

July 25, 2021

# HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC COMMUNITY



To Live the Great Commandment: Love of God and Love of Neighbor

## A Farmer as an image of Christian Life

A thought crossed my mind while reminiscing the three life giving weeks in the Catholic Community of Holy Family especially the Saturday afternoon (July 3 Independence weekend) after spending time with a family who are parishioners and farmers! It was such a gracious occasion filled with laughter, joy, and sharing and the “big meal,” at a restaurant in Atlanta (Steuben County)—the Prime Rib was “big” and excellent! We had everything we needed to eat and we “dug in” to our satisfaction—I will ever be grateful for the invitation in that family setting. While I was there, I had a “Deja Vu”, a “recall” of a familiar wonderful memory of my past life-experience as a son of a farmer, a life that I have always taken pride in, a life that reminds me of our family farm where all my sisters and brothers were reared, nurtured and raised. There is much comparison between a farmer's and Christian life. A good farmer learns how to **Welcome** seasons, seedlings, and newly born animals and birds; the hands of a farmer are full of **care, compassion and nurturing** to new beginnings and **vulnerable life**, hands that **tend** patiently to plants and animal; did you know that a farmer in each season waits with **hope and expectation** that the yield will be great; I remember as a young farmer learning how to separate plants from weeds; a farmer knows how to bring and rejoice in every healing, and above all, at harvest time, he gathers his family and friends to celebrate and thanking God for a good year with a big and wonderful meal. Just like a farmer, **Christian life revolves in welcoming, caring and nurturing, planning and tending, rejoicing and healing, it is life full of hope and expectation, a life of gratitude to God's guidance and presence, a life that we look forward to God's great harvest when He will reward us with everlasting friendship and life.** Surprise, surprise, I saw several goats in a certain farm! And I reminded these “goats” that “I will be back!” Do you know when? Around Thanksgiving and do not ask why?

Even Jesus Christ, in his teaching ministry, used examples drawn from farming so that he would bring closer to the people the true meaning of Kingdom of God, for example, the parables of the sower; wheat and weed, tenant and vineyard, vine and the branches, fig tree, mustard seed, riches and camel, separation of sheep and goats etc. In the footsteps of Jesus Christ, the Church continues to teach, proclaim, protect, safeguard, perpetuate the same values of the Kingdom especially the truth, love, peace, justice, compassion and care human dignity, equality, responsibility, accountability and God's presence. These values define the work and mission of the Parish Pastoral Council, Finance Council, Liturgy Committee, Faith Formation and all ministries and volunteers in Holy Family Catholic Community. **As we begin a New Fiscal year,** I am so grateful that we have a **Parish Pastoral Council**; I hope that they will take the frontline in assisting me to plan, strategize, and effect all the pastoral decisions that we shall make for the good and welfare of our parish. We are blessed with a great **Finance Council**, who are all wise stewards: an active and well-formed Parish Finance Council is an important and necessary support to the pastor in fulfilling his duty of being a good steward of parish resources. They support the good governance of a parish and helps that there be accountability to the parishioners. They also help us maximize our financial resources and avert potential financial problems. I promise that I will strongly take advantage of their counsel and advice. If we think of Sunday Mass as a sacred drama with two or three acts, several scenes, numerous props and a cast composed of presider, deacon, assembly, servers, lectors, Eucharistic ministers, hospitality ministers and a choir, it is easy to see the reason for the rise and spread of **Parish Liturgy Committees** since the Second Vatican Council. I hope to meet with **Holy Family Catholic Community Liturgy committee!** Liturgy committees exist principally to enhance the living experience of the people of God as they come together in yearning to sustain the vision of a kingdom come in Jesus Christ. On your behalf I acknowledge the daily blessing of the **Staff at Holy Family Catholic Community** has been for me and for us. We have a deeply dedicated and compassionate staff! I wish to acknowledge also the many wonderful women and men who help lead our parish and do their work behind the scenes, often going unrecognized. Over my three weeks here I have seen scores of individuals give of their time and talent as **volunteers in this parish**. I am grateful (and inspired) by the zeal and joy, talent and love that so many of you have brought to serving our parish. Your names and roles are too numerous to mention! I deeply appreciate the hands, hearts, spirit and sometimes sweat that is offered for the benefit of our parish and parishioners. Your time, talent and treasure are truly appreciated!

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*Mass Intentions for the Week*

- Monday, July 26**  
9:00am St. Joseph + **Donald Kurtz**  
by Elaine Kurtz Jeter
- Tuesday, July 27**  
8:15am St. Mary + **Wm. & Oleta Yohonn**  
by Family
- Wednesday, July 28**  
9:00am St. Joseph + **Rest of the souls of the**  
**Fred Stillson Family**  
by Estate
- Thursday, July 29**  
8:15am St. Mary + **Wise & O'Herron Families**  
by Family
- Friday, July 30**  
8:15am St. Mary + **Donna Hartman**  
by Mary Ann Holden

*Weekend Mass Celebrations*

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54 [246]/Eph  
4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35

- Saturday, July 31**  
**St. Mary** + **Frank Lawrence**  
4:00 pm by Family  
Lector Kellee Hoag
- Sunday, August 1**  
**St. Joseph** + **Bob Schubmehl**  
7:30 am by Family  
Lector Ed Clark
- Sacred Heart** + **Gerald Welch**  
9:15 am by Family  
Lector Anne Norton

- St. Pius V** + **David G. O'Brien**  
11:00am by Gene and Judy Clancy  
Lector Luke Pelletier

*The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week  
In Memory of...*

- St. Joseph** **Mark Goodrich**  
by Wolfanger Family
- St. Mary** **Donna Hartman**



**Readings for July 25, 2021**  
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**First Reading:**

"For thus says the LORD,  
'They shall eat and there shall be some left over.'"  
(2 Kgs 4:43)

**Psalm:**

The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.  
(Ps 145)

**Second Reading:**

One body and one Spirit, as you were also called to the  
one hope of your call; one Lord, one faith, one baptism;  
one God and Father of all. (Eph 4:4-6)

**Gospel:**

Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks,  
and distributed them to those who were reclining,  
and also as much of the fish as they wanted. (Jn 6:11)

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**Reflect and respond to this week's readings,  
July 25, 2021**

**First Reading:**

The prophet Elisha was able to feed a crowd of a hundred  
people with only twenty barley loaves and some fresh grain.  
Why do you think God empowered Elisha to perform this  
feeding miracle?

**Second Reading:**

Paul taught the Ephesians that as believers we are called  
to live by the moral imperatives of humility, gentleness,  
patience, love, and peace. Which of these virtues do you  
think you do well?

**Gospel:**

The people mistakenly thought of Jesus as "the Prophet  
who is to come into world" after the multiplication of the  
loaves and fishes. What are some times when you have  
seen others misuse or misrepresent Jesus?

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**PARISH OUTREACH FOR LOCAL NEEDS**

One way our parish helps local families is through the **St. Vincent de Paul Society**



\*We are resuming the assistance of Eucharistic ministers, ushers, greeters and adult altar servers to weekend Mass. If you did this prior to the pandemic, we invite you back to this ministry. Please contact the parish office to confirm that you'd like to continue in your ministry. If you are interested in joining one of these ministries, or wish to know more about them, please contact the parish office, 728-2228.

**Brae Burn Golf Course, Dansville, NY**  
**Save the Date - July 31, 2021**

**To Benefit:**  
**The Kenya School Project**

**How Can You Help?**

- Sponsorship
- Donation of Prizes, Gift Certificates, Baskets
- Monetary Donations
- Volunteer to Help at the Tournament.
- Play Golf - Create a team
- Attend the tournament for Fun! Raffles, Kenya Crafts, Dinner, Golf Winners
- Non Golfers are invited to attend the dinner but must order their meals ahead of time.

We invite non-golfers to participate by coming between 10:00am and 3:00pm on July 31st to check out the Kenya crafts and door prizes. Cash or checks are accepted.

If you did not receive golf information in the mail, and are interested in this event, packets are available in the back of church with forms to send in.

Also contact: Mary Biggee (585-728-2991)  
Gitare Kenya Outreach

New address for Fr. Stephen:  
85 North St.  
Auburn, NY 13021

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I have always enjoyed reading the thoughts of Philip J. Murnion, in "Parish Renewal" where he says that "We find there are many styles of good pastoring. Some good pastors are good teachers, some are good liturgists. Some have good organizational abilities, while others are remarkable for their one-to-one care. Still others are strong community builders, while others have a knack for hospitality that supports the efforts and the leadership of others. There is no one style of good pastoring, yet there are some common qualities. Good pastors seem to have a confident sense of direction. Aware of their own abilities and of their own weaknesses, they have a good notion of what a parish can be. Second, good pastors care about their people. They show respect for their experience and abilities of people and are as ready to listen as to speak. They listen carefully and really hear what people are saying. Third, good pastors are able to share decision making and leadership. Their strength evokes the strength of others. Weak pastors evoke the weaknesses of others, their tendency to dependency, pettiness or divisiveness. Fourth, good pastors seem to be interested in both the developments in theology and the life of the larger church beyond their parishes." I do not claim to be the best pastor, but with you parishioners, we can become good leaders, and specifically you can journey with me to be your good pastor sharing all the goodness of a FARMER, and building God's Kingdom in our Catholic Community.

God bless and I love you all, Fr. John

**SACRED HEART HOLY MOWERS**

The Holy Mowers at Sacred Heart in Perkinsville are looking for volunteers to help with mowing and string trimming work. Think of this as an opportunity to get outside, enjoy some fresh air, save our church and cemetery over \$5,000 annually in commercial mowing fees, and a chance to give something back to our Catholic Community.

Please contact the Parish Office at 728 2228 if you can help.

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**Very Reverend John Gathenya**  
**Fr. Michael Twardzik - Senior Priest**  
**Deacon Dan Slattery, Emeritus**

### SACRAMENTAL LIFE

**Baptism:** Call the office to set up an appointment with a priest at least 4 weeks ahead. Baptisms take place during the Mass.

Please contact the priest if special arrangements need to be made.

**Reconciliation:** Saturday, 3:00 - 3:45pm at St. Mary Church or by appointment with a priest.

**Marriage:** Call the office, to set up an appointment with a Priest, at least 6 months ahead, and to reserve the church and date.

**Anointing of the Sick:** Please call the office or the Rectory.

**New Parishioners:** Welcome to our parish. We would like to get to know you and invite you to register. Registration forms are available in the Parish office and in each of the Churches.

**Faith Formation & Youth Ministry:** Pre-kindergarten through Adult Formation. For more information call the Parish Office

**Parish outreach to those in need -** St. Vincent de Paul Society, 728-5192

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**Rectory Phone:** 585-335-2700

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### CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Which was Jesus' first public miracle?

- Feeding the 5,000
- Healing of the lepers
- Walking on water
- Turning water into wine

Last week's answer: In a dream.

**Question:** What can I do to help our family practice our faith each day?

**Answer:** Some families practice their religion together as just another event on their schedule: go to church, observe Lent, help at the parish picnic, go to a meeting, volunteer time, make your confession, use your envelope... But the focus needs to be on who we are—God's people, in relationship with him, loved, forgiven, and redeemed, and called to live and proclaim the Gospel. Our awareness of God's presence and our sense of mission are supported by the daily rituals, celebrations, and traditions that help us stay focused. Sharing our faith strengthens us and clarifies the beliefs and values of Christian living.

Daily family practices include time for prayer—before meals, before bed, before important meetings and activities. Attend Sunday Mass together and discuss the homily afterward. Create family celebrations for holy days and holidays. Make religion a regular part of your discussions. Include others, especially the elderly and the less fortunate, in your activities and charitable efforts. By applying the virtues of faith, hope, and love to each day, faith becomes part of who your family is. It influences how you act towards others, what you value, and how mindful of God you are. Faith is the leaven of life that helps all of us rise to our calling and dignity as God's people.

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