



# Holy Family

## CATHOLIC CHURCH



### Save the Date:

Here is a list of upcoming activities. Listed below are some of the dates you will want to reserve in the coming months.

August 15, 8 AM mass at St. Anne to celebrate Assumption

August 25, 7 PM  
Confirmation

Weekend Masses  
**Saturday: 4:00 PM**  
**Sunday: 11:00 AM**

Weekday Masses  
**Tuesday & Wednesday**  
**8:00 AM**

Confessions  
**Saturday**  
**3:00-3:30 PM**

\*Holy Days  
**Vigil-7:00 PM**

\*See Insert for detailed information

**Weddings—Baptisms:**  
Contact Parish Secretary for appointment. 724-872-6123 or email [hfamilywn@comcast.net](mailto:hfamilywn@comcast.net)



## AUGUST 9, 2020

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## PRAYER AND WORSHIP



4:00 PM | Saturday, August 8  
 Lector  
 Bill Hughes  
 Eucharistic Minister  
 Barry Beneccio  
 Altar Server  
 Armand Luzi

11:00 AM | Sunday, August 9  
 Lector  
 Noah Lehner  
 Eucharistic Minister  
 Ann Page  
 Altar Server  
 Nick Boyer

4:00 PM | Saturday, August 15  
 Lector  
 Sienna Lehner  
 Eucharistic Minister  
 Dennis Balenovich  
 Altar Server  
 Stan Materkowski

11:00 AM | Sunday, August 16  
 Lector  
 Pat Beneccio  
 Eucharistic Minister  
 Tina Quinn  
 Altar Server  
 Volunteer

### Saturday, August 8

*Vigil-19th Sunday of Ordinary Time  
 Living & Deceased Members  
 of Holy Family Church*

### Sunday, August 9

*19th Sunday of Ordinary Time  
 Philomena Balenovich  
 By Joni & Dolores Floriani*

**Tuesday, August 11**  
 Philomena Balenovich

*Weekday*

*By Family*

**Wednesday, August 12**  
 Eugene Saccani

*Weekday*

*By Anna Jean & Family*

### Saturday, August 15

*The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
 George B & John Resetar  
 By the DuCoeurs & Resetars*

### Sunday, August 16

*20th Sunday of Ordinary Time  
 Catherine, Alex Sr. & Alex Jr. Romonosky  
 By Family*

#### Matters of Sexual Misconduct Information

If you have any suspicion about the sexual abuse (or any other type of abuse) of a minor child by anyone - please contact PA ChildLine immediately at 1-800-932-0313. If the alleged abuser is functioning in a parish, school or diocesan position as clergy, religious, paid staff or volunteer you are also requested to contact the Bishop's Delegate for Matters of Sexual Misconduct after you have called the ChildLine number and made the report. The Bishop's Delegate may be reached at 724-837-0901, ext. 1221.

## WEEKLY BELL CHIMES

DAY		12:00 PM	6:00 PM
SAT	8/8	Armand Luzi, Sr	Peter Zolyak
SUN	8/9	Paul Booley	George Thuransky
MON	8/10	Julia Vincent	
TUES	8/11	Valerie & Ron Lakin	Philomena Balenovich
WED	8/12	David L. Harper	Fr. Leonard Stegmanm
THURS	8/13	Winnie Marsh	
FRI	8/14	August "Gusty" Kotar	Mary Artusa
SAT	8/15	George & John Resetar	
SUN	8/16	Alex Romonosky, Sr.	Christopher Joseph Ginter

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INSPIRATION

**19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time** – There is a story told about a young man and an old preacher. The young man had lost his job and didn't know which way to turn. So he went to see the old preacher. Pacing about the preacher's study, the young man ranted about his problem. Finally, he clenched his fist and shouted, "I've begged God to say something to help me. Tell me, Preacher, why doesn't God answer?" The old preacher, who sat across the room, spoke something in reply – something so hushed, it was indistinguishable. The young man stepped across the room. "What did you say?" he asked. The preacher repeated himself, but again in a tone as soft as a whisper. So, the young man moved closer until he was leaning on the preacher's chair. "Sorry," he said. "I still didn't hear you." With their heads bent together, the old preacher spoke once more. "God sometimes whispers," he said, "so that we will move closer to hear Him." This time the young man heard, and he understood. We all want God's voice to thunder through the air with the answer to our problem. But God's is the still, small voice... the gentle whisper. Perhaps there's a reason. Nothing draws human focus quite like a whisper. God's whisper means I must stop my ranting and move close to Him, until my head is bent together with His. Then, as I listen, I will find my answer. Better still, I find myself closer to God.

The readings for this weekend speak of God's saving presence for His people and the need for trusting faith in a loving and providing God Who always keeps us company. The first reading from the Book of Kings tells us of how Elijah the prophet who had defeated the 450 false priests of Baal with the help of just such a trusting Faith in the power of Yahweh (then had to flee for his life), encountered the Lord God on Horeb. In the Responsorial Psalm (Ps 85), the Psalmist assures us, "*Near indeed is His Salvation to those who fear Him, glory dwelling in our land.*" In the short selection of Paul's letter to the Romans, Paul laments and mourns over the Jews who, having lost their Faith in God and His prophets, had rejected their promised Messiah, Jesus.

The Gospel episode explains how Peter lost his trusting Faith in Jesus for a few seconds, failed his attempt to walk on water, but was rescued when he called on Jesus for help.

Many years ago I heard a priest share a beautiful explanation of this Gospel passage to a group of High School students attending a retreat. He said to them: "When did Peter begin to sink?" No one having an answer, so he replied: "When Peter took his focus off of Jesus and focused more on the storm and the water around him."

Isn't that the way it is with us? Too often we focus on the problems of life, not knowing which way to turn, rather than focusing on the fact that Jesus is still there supporting us and walking with us. He may sometimes respond simply in a soft and quiet whisper. But to hear that whisper we need to move our minds and hearts away from the distractions and move closer to Him so as to hear Him, to feel His strong yet gentle embrace.

Let us approach Jesus with strong Faith in His ability and willing availability to calm the storms in the life of the Church and in our lives. Church history shows us how Jesus saved His Church from the storms of persecution in the first three centuries, from the storms of heresies in the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> centuries, from the storms of moral degradation and the Protestant reformation movement in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, and from the storms of sex abuse scandals of the clergy in the twentieth and twenty-first centuries. ***It is the presence of Jesus which gives us peace*** even in the wildest storms of life: the storms of anxiety and worries about the future we are suffering now in the ongoing Corona Virus Pandemic (Corvid-19), storms of sorrow, storms of doubt, tension and uncertainty, storms of anxiety and worries, storms of anger and despair, storms of temptations.

Let us pray for the Conversion of the World & for Peace.

**JOKE OF THE WEEK** - There's an old joke about three pastor friends who are on a beach together. The first, a Catholic priest gets up from his beach towel and walks about a quarter mile out to a raft in the ocean. The second, a Protestant minister, does the same. The third, a rabbi, the newcomer in the group, gets up and walks toward the raft to join his colleagues. Suddenly he finds himself underwater. The priest turns to the minister and says, "Didn't you tell him where the rocks are?"

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