

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

The Mother Church of Auburn

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September 8, 2019

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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253-8327**
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**Weekend Mass
Schedule**
Saturday: 4:00 pm
Sunday: 9:00 am
Reconciliation
Saturday: 3:00 pm

Baptisms
By appointment. Call
to register.

Marriages
By Appointment

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12th Commandment "Thou Shall Use Your Envelope"

I abhor with the strongest terms the 11th commandment "mind your own business attitude" as the core and root cause selfishness, egoism and narcissism bringing to oblivion the heart of care, concern, hospitality and generosity in communities. However, I extend an invitation to the 12th commandment "Thou shall use your offering envelope".

Offering envelopes are intended to be an aid for Christian stewardship. Having an offering envelope designated for each worship service and for special funds can serve as a REMINDER to set aside an offering from our first fruits as a gift of thanksgiving to the Lord. "On the first day of the week let each one of you lay something aside, storing up as he may prosper..." (1 Corinthians 16:2) My gratitude and public acknowledgement to all those who use the Sunday and Holy day of Obligation envelopes towards their sacrificial contribution to our Parish, the Church of Holy Family. Thank you for all you do to support our faith communities through your thoughtful and gracious generosity. I am, however, aware of a good number of you who are faithful in your sacrificial giving but do not use the contribution envelope for a variety of reasons. Nonetheless, if you use loose cash in making your contribution, and **you are welcome to make that choice for whatever reason you see fit**, then you know that the pastor has no way of being accountable to you so you will not receive a report of your contributions. And I would like to emphasize that nobody will ever be denied spiritual or pastoral services in the cluster of St. Alphonsus, Holy Family, Sacred Heart and St. Ann for failure to make sacrificial contribution. Of course, you always have the right to come to Church, receive the sacraments if you are spiritually disposed and call upon the clergy for pastoral service, although you will always be *invited* to contribute in any way you can and in any way you choose.

I sincerely invite you and encourage to use of the offering envelopes for a variety of reasons:

- First, it is good example to your children and grandchildren that driven by your faith you care of your community, church and above all, you are an active parishioner.
- Second, the contribution envelop though personal, it is a tangible representation of your commitment to the building and growth of our parish, and its works of evangelization.
- Third, it helps the parish council and the finance council in not only the projection of the parish financial situation but also in the preparation and planning for annual budget. For many reasons, people register and then do not use the envelopes we send--the returns are always average less than 50%. For example, its costs Holy Family, this is your money (for printing and mailing)—**it cost us \$6000.00 every year!!! The same to all our cluster churches**
- Fourth, placing your gifts to the Church in a contribution envelope is like wrapping a gift before giving it to someone— it gives your gift dignity! It also shows your regular participation at Sunday Mass, which is part of the indication that you are active in the life of the parish. Being active in your parish is an important qualification for a person who wishes to be a Godparent or sponsor for another person. To be considered "active", parishioners, to the best of my recollection, must be registered in their parish for a sufficient period of time, attend Mass faithfully, support the life of the parish and use the envelope system. So, please use your envelopes. If you are not receiving envelopes and would like to, please notify. **I am always humbled by our homebound and those in nursing home facilities parishioners—fidelity and support they have for their parishes despite their life-long change in situation.**

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Sunday, September 8

9:00 am—Carl Yoensky—Tammy Yoensky

Monday, September 9

12:15 pm Louis J. Nolan—Martin Nolan

Tuesday, September 10

10:30 am Mass at Auburn Nursing Home

NO 12:15 pm MASS**Wednesday, September 11**

12:15 pm Ed Timerson—Kathy

Thursday, September 12**NO MASS****Friday, September 13**

10:00 am Mass at The Home

12:15 pm Marlene Marinelli—Mary & Helen

Saturday, September 14

4:00 pm John & Joseph Carberry—Family

Thomas Marullo—Patty

Rick Downer—Ma

Sunday, September 15

9:00 am—Margaret & John Malenick—Dave Malenick & family



HOLY FAMILY SUNDAY FAITH FORMATION for Grades Prek-6 will begin on September 15, 2019 Catechist Sunday. Classes will be from 10am to 11am in the School. Families who previously have been enrolled in the program will be mailed registration forms. Additional information can be found on the Holy Family Website: auburnhollyfamily.org, by emailing or calling Barbara Quinn at the Rectory. Email Barbara.Quinn@dor.org or 315.252.9576 ext. 16

HOLY FAMILY YOUTH GROUP for GRADES 7 AND UP

runs from September through May from 5:30-7pm once a month on Sunday evenings. All are invited to join. Information will be sent to previously enrolled families and forms can be found online or by contacting Barbara Quinn at the Rectory.

ADULT CONFIRMATION Are you over the age of 16 and have not yet received the Sacrament of Confirmation? A group of people will be preparing for Confirmation this fall. If you are interested in taking this next step in your Catholic faith, please contact Bernie Tomasso at 315-252-7271 or bernie.tomasso@dor.org

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

9/1/2019

Attendance

Regular Collection \$\$.00

St. Joseph's School \$\$.00

Fuel & Heat \$\$.00

Roof Fund \$\$.00

Assumption \$\$.00

No information due to early submission date of bulletin.

Check next week's bulletin.

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

REGISTRATION FOR 2019-2020 CYO BASKETBALL

SEASON will begin in September. Please contact your parish CYO representative for more information.

CYO Representatives:

Holy Family- Chris & Jada Bryant 315-406-5792

St. Alphonsus - Denise Passarello 315-283-1394

Sacred Heart- Pat Collier 315-730-8965

St. Mary's- Connor O'Donnell 540-327-8554

Sts. Mary & Martha- Chris/Jada Bryant 406-5792

HOLY FAMILY CYO 2019-2020 Registration!

Grades 1-8 Sunday 9/29 in the gym, 10:00-11:15

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK: Mary Adams, Caroline Blowers, Mark Cole, Sue Daly, Tim Daly, Leo & Dorothy Delaney, Gina DelPiano, Mary Dygert, Ginny Elardo, Ann Fronzek, Michael Fronzek, Robert Gallagher, Mary Guido, Carter Hergert, Caleb Jones, Joanne Komanecky, Elizabeth Lane, Frances Lane, Stephen L. Norris, Jim O'Connor, Joan Petrucelli, Siobhan Phillippe, Donna Romano, Roberta Slayton, Leonard Smith, Stacy, Bill Tonzi, **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.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND: Catholic Campaign for Human Development

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 \$218,345 (72.78%). Thank you for what you have sacrificed to contribute towards this Campaign!

OUR THANKS to **Four Seasons Memorials** for sponsoring our bulletin this week.

ST. MARY'S IS COOKING St. Mary's Church of Auburn will be holding their monthly Pasta Dinner on Tuesday, September 10, 2019 in Schrader Hall at 15 Clark St. Serving will be from 5-7 PM. The menu includes **pasta, meatballs & sauce, salad & dressing, Italian bread, dessert & beverage**. Tickets must be purchased at the door: **ADULTS \$8.00 AND \$6.00 FOR CHILDREN UNDER TWELVE YEARS OLD**. Eat in or take out!

MINISTRY SCHEDULE**Sat. September 14**

4:00 pm **AS** A. Stotler
L J. Kearse; D. Walsh
EM D. Walsh; S. Marullo; G. Bennett

Sun. September 15

9:00 am **AS** M. Dennis; T. Dennis
L R. Nestor; J. Renahan
EM D. Holmes; S. Dec; M. Lawson
Nursing Home Minister:

OUR PARISH THIS WEEK**Tuesday, September 10**

10-11 am Clothes Closet
 10-11 am Lunches with Love

Thursday, September 12

6-7 pm Clothes Closet
 7 pm Choir Practice

Saturday, September 14

3:00 pm Confessions
 5-8 pm Pork Chop Dinner

HOLY FAMILY PORK CHOP DINNER

September 14, 2019
 Dinner and Dessert \$12.
 Eat in or take out
 Delivery available (call Dave at
 315-255-0042 or 315-420-0453)

Tickets will be sold after all Masses
 Or you can buy them that night at the door
 Your purchase will not only get you a great dinner it is also a
 great way to help support our parish projects.
 Thank you.



BANNS 2:
 Brendon Andrews
 Jenna McNally

SOUP KITCHEN SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER 14: Mary Ann Finn, Betty LaPlante, Margaret Liberatore, Paul Liberatore and Karen Spinelli. Volunteers need to be at St. Peter & St. John Episcopal Church by 9:30 am and stay until serving is done and tables are wiped down (about 1:15 pm). Enter through the front red doors, please.

If you are unable to work on the day you are scheduled, please get someone to fill in for you.

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- Fifth, every parishioner needs to be supporting their parish financially. Since no money comes from the Bishop, our total budget amount is met from the collection on Sunday. If you do not contribute, the parish would simply be unable to continue its ministries and operation. **Because everyone who is a parishioner benefits from some element of the parish, it is unfair for some people to bear the entire financial burden.** I ask each of you to please pray and consider your weekly contribution and decide if it is truly something that is sacrificial and virtuous.
- Sixth, one of the criteria for an active, and viable parish is the number of its registered parishioners. We are assessed by the Diocesan Office for how many registered parishioners we have on our files. It is a huge job to keep our records straight but we hope you can appreciate why it is so very important. If you are registered but not active in your financial contribution, then the burden is shouldered by a small percentage, yet your count is always considered especially in the diocesan assessment on both the CMA and Catholic Courier goal.

You, our parishioners, are so important to us in fulfilling our pastoral and spiritual mission! Your gifts are our lifeline! Please use your contribution envelopes, every penny counts in fulfilling the mission of the Church of Holy Family. No gift is too small. Though a delicate issue, **parish registration is a very fluid business!** We would appreciate a call if you're moving out of the parish; moving, but remaining a parishioner; if your phone number or other important information has changed; you are a winter snowbird; or a beloved family member is deceased. **Please, let us know.**

How shall I make a return to the Lord for all the good God has done for me?" Psalm 16:12 Stewardship of treasure begins not because God has need of our gifts but because each one of us has a need to return to God a truly grateful portion of our time, talent and treasure in thanksgiving for all the blessings that He has given us. The highest purpose for giving is our gratitude to God for His many blessings. **Thanks too to all our parishioners who have signed up for Electronic giving—** this has a positive impact on the financial health of the parishes. All in all, we promise to remain good stewards for every penny given in the name of the Church especially in accountability. We simply could not do this without you. May God continue to bless you and your family and see you in church! I look forward to our journey together. Thank you for your support, encouragement, excitement and prayers.

I love you all, Fr. John

2020 MASS BOOK: is now available for Mass requests. There will be a limit of three weekend Masses and unlimited weekday requests until November 4th so everyone gets the opportunity to request a Saturday or Sunday of their choice. Beginning in November there will be no limits and you may request as many as you need. Thank you.

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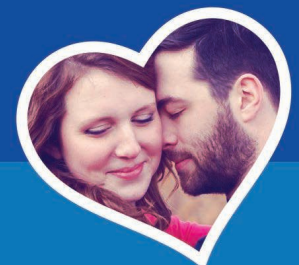


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