# HOLY FAMILY PARISH

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 This Mass Live Streamed

### ADORATION POSTPONED

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

# November 29, 2020

# First Sunday of Advent

RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults 10:30 AM Mass Today The Rite of Welcome / Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens

The RCIA candidates express, and the Church accepts, their intention to respond to God's call to follow the way of Christ.

Who is responsible for the RCIA catechumens and candidates, those who are seeking to be fully initiated into the Catholic Church? WE ALL ARE!

Our faith is a gift, not for us alone, but for all. It is for us to share. We are asked to pray for them, to give them support and good example. Bringing new members into the Church is part of what we are commissioned to do by Christ through our baptism. RCIA Prayer Lord, we pray for those who journey to You. Strengthen their faith. Open their hearts to the fullness of Your love. Deepen their understanding. Set their hearts afire for the kingdom. We ask this through Jesus, who is the Way,

the Truth, and the Life for all. Amen.

# Giving Tree Gifts Due Dates - Like Everything Else a Little Different this Year



**STAR** tags ask for a **GIFT CARD** so the family can purchase gifts. Please drop off your **GIFT CARD** with the **STAR** tag attached in the collection baskets, through the parish office front door mail slot, or via the US mail by **ASAP!** 



**ANGEL** tags for children whose parent or guardian is in prison ask for gifts, as they're unable to shop themselves. Please wrap your **GIFT** with the **ANGEL** tag attached and leave it under a Giving Tree or call ahead to drop your gift at the parish office Monday - Friday, 9AM - 5PM by **Monday, December 7**<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you for your cooperation, especially this year!

THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY FIFTH SUNDAY COLLECTION IS THIS WEEKEND. Volunteers will be at the church doors after every Mass. Thank you for your generous donations!





### HOLY FAMILY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday and Sunday - November 28 and 29 4:30 PM Mass SJ Stephen & Irene Sabo 9:00 AM Mass HT Pat & Whitey Kropf 9:00 AM Mass live streamed and available on the website anytime. 10:30 AM Mass SJ Oscar & Betty Koeppel - Birthday Rem.

#### Monday, November 30

6:00 PM Mass HT Paul Bruggeman

### **Tuesday**, December 1

- 8:15 AM Mass SJ23 Rob McCulley *students / staff only!*
- 12:10 PM Mass HT Mary Hopkins & Family

### Wednesday, December 2

12:10 PM Mass HT Judy Walters - Birthday Remembrance

### **Thursday, December 3**

12:10 PM Mass HT Maurice DeBrosse

### Friday, December 4

8:00 AM Mass HT Kitty Dillon-Day - Birthday Remembrance

### Saturday, December 5

4:30 PM Mass SJ Cecilia Elieff

### Sunday, December 6 Second Sunday in Advent

9:00 AM Mass HT Patrick Mulligan - Birthday Remembrance

10:30 AM Mass SJ Maria C. Saraceno - Anniversary Rem.

## Weekly Collections Stewardship

Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> \$14,311 **Human Dev Campaign** \$ 2,130

Thank you for your generous stewardship!

# Please Disregard Extra Envelope in December Pack!

No, we're not have another special boiler collection! Our Sunday Visitor, the company we subscribe to for the monthly stewardship envelope pack, didn't pull that special collection envelope from last December, so please disregard!

# McGraw-Kokosing Donates \$5,859!

The employees and management of McGraw-Kokosing have again been very generous to Holy Family St. Vincent DePaul.



McGraw-Kokosing management and employees have been an important St. Vincent DePaul benefactor for many years. And the Middletown Community has greatly benefited over the years from the contributions of this fine Company and its employees. *Deacon John Lyons* - TREASURER

**Daily Scripture Readings** 

Mon: Rom 10:9-18 / Mt 4:18-22 Tues: Is 11:1-10 / Lk 10:21-24 Wed: Is 25:6-10a / Mt 15:29-37 Thurs: Is 26:1-6 / Mt 7:21,24-27 Fri: Is 29:17-24 / Mt 9:27-31 Sat: Is 30:19-21,23-26 / Mt 9:35-10:1,5a,6-8 Sun: Is 40:1-5,9-11 / 2 Pt 3:8-14 / Mk 1:1-8



# Our Prayers and Sympathy are Extended

to the family and friends of Lou Agoston, who died November 19<sup>th</sup> and of Peggy Valmassoi, who died November 23<sup>rd</sup>.

# In Your Prayers Please Remember

Tony Donisi at Atrium Medical Center this week.



## How Much Do YOU Know About the Catholic Faith? **SPECIAL ADVENT EDITION!**



Find the answers on the last page.

- 1. The church's calendar year begins on (a) payday
  - (b) New Year's Day
  - (c) Easter Sunday
  - (d) the First Sunday of Advent
- 2. The O are sung during the last week of Advent.
  - (a) Antiphons
  - (b) to Joy
  - (c) Novenas
  - (d) Bible Readings
- 3. Advent is a season of
  - (a) contrition
  - (b) reconciliation
  - (c) preparation
  - (d) shopping
- 4. In the season of Advent, Catholics refrain from saying "Alleluia." True False
- 5. When Jesus was born, Mary and Joseph decorated a Christmas tree. True False

Congratulations & welcome to these recently baptized children!



Charlee Reese Palmer, daughter of Nicholas Palmer & Alyssa Huntzinger Palmer and little sister of Jaxson.



Brady Alexander & Luke Zander Adkins, sons of Charley Adkins, Jr. & Erika Klump Adkins, and little brothers of Trey, Nathaniel & Dallas

### **Introductions to Sunday Readings**

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



### First Reading - Isaiah 63:16-17, 19; 64:2-7

The Israelites had just returned from exile and were suffering economic hardship and persecution. The prophet expresses their expectation that God will intervene in human history in a dramatic way to help them. At the end of this reading, we will hear a familiar image.

### Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

In the letter-writing style popular in Paul's day, writers would begin by extending greetings and then thank the gods for the blessings *they themselves* had received. But Paul begins his first letter to the Corinthians by thanking God for the blessings his *converts in Corinth* have received. (It may help to know that the phrase "day of the Lord" refers to Jesus coming again in glory.)



**Calendar PLUS Christmas Bags** Lots of parishioners have already received this year's Calendar Delivery.



If you haven't received yours yet - be on Volunteers! the lookout! We've had lots of volunteers step up to make this home delivery happen this year. In addition to the Neighborhood Reps and extra volunteers, we started weeks ago with eight wonderful parishioners who stuffed the bags for delivery: **AJ Bell, Alice Brown, Marilyn Hayes, Donna Kramer, Cindy McCann, Lorraine Sivy, Regina Stugmyer, and Janet Zappia.** We were masked and spread out in the Holy Trinity Center. After the over 1,400 bags were ready, these wonderful volunteers moved all the boxes full of Calendar Bags to the parish office for pick up. **We're so lucky to have so many wonderful volunteers helping us stick together in 2020!** *THANK YOU!!* 

# **Readings for Saturday and Sunday**

# First Reading - Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7

You, Lord, are our father, our redeemer you are named forever. Why do you let us wander, O Lord, from your ways, and harden our hearts so that we fear you not? Return for the sake of your servants, the tribes of your heritage. Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down, with the mountains quaking before you, while you wrought awesome deeds we could not hope for, such as they had not heard of from of old. No ear has ever heard, no eye ever seen, any God but you doing such deeds for those who wait for him. Would that you might meet us doing right, that we were mindful of you in our ways! Behold, you are angry, and we are sinful; all of us have become like unclean people, all our good deeds are like polluted rags; we have all withered like leaves, and our guilt carries us away like the wind. There is none who calls upon your name, who rouses himself to cling to you; for you have hidden your face from us and have delivered us up to our guilt. Yet, O Lord, you are our father; we are the clay and you the potter: we are all the work of your hands.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

# Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Brothers and sisters: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always on your account for the grace of God bestowed on you in Christ Jesus, that in him you were enriched in every way, with all discourse and all knowledge, as the testimony to Christ was confirmed among you, so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will keep you firm to the end, irreproachable on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, and by him you were called to fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The word of the Lord.

## Thanks be to God.

# Gospel - Mark 13:33-37

The Lord be with you.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

# And with your spirit. Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples: "Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come. It is like a man traveling abroad. He leaves home and places his servants in charge, each with his own work, and orders the gatekeeper to be on the watch. Watch, therefore; you do not know when the Lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning. May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping. What I say to you, I say to all: 'Watch!'"

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



**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!

# **Mass Prayers and Responses**

# Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

# **Invitation to Communion**

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the lamb.

All: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

# **Profession of Faith**

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, *At the words that follow, up to and including* and became man, *all bow.* and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

# Hymns for Saturday and Sunday

### Entrance

### O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

 O come, O Come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel, That mourns in lonely exile here Until the Son of God appear.

#### Refrain

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to you, O Israel.

 O come, O Wisdom from on high, Who orders all things mightily; To us the path of knowledge show, And teach us in her ways to go.

Based on "O" Antiphons, Latin, 9th cent. Tr. by John M. Neale, 1818-1866, and others

### Communion

### See Us, Lord, about Your Altar

- See us, Lord, about your altar, Though so many, we are one; Many souls by love united In the heart of Christ, your Son.
- Hear our prayers, O loving Father, Hear in them your Son, our Lord; Hear him speak our love and worship, As we sing with one accord.
- Wheat and grape contain the meaning; Food and drink he is to all; One in Christ, we come adoring, Gathered by his loving call.
- Hear us yet: so much is needful In our frail, disordered life; Stay with us and tend our weakness, Till that day of no more strife.
- Members of his Mystic Body, Now we know our prayer is heard, Heard by you because your children Have received th' eternal Word.

John Greally, pub by OCP, Edward W. Elgar, 1857-1934, used with permission A702646

# Closing

#### People, Look East

- People, look East. The time is near Of the crowning of the year. Make your house fair as you are able, Trim the hearth and set the table. People, look East, and sing today: Love the Guest is on the way.
- Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare, One more seed is planted there. Give up your strength the seed to nourish, That in course the flow'r may flourish. People, look East, and sing today: Love the Rose is on the way.

Eleanor Farjeon, 1881-1965, Text  $\circledast$  1928 by perm. of Harold Ober Assoc. French carol

# Light Up Middletown - 21 Years!!



Open every night Thanksgiving though New Year's Eve 6-10 PM. Open in all weather & Holidays! Admission by cash donation - you set the price!

## Answers to the Special Advent Faith Quiz

1. (d) Unlike the civil calendar year, the Church begins her liturgical calendar at the beginning of Advent.

2. (a) Sung since the 8th century, the "O Antiphons" proclaim Christ as the fulfillment of people's desire for a Savior. These antiphons form the basis for the Advent hymn, "O Come, O come, Emmanuel."

3. (c) Each year during Advent, we reflect on the meaning of God choosing to become a human being and dwell with us. The Church teaches that "only when Christ is formed in us will the mystery of Christmas be fulfilled in us" (CCC, n. 526; see also n. 524).

4. (False) Advent is a season of joyful preparation for celebrating the coming of the Savior of the world. Advent is characterized by expectations and hope.

5. (False) The German people in the fifteenth century were the first to bring evergreen trees into their houses as a symbol of the everlasting life Jesus brought to all humankind.

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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 it under FORMS at <u>www.holyfamilymiddletown.com</u>. Drop your completed form 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 - Due to the coronavirus, the 10:30 AM Mass Nursery is temporarily closed.

**Parish Religious Education Program** - Due to the coronavirus, Sunday Preschool is canceled and Monday K-8th Grade have an in home program. Contact Dee Golembiewski, DRE, with questions.

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



