# 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

# December 5, 2021

# Second Sunday of Advent

**Beacons of Light - Final Families Announced at the Masses this Weekend** The maps will be "live" on <u>www.BeaconsAOC.org</u> at 12:00 noon Sunday and will be available on our parish website <u>www.holyfamilymiddletown.com</u> later Sunday afternoon. Today at Mass we'll hear a message from Archbishop Schnurr and you'll find a letter from the Archbishop on page 4 of today's bulletin.

# RCIA

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults** 

December  $5^{th}$ ,  $12^{th}$  and  $19^{th}$ January  $9^{th}$ ,  $16^{th}$ ,  $23^{rd}$  and  $30^{th}$ 

December 5<sup>th</sup> - What We Do at Mass

11:30 AM St. John Rectory

# LAST CALL!!

# 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 **tomorrow evening, Monday, December 6**<sup>th</sup>! It does take time to move gifts from the churches and office and to organize them for the kids who look so forward to receiving them. You'll want to be sure to get your gift delivered in time! **Thanks!** 

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Holy Day of Obligation Wednesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>

8:15 AM John XXIII School - *staff / students only* 12:10 PM & 7:00 PM Holy Trinity Church

# **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 - December 4 & 5

4:30 PM Mass SJ Judy Pressler - Birthday Remembrance
9:00 AM Mass HT Kitty Dillon-Day - Anniversary Rem.
<u>9:00 AM Mass live streamed and available on the website anytime</u>.
10:30 AM Mass SJ Oscar & Betty Koeppel - Birthday Rem.

#### Tuesday, December 7

8:15 AM Mass SJ23 moved to Wednesday

12:10 PM Mass HT Edward Igoe

#### Wednesday, December 8 Immaculate Conception

8:15 AM Mass SJ23 Matt Clemens - students / staff only

12:10 PM Mass HT Rick Sleesman

7:00 PM Mass HT Tom McCain

#### Thursday, December 9

12:10 PM Mass HT Marilyn Ifcic

#### Friday, December 10

8:00 AM Mass HT Paul Kline - Anniversary Remembrance

#### Saturday, December 11

4:30 PM Mass SJ Vera Mangus - Anniversary Remembrance

#### Sunday, December 12 Third Sunday of Advent

9:00 AM Mass HT Maria C. Saraceno

10:30 AM Mass SJ Vincent & Anna DiNardo

# Weekly Collections Stewardship

Sunday, November 28<sup>th</sup> \$12,362.47

Thank you for your generous stewardship!

# MINISTERS NEXT WEEK

Dec 11/12	4:30 PM SAT	9:00 AM SUN	10:30 AM SUN
Eucharistic	John Lyons 1B	John Lyons 1B	John Lyons 1B
Ministers	Barbara Heinle 2B	Susan Combs 2B	Linda Jester 2B
	Mary Bukosky 3B	Don Gillum 3B	Suzanne Stickelman 3B
Lector	Kelley Hale	Ed Combs	Chris McCarthy
Greeters	David Schul D1	Kathy Farler D1	Sandi Mulligan D1
	Bill Purcell D2	Don Accurso D2	Jim Mulligan D2

## 2022 Calendars Available Next Weekend

Neighborhood Reps have been delivering calendars for the past several weeks. The 2022 calendars will be available in the churches beginning next weekend.



Mon: Is 35:1-10 / Lk 5:17-26 Tues: Is 40:1-11/Mt 18:12-14 Wed: Gn 3:9-15,20 / Eph 1:3-6,11-12 Lk 1:26-38 Thurs: Is 41:13-20 / Mt 11:11-15 Fri: Is 48:17-19 / Mt 11:16-19 Sat: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Mt 17:9a, 10-13 Sun: Zep 3:14-18a / Phil 4:4-7 / Lk 3:10-18

# Our Prayers & Sympathy are Extended

to Clifton & Melissa Bauer in the death of Clifton's mother, Mary Bauer, who died November 4<sup>th</sup>, and to the family and friends of Howard Reider, who died November 26<sup>th</sup> and Gerry Heckler, who died November 27<sup>th</sup>.

## In Your Prayers Please Remember

Kevin Cartwright and Don Marconi at Atrium Medical Center and Nancy Bruggeman and Ralph Abney in Hospice Care this week.

# Middletown Civic Chorus Presents A Christmas Concert TODAY! 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.

#### See the Bulletin in COLOR! Go to <u>www.holyfamilym</u>iddletown.com!



### Feast of our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration in Spanish - This Saturday, Dec 11<sup>th</sup> 7 PM - Holy Trinity Church



Join in this special celebration full of love and blessings with Our Mother of Heaven, Patroness of the Americas.

#### **Retirement Fund for Religious Collection**

**Next Weekend - Give Thanks for Religious** Show your appreciation for the prayerful service of elderly Catholic sisters, brothers,



and religious order priests. Your gift in next week's special collection helps provide care, medicine, and more. Thank you for your generous donation and for using the special envelope included in the December packet.

# **Christmas Flower Fund**



If you would like to remember your deceased loved ones by donating to the Christmas Flower

Fund, please use the envelope in the December packet and drop it in the collection basket. The list of names will be posted at the front and back of the churches for Christmas. Want to be sure your loved one's name is correctly spelled and included in the list this year? Please print the name and make your donation by Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup>! Thank you!

# **Introductions to Sunday Readings**

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



First Reading - Baruch 5:1-9

The setting for today's reading is the time when the Jews were captives in Babylon. The author writes of a bright future when they will return with joy to their homeland. In this passage, Jerusalem is pictured as a joyful mother, watching her children come home.

Second Reading - Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11 Of all the communities Paul founded, the one at Philippi was especially dear to him. Wherever he was, they sent him moral and financial support to help carry on his work. Now confined to a prison cell, Paul writes to them like a proud parent.

# Brand New, Cold-Weather, Waterproof, Winter Sleeping Bags A Special Collection for December



SHALOM is again shut down this year due to the Covid pandemic so we're collecting these special sleeping bags. Please drop your donation at the blue donation bins in the churches or at the parish office. Thank you!

# PREP News! Parish Religious Education Program

### **Operation Christmas Child Program**

PREP families participated in the Operation Christmas Child Program again this year. This program is sponsored by the international relief agency, *Samaritan's Purse*, which brings joy and hope to needy children around the

world. Participants create gifts for the children by filling a shoebox with age and gender appropriate presents, including a personal message and prayer for the child.

**139** shoeboxes were collected and a celebration including a special prayer services and a procession of the boxes was held in November.









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December 5, 2021 Second Sunday of Advent

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

This past June 19 was the bicentennial anniversary of the founding of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, marking an important milestone in the life of the local Catholic Church. We give thanks to our generous God for the many blessings He has bestowed on us over our first 200 years and look forward with expectant faith to what is to come.

Today likewise marks an important milestone. I am pleased to announce the final Families of Parishes, bringing to close the first major phase of Beacons of Light. Beginning at noon today, these Families of Parishes can be viewed online at <u>www.BeaconsAOC.org</u>. Thank you to the thousands of Catholics in the archdiocese whose thoughtful feedback has significantly shaped this phase of our pastoral planning. I am deeply grateful.

The enduring mission of the Catholic Church, *our mission*, entrusted to the apostles by Jesus, is to proclaim the Good News of salvation and make disciples. We have a responsibility to make the best use of all the means which God has provided us to pursue this sacred mission. The purpose of Beacons of Light is to ensure that all our resources – human, physical and financial – are properly ordered to missionary discipleship. I am convinced that Beacons of Light, born of great hope, will enable us to form stronger parishes, centered on the Eucharist, that radiate the love of Christ and joy of the Gospel in a world that is frequently indifferent or even hostile.

We now move on to the next major phase of Beacons of Light, the implementation of the new Families of Parishes on July 1, 2022. This will involve a great deal of planning and preparation over the coming months. Please pray for me and all the priests and lay people of our archdiocese who will play significant roles in this effort. Please also know of my prayers for you.

Our life in Christ is always a response to God's initiative. As we continue this challenging but exciting endeavor, may we stay attentive to all that the Lord is doing in our midst. God has abundantly blessed our first two centuries and will certainly bless the next. He has promised to never leave us. May God bless and keep all of us as we journey together toward the celebration of the birth of our Lord with certainty in our hearts that Christ remains with us always.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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Most Reverend Dennis M. Schnurr Archbishop of Cincinnati

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– RADIATE CHRIST –

100 East Eighth Street

# **Readings for Saturday and Sunday**

# First Reading - Baruch 5:1-9

Jerusalem, take off your robe of mourning and misery; put on the splendor of glory from God forever: wrapped in the cloak of justice from God, bear on your head the mitre that displays the glory of the eternal name. For God will show all the earth your splendor: you will be named by God forever the peace of justice, the glory of God's worship.

Up, Jerusalem! stand upon the heights; look to the east and see your children gathered from the east and the west at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that they are remembered by God. Led away on foot by their enemies they left you: but God will bring them back to you borne aloft in glory as on royal thrones. For God has commanded that every lofty mountain be made low, and that the age-old depths and gorges be filled to level ground, that Israel may advance secure in the glory of God. The forests and every fragrant kind of tree have overshadowed Israel at God's command; for God is leading Israel in joy by the light of his glory, with his mercy and justice for company.

The word of the Lord.

### Thanks be to God.

# Second Reading - Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11

Brothers and sisters: I pray always with joy in my every prayer for all of you, because of your partnership for the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus. God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value, so that you may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

The word of the Lord.

## Thanks be to God.

# Gospel - Luke 3:1-6

The Lord be with you.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias was tetrarch of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the desert. John went throughout the whole region of the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah: A voice of one crying out in the desert: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths. Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be made low. The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

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!

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



# Hymns for Saturday and Sunday

## **Entrance - ALL Masses**

#### **On Jordan's Bank**

- On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry Announces that the Lord is nigh; Awake and hearken, for he brings Glad tidings of the King of kings.
- 2. Then cleansed be ev'ry heart from sin; Make straight the way for God within, And let each heart prepare a home Where such a mighty guest may come. Charles Coffin, 1676-1749; William H. Havergal, 1793-1870/A702646

# Closing - 4:30 PM & 10:30 AM Masses

## The King of Glory

Refrain

The King of Glory comes, the nation rejoices; Open the gates before him, lift up your voices.

- 1. Who is the King of Glory; how shall we call him? He is Emmanuel, the promised of ages.
- In all of Galilee, in city or village, He goes among his people curing their illness.
- 3. Sing then of David's Son, our Savior and brother; In all of Galilee was never another.

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# Closing - 9:00 AM Mass

### Let The Valleys Be Raised

Refrain

Let the valleys be raised and the mountains made low. Ev'ry meadow and field overturn.

Make the pathway straight and the highway run smooth For the coming of God in our day.

- God, you come to your people as you promised of old. You have raised up a Savior in the sight of us all.
- 2. You, little child, go before him like the prophets of old, Bringing news of his coming, by the mercy of God.

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### **Communion - 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.
- O come, O come, our Lord of might, Who to your tribes on Sinai's height In ancient times did give the Law In cloud and majesty and awe.
- O come, O Branch of Jesse's stem; From ev'ry foe deliver them That trust your mighty pow'r to save, And give them vict'ry o'er the grave.
- O come, O Key of David, come, And open wide your heav'nly home; Make safe the way that sets us free, And close the path to misery.
- O come, O Dayspring from on high, And cheer us by your drawing nigh; Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, And death's dark shadow put to flight.
- O come, Desire of nations, bind In one the hearts of humankind; Make all our sad divisions cease, And be for us the King of peace.

Based on "O" Antiphons, Latin, 9th cent. Tr. by John M. Neale, 1818-1866, and others A702646



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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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