children and attends mass regularly. David is a senior at Weedsport Central School. David is the son of Michael and Susan Sterling He is an active member of our parish, has assisted with our confirmation retreats. In Weedsport, he is a member of the Varsity Swim and Track Teams.

OUR PARISH THIS WEEK**Monday, March 25**

7:00 pm Bible Study

Tuesday, March 26

10-11 am Clothes Closet

10-11 am Lunches with Love

Thursday, March 28

6-7 pm Clothes Closet

7:00 pm—Choir Practice

Friday, March 29**12:00 pm & 7:00 pm Citywide Stations of the Cross****@ St. Francis Church****Saturday, March 30**

3:30 - 4:30 pm Confessions

5:30 pm Roast Beef and Pot Luck Supper

ALTAR SERVERS**Saturday , March 30**

4:30 pm C. Duffy; K. Duffy

Sunday, March 31

9:00 am T. Dennis; M. Dennis

11:15 am J. White

LECTORS**Saturday , March 30**

4:30 pm D. Walsh; C. Tomandl

Sunday, March 31

9:00 am C. Moskov; A. Bryant

11:15 am J. Renahan; E. Petrosino

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**Saturday , March 30**

4:30 pm D. Walsh; C. Tomandl; P. Stolarow; J. Madden

Sunday, March 31

9:00 am A. Bryant; R. Bryant; S. Dec; H. Delaney

Nursing Home Minister: H. Delaney

11:15 am K. Pines; M. Lawson; B. Wilson; T. Nolan



LENTEN BIBLE STUDY: The bible is the heart of the Church. There is no celebration in our Catholic tradition that is without the word of God: the word that nurtures, comforts and guides, gives meaning to our life moments and happenings, that gives hope. Holy Family is offering a Catholic Bible Study on *Temptations of Jesus Christ* as presented in the Synoptic Gospel. Next meeting is **Monday, March 25, 7-8 PM. All sessions will be held in Holy Family School.** All are welcome!

FIRST PENANCE On March 13th, the following children made the sacrament of Penance:

Arey Coletta	Evangeline Messina
Charlie DeRosa	Gabriele Messina
Brynn Forward	Leah Mettler
Nathan Forward	Connor Meyer
Nikko Giacona	Joan Monnin
Carter Hergert	Luca Musso
William Kufs	Ryan Padula
Dahlia LaFave	Charlie Parker
Tyler Look	Jack Slywiak
Connor Wilcox	

We pray for these First Communion Candidates and their families as they continue their sacramental journey.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK: Mary Adams, Clint Allen, Caroline Blowers, Mark Cole, Sue Daly, Tim Daly, Gina DelPiano, Mary Dygert, Ginny Elardo, Michael Fronzek, Robert Gallagher, Mary Guido, Carter Hergert, Caleb Jones, Joanne Komanecky, Elizabeth Lane, Frances Lane, Kathryn Malek, Stephen L. Norris, Sonja O'Brien, Jim O'Connor, Joan Petrucelli, Siobhan Phillippe, Jean Redmond, Roberta Slayton, Leonard Smith, Stacy, **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.

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children in the moral and doctrinal teachings of the Church so that they may become virtuous and holy men and women. Consider the following quotation: "***Through the grace of the sacrament of marriage, parents receive the responsibility and privilege of evangelizing their children. Parents should initiate their children at an early age into the mysteries of the faith of which they are the "first heralds" for their children. They should associate them from their tenderest years with the life of the Church. A wholesome family life can foster interior dispositions that are a genuine preparation for a living faith and remain a support for it throughout one's life.***" (Catechism of the Catholic Church 2225) Parent/Guardian you have the right to choose the nature and kind of Faith-Formation to be handed over to your children. This right is included in our Catechism: *Family catechesis precedes, accompanies, and enriches other forms of instruction in the faith. Parents have the mission of teaching their children to pray and to discover their vocation as children of God. The parish is the Eucharistic community and the heart of the liturgical life of Christian families; it is a privileged place for the catechesis of children and parents.*" (Catechism of the Catholic Church 2226) Therefore, **parents must remember that, since they belong to a community of faith, they have an obligation see to it that their children participate in the catechetical programs sponsored by the Church. IT IS CONSEQUENTLY OF PARAMOUNT IMPORTANCE TO CONSULT YOU AS WE MAKE THE DECISION OF MERGING THE FAITH-FORMATION PROGRAM.**

Holy Family take very seriously our responsibility to plan and carry out faith formation programs and processes that will augment the faith formation that the parent does each day through witness, heart to heart talks and teachable moments. As parents live their faith and create an authentically Christian life-style, they prepare the ground for the seeds of faith to grow during the years when children are imitating, personalizing and establishing their life of faith. While God gives his free gift of faith, parents help nurture and strengthen that gift. Our Faith Formation of Children and Youth as well as our Sacramental Preparation process is the primary way we acknowledge and accept our responsibility to assist the families in our parish to fulfill their role as the primary educators of their children in matters of faith and to support what our Holy Father states "the future of humanity passes by way of the family". This time of transition in the history of the diocese will undoubtedly be difficult for people who live in parishes that will merge. There will be many who are hurt and upset as they experience what will be a change in their spiritual lives, and I will be one of them. There is nobody who has been involved in *Making All Things New* who doesn't understand the impact that this will have on the Catholic faithful but it is our responsibility to work with everyone in these parishes so as to help make the change as smooth as we possibly can. Peace and hope, Fr. John

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