# **HOLY FAMILY PARISH**

St. Irenaeus, Oakmont St. Januarius, St. John the Baptist, Plum St. Joseph, Verona, Our Lady of Joy, Plum



# THE NATIVITY of the Lord

"For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord." - Lk 2:11

December 25, 2021



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#### **CLERGY**

Parish Email: office@holyfamilypgh.org

Rev. Kevin G. Poecking Pastor

Rev. George Dalton Senior Parochial Vicar

Rev. David DeWitt Senior Parochial Vicar

Deacon Joseph Vannucci **Deacon Timothy Noca** Deacon Frank Bursic

#### Weekend Mass Times

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM St. Irenaeus

4:00 PM St. John the Baptist 5:30 PM St. Joseph

6:00 PM Our Lady of Joy

Sunday: 8:00 AM Our Lady of Joy

8:30 AM St Joseph

9:00 AM St. John the Baptist

10:00 AM Our Lady of Joy

11:00 AM St. Januarius

11:00 AM St. Irenaeus

11:30 AM St. John the Baptist

6:00 PM St. John the Baptist

#### Confessions:

Monday 6:00-6:20 PM Wednesday 6:00-6:20 PM Saturday 9:30-10:00 AM

St . Januarius St. Irenaeus

1st Saturday After 5:30 Mass St. Joseph

St. John the Baptist

- Or By Appointment -

# From the Desk Of....

Fr. Kevin Poecking Pastor

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

You might have heard the story of the priest who gave the Christmas Eve homily at the early 4 PM Mass that is largely attended by young families with young children. Father called all the children brave enough to come and sit up front on the sanctuary floor, not far from the nativity displayed in the church. Father had a large bag, almost like a Santa Claus bag full of boxed items. As the children came forward, he introduced the bag to the children and started to take out the wrapped gifts inside saying, "Children, I want to show these gifts to you. Over the past few weeks families and friends have dropped off these gifts for me and I am waiting until Christmas morning to open them. We all get excited by gifts don't we..." And the children started to nod their heads, raise their hands and talk about the gifts that they were hoping to get on Christmas morning too. Father kept pulling out more and more boxes from his bag stacking them up between the children and the nativity. When he was finished, he said with excitement, "Look at all these gifts. I can't wait to open them tomorrow morning. I'm sure you will be excited tomorrow too when you see gifts at home around a tree and want to open them all at once." The children continued to nod and talk about Christmas toys and gifts even louder. Father said, "But look! I have so many gifts, I've blocked all of you and me from seeing the nativity on the other side of the gifts. And this is sad because the most important gift that we are able to receive on Christmas is the one in that nativity, Jesus, born as a baby boy for us. In fact, that's the whole reason we even have any gifts at Christmas." He then started to move the gifts to the side of the nativity so that the children could see the figures in the nativity and especially the baby Jesus in the manger.

It's a simple message that we all know. Yet, it's also true that sometimes during the Christmastide, we get so full of the stuff surrounding Christmas that we forget about Jesus Christ, who is the reason for it all. Let's enjoy the gifts and glitter, the music and lights, the time with family and friends. All of that is good, but if it keeps us from celebrating the most important part of Christmas, God's Word born into our world in the person of Jesus Christ, then all we'll be doing is having a party. Jesus makes our celebration of Christmas transcend our material world, drawing us into a greater purpose that can be for all

people in even the most darkest moments of our lives good news of great joy (cf Luke 2:10). May Jesus always be our first reason for Christmas joy!

Along with Father George and Father David, with our resident Father Jinto and our Deacons Joe, Tim and Frank,

we offer to all our Holy Family community a blessed Christmas, filled with the holy joy that comes from our celebration of the birth of our savior, Jesus Christ. We hope that you are able to be with us for our second feast of the Holy Family on Sunday, December 26 and throughout the New Year!



In Christ's love, Father Kevin

#### **PARISH SURVEY**

Our Holy Family Pastoral Council is conducting a survey to help us plan for our future. As a reminder, if you complete a survey, please take a Holy Family medal as a gift for your time and effort.

The link to the online survey is available at: https://holyfamilypgh.org/parish-survey. A copy is also available in the churches and on page 11 of this bulletin.

Thank you for your continued support!

#### SPECIAL HOMILY

As a special homily for those who might not be as cheerful during this holiday time, Father Kevin offered a homily this past third Sunday of Advent for those feeling a little down, perhaps having experienced a sad or tragic loss this past year. If you would like to hear it or share it with someone you know, you can find a link to the audio message here: https://holyfamilypgh.org/homilies

Or use the QR code.

#### SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

READING I <u>SIR 3:2-6, 12-14</u>

God sets a father in honor over his children; a mother's authority he confirms over her sons. Whoever honors his father atones for sins, and preserves himself from them. When he prays, he is heard; he stores up riches who reveres his mother. Whoever honors his father is gladdened by children, and, when he prays, is heard. Whoever reveres his father will live a long life; he who obeys his father brings com fort to his mother. My son, take care of your father when he is old; grieve him not as long as he lives. Even if his mind fail, be considerate of him; revile him not all the days of his life; kindness to a father will not be forgotten, firmly planted against the debt of your sins —a house raised in justice to you.

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM PS 128:1-2, 3, 4-5

R. Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

Blessed is everyone who fears the Lord, who walks in his ways! For you shall eat the fruit of your handiwork; blessed shall you be, and favored.

R. Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine in the recessed of your home; your children like olive plants around your table.

R. Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

Behold, thus is the man blessed who fears the Lord. The Lord bless you from Zion: may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life.

R. Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

READING 2 COL 3:12-21

Brothers and sisters: Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if one has a grievance against another; as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do. And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection. And let the peace of Christ control your hearts, the peace into which you were also called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one another, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Wives, be subordinate to your husbands, as is proper in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives, and avoid any bitterness toward them. Children, obey your parents in everything, for this is pleasing to the Lord. Fathers, do not provoke your children, so they may not become discouraged.

ALLELUIA COL 3:15A, 16A

#### R. Alleluia, Alleluia

Let the peace of Christ control your hearts; Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.

R. Alleluia, Alleluia

GOSPEL <u>LK 2:41-52</u>

(This reading is for Feast of the Holy Family -Christmas Readings are in the Worship Aid)

Each year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, and when he was twelve years old, they went up according to festival custom. After they had completed its days, as they were returning, the boy Jesus remained behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Thinking that he was in the caravan, they journeyed for a day and looked for him among their relatives and acquaintances, but not finding him, they returned to Jerusalem to look for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him, they were astonished, and his mother said to him, "Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety." And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man.

# **5** razones para amar a la Iglesia Católica como a mi madre (tercera parte).

3. La amo porque ella me alimenta siempre con su gracia Siempre que yo me monto en un tren sé que la historia del ferrocarril está llena de accidentes. Pero no por eso dejo de usarlo para desplazarme. «La Iglesia—decía Bernanos— es como una compañía de transportes que, desde hace dos mil años, traslada a los hombres desde la tierra al cielo. En dos mil años ha tenido que contar con muchos descarrilamientos, con una infinidad de horas de retraso. Pero hay que decir que gracias a sus santos la compañía no ha quebrado». Es cierto, los santos son la Iglesia, son lo que justifica su existencia, son lo que no nos hace perder la confianza en ella. Ya sé que la historia de la Iglesia no ha sido un idilio. Pero, a fin de cuentas, a la hora de medir a la Iglesia a mí me pesan mucho más los sacramentos que las cruzadas, los santos que los Estados Pontificios, la Gracia que el Derecho canónico.

¿Estoy con ello diciendo que amo a la Iglesia invisible y no a la visible? No, desde luego. Pienso que tenla razón Bernanos al escribir que «la Iglesia visible es lo que nosotros podemos ver de la invisible y que como nosotros tenemos enfermos los ojos solo vemos las zonas enfermas de la Iglesia». Nos resulta más

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HOLY FAMILY MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS					
DATE		TIME	СН	PRIEST	INTENTION/REQUESTER
SATURDAY The Nativity of the Lord (See opposite page)	12/25	Note: There	are No e	evening Masses	
SUNDAY	12/26	* 8:00 AM	OLOJ	BENEDICTINE	Holy Family Mass Group (HF Mass Group)
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph		8:30 AM	SJV	POECKING	Dolores Sciullo (Family)
		* 9:00 AM	SJB	DEWITT	Michael & Dell Yost (McGuirk Family)
		10:00 AM	OLOJ	BENEDICTINE	Theresa Taylor (Marcey Rodgers)
Communion Service	7	11:00 AM	STI	POECKING	James D. DeWitt (Family)
SJB - (Parking Lot Mass) - 9:00 AM		* 11:00 AM	SJAN	DALTON	L/D Papciak/Blodgett Family & Friends (Papciak Family)
SJV - 10:00 AM OLOJ - 11:30 AM		11:30 AM	SJB	DEWITT	Jacob A. Plake (Deacon Tim & Lisa Noca)
	_	6:00 PM	SJB	POECKING	Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
		* 11:00 AM	SJAN	BENEDICTINE	Dom, Laura /Rick Franco/Gregory Ambrose (Ambrose Fam)
		11:30 AM	SJB	DALTON	James D. DeWitt (Family)
		6:00 PM	SJB	DEWITT	Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
MONDAY	12/27	* 9:00 AM	STI	DALTON	Louis Zazzera (Jean)
		6:30 PM	SJAN	POECKING	Marie Joswick (Gary & Rina DiFrank)
TUESDAY	12/28	7:30 AM	SJV	DEWITT	Ed & Josephine Wichman (Family & Friends)
		* 9:00 AM	OLOJ	DALTON	Frank & Louise Bursic (Bursic Family)
WEDNESDAY	12/29	9:00 AM	SJB	POECKING	Ruth Anne George (Family)
		6:30 PM	STI	DALTON	Alfred & Beulah Greenaway (Frank Hartwig)
THURSDAY	12/30	7:30 AM	OLOJ	POEKING	Dr. Deborah Conklin (Conklin Family)
		* 9:00 AM	SJV	DEWITT	Scott Hollinger (Arlene & Jeff Sparks)
FRIDAY	12/31	* 9:00 AM	OLOJ	DEWITT	L/D Aducci Family (Christine Aducci)
		NOON	STI	DALTON	Rita Comunale Mazziotti & Gilbert Mazziotti (Janice Gerasole)
		Solemnity of	f Mary (	See opposite pag	re)
SATURDAY	1/01			See opposite pag 0 PM St. Irenaeu	re) s or 6:00 PM Our Lady of Joy Masses this Saturday.
Communion Service		4:00 PM	SJB	DALTON	John Drop (Wife, Vera)
SJB - (Parking Lot Mass) - 4:00 PM	_	5:30 PM	SJV	DEWITT	Dolores Sciullo (Family)
SUNDAY	1/02	* 8:00 AM	OLOJ	BENEDICTINE	Thomas Finley (Mother & Sisters)
Epiphany of the Lord		8:30 AM	SJV	POECKING	Irene Hordubay (Burgman Family)
		* 9:00 AM	SJB	DEWITT	George Lancie (Rege Hoolahan)
		10:00 AM	OLOJ	BENEDICTINE	Holy Name Society (Holy Name Society)
		11:00 AM	STI	POECKING	Glenn Fuegen (Judy & John Fesz)
		* 11:00 AM	SJAN	DALTON	Holy Family Mass Group (HF Mass Group)
		11:30 AM	SJB	DEWITT	Mary Jane Pugliano (Giuseppe & Maria Gulli)
		6:00 PM	SJB	POECKING	Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
* Live Streamed Masses					

HOLY FAMILY INFORMATION					
FRIDAY 1	2/31	4:00 PM	STI	POECKING	Erline Brockington (Frank Hartwig)
Solemnity of Mary		6:00 PM	OLOJ	DEWITT	L/D Papciak/Blodgett Family & Friends (Papciak Family)
		* 11:30 PM	SJB	POECKING	S&TW Michael Kraemer (Deb & John Kraemer)
SATURDAY	1/1	* 9:00 AM		POECKING	L/D Robbins/Swain Families (Clint & Rebecca Robbins)
Solemnity of Mary		10:00 AM	SJV	DALTON	L/D Parker/Doyle Families (Tom & Joyce Doyle)





### A GREAT way to DOUBLE your Donation!!!

Contribute to "Christmas Charities" on <u>December 25th</u>
"St. Anthony School / DePaul School" on <u>January 17th</u>





Both of those charities will receive 100% of your much needed donation to help their organization...

Then, the Diocese of Pittsburgh will generously rebate our 2021 Parish Share Assessment by that same amount, meaning those dollars will remain in <u>our Parish</u> for our own needs. It is just like giving twice! Please be generous. Thank you!

Thanks to your generosity, our 2021 Parish Share Goal has already been exceeded by \$34,929 so far! This HELPS our Parish tremendously.

The 2021 program ends on January 31, 2022

# 2021 Contribution Statements

If you received a Contribution Statement last year, you will automatically receive one in the mail this year. If you prefer to receive this by email instead, please contact Patty Mahr with your email address.

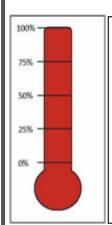
For new requests, contact Patty Mahr at 412-793-4511 X105 or accounts@holyfamilypgh.org.

Please provide the following information:

Envelope ID#, Name, Address, Phone #, Email address, and if you would like it mailed or emailed.

Statements will not be issued until mid-January after all 2021 contributions have been received and posted.

# **2021 PARISH SHARE** Progress—100%



Online Giving is the easiest year-round way to contribute. It's as simple as going onto the Holy Family Parish website under "Online Giving" & setting up an account. Contact Dave Hall at X104 or Patty Mahr at X105 with any questions.

TOTALS (By Week)	Offertory	Parish Share	TOTAL
Budget Amount	\$26,330.00	\$6,294.00	\$32,624.00
* Weekly Average	\$28,068.00	\$6,359.00	\$34,427.00
November 14	\$28,812.00	\$10,0550.00	\$38,867.00
November 21	\$29,768.00	\$5,046.00	\$34,814.00
November 28	\$27,769.00	\$4,191.0	\$31,960.00
December 5	\$32,728.00	\$6,832.00	\$39,560.00
December 12	\$30,012.00	\$8,111.00	\$38,123.00

<sup>\*</sup> This is the average weekly collection for this fiscal year-to-date.



#### The **Traveling Vocation Chalice** is all about vocation awareness!

Everyone is endowed by God with special gifts and talents. Every baptized Catholic is called by God to share their gifts and talents to serve Him and His Church. The visual of a priest's chalice in our home fosters praying and respect for vocations, not only to the priesthood and religious life, but to all vocations and all the ways God calls us to use and adapt our gifts and talents in the kingdom. **Traveling Vocation Chalices** are available at all 5 Holy Family Parish churches to encourage daily prayers for vocations. Families or individuals may reserve a week to take one of the chalices to their home. The process is easy:

- 1. Accessing holyfamilyparish.org/vocation-chalice online enables you to view a 30 second "how-to" video and to sign-up to reserve the chalice at the church and week of your choice.
- Each carrying case includes a priest's chalice and copies of a booklet of prayers for each day.
   Depending on the available time of the family or individual, daily praying may be short brief prayers or longer prayers followed by reflection questions to encourage conversation.
- 3. When you attend Mass the following weekend the chalice is returned to the same church.
- 4. Place the chalice on the table with the bread and wine before Mass begins.
- 5. At the Offertory, the chalice is brought up with the offertory gifts and used as the chalice during Mass.

Questions or assistance with reserving your week may be directed to Suzy Adamonis (412)793-6110 or adam50s@hotmail.com.

#### All Parish and School Volunteers

#### New Protecting God's Children Training Requirement

All volunteers of Holy Family Parish and Holy Family School are required to complete a NEW Protecting God's Children training. Because there is so much new information on how to create a safe environment for children, which also includes the protection of vulnerable adults, the Safe Environment Office at the Diocese of Pittsburgh felt it was essential that all volunteers be updated with this important information. The name of the new training is *Protecting God's Children Maltreatment 3.2 and Vulnerable Adults*. This re-certification training for all clergy, employees and volunteers is a follow-up from the Protecting God's Children course everyone completed initially. Re-certification with an updated Protecting God's Children training will be required every three years. The diocesan Safe Environment Office previously sent emails with instructions for the new training to all volunteers, but some still need to complete the training. In January, those people will be receiving a letter with the information needed to log in to complete the online course, which includes your User ID and password. If you would like to complete this training before you receive your letter in January, or if you have any questions, please contact Barb Pronio at 412-793-4511, ext. 401 or safe@holyfamilypgh.org.

Thank you for your continued support of our Safe Environment Program.

#### PICTORIAL DIRECTORY— LAST CHANCE

The final sitting for the First Holy Family Directory is December 29th and 30th at St. John the Baptist in the St. Elizabeth Room. Please schedule your appointment on-line if you haven't had your picture taken or if you need to re-do an appointment at <a href="http://www.ucdir.com">http://www.ucdir.com</a>; Church Code: pa892, Password: photos. Any questions, contact Joyce at X209 or schedule@holyfamilypgh.org.

Also: We are still looking to include photos of all parish groups for the pictorial directory. Please try to get your group together as soon as possible and forward your picture to Joyce.



#### ADDITIONAL MASSES CELEBRATED BY FR. KEVIN



Friday, December 10th at For **Those Afflicted and Affected by Addiction** (SAM Ministry) Tuesday, December 14th at Ridgewood For Marianne Price (Deacon Joe & Ginger Vannucci) Wednesday, December 15th For Pat & Jean Guerriero



#### SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER

Unfortunately, at this time, The Center for Hearing & Deaf Services, Inc. is unable to provide us with a sign language interpreter for our 9:00 Sunday Mass at St. John the Baptist. We are requesting the assistance of anyone in the parish who may know or who may be interested in learning sign language so we may able to assist those with hearing impairments who would like to attend Mass.

If you are able to help, please contact Karen Deemer at (412) 793-4511 X201 or bulletin@holyfamilypgh.org.

#### **EPIPHANY HOUSE BESSING**

Holy Family Parish will celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany, the Twelfth Day of Christmas, which is always January 6, but is transferred to Sunday, January 2nd. Blessed chalk will be available after masses and next week's bulletin will include the Epiphany Door Blessing for the home.





All rectory offices will be closed for the holidays on the following dates:

December 24th and December 27th December 31st and January 3rd Please take care of all church business around those dates. Thank you.

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cómodo. Si viéramos a los santos, tendríamos obligación de ser como ellos. Nos resulta más rentable « tranquilizarnos» viendo solo sus zonas oscuras, con lo que sentimos, al mismo tiempo, el placer de criticarlas y la tranquilidad de saber que todos son tan mediocres como nosotros. Si nosotros no fuésemos tan humanos, veríamos más los elementos divinos de la Iglesia, que no vemos porque no somos ni dignos de verlos.

https://catholic-link.com/5-razones-amar-iglesiacomo-mi-madre/



### **OUR LADY'S CLOSET**

Our Lady of Joy invites you to enjoy shopping At "Our Lady's Closet." located in the church hall.

Choose from seasonal FREE men, women and children's gently used clothing.

**EVERYONE** is invited!

Hours are Monday through Friday......10 AM to 3 PM No appointment necessary

Stop and Shop.....Stay and Pray

PLEASE DO NOT DROP OFF ANY BAGS DUF TO LIMITED STORAGE. For DONATION QUESTIONS. CALL CAROL AT (412) 793-9567



#### ATTENTION HOLY FAMILY STAFF & ALL VOLUNTEERS

We will hold our annual Christmas staff and volunteer dinner on **Friday**, **January 7 at 6:30 PM** at St. Joseph Cafeteria.



#### All staff and all Holy Family Parish volunteers are invited.

Feel free to bring your spouse.

Please RSVP to Joyce at schedule@holyfamilypgh.org or X209 by Saturday, December 25th.

### **Congratulations to our Christmas Raffle Winners!**

#### **\$1000 Winners!**

Jack Condron
Mickalene Biltz
Larry Keenan
Matthew Feldmeier
Kathleen Jones
Betsy Habjan

#### \$500 Winners!

Nancy Maltese Eleanor Haluck Regina Scheller Mark Vasilko Charles Leger Diane Pivik John Goetze Edward Weimer

Santa was extra-generous this year!

An additional drawing was held on 12/14 due to tickets inadvertently missed during our first drawing. Congratulations to the winners!

Thank you for your support!

## **Holy Family Parish Angel Tree Donations**

The people of Holy Family Parish heard the desires and needs of individuals and organizations through the Angel Tree, and responded with great heart!

St. Vincent DePaul was able to fulfill the wishes of many families. The Skilled Care Facilities received personal care gifts, nightgowns, and slippers for those designated in need. Bedrooms of St. Joseph House of Hospitality, which are quite drafty, have become cozier with the 47 blankets and 26 sheets that were donated and the parish made a separate donation of \$3,000 to support the outreach to homeless men. The Little Sisters of the Poor received \$3,000 from the parish along with \$705 of WalMart gift cards that the residents use when The Little Sisters take them shopping. Intersection in McKeesport was given \$750 of food gift cards to feed their hungry along with the parish donation of \$3,000 and the homebound received the oils of St. Joseph, and prayer cards along with a gift card or gift.

The parish donations to St. Joseph House, The little Sisters and Intersection are made possible through parishioner donations to the Social Ministry fund. Another \$25,000 will be distributed to local food banks in the new year from Social Ministry due to the generous donations received in 2021.

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Sr. Lynn

None of this would have been possible if it weren't for our generous parishioners. Thank you to everyone who opened their hearts this Christmas season!

#### **ALPHA & JESUS 101—School of Faith for Adults**

#### What is Alpha?

- It is an invitation from Holy Family Parish. Think of it as dinner and a movie with new friends.
- A place to gather and share a meal together, hear music, watch a video, engage in lively discussions, meet new friends and fellow parishioners and just be yourself while encountering Jesus through others.
- A place to explore the basics of Christianity in a relaxed, yet fun, friendly environment.
- It is a place to ask questions and discuss your thoughts and feelings regarding your faith, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, and the meaning of life openly and honestly.

Where is Alpha?

Thursdays at St. John the Baptist in the St. Elizabeth Room (Annex), 444 St. John Street, Pittsburgh, PA **Date:** January 13th—March 24th **Time:** 6:30—9:00 PM

Have any questions about Alpha?

Contact the Parish Office at Alpha@holyfamilypgh.org or leave a message at (412) 793-4511 X207.

### Ready to Register for Alpha?

Registration couldn't be easier! Email your registration to Alpha@holyfamilypgh.org or leave a message by calling Alpha at (412) 793-4511 X 207 or drop this registration form into the collection basket. You may also register online at www.holyfamilpgh.org.

Name:	
Phone:	Email:
Table preference:	Any table will be fine I am coming with others— (please provide names and ask them to register as well)

Register as soon as possible as space is limited for this winter ALPHA session.

### What is Jesus 101?

It is a School of Faith for Adults. Think of it like RCIA for cradle-Catholics. We will cover topics such as "Is there evidence for God?", "Jesus and the Most Important Question", "The Mass: It's a Big Deal!", "Church Tour", and "The Importance of Mary". Every session will include a Scripture study and reflection for the upcoming Sunday readings.

#### Where is Jesus 101?

Locations: Wednesdays, Alternating between St. John the Baptist and St. Irenaeus Churches

First Sessions: January 12th at St. John the Baptist, Church Annex and

January 19th at St. Irenaeus Church Hall

### Why Jesus 101?

Many Catholics were taught the faith when they were younger in CCD and school programs. While this was a great start to be prepared for the Sacraments of Initiation, as adults, we learn differently. Jesus 101 is designed for adults who want to learn, and re-learn, some of the faith that Catholics are encouraged to know; to help with all the challenges of life and also in preparation for eternal life. The title Jesus 101 is because this will be a program that will present a greater understanding of the church, but all adults, with any level of knowledge of the faith are welcome to come and ask questions and find answers.

No Registration Required—ALPHA or ChristLife programs are recommended before beginning Jesus 101.



# EAST HILLS YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

MINISTRY FOR ANYONE 18-39

# **Upcoming Events:**

Dec. 29 | Game Night! Event is BYOB! Wii, board games, and card games! Jan. 17 | Rooted: Scripture Study

\*\*Check Flocknote messages for more details\*\*



Dec. 29 | 7:00PM | SJAN

Winner gets a \$25 gift card!

# HOLY FAMILY YOUTH MINISTRY



Jan. 9th & 23rd 7-9PM, SJAN Special guest speaker -Mike MacConnell!

JYM (grades 6-8) Jan. 16th, 7-8:30PM, SJAN

Scripture (grades 6-12) Study Jan. 12th, 19th, 26th 7-8PM, SJAN



SIGN UP FOR FLOCKNOTE TO STAY UP TO DATE WITH BOLD & YM!

text 'BOLD' to 84576 for Young Adult Ministry text 'HFPSYM' to 84576 for Senior Youth Ministry text 'HFPJYM' to 84576 for Junior Youth Ministry

#### Holy Family Parish Pittsburgh, PA Parish Planning Survey

This questionnaire will help us to better understand the needs and concerns of Holy Family parishioners and to plan for the future. Your individual response is extremely important. Please respond by marking an "x" in the appropriate space below. If you have not experienced a particular subject in question, please leave it blank

#### Please use the responses below for each question.

2 = Below Average 3 = Average 4 = Above Average 5 = Excellent

practice of their Catholic faith 38. Invite someone to attend a parish

worship service or activity

1 = Poor

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#### HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC SCHOOL NITE AT THE RACES

Please join us as we celebrate the conclusion of Catholic Schools Week with a night out!

When: Saturday, February 5, 2022Where: Holy Family School CafeteriaTime: Doors open at 5:15 PMCost: \$20 per person

Includes: Light meal, beer/wine/soft drinks, cookies. Food served around 6:00 PM, races directly following

Sponsor a table of 8—10 people and provide a centerpiece of \$50 or greater value for Chinese auction and receive two free tickets and a horse is our sponsor race!

Please return all form and payments in an enveloped to the attention of Marie DiLonardo by January 17th.

#### **HORSES AND JOCKEYS**

- + Horses are \$15 and Jockeys are \$10
- + We encourage you to come and have fun in person. If you are unable to attend, you may still participate by purchasing horses and/or jockeys!
- + Winning horse pays \$5– to the owner!
- + Winning jockey pays \$25 to the owner!

For more information, email dilonardo@holyfamilycatholic.net. To find the forms for tickets and horses, visit holyfamilycatholic.net.

# GALA 2022 - CABARET

Saturday, February 26, 2022 Green Oaks Country Club

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### 2022 Honorees:

Holy Family Star Award - Mrs. Colleen Friday Ecclesia Award - Deacon Tim and Mrs. Lisa Noca

Ready to get out of the house? Because Gala 2022 will be in-person again! Maybe a little hesitant to be with a large group? We will have 2 virtual options!

#### 3 Ticket Options:

1.)In-person with buffet dinner - (or)

2.) Virtual with the ability to pick up the dinner ahead of time and enjoy it at home - (or)

3.) Virtual without dinner

We will be utilizing the *GiveSmart* platform again like last year's Gala & the recent Purse Bingo so be on the lookout for the link with the ticket prices after the holidays!

#### **MANY THANKS!**

The residents at Seneca Manor made the students in kindergarten-3rd grade some wonderful hats and mittens.

We miss seeing them but love making them holiday crafts!



# IMPORTANT INFORMATION

#### CHRISTMAS FLOWER DEDICATIONS / MEMORIALS

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Auth, Regis C. Conry, Jim
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Bursic, Louise

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Evans, Claude
Evans, Mary Jane

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Catullo Family Griffin, Tom & Fran
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Jessica

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Teichman, Frank Then, Patricia A.

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Vaskov, Connie Veltri, Giuseppe

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Zottola, Salvatore & Adelina



Names received after 12/12 will be listed in future bulletins.

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- Not Included in Price: Cancellation Waiver and Insurance of \$399 per person

For more information, contact Karen at pilgrimage@holyfamilypgh.org



### **Sanctuary Candles for 12/26/21—1/1/22**

George Mesher—(Gerri & Steve Kopelic)- SJB

Richard Grilli—(Mary Grilli)- SJV

William Scanlon—(Wife, Elaine) - OLOJ



Please pray for all those in our parish grouping who are in need, especially the sick at home, those in nursing homes and hospitals, the unemployed, those who have lost a loved one and those who feel isolated or abandoned.

David (Anonymous) David Baker **Tobin Barlow** Anthony Bauman Brenda Brooks Elizabeth Brucker Ellen Buchholz Regis Burgman Mary Dapra Bill Carr Christine Cessna **Bridget Ciak** Janice Ciorra

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### **ADVENT CANDLE** INTENTIONS

**Monica Traficante** 

(Tony Traficante) - SJAN

Marianne Grande DiPlacido

(Family) - SJB

Eileen Larson

(Husband, George) - OLOJ



Ann Canzian—OLOJ Helen Suchevich—SJV



#### MISSION STATEMENT FOR OUR HOLY FAMILY PARISH

Our Pastoral Council has finalized Vision and Mission Statements for our parish. A Vision Statement is more about who we want to be. A Mission Statement is how we plan to become what we want to be.

Mission Statement - Holy Family Parish, established in a time of change, is called by the Father and empowered by the Holy Spirit to bring all to Christ. We seek to bridge established Catholics together with those who are new and young to the faith by: Sharing in the Eucharist, Teaching God's Word, Witnessing and inspiring service to others; and Building a dynamic faith community.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, Pray for us!

#### Making a Report of Child Abuse

Reports of suspected child abuse are to be made immediately. If the child is in imminent danger, call 911. Reports are made to ChildLine at 1-800-932-0313, which is available 24/7. Inform the supervisor or person in charge of your program that a report was made. To report church-related abuse to the Diocese of Pittsburgh call:1-888-808-1235

# HOLY FAMILY PARISH SPIRITUALITY CORNER

#### **DEVOTIONS AND ROSARIES IN OUR GROUPING**

#### Confessions

Mondays at St. Januarius from 6:00 PM to 6:20 PM / Wednesdays at St. Irenaeus from 6:00 PM to 6:20 PM Saturdays at St. John the Baptist at 9:30 AM



Mondays at SJAN, prior to 6:30PM Mass, starting at 5:30PM Wednesdays at STI, prior to 6:30PM Mass, starting at 5:30PM Saturdays at SJB, following 9:00AM Mass, until 10:30AM

#### **Holy Family Litany**

Every Monday after the 9:00 AM Mass at St. Irenaeus

#### St. Anthony Novena

Every Tuesday after the 9:00 AM Mass at Our Lady of Joy

Rosary & Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena with Devotions Every Wednesday after 9:00 AM Mass at St. John the Baptist

#### St. Jude Novena

Every first Thursday after the 9:00 AM Mass at St. Joseph

#### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Every first Friday 9:30 AM until 2:30 PM at St. John the Baptist

#### **Divine Mercy Chaplet**

Every Friday after the 9:00 AM Mass at Our Lady of Joy

#### **Divine Mercy Prayer Group**

Every Thursday from 2:30—4:00 PM at OLOJ

First Friday Devotions (Litany of the Sacred Heart) Every first Friday after the 9:00 AM Mass at Our Lady of Joy

#### First Saturday Devotions (Litany of Loreto)

Every first Saturday after the 9:00 AM Mass at St. John the Baptist

#### Rosary for the Deceased

After the 8:30 AM Mass every second Sunday of the month at St. Joseph

#### **Seven Sisters Apostolate**

A group of seven women pray for 1 hour before the Blessed Sacrament on a selected day for each priest in our grouping.

#### SCRIPTURES FOR 12/26 — 1/2

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17

Lk 2:41-52 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/

1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

Monday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8 Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40

Friday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18

Saturday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a,

5-6/Mt 2:1-12



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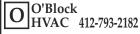


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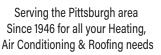
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