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WEEKEND MASSES

ST. JOHN CHURCH
1405 FIRST AVENUE
SATURDAY 4:30 PM
SUNDAY 10:30 AM

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH
201 CLARK STREET
SUNDAY 9:00 AM

ADORATION HOLY TRINITY CHURCH
MONDAY- FRIDAY 12:30 - 4:30 PM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
ST. JOHN CHURCH SATURDAY 3:30 PM

December 25, 2018

Nativity of the Lord

Wishes for a Blessed Christmas to all from Fr. John Civile, pastor, and the staff of Holy Family Parish. We thank all who give so generously of their time, talents, and treasures throughout the year to make this a very special parish. We appreciate you!



In addition to Mary, Joseph and Baby Jesus, Stars, Wind, Sheep, Shepherds, and Angels were all part of the PREP Christmas Play! See more staff photos on our website!



Santa & his Elf stopped by the Children's Christmas Party hosted by the Knights of Columbus!

*These photos by Molly Rowe plus lots of Rob McCulley photos in **COLOR** on our website!*



Welcome Visitors!



Merry Christmas and welcome to Holy Family Parish!

If you're from out of town and just visiting, we're glad you joined us!

If you're local and chose to celebrate Christmas Mass with us, we welcome you as well and hope you'll join us again soon! We offer a variety of programs and activities year round and invite you to check our website www.holyfamilymiddletown.com to find out more about our parish. We encourage you to call the office 422-0602 if we can help in any way.

Vacation Bible School 2019



Monday - Friday June 10 - 14, 2019

Our VBS is such a hit that families want to get it on their calendars as they start making plans for summer vacations. Next year's Vacation Bible School adventure is

ROAR!

**LIFE IS WILD -
GOD IS GOOD!**



Registration forms will be available in the Spring.

HOLY FAMILY PARISH MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 24 Christmas Eve

3:00 PM	Mass	St. John	Roger & David South
4:30 PM	Mass	Holy Trinity	Robert Gehm
5:00 PM	Mass	St. John	Nancy Rossi
12:00 AM	Mass	Holy Trinity	Sue Fuller

Tuesday, December 25 Christmas Day

10:00 AM	Mass	St. John	Larry & Phyllis Nichols
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RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

RCIA meets in the St. John's Rectory at 11:30 a.m. on these Sundays - January 6th, 13th, 20th, & 27th



If you know someone who is interested in becoming Catholic or finding out more about the Catholic faith, please call the parish office 422-0602 to learn about RCIA.

Are you expecting your first baby or want your first child baptized?

We ask that you attend a baptismal preparation class. These classes are held quarterly in March, June, September and December. Watch future bulletins for the actual date, time and location and call the parish office 422-0602 to register.



SHALOM *Serving the Homeless
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Holy Family Parish will participate again this winter in the SHALOM Ministry. We will provide meals and shelter for two weeks (**January 6 - 20**) for SHALOM guests.

FOR I WAS HUNGRY AND YOU GAVE ME FOOD, I WAS THIRSTY AND YOU GAVE ME DRINK, A STRANGER AND YOU WELCOMED ME. MT 25:35

Inclement Weather Cancelations



In the event of severe winter weather cancelations, we'll use the One Call Now robocall system to send out alerts. **Please be sure we have your current phone number on file.** Also, if you wish to be included in the group that receives calls for weekday and Saturday morning Masses and Communion Services, please be sure to call the parish office 422-0602 and add your name to the list. **Have you dropped your land line? Perhaps your cell phone is now your home phone?** Please let us know!



OUR DOORS ARE OPEN: No matter what your present status in the Catholic Church, no matter what your current family and marital situation, no matter what your age, race, background, personal history, etc., no matter what your own self-image — you are invited, welcomed, accepted, loved and respected here at Holy Family Parish. Our doors are open!

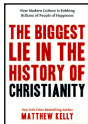
Check Out the Holy Family Parish Website!

Catch up on parish activities, view hundreds of photos in **COLOR**, read the weekly bulletin and the children's bulletins - *also in full color* - and explore a variety of links and parish organizations — all at our website www.holyfamilymiddletown.com.



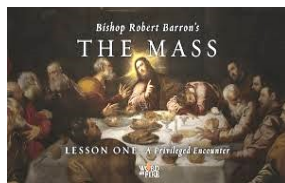
Matthew Kelly's Newest Book

The Biggest Lie in the History of Christianity
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Do Something Life-Changing this Lent!

Make plans to attend **Lent Talks in March** where we'll feature Bishop Robert Barron's new series *The Mass*. **Lent Talks will be March 17th, 24th and 31st following the 10:30 AM Mass and will change the way you think about going to Mass.** Check out these reviews!



Cradle Catholic or newer member of the Church? Ignite your own faith with this explanation of why the Mass is considered the "source and summit" of our Christian faith. Our small group was so inspired that we wanted to show the entire parish! Fr. Civile agreed and will host these Lent Talks and lead the Q & A. **DALE & JOAN GERBER**

As a recent RCIA graduate, I found Bishop Barron and his series "The Mass" to be extremely insightful. I love his approach, his style, and when he explains the Mass, I feel like I "get it." There is so much information to absorb for a new person in the faith. And Barron breaks it down so well. I was honestly inspired. **JEFF CLEMENTS**

Do you ever leave church on Sunday feeling like you just didn't get anything out of Mass? Maybe the sermon just didn't do it for you or you didn't like the music or get the readings. Why aren't you being uplifted? Everything you want to feel about the Mass is there for you, each and every time. **CHRISTINE WHITTINGTON**

Even though I have gone to Mass all my life, this DVD series gave me a fresh, exciting appreciation for all the elements of the Mass. **ED OPBROEK**

The video series "The Mass" provides an in-depth look into the purpose and meaning of each part of the Mass. This renewed knowledge has challenged me to participate with greater intent at every part of the Mass. If the Mass has become rote for you, I recommend exploring these videos to renew your understanding and participation in this celebration of our faith. **DEE DEE MOSKO**

Introductions to Sunday Readings

by Bishop Ken Untener, in collaboration with Catherine Haven and Fr. Bill Taylor



First Reading - Isaiah 9:1-6

The prophet Isaiah lived 750 years before Christ. In his time, the northern Jewish kingdom of Israel was laid waste by the armies of Assyria. Today's passage offers the conquered people hope for a glorious future under a wonderful king. Christians have seen Jesus as fulfilling this prophecy.

Second Reading - Titus 2:11-14

The letter to Titus was written about 30 years after Paul's death, and was written in Paul's name, a practice common in the ancient world. Titus was a traveling companion of Paul, and later was in charge of a Christian community on the island of Crete.

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

We regularly receive phone calls asking Fr. Civile to give "Last Rites." Previously administered only to the dying or critically ill, the sacrament is known now as the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. Today the sacrament is extended to all who are ill or are about to undergo a surgery or treatment. **Like the sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist to which it is closely linked, the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick can be repeated as often as necessary. There is no need nor reason to wait for the last possible second.** You are encouraged to call the parish office 422-0602 if you would like to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick for yourself or for a loved one.



2018 IN PICTURES!



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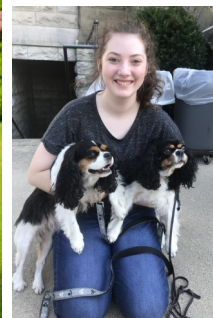
CONFIRMATION



FIRST EUCHARIST



ANNUAL PARISH GOLF OUTING



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Baptism Preparation Class - These classes are held quarterly: March, June, September and December.

The actual date, time and location will be announced in the weekly bulletin. Please call the parish office to register.

Baptisms - Please call the parish office to schedule a baptism.

Becoming Catholic - Please call the parish office to find out more about the RCIA process.

Bulletin Deadline - Submit announcements in hard copy or to monica@holymiddletown.com by noon Tuesday.

Hospitalization or Death in the Family - Please notify the pastor as soon as possible by calling the parish office.

Marriages - Couples wishing to be married must set the date with the pastor at least six months in advance.

Nursery - The Nursery is available in the St. John Center during the Sunday 10:30 AM Mass.

Parish Religious Education Program - Preschool: Sundays 10:15 - 11:30 AM and K - 8th Grade: Mondays 6:30 - 7:30 PM.

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