



HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

The Mother Church of Auburn

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The Thirty-Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

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

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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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Dear Parishioner,

It's hard to believe that this Thursday is Thanksgiving. Yet, as we approach this national holiday, we are offered an opportunity to look at our lives--where we've been, and where we're going. I think it's important not just to simply get caught up in the planning of the "event" itself, but rather to really give thanks. Sometimes our sights can be set on what we don't have or on what we think we need – what we want. Thanksgiving asks us to look at what we already have – the things we can take for granted. And so, as we prepare for the "big dinner" and find ourselves running around with grocery lists in our hands, adventurously maneuvering shopping carts in over-crowded supermarkets, we need to remind ourselves that the frantic pace isn't necessarily "what it's all about." Try to take some time in the quiet to offer thanks: for family, friends, life, love – most especially for our Faith that sees us through so many of life's challenges. Always remember that Jesus gives us what we need, although it might not be what we want. But somewhere, amidst the confusion of it all, Jesus is trying to make us ever more aware of his presence: calling us to a greater dependence on Him. On this thanksgiving, I am grateful to be your pastor and each day in the sacrifice of the Holy Mass, I thank God that you are our parishioners. I know that you care and work hard to make HOLY FAMILY Church our HOME amidst the turmoil and challenges. It is my hope that this Thanksgiving we can say "Thank You" to those people who always seems to be just around when we need them. Those people who do so much for us and never seems to want anything in return. I hope to express our gratitude to those people who mean so much to us. Please allow me to offer a word of thanks to all of you for your love and dedication to Holy Family. On this Thanksgiving holiday I find myself particularly grateful to God for allowing me to be part of this parish family at this time in history as we recall our 184 years as the Mother Church of Auburn. We, as a parish family, certainly have much to be thankful for this Thanksgiving! **I have been taught so much in the ways of Faith through your good example, loving support, and love of Christ. I am strengthened in my priesthood because of you. This parish truly is a piece of God's Kingdom here on earth.**

The delicious turkey dinners and scrumptious pumpkin pies are superb memorial dishes that we share during the Thanksgiving holiday. The memories that we make are something we will treasure for many years to come. But how blessed are we as Catholics to recognize that no Thanksgiving is greater than by giving thanks to God by going to Mass regularly and receiving devoutly the Holy Eucharist. It is hard to fathom how Catholics who have lost their practice of giving thanks to God by going to Mass and yet religiously celebrate a Thanksgiving holiday every year. No matter how delicious the turkey, gravy and mashed potatoes taste, there can never be a substitute for giving thanks to God without giving him his due worship. If you know of Catholics who have wandered away from the Mass and the sacraments, explain to them the

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Sunday, November 18

9:00 am Mel Brown - Linda Carr

11:15 am Jean Staehr - Frank & Deb Netti

Monday, November 19

12:15 pm Mary E. Oropollo—Tamburrino Family

Tuesday, November 20

12:15 pm Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Marulla—Patty

12:15 pm Patricia Kenny—Timothy Donovan

Wednesday, November 21

10:00 am Mass at Northbrook Heights

12:15 pm **No Mass**

5:30 pm Thanksgiving Vigil

Thomas McNabb—Shirley Quigley & family

Thursday, November 22**9:00 am—City-wide Mass of Thanksgiving****Friday, November 23**

12:15pm Harry Berger—Liza & Tim Kelly

Saturday, November 24

4:30 pm Al LaSalle—Linda & Ken

4:30 pm Arthur & Helen Conti—Patty

4:30 pm Jack Feeney—Mom

Sunday, November 25

9:00 am Perry Lynch—Audra, Michael & Courtney

11:15 am Patrick Duffy—Steve & Shannon Koehr



FAITH FORMATION UPDATES: **November 18th** - Faith Formation. **November 25th** - Youth Group/Confirmation Year 1, 5:30 - 7pm.

HOLY FAMILY CHRISTMAS PAGEANT: December 24th at the 4pm Mass.. Open to children ages 4-12. Sign ups from 10 to 11am November 18th in the Faith Formation classrooms at the school. More information to follow.

November 25 No Faith Formation Classes—Thanksgiving Vacation

December 2 Faith Formation Classes—Liturgy of the Word Children Offertory.

OUR THANKS to the Farrell Family of White Chapel Funeral Home, for sponsoring our bulletin this week.

HOLY FAMILY PARISH LIFE COMMITTEE: Our Committee has been busy planning events for this coming year. On November 17th & 18th weekend we will hold our annual Bake Goods sale (pies, cookies, cakes, soup, etc.) in the church entrance. Thank you for all your caring and support!

ROOF RENOVATION FUND: My Dear Parishioners, Our parish of Holy Family has stood as a home and a beacon of faith for countless people of faith, seeking comfort and strength in Christ Jesus. With that faith and dedication our people built our beautiful parish church where the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is celebrated, children and adults are reborn in baptism, committed to Christ and the Church in confirmation, married and sent home to God. For over 184 years the Church of Holy Family has fulfilled its commitment to God's people. Time and the elements have made it imperative to take a good look at our church and make necessary repairs which will assure that generations to come will find a home of comfort and strength in Christ Jesus like we have and as did our parents and grandparents. We have undertaken a capital campaign with the goal of putting a NEW ROOF to our church! The church remains a beautiful building, but it is in need of some substantial work! **Our Roof Campaign Goal is \$300,000.00. We are proud to announce that at the bulletin printing time we have received 207,219.00 (69.007%).** Thank you for what you have sacrificed to contribute towards this Campaign!

**FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP**

Not available due to early bulletin deadline for holiday.

See next week's bulletin.

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

CYO BOTTLE AND CAN DRIVE: Return bottles & cans to The Can Kings on W. Genesee Street (across from Genesee Elementary) and Holy Family CYO will donate all the funds raised to the HF school/gym account. **Please tell them it's for Holy Family CYO!**

HOLY FAMILY'S CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL (CMA): As of October 23, 2018, 72 of our total 504 households have committed themselves and offered \$7,334 which is 20.9% of our total goal of \$35076. 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. **I am very optimistic that all of us will have made our pledges and met our goal by Christmas so that we may concentrate on other important local issues of our parish with the beginning of the year!** Always know that you are important to our church family. Your presence will always make a difference in our prayers, worship and fellowship and parish development. 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

OUR PARISH THIS WEEK**Tuesday, November 20**

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

10:00 -11:00 am—Lunches with Love - School

Wednesday, November 21

12:30 pm Office Closing early for Thanksgiving Holiday

Thursday, November 22**Office Closed****Friday, November 23****Office Closed****Saturday, November 24**

9:00 am—3:00 pm St. Joseph's Bazaar in gym

3:30 - 4:30 pm Confessions

ALTAR SERVERS**Thursday, November 22****Thanksgiving Day**

9:00 am J. White; T. Dennis; W. Furnia; J. Furnia

Saturday, November 24

4:30 pm C. DeAngelis

Sunday, November 25

9:00 am W. Furnia, J. Furnia

11:15 am J. White

LECTORS**Wednesday, November 21**

5:30 pm A. Lane; C. Tomandl

Thursday, November 22**Thanksgiving Day**

9:00 am S. Marullo

Saturday, November 24

4:30 pm C. Tomandl; A. Seneca

Sunday, November 25

9:00 am P. Ferrari; S. Weldon

11:15 am J. Kearse; J. Renahan

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**Wednesday, November 21**

5:30 pm A. Lane; J. Tomandl

Saturday, November 24

4:30 pm J. Madden; C. Tomandl; A. Seneca; A. Lane

Sunday, November 25

9:00 am S. Marullo; D. Walsh; H. Delaney; R. White

Nursing Home Minister: R. White

11:15 am K. Pines; S. Mills; M. Wraeter; M. Lawson



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beauty of the Mass and the Eucharist as the eternal Thanksgiving that our souls yearn for. Invite them to return to the Catholic Church, their spiritual home. The church's New Year, Advent, is one week away. This is a great time for those who have wandered away from God to return HOME. One good confession is all it takes for them to be fully back in the church. Have a very Happy Thanksgiving and I hope to see you at Mass on Thanksgiving Day.

The formal and official thanksgiving celebration of the Eucharist for the Auburn Catholic community will be celebrated on Thursday Thanksgiving morning, 9.00 AM, Nov. 22, 2018 here at Holy Family but in KEEPING OUR TRADITION especially for those who will miss this gracious opportunity due to other important and necessary engagements, we shall celebrate a thanksgiving vigil Mass here at Holy Family on Wednesday, Nov. 21 at 5.30 pm. At this vigil Mass a collection will be taken up to be shared with the LUNCHES WITH LOVE OUTREACH of our parish as our particular way of expressing our gratitude to God and to help them continue the tremendous work they do to assist those who are truly in need. And I believe that by starting our day with God as a big part of our Thanksgiving celebration, we will enjoy an even bigger Thursday feast once we begin to 'gobble gobble' our meal! Let us all consecrate a special moment and express our gratitude to God for his goodness, care, compassion, generosity and love in the celebration of the Eucharist

I do pray that your Thanksgiving will be enjoyed with family and friends. I hope you take the time to give each person an opportunity to express their gratitude for life and love. Members of our families are treasures to us, are blessings to us. So this Thanksgiving is a good time to remember and cherish them in our lives who, in need and in deed, in sickness and in health, are always with us in kindness and let us know that we count. "Life goes so quickly". You have no promise of what your future holds, so live for today, and say all the things that you want your loved ones to remember. Make your "Life" a gift to all you meet. Make it a fantastic one. Remember it is health that is real wealth and not pieces of gold and silver. Throw out your lists that are impossibly long, and dance a few steps to a favorite song. Let yourself float like a leaf on a stream, relax with your memories and let yourself dream. Do things that will hold the most meaning for you and yours. Turn off the news and find someone who will listen and talk to you. Affirm what you feel. It's not what you gather, but what you scatter that tells what kind of life you have lived." **Our Staff, Pastoral Council, and I wish you a blessed, holy and Happy Thanksgiving! And I love you all, Fr. John**



HOLY FAMILY CHURCH ORNAMENT: Get your HOLY FAMILY CHURCH commemorative ornament now! There are limited quantities of the gold tone, brass etched ornaments - only \$12.00 each. Order forms are available in the back of the church. Ornaments will also be available after some masses.



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK: Mary Adams, Roger Basha, Caroline Blowers, Mark Cole, Sue Daly, Tim Daly, Gina DelPiano, Mary Dygert, Ginny Elardo, Michael Fronzek, Mary Guido, Carter Hergert, Caleb Jones, Joanne Komanecky, Elizabeth Lane, Frances Lane, Kathryn Malek, 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,

Come One Come All -- St. Joseph School is having an Olde Tyme Christmas Bazaar November 24th at Holy Family Gym from 9am-3pm. Santa will be there along with food and many other activities, including raffle baskets with cherished memories someone has of a loved one in their life!!

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