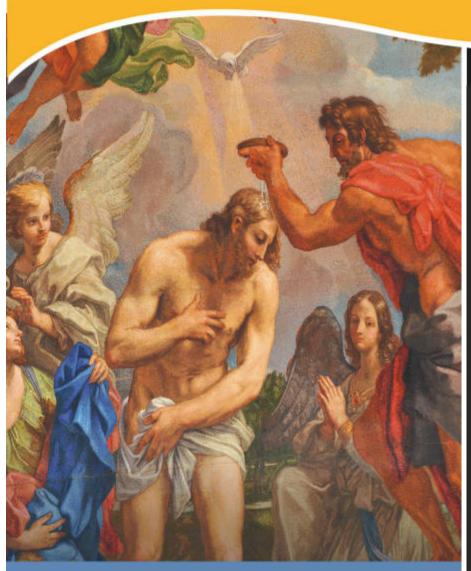
HOLY FAMILY PARISH

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



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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January 9, 2022



www.holyfamilypgh.org
The only official website for our parishes.
School sites can also be accessed from this website.

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 St. John the Baptist

1st Saturday After 5:30 Mass St. Joseph

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- Or By Appointment -

From the Desk Of....

Fr. Kevin Poecking Pastor, Holy Family Parish



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ.

This weekend, we are celebrating the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. In secular culture the Christmas season begins around Halloween and ends on December 26. However, in the Roman Catholic Church, the liturgical season of Christmas only begins on December 25 and lasts much longer! The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops explain, "The liturgical season of Christmas begins with the vigil Masses on Christmas Eve and concludes on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. During this season, we celebrate the birth of Christ into our world and into our hearts, and reflect on the gift of salvation that is born with him... including the fact that he was born to die for us." At the same time, the historical Christmas cycle extended even past the Baptism of the Lord. Traditionally the feast of Candlemas (the Presentation of the Lord) occurs on February 2 and marked the final conclusion of the "Christmas cycle." Candlemas celebrates the event that occurred 40 days after Jesus' birth and was his first introduction to the Temple. In other words, it is the final "baby Jesus" feast day on the Church's liturgical calendar. Christmas is a beautiful season in the Catholic Church, one that doesn't end on December 26, but extends as far as February! Liturgically we will conclude the Christmas season this weekend. Nativity sets and decorations will be taken down.

As Christians we continue to celebrate the presence of Christ with us. At Holy Family Parish, we are continuing to offer faith formation for adults in two very popular and easily accessible ways. First, we are offering a second Alpha program. Over 200 parishioners attended in the fall and had high praise for the program. It has been described as "dinner and a movie and discussion with friends." That is essentially what happens at Alpha. It's the first step at reinvigorating our lives of faith as spiritual human beings.

Come to the first few sessions and find out more. Sign up information is in the bulletin, page 9.

The second way we will offer adult formation in our faith is Jesus 101 – Adult School of Faith. We chose the Jesus 101, like a college course title. It's a beginning step, to make sure no one is intimidated by the level of discussion. However, it is for adults, a step beyond CCD programming. Think of it like RCIA for cradle-Catholics.

Almost everyone who has gone through RCIA at Holy Family Parish (and OPV) in the last few years is inspired and increasingly interested in the Christian and Catholic faith that they experience. Come and find out why RCIA is so encouraging. Each session will be offered twice, once in Oakmont and once in Plum every

other week. No registration is necessary. Catechists are skilled in teaching adults and will offer a presentation and facilitate a bible



study on the readings for the upcoming Sunday.

I hope that many parents and grandparents, as well as single adults are able to take advantage of Alpha or Jesus 101 starting this month. May we continue to discover Christ in our lives from his birth at the nativity and throughout the mysteries of our faith.

In Christ's love, Father Kevin

Take Down of Christmas Decorations

- St. Januarius Church— Sunday, 1/9 after the 11:00 AM Mass
- St. John the Baptist Church— Sunday, 1/9 after the 11:30 AM Mass
- St. Joseph Church— Sunday, 1/9 after 8:30 AM Mass

Our Lady of Joy Church— Sunday, 1/9 after the 10:00 AM Mass

Help is always needed and appreciated!



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!

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

READING I <u>IS 42:1-4, 6-7</u>

Thus says the Lord: Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one with whom I am pleased, upon whom I have put my spirit; he shall bring forth justice to the nations, not crying out, not shouting, not making his voice heard in the street. A bruised reed he shall not break, and a smoldering wick he shall not quench, until he establishes justice on the earth; the coastlands will wait for his teaching.

I, the Lord, have called you for the victory of justice, I have grasped you by the hand; I formed you, and set you as a covenant of the people, a light for the nations, to open the eyes of the blind, to bring out prisoners from confinement, and from the dungeon, those who live in darkness.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM PS 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10

R. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

Give to the Lord, you sons of God, give to the Lord glory and praise. Give to the Lord the glory due his name; adore the Lord in holy attire.

R. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

The voice of the Lord is over the waters, the Lord, over vast waters. The voice of the Lord is mighty; the voice of the Lord is majestic.

R. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

The God of glory thunders, and in his temple all say, "Glory!" The Lord is enthroned above the flood; the Lord is enthroned as king forever.

R. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

READING 2 ACTS 10:34-38

Peter proceeded to speak to those gathered in his house of Cornelius, saying: "In truth, I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whomever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him. You know the word that he sent to the Israelites as he proclaimed peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all, what has happened all over Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached, how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power. He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him."

ALLELUIA CF. MK 9:7

R. Alleluia, Alleluia

The heavens were opened and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, listed to him.

R. Alleluia, Alleluia

GOSPEL

LK 3:15-16, 21-22

The people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ. John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier that I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."

After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

5 razones para amar a la Iglesia Católica como a mi madre (quinta parte).

5. La amo porque simplemente es mi madre

La quinta y más cordial de mis razones es que la Iglesia es -literalmente- mi madre. Ella me engendró, ella me sigue amamantando. Y me gustaría ser como San Atanasio, que «se asía a la Iglesia como un árbol se agarra al suelo». Y poder decir, como Origenes, que «la Iglesia ha arrebatado mi corazón; ella es mi patria espiritual, ella es mi madre y mis herma-nos». ¿Cómo entonces sentirme avergonzado por sus arrugas cuando sé que le fueron naciendo de tanto darnos y darnos a luz a nosotros? Por todo ello espero encontrarme siempre en ella como en un hogar caliente. Y deseo -con la gracia de Dios- morir en ella como soñaba y consiguió Santa Teresa. Y ése será mi mayor orqullo en la hora final. Ese día me gustará repetir un pequeño poema que escribí hace ya muchos años, siendo seminarista; un poema muy malo, pero que conservo como era porque creo que expresaba y expresa lo que hay en mi corazón:

"Amo a la Iglesia, estoy con tus torpezas, con sus tiernas y hermosas colecciones de tontos, con su túnica llena de pecados y manchas. Amo a sus santos y también a sus necios. Amo a la Iglesia, quiero estar con ella. Oh, madre de manos sucias y vestidos raídos, cansada de amamantamos siempre, un poquito arrugada de parir sin descanso. No temas nunca, madre, que tus ojos de vieja nos lleven a otros puertos. Sabemos bien que no fue tu belleza quien nos hizo hijos tuyos, sino tu sangre derramada al traemos. Por eso cada arruga de tu frente nos enamora y el brillo cansado de tus ojos nos arrastra a tu seno. Y hoy, al llegar cansados, y sucios, y con hambre, no esperarnos palacios, ni banquetes, sino esta casa, esta madre, esta piedra donde poder sentarnos"».

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

HOLY FAMILY MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

DATE TIME			СН	PRIEST INTENTION/REQUESTER	
SATURDAY	1/08	4:00 PM	STI	DEWITT	Elizabeth A. Flynn (Dr. H.F. Flynn)
Baptism of The Lord	1700	4:00 PM	SJB	POECKING	Glenn Kuhn (Children & Families)
Communion Service	7	5:30 PM	SJV	DALTON	Jim Vita (Joan & Patrick Eastley)
SJB - (Parking Lot Mass) - 4:00 PM		6:00 PM		POECKING	James Gillespie (Ida Gillespie)
SUNDAY	1/09	* 8:00 AM		BENEDICTINE	. (, ,
Baptism of The Lord		8:30 AM	SJV	DALTON	Jean Jenkins (Charlotte Collins)
		* 9:00 AM	SJB	POECKING	David Demharter (Deacon Tim & Lisa Noca)
		10:00 AM		BENEDICTINE	Mary Ann Napoleon (Betty Koslovic)
Communion Service	\neg	11:00 AM	STI	DEWITT	Richard Manning (Deacon Tim & Lisa Noca)
SJB - (Parking Lot Mass) - 9:00 AM		* 11:00 AM	SJAN	POECKING	Eileen Larson (Husband George)
SJV - 10:00 AM OLOJ - 11:30 AM		11:30 AM	SJB	DALTON	In Thanksgiving (Ray & Jackie Colbert)
S235 11.3574W		6:00 PM	SJB	DALTON	Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
MONDAY	1/10	*9:00 AM	STI	DEWITT	Bridget Ebbert (Bonnie Creighan)
INCREAT	1/10	6:30 PM	SJAN	DALTON	M/M Robert Kraeger, Sr. (Amanda Nicholson)
TUESDAY	1/11	7:30 AM	SJV	DEWITT	Marvin Walters (Judy Hartley)
TOLOBAT	1/11	* 9:00 AM		DALTON	Mary Haluck (Walter Haluck)
WEDNESDAY	1/12	*9:00 AM	SJB	DALTON	David Weick (Peg Mineo)
WEDNESDAT	1/12	6:30 PM	STI	DEWITT	Ed Hollinger (Hartwig Family)
THURSDAY	1/13	7:30 AM		POECKING	Theresa M. Ricci (Greg & Sharon Sahene)
Morobal	1/10	* 9:00 AM	SJV	DEWITT	Sara Raimondi (Pete Raimondi)
FRIDAY	1/14	* 9:00 AM		DEWITT	John & Noreen Smith (Amanda Nicholson)
TNIEAT	1/14	NOON	STI	DALTON	Frank Parker (Wife)
SATURDAY	1/15	*9:00 AM		DALTON	Lynn Chandler (Judith Welsh)
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	1710	4:00 PM	STI	POECKING	Dorothy & Frank Boldy (Beverly McCarrell)
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Communion Service	7	5:30 PM	SJV	POECKING	Gerald Labriola (Tom & Joyce Doyle)
SJB - (Parking Lot Mass) - 4:00 PM	┛	6:00 PM		BENEDICTINE	, , , ,
SUNDAY	1/16	* 8:00 AM			Fran & Joel Marple (Rich & Georgia Solomon)
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	1,10	8:30 AM	SJV	POECKING	Carlo Raimondi (Pete Raimondi)
Cocona danday in Gramary Fine		* 9:00 AM	SJB	DEWITT	David Weick (Mary Ann Lynch)
		10:00 AM		ZAPF	Michael J. Uchar (Marie & John Fischer)
Communion Service		11:00 AM	STI	DEWITT	Michael Sosko (Beverly McCarrell)
SJB - (Parking Lot Mass) - 9:00 AM SJV - 10:00 AM		* 11:00 AM		DALTON	Johnny & Dolly & William Chiavarolli (Franco Family)
OLOJ - 11:30 AM		11:30 AM	SJB	POECKING	Mathilda & Harold Elk (Daughters)
		6:00 PM	SJB	DALTON	Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
* Live Streamed Masses					

HOLY FAMILY INFORMATION

You can help Holy Family Parish School by purchasing gift cards through our parish.

Buying gift cards through Holy Family Parish helps support our school and promote Catholic Education. It directly benefits the school families with their tuition at no extra cost to you. Community Market, Giant Eagle, Shop N Save, Sheetz, Speedway and WalMart gift cards may be purchased at St. John the Baptist and St. Joseph business offices during regular office hours.

DISASTER RELIEF CONTRIBUTIONS

We have had some inquiries if there would be a special collection for the recent tragedies: flooding in Kentucky, earthquake in Haiti and a typhoon in the Philippines. Second collections are normally directed by the Diocese and we have not had any notification of special collections. However, Catholic Relief Services is a great organization that assists in global events like these, assisting people and anyone in need. If you would like to support Catholic Relief Services in their recent efforts, please contact them by checking their website www.crs.org or call 888-277-7575.

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.

MONTHLY COLLECTIONS December, 2021		
Parish Social Ministry	\$4,421.00	
Maintenance	\$3,308.00	
Utilities	\$1,909.00	
Christmas	\$43,384.00	
Christmas Flowers	\$6,692.00	
Immaculate Conception	\$5,008.00	
Christmas Charities for Children & Youth	\$5,117.00	

TOTALS (By Week)	Offertory	Parish Share	TOTAL
Budget Amount	\$26,330.00	\$6,294.00	\$32,624.00
* Weekly Average	\$28,117.00	\$6,657.00	\$34,774.00
December 5	\$32,728.00	\$6,832.00	\$39,560.00
December 12	\$30,012.00	\$8,111.00	\$38,123.00
December 19	\$20,114.00	\$8,059.00	\$28,173.00
December 26	\$29,012.00	\$10,566.00	\$39,578.00
January 2	\$36,398.00	\$8,510.00	\$44,908.00

^{*} This is the average weekly collection for this fiscal year-to-date.

HOLY FAMILY UPDATES



ADDITIONAL MASSES CELEBRATED BY FR. KEVIN





MARCH FOR LIFE

A few people have inquired about the annual March For Life that will be held in Washington, DC on January 21, 2022. Holy Family Parish had planned a bus for this event, but we found out in September, that the organizers are promoting local Marches instead. We were too late to change our bus reservations for the September 27, 2021 March for Life in Harrisburg, PA, but moved our bus plans for this month to September, 2022, presuming there will be a PA March for Life in the fall again. Last year, we had a local March for Life in Boyce Park, due primarily to COVID concerns then. This year, we will have two local March For Life events on Friday, January 21, the same day as the March for Life in Washington.

- 1. Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 10 AM to 1 PM at SJB, with March for Life beginning at 1 PM with Rosary led by Holy Family School Students (March will walk the grounds of the SJB property perimeter).
- 2. Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6 PM to 7 PM in SJV church narthex for inside or outside adoration, with March for Life beginning at 6 PM with Rosary led by Parishioners at SJV walking around the SJV property, or under the pavilion if weather is inclement.

SEVEN SISTERS APOSTOLATE BISHOP'S GROUP

The Seven Sisters Apostolate is a call to strengthen the Church by ensuring a Holy Hour, in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, is prayed every day of the week for the sole intention of a specific priest or bishop. You may know that each of the priests of Holy Family Parish has a different Seven Sisters group praying for them. The commitment for one year is for; one woman, one day of the week, one Holy Hour, one priest, one heart of prayer.

Recently a group has begun for Bishop Zubik. A bishop's group is a little different in that it consists of three complete groups for one bishop. There are three Holy Hours prayed every day exclusively for a bishop.

If you are a woman who feels called to serve the Church through a commitment of prayer, please consider this apostolate. Seven Sisters has spread all over the world, with groups in all fifty states in the USA. There are still only a handful in the Diocese of Pittsburgh. Let's grow this beautiful ministry to support our priests and Bishop in thanksgiving for all that they do.

Praise be to God, we currently have 49 women making up these needed groups, but we often have need of a substitute prayer person. If you would like to add your name to this list please contact lindasue13@live.com. To learn more visit sevensistersapostolate.org.

"To strengthen the priest is to strengthen the Church." St. John Vianney

FASTING BROTHERS

(An Extension of Seven Sisters)

The priests of Holy Family Parish each have a Seven Sisters group praying for them. This is a quiet ministry of prayer. All prayer can become more efficacious when aided with fasting, and so we are looking for A FEW GOOD MEN to strengthen the prayers of those women who are committed in a particular way to prayer for our priests. According to the rules set up by the apostolate six men form one group (there is no fasting on Sundays) and each man has a day of the week on which they fast or abstain from something. You would choose the day best suited for you, and stay with that day every week. The commitment is for one year.

If you are drawn to fasting/abstaining as a form of prayer for the benefit of our priests please consider this joint, yet very private, ministry. To sign up or learn more contact lindasue13@live.com.

HOLY FAMILY PARISH



Feast of St. Blaise / Blessing of Throats

For the feast of St. Blaise, there will be several opportunities for the traditional blessing of throats. Our priests and extraordinary Ministers will be blessing throats at our two morning Masses on **Thursday**, **February 3**, **Feast of St. Blaise at 7:30 AM at OLOJ and 9:00 AM at SJV**. In addition, our deacons will be blessing throats in the evening on **Thursday**, **February 3 at 6:00 PM at SJB and 7:00 PM at STI**. Take the opportunity for a special blessing that through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, we may be delivered from every disease of the throat and every other illness in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

SAM – **S**ubstance **A**ddiction **M**inistry

The next Substance Addiction Ministry Rosary for Recovery will be **Wednesday**, **January 19th** at St. Bernadette Church, 245 Azalea Drive, Monroeville, PA 15146. We will meet at 7:00PM in the Church for the Rosary for all who are afflicted or affected by addiction and seeking education, referral and support.

For more information, please contact Noreen at 412-296-1709.



Preparedness

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP—ROSARY SOCIETY

We are inviting new members to join our prayerful group. We meet every Wednesday at St. John the Baptist Church for 9:00 AM Mass, followed by Devotions, Novena and Rosary. You need not be present every week to be a member, just a willingness to say the Devotions privately. You may also view Mass and Devotions online.

Members are asked to donate \$2.00 every January to help with the cost of Sanctuary candles and Masses for our members, flowers for Our Lady, and newsletters. If interested, place your donation (cash only) in an enveloped marked "OLPH Rosary Society" with your name, address, and phone number. Place it in the offertory collection or drop it ff at one of our parish offices.

To Jesus Through Mary, Jackie Colbert, Rosary Society Leader, (412) 398-0370

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS TRAINING THE HOLY FAMILY PARISH PLAN TRAINING

In continuing our Emergency Preparedness
Training, we will be offering a review of our updated
Holy Family Parish Plan. It will be on January 18,
2022 6:30 at the Our Lady of Joy Church
Basement Hall.

Active Shooter Training will be held on **February 22**, at **St. Irenaeus Hall 6:30 PM**.

Both training sessions are open to all parishioners.

Please call Joyce at 412-793-4511 X209 or schedule@holyfamilypgh.org to sign up .

ANGEL TREE UPDATES

The following updates have occurred since our last report:

Little Sister of the Poor – New total of \$800

House of Hospitality – We did not report an additional \$575 in Giant Eagle gift cards

Penn Hills Service Association – We did not report an additional in \$650 Target gift cards



NOTES OF THANKS

Holy Family Parishioners, as usual, have been very generous. Sr. Lynn received letters from the Little Sisters of the Poor, Penn Hills Service Assoc. and The Intersection thanking you for our parish's contributions. Below are a few comments from the letters.

<u>Penn Hills Service Association</u>—WOW! We are exceptionally pleased by receiving \$650.00 worth of gift cards for kids to be used at the Target Department Store. We cannot thank the parishioners of Holy Family enough for their constant and very generous support.

<u>Little Sisters of the Poor</u>—We are grateful for your parish's very generous donation of \$3,000. Additionally, we appreciate the generous gift cards totaling \$800 for our residents. Everyone involved is a true partner in our mission! How can we properly thank you for such overt acts of kindness? Without such support our year would have been even more challenging. Thank you for helping us to continue to provide care for our elderly residents. May God bless you as you have blessed others and may the joy of this Holy Season fill your heart with love and peace!

Intersection—We wish to acknowledge your parish's generous donation of \$3,000 and want to thank your parishioners for including us in your Christmas gifting project. Your heart-inspired gift to The Intersection will help change lives, lift people up, and make our little world in McKeesport a better place for those in need.

HOLY FAMILY UPDATES

HOLY FAMILY PARISH -HOLY NAME SOCIETY

Hallowed



Thy Name

Erected at the Altar of Our Lady of Joy

The Holy Name Society would like to thank all of the parishioners of Holy Family Parish for their generosity during our Reverse Advent Food Drive. Due to this generosity, we were able to deliver 188 bags and boxes of food to 4 local food pantries. They were the Plum Food Pantry, Verona United Methodist Foodbank, Riverview Community Action Corp., and Penn Hills Service Association. We hope to make this an annual event and pray that it will get bigger and better.

God bless you all for helping the less fortunate in our community.

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. Also available are coats and jewelry.

FVFRYONF is invited!

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

Stop and Shop.....Stay and Pray

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



Join Holy Family Parish on Our Namesake Pilgrimage To LA SAGRADA FAMILIA Including: Fatima & Lourdes with Barcelona

(Mid-June, 2023)

Tentative dates are June 11th, 2023 – June 22nd, 2023.

- 12 Days: 17 Meals (8 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch & 6 Dinners)
- Double \$3,999; Single \$4,799; Triple \$3,969 Estimated Pricing
- Included in Price: Round Trip Air from Pittsburgh, PA (PIT) Air Taxes and Fees/Surcharges, R/T Airport to Hotel Transfers and R/T Hometown Pickup from the Church to the Pittsburgh International
- Not Included in Price: Cancellation Waiver and Insurance of \$399 pp.

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

Plum Borough School District—Job Career Fair

Plum School district is now hiring bus drivers/aids, custodians, food service, nurses/staff nurses, paraprofessional, substitute administrative assistants, teachers/substitute teachers. They will hold a Job Career Fair at O'Block Junior High Library on Monday, January 17th from 12:00 PM until 3:00 PM.

You may also apply by visiting their website at: www.pbsd.net >Departments>Human Resources> Employment or scan the QR Code for a direct link.



NITE AT THE RACES (Benefitting Holy Family School)

Holy Family School will be hosting a Nite at the Races on Saturday, February 5th.

Everyone (including all parishioners) are invited to attend.

Please see page 13 of this bulletin for more information.



CHRISTMAS FLOWER **DEDICATIONS / MEMORIALS**

Desolina Bellisario Marie Bittinger Carlisano Family Angelo & Angeline Cassano Michael & Elizabeth Amerigo & Larry Geraldine & Edward

Antonio Sciulli Domenica Sciulli Domenico Sciulli Franco Sciulli Giuseppina Sciulli Beverly Sherrod Trangle Family Edward A. Trangle James Trangle M/M Mike Vinoskey Anna Wehner



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 / 7:00-9:00 PM **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.

Upcoming Topics:

January 12th (SJB) & 19th (STI) "Is There Evidence for God?" January 26th (SJB) & February 2nd (STI) "Jesus and the Most Important Question" February 9th (SJB) & 16th (STI) "The Story of God's People" February 23rd (SJB) and March 2nd (STI) "Church Tour"

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



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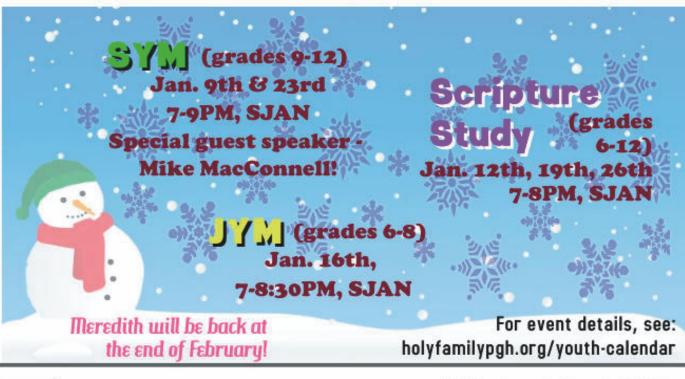
Upcoming Events:

Jan. 17 | Rooted: Scripture Study Feb. 7 | Rooted: Scripture Study

Check Flocknote messages for more details Be on the lookout for a return of Pub Theology!



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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

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HOLY FAMILY CATHOOLIC SCHOOL



This is an

over 18 Event

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, 2022 Where: Holy Family School Cafeteria Time: Doors open at 5:15 PM

Cost: \$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 \$50
- + 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!

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Christmas Brunch Volunteers

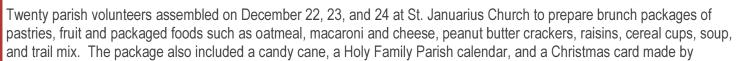
Thank you, thank you, thank you to all the volunteers who made the 2021 Christmas "Brunch" a success.



Covid may have caused a change to the menu and the venue, but our parish was able to provide brunch packages to 233 people on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

A total of 55 Holy Family parishioners from all five of our churches took time away during the busy days before Christmas to help make the package delivery possible. In addition to assembling and delivering the packages,

other volunteers delivered the brunch, marketing flyers to local food banks, senior citizen high rise apartment buildings, and senior centers; purchased the package items; managed the reservations; staffed the Grab-N-Go; and managed the traffic flow for the Grab-N-Go pickup.



children in the (CCD) classes. A special thank you to the CCD students who made those wonderful cards to cheer the homebound.

Twenty-four volunteers delivered the Christmas brunch packages on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day to 192 homebound people in Verona, Penn Hills, Oakmont, Monroeville, Garden City, Apollo, New Kensington, and Plum. One of the volunteers who delivered the brunches told us about her experience delivering to an elderly

woman who lives alone. "With tears in her eyes, she said she couldn't believe the church would do such a generous thing. She couldn't thank me enough. I'm glad I was able to be part of this wonderful ministry."

Forty -one packages were available on Christmas morning for Grab-N-Go pick up at St. Januarius from 10:00 to 11:30. One of the Grab-N-Go recipients remarked, "Thank you for the Christmas Brunch and [Grab-N-] Go for me. I appreciate it and all that helped to provide it." Another called the day of Christmas to say she was so pleased with all the goodies she received and wanted to thank the delivery person, as well as the committee who put it all together.

Luke 10:27 reminds us that, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself."

Volunteers, **thank you** for embodying the spirit of Christmas through your selfless acts of kindness to ensure that those of our neighbors who might be alone on Christmas would have something special to brighten their day.





Holy Family Parish Flea Market

We would like to thank everyone for their donations and support of a very successful year! Donations are still being accepted and can be made by calling Elaine at 412-828-8515.

Watch the bulletin for our re-opening information this Spring.

HOLY FAMILY UPDATES



Sanctuary Candles for 1/9/22—1/15/22

Mary Haluck—(Walter Haluck)- STI



Domenic Pietropaolo—(Marie)- SJAN

Shirley Romantic—(Gerri, John, Joyce, Karen & Patty) - SJB

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 Christine Cessna Bridget Ciak Janice Ciorra Raymond Colbert

Robert Conte Phyllis Cosnotti Elizabeth Cringle Guy DeCarlo Anthony DiBello Patty DiBello Veronica Drop Michael Fanzo Jack Geier Judy Gratz Ron Gratz Danny Harris Matthew Harris

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RECENT DEATHS



Mark Sloan—SJB Joanne Schaub—STI Gerald Bonaroti—STI Sophie Gigliotti—SJB Jean Keene—OLOJ Robert Kopec—OLOJ Frank Silvestri—OLOJ

Living Jesus Prayer

Heavenly Father, pour forth your Holy Spirit to inspire us with words from Holy Scripture. Stir in our souls the desire to renew our faith and deepen our relationship with your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ so that we might truly believe in and live the Good News. Open our hearts to hear the Gospel and grant us the confidence to proclaim the Good News to others. Pour out your Spirit, so that we might be strengthened to deepen our faith, grow in confidence to proclaim the Gospel, and boldly witness to the saving grace of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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 1/9 — 1/16

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Lk

3:15-16, 21-22 or, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28,

29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19/Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45

Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 2:13-17

Next Sunday: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11



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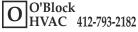


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