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A Catholic faith community called to serve God and others
through Eucharist, prayer, education, and daily living of the Gospel values.

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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, 2019

Nativity of the Lord



PREP Christmas Play - 2nd Graders Emma Blevins and Antony Mendoza-Boranegra played Mary and Joseph.

*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 truly appreciate you!*

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 2020



Monday - Friday June 8th - 12th, 2020

Our Vacation Bible School 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 ROCKY RAILWAY! JESUS' POWER PULLS US THROUGH!

On this faith-filled adventure, kids discover that trusting Jesus pulls them through life's ups and downs. Watch for registration forms which will be available on our website in the Spring.

HOLY FAMILY PARISH MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, December 24 Christmas Eve

3:00 PM Mass	St. John	Roger & David South
4:30 PM Mass	Holy Trinity	Jack Wills
5:00 PM Mass	St. John	Fred & Elizabeth Slezak
12:00 AM Mass	Holy Trinity	Sue Fuller

Wednesday, December 25 Christmas Day

10:00 AM Mass	St. John	Maurice DeBrosse
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RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Are you interested in learning about the Catholic faith? If so, RCIA is for you! RCIA meets in the St. John's Rectory at 11:30 a.m. on Sundays leading up to Easter.

If you'd like more information or are interested in the RCIA classes, please contact the parish office 422-0602 or email Kathi at kathi@hollyfamilymiddletown.com.



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 with Alternate Lodging network Of Middletown



Holy Family Parish will participate again this winter in the SHALOM Ministry. We will provide meals and shelter for two weeks (**January 5 - January 19**) for SHALOM guests. There are still some spots open for helping with breakfast or dinner. We could also use help with set up and clean up. Plus, we invite people who would like to simply visit with and welcome our SHALOM guests. Please call the parish office 422-0602 if you'd like to join in this great ministry.

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

New Phone Number? Dropping Your Land Line?

Please call the parish office 422-0602 so that we can update our records. Thank you!



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.



Parish Library Carts in the Churches!

In addition to the parish library located in the St. John Center, parishioners are invited to borrow books and DVDs from the carts placed just inside both Holy Trinity and St. John Churches. You'll find titles for adults and children alike. Take a look! Borrow, read, enjoy, and return!



Are You or Someone You Know Homebound?

It can be especially difficult to get out and about during the winter months. If you are homebound or if you know of a fellow parishioner who may be homebound, please call the parish office 422-0602 and let us know! Fr. Civile would be happy to stop by for a visit. The Ministry of Care volunteers are also willing to visit or bring the Eucharist and the bulletin to you at your home. Please call today!



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 an operation 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 moment.** 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.



Pray the Rosary Inside the St. John Center Wednesday Nights at 7:00 PM

During the colder months you're invited to pray the Rosary inside the St. John Center with other parishioners and friends! *We plan to say the rosary at home on Christmas and New Years Days.*



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.

Please Call the Parish Office!

CALL 422-0602 24 HRS/DAY 7 DAYS/WEEK

If you would like a visit while you are in the hospital, or if you need the ministry of Fr. Civile while hospitalized or in rehab, please have a family member or friend call the parish office. Also, please give us a call if you'd like to receive communion or a visit at home during recovery.



Nursery Available During 10:30 AM Mass

Parish big kids play with the little kids and everyone has lots of fun! Check out the Nursery in the St. John Center.



Children's Christmas Party & Pancake Breakfast a HUGE SUCCESS!

The Knights of Columbus hosted this annual Christmas event that included face painting, cookie decorating, a visit with Santa, and Pancakes! Almost **100** children attended, **\$1,000** was raised for St. John XXIII School and over **40** toys were donated to Toys for Tots. Everyone had a fun time - and these guys were *great* in the kitchen!



PREP Christmas Party!

The Monday Night K-8th Grade PREP wrapped up 2019 with the annual Christmas Party. All the students participated in a Christmas play and then sang Christmas carols and hymns along with their family and friends in attendance. Next the kids decorated and ate cookies and drank hot cocoa. Merry Christmas and see you in 2020!



2019 Year in Pictures!



Annual 365 Lotto

**** The FINAL turn in date is January 31, 2020.**

No tickets will be accepted after that date! **

St. John XXIII Catholic Elementary School is selling tickets for the Annual 365 Lotto. It's called *365 Lotto* because a winning ticket is drawn every day of the year. It's possible to win more than once in a year

because winning tickets are returned to the hopper and only 5000 tickets are sold. Prize money will be mailed to the winners. To participate in the lotto, complete the form below and send it along with \$20 per ticket to: **St. John XXIII Catholic School 3806 Manchester Road, Middletown, OH 45042**

ATTN: Peg Fairbanks Ticket orders may also be dropped in the collection basket in an envelope marked "365 Lotto." The official ticket will be filled out and the stub will be mailed back to you. Any questions regarding the 365 Lotto can be directed to Peg Fairbanks 424-1196. ***MAKES A GREAT CHRISTMAS GIFT!***

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Welcome to Holy Family Parish

How can we serve you?

Please cut out this form and drop it in the collection basket, leave it with an usher, or mail it to the parish office.

Name / Address _____

Phone # _____

_____ I would like to join Holy Family Parish.

_____ Change of address / phone # / email.

_____ I am interested in volunteering with

_____ I would like Communion at home.



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!

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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 a Member of Holy Family Parish - Fill out a Census Form at the parish office or download the form at www.holyfamilymiddletown.com/forms and drop it in the collection basket or mail it to the parish office.

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@holyfamilymiddletown.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.

St. John XXIII Catholic School - Parish school for Preschool - 8th Grade - www.stjohn23school.org.

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