# 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 28, 2021

# 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.

### **Please Bring Giving Tree Gifts** to the Parish Office ASAP!



Our friends at Messiah Lutheran will deliver the ANGEL tag gifts at a Christmas party they have in early December and the SVDP will organize the STAR tag gifts with the help of the PREP kids on Monday, December 6<sup>th</sup>!

It does take time to move gifts from the churches and office and to organized them for the kids who look so forward to receiving them. You'll want to be sure to get your gift delivered in time! Thank you!!

**New Missal Shipping Delay** 

The Word & Song 2022 Missal has been delayed. Please find the



readings and hymns inside this bulletin; the Mass prayers can be found in the seasonal missalettes, still in the pews.

### COMING EVENTS

| Feast of the Immaculate Conception | Wed Dec 8    |
|------------------------------------|--------------|
| Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration  | . Sat Dec 11 |

Communal Advent Penance Service ..... Thur Dec 16

### HOLY FAMILY MASS SCHEDULE

### Saturday and Sunday - November 27 & 28

4:30 PM Mass SJ George Jeffrey - Wedding Anniv. Rem.9:00 AM Mass HT Marilyn Ifcic<u>9:00 AM Mass live streamed and available on the website anytime</u>.

10:30 AM Mass SJ Brian Swigert

### Tuesday, November 30

8:15 AM Mass SJ23 Alberta Laber - students / staff only

12:10 PM Mass HT Michael Sak

### Wednesday, December 1

12:10 PM Mass HT Judy Walters - Birthday Remembrance

### Thursday, December 2

12:10 PM Mass HT Special Intention

Friday, December 3

8:00 AM Mass HT Margaret Warmoth

### Saturday, December 4

4:30 PM Mass SJ Judy Pressler - Birthday Remembrance

### Sunday, December 5 Second Sunday of Advent

9:00 AM Mass HT Kitty Dillon-Day - Anniversary Rem.

10:30 AM Mass SJ Oscar & Betty Koeppel - Birthday Rem.

### Weekly Collections Stewardship Sunday, November 21 \$19,767.41

Campaign for Human Dev \$ 1,832.00

Thank you for your generous stewardship!

| Dec 4/5     | 4:30 PM SAT       | 9:00 AM SUN        | 10:30 AM SUN            |
|-------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| Eucharistic | John Lyons 1B     | Marlene Ruwe 1B    | Ken Allen 1B            |
| Ministers   | Carolyn Kraft 2B  | Kathy Farler 2B    | Joe Zappia 2B           |
|             | Susan McCulley 3B | Kathleen Wourms 3B | Barb Luksic 3B          |
| Lector      | Jerry Banks       | Dan Mabry          | Lois Allen              |
| Greeters    | Ray Barger D1     | Donna Kramer D1    | Rosetta DiCristoforo D1 |
|             | Marilyn Abbott D2 | Jinnie Raney D2    | Ken Allen D2            |

### MINISTERS NEXT WEEK

### Beacons Update - *Final Families* Announced Next Saturday & Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>



The maps will be "live" on <u>www.BeaconsAOC.org</u> at 12:00 noon Sunday, Dec 5<sup>th</sup> and will be available on our parish website <u>www.holyfamilymiddletown.com</u> Sunday afternoon.

### **Daily Scripture Readings**

Mon: Is 2:1-5 / Mt 8:5-11 Tues: Rom 10:9-18 / Mt 4:18-22 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: Bar 5:1-9 / Phil 1:4-6,8-11 / Lk 3:1-6

### In Your Prayers Please Remember

Kevin Cartwright at Atrium Medical Center and Ralph Abney in Hospice Care this week.

### Going into the Hospital or a Rehab Facility?

Please call or have a family member or friend call us 422-0602 and let us know!

### **Health Ministry:**

**Getting Through the Holidays When You've Lost a Loved One** When you've lost a loved one,



the holiday season can be a painful reminder of the terrible loss you are feeling - instead of bringing warmth, love and excitement.

The holidays can become a time of peace and reflection, a time to cherish the gift your loved one has been — and continues to be — in the life of your family.

Here are a few ideas that may help: **Be patient and realistic.** Sometimes our own high expectations of the holidays make the pain and frustration more acute. Leave the word *ought* out of the holiday season this year. **Listen to your heart and acknowledge your limits.** Remember that it's ok to say no. Do what you can this holiday season, and let that be sufficient.

Adapt cherished traditions. When loss and grief overwhelm us at the holidays, we are sometimes tempted to scrap the whole thing, to do absolutely nothing. But you can keep traditions alive in ways that make sense given the new reality of your life.

**Focus on the spiritual dimension of holidays.** When you are ready, and it feels right, one way to refashion the holidays is to focus on the underlying religious meaning. In this season of light, remember the light your loved one has brought to your life. *CareNotes* 

### Happy 50th 📃 Wedding **Anniversary!**

Don Kelley & Mary Anne Sack were married 50 years ago on November 26, 1971

Don and Mary Anne are joined by family in celebrating this special anniversary at the 4:30 PM Mass on Saturday.

Happy Anniversary Don & Mary Anne!

### Happy 25th Wedding **Anniversary!**

Mark Atkinson & Jennifer Cranford were married 25 years ago on November 23, 1996 at St. John Church.

Mark & Jennifer enjoyed a surprise Anniversary Party with their family last Sunday.

Happy Anniversary Mark & Jennifer!

### #GivingTuesday November 30<sup>th</sup>! St. John XXIII School

Mark your donation "Giving Tuesday" and

place it in the collection baskets or through the parish office front door mail slot. Thank you for your support!

### **Knights of Columbus Council 1610 Meeting**

The K of C Council 1610 monthly meeting is set for this Wednesday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Knights Council Hall.

### The Men's Fellowship Group This Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup>

Because Christmas lands on the fourth

Saturday this year, the Men's Group are meeting on the first and third Saturdays in December. You're invited to join us this Saturday at 7:00 a.m. in the St. John Rectory! Introductions to Sunday Readings

by Bishop Ken Untener, in collaboration with Catherine Haven and Fr. Bill Taylor First Reading - Jeremiah 33:14-16



The prophet Jeremiah lived at a difficult time in Jewish history. Jerusalem, their beloved capitol, had been destroyed, and most of the people taken captive to far-off Babylon, which is in present-day Iraq. Despite this gloomy setting, Jeremiah expresses the conviction that the Lord will raise up a new leader from the line of David to restore and rebuild their native land.

Second Reading - 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2 The date was some 30 years after Christ's death and resurrection. The place was a city in northeast Greece called Thessalonica, where Christians were being persecuted. Paul, who had brought the Gospel there, heard about their perseverance and sent a letter of encouragement.

### Brand New, Cold-Weather, Waterproof, Winter Sleeping Bags A Special Collection for the **Entire Month of December**

SHALOM - the annual ministry program providing shelter for Middletown's



homeless from November through March is again shut down this year due to the Covid pandemic. As another option, and to best serve our homeless neighbors, we're asking for Brand New, Cold-Weather, Waterproof, Winter Sleeping Bags. Please drop your donation at the blue donation bins in the churches or at the parish office. Thank you!





# **Readings for Saturday and Sunday**

### First Reading - Jeremiah 33:14-16

The days are coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and Judah. In those days, in that time, I will raise up for David a just shoot; he shall do what is right and just in the land. In those days Judah shall be safe and Jerusalem shall dwell secure; this is what they shall call her: "The Lord our justice."

The word of the Lord.

### Second Reading - 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2

Brothers and sisters: May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we have for you, so as to strengthen your hearts, to be blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his holy ones. Amen.

Finally, brothers and sisters, we earnestly ask and exhort you in the Lord Jesus that, as you received from us how you should conduct yourselves to please God and as you are conducting yourselves you do so even more. For you know what instructions we gave you through the Lord Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

### Gospel - Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

The Lord be with you.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus said to his disciples: "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on earth nations will be in dismay, perplexed by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will die of fright in anticipation of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand."

"Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life, and that day catch you by surprise like a trap. For that day will assault everyone who lives on the face of the earth. Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man."

The Gospel of the Lord.

### Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

### A Synod on Synodality?

Sounds strange, doesn't it? Yet this is what the Holy Father has called. In its simplest form, synodality represents a collaborative approach by all the people of God to address a particular issue for which the Holy Father seeks input. For this synod, he wants to hear from everyone (not only the bishops and priests) on how the whole Church can journey together in bringing the gospel message to the world. To address this "synodal" approach, he has called for all dioceses in the world to hold local consultative meetings to discuss this topic. Currently, our archdiocese is targeting January and February of 2022 for these meetings. Please prayerfully consider participating in your local deanery meeting.

That opportunity will soon be available on our archdiocesan website.



And with your spirit.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Thanks be to God.

### The Little Blue Book for Advent & Christmas Available This Weekend!

You're invited to give 6 of those minutes with the Lord



to prayer for the next 43 days - 27 days of the Advent season and 16 days of the Christmas season. You can pray more than 6 minutes if you wish - the main thing is to pray every day. The Little Blue Book is your seasonal companion that can go with you wherever you wish. It can change your day...change your life!

### Jesus - The Coming One **Through Advent with Pope Francis** & Henri J.M. Nouwen



Once again the Advent season is upon us, inviting us to spend extra time preparing

for our celebration of Christ's coming. In this booklet of insightful reflections we not only remember Jesus' coming as a babe in Bethlehem and anticipate his future coming in glory, but we concentrate on his coming to us in Word and Sacrament, in prayer and silence, in our hearts and in his Body, the Church, and in our world. Pick up your free copy today!

### Middletown Civic Chorus Presents

A Christmas Concert Sunday, Dec 5<sup>tr</sup> 3:00 PM Spring Hill Church of Christ 2021 Brell Drive, Middletown, 45042



It's just not Christmas without "Messiah!" Handel's beloved oratorio will once again be presented by Middletown's longest running musical organization, but this year you may notice some changes. This year we will present selections from Messiah, have an intermission/reception to give the air in the sanctuary time to circulate, and then conclude with a variety of holiday music. We'll end with a "Hallelujah Chorus" audience sing-a-long! Holy Family Parishioners Lana Ernst, Dee Dee Mosko, and Deb Silcox will be singing with the Chorus this year! Other than a free-will offering there is no charge to attend this performance. Co-sponsors of the Christmas Concert: Middletown Community Foundation, The Barnitz Fund, and The Miriam G Knoll Foundation.

A Drive-Through Fantasy Light Dis

Light Up Middletown Open Every Night through New Year's Eve 6 - 10 PM!



Open in all weather and Holidays! Admission by cash donation - you set the price!

### **Middletown Holiday Whopla**

Ice Skating - Lights - Food - Fun Skate Rental \$10 / Rink Hours



Sun-Thur 12-9 PM Fri & Sat 12-10 PM Christmas Eve 12-10 PM Christmas Day 5-10 PM New Year's Eve 12-7 PM New Year's Day 12-10 PM Swallen's Lot - Downtown Middletown!

Find the rest of the hymns on the next page....

# Communion - 4:30 PM and 9:00 AM

### Emmanuel

1. A Virgin shall bring forth a firstborn Son, Conceived by the Spirit of God. He shall save all his people, And die, our ransom for sin.

### Refrain

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, Come and live in our midst; Emmanuel, Emmanuel, Come, make your home in our hearts!

- 2. Unto you this day shall be born a king, The light for a world full of dark. He shall be our salvation, And so his name shall be Jesus.
- 3. A Child who was born of such lowly state, Wrapped only in swaddling clothes. Kings shall pause to behold his sight, All knees shall bend at his name.
- 4. All nations stand ready to greet his face; A vigil we keep for his birth. He shall be filled with wisdom, And rule his people with love.

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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!

# Hymns for Saturday and Sunday

### Entrance - ALL Masses

### 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; used with permission A702646

# Communion - 4:30 PM and 9:00 AM on previous page!

### Closing - 4:30 PM and 9:00 AM

### O Come, Divine Messiah

 O come, divine Messiah! The world in silence waits the day When hope shall sing its triumph, And sadness flee away.

Refrain:

Dear Saviour, haste; Come, come to earth, Dispel the night and show your face, And bid us hail the dawn of grace. O come, divine Messiah; The world in silence waits the day When hope shall sing its triumph, And sadness flee away.

 O Christ, whom nations sigh for, Whom priest and prophet long foretold, Come, break the captive fetters; Redeem the long lost-fold.

Simon J. Pellegrini, 1663-1745, Tr. by Mary of St. Philip, 1825-1904, alt. French carol, 16th cent. License A702646

### Communion - 10:30 AM

### Make of Our Hands a Throne

### Refrain

Make of our hands a throne to hold the bread of heaven, Make of our hearts a home, to hold the very wine of life, In this myst'ry, Lord, make us one with you.

- Task of this goodness! and feast at this banquet; How blest the faithful who find shelter in God! Look to your Maker, be radiant with glory, For those who love the Lord are saved from their fears.
- You keep your promise, O God our Savior, Hope of the distant isles and all of the earth. You crown us with goodness, your fields decked with harvest. Your valley clothed in wheat resound with you joy!
- From clouds above us you send down your blessings, The bread of heaven and the waters of life! You rain down your bounty and kiss us with manna, Bread of the angels for our food and our feast.
- 4. With patient yearning, we look to you in hunger, And through the length of days you feed all your flock. Your hands, with abundance, are wide with your promise, You grant the longings of a people in need!
- This bread now broken, once grain upon the hillside, Is brought together and transformed in our midst. So may all your people be gathered together, From ev'ry land into the kingdom of love!

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### Closing - 10:30 AM

### The King Shall Come

- The King shall come when morning dawns And light triumphant breaks; When beauty gilds the eastern hills And life to joy awakes.
- Not, as of old, a little Child, To suffer and to die, But crowned with glory like the sun That lights the morning sky.

John Brownlie, 1857-1925, alt. William Jones, 1726-1800 License A702646

# Holy Family Parish

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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 <u>monica@holyfamilymiddletown.com</u> 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 - Kindergarten through 8th Grade - Mondays 6:30 - 7:30 PM in the St. John Center. Find this year's schedule at <u>www.holyfamilymiddletown.com</u> and contact Dee Golembiewski, DRE, with questions. St. John XXIII Catholic School - Parish school for Preschool - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade - <u>www.stjohn23school.org</u>.





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