# HOLY FAMILY PARISH

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

#### PARISH OFFICE: 201 CLARK STREET, MIDDLETOWN, OH 45042 (513) 422-0602 www.holyfamilymiddletown.com

#### 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

# September 5, 2021

# 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

# **Cancelations!**

The annual Parish Picnic that was scheduled for Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup> has been canceled due to Covid concerns. The Grandparents Day Mass scheduled for Monday, September 13<sup>th</sup> has also been canceled.

# Points to consider:

- 1) The Center for Disease Control (CDC) puts Butler County at it's **HIGHEST** level for community transmission.
- 2) The CDC recommends masks to be worn in places of public worship. Wearing a mask is the way we show concern for our neighbor.
- Vaccinations are the best way to prevent Covid.
   Only 50% of Butler County residents are vaccinated.
- 4) You're strongly encouraged to wear masks in church.



# Pray the Rosary at the Grotto - 7 PM Wednesday Nights

Pray the Rosary with other parishioners and



friends! Bring a lawn chair and enjoy the great outdoors and easy social distancing!

# COMING EVENTS

Labor Day	. Mon Sep 6
Monday Night PREP Begins	Mon Sep 13
Baptismal Preparation Class	Wed Sep 15





#### HOLY FAMILY MASS SCHEDULE

#### Saturday and Sunday - September 4 & 5

4:30 PM Mass SJ Arthur & Frances Diver
9:00 AM Mass HT Catherine & Howard Dorenbusch
9:00 AM Mass live streamed and available on the website anytime.
10:30 AM Mass SJ John Ptaszkiewicz - Birthday Rem.

#### Monday, September 6 Labor Day

8:00 AM Mass HT Naomi "Midge" Martz

#### Tuesday, September 7

- 8:15 AM Mass SJ23 Ed Dobrozsi students / staff only!
- 12:10 PM Mass HT Ron Loop

#### Wednesday, September 8

12:10 PM Mass HT Bill Soppanish

#### Thursday, September 9

12:10 PM Mass HT Paul & Marie Slezak

#### Friday, September 10

8:00 AM Mass HT David E. Chupka - Birthday Remembrance Saturday, September 11

4:30 PM Mass SJ Judy Pressler - Wedding Anniv. Rem.

#### Sunday, September 12 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM Mass HT Judy Walters - Wedding Anniv. Rem.

10:30 AM Mass SJ Schoultis / Rogers Families

#### Weekly Collections Stewardship Sunday, August 29<sup>th</sup> \$12,619

Thank you for your generous stewardship!

### MINISTERS NEXT WEEK

Sept 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	Joy Rodenburgh 2B	Susan Combs 2B	Barb Luksic 2B
	Barb Heinle 3B	Marlene Ruwe 3B	Melissa Bauer 3B
Lector	Kelley Hale	Ed Combs	Christine Whittington
Greeters	Joy Rodenburgh D1	Jinnie Raney D1	Rosetta DiCristoforo D1
	Addie Rodenburgh D2	Donna Kramer D2	Ken Allen D2

#### Thank You For Your Continued Generosity! Parishioners donated \$6,020 in last weekend's St. Vincent de Paul Fifth Sunday Collection!



These funds will be used here in Middletown to help our neighbors with food, utility bills, basic household and basic furniture items and, during the pandemic, rent financing. Thank you for your generosity! *Deacon John Lyons* - TREASURER

## Daily Scripture Readings

Mon: Col 1:24—2:3 / Lk 6:6-11 Tues: Col 2:6-15 / Lk 6:12-19 Wed: Mic 5:1-4a / Mt 1:1-16,18-23 Thurs: Col 3:12-17 / Lk 6:27-38 Fri: 1 Tm 1:1-2,12-14 / Lk 6:39-42 Sat: 1 Tm 1:15-17 / Lk 6:43-49 Sun: Is 50:4c-9a / Jas 2:14-18 / Mk 8:27-35

# Our Prayers & Sympathy are Extended

to the family and friends of Michael McCoppin and Marilyn Alderton, who died August 21<sup>st</sup> and Joe Mikula who died August 24<sup>th</sup>.

#### In Your Prayers Please Remember

Alice Brown at Atrium and Mary Lewis in Hospice Care at Otterbein Cottages this week.

#### **Health Ministry:**

Six Science-Based Reasons Why Laughter Is The Best Medicine by David DiSalvo (excerpted) <u>www.forbes.com</u>



Intuitively we know that laughter is one of the best tools we have for dealing with stress, and science backs that up. Below are six findings that should keep us wanting to laugh it up. 1) Laughter is a potent endorphin releaser. Laughing with others releases endorphins in the brain — our homegrown feel-good chemicals. 2) Laughter contagiously forms social bonds. The endorphin effect described above also explains why social laughter is so contagious. Spreading endorphin release through groups promotes a sense of togetherness and safety. 3) Laughter fosters brain connectivity. When we hear a laugh, our brains work to decipher what sort of communication is coming through, as not all laughter is equal.

4) Laughter is central to relationships. Couples who laugh together report better relationships.
5) Laughter has an effect similar to antidepressants. Laughing activates the release of the neurotransmitter serotonin, the same brain chemical affected by the most common types of antidepressants.

**6)** Laughter protects your heart. Research has shown that laughter has an anti-inflammatory effect that protects blood vessels and heart muscles from damaging effects of cardio-vascular disease. *Check out the last page!* 

# We Welcome Back Fr. Bob Obermeyer and Fr. Derick Mawuli!

Fr. Bob Obermeyer will be celebrating the Saturday 4:30 PM Mass with us, while Fr. Derick Mawuli will be celebrating the 9 and 10:30 AM Masses on Sunday. Fr. Obermeyer is helping us out while Fr. Civille presides at a wedding and Fr. Derick is back in town for a visit!



We first met Fr. Derick in 2013 while he was in the US studying Health Management. He's now the Hospital Administrator of Holy Family Hospital in Ghana.

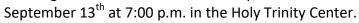
# Labor Day is Tomorrow!

We'll have 8:00 AM Mass in Holy Trinity Church tomorrow for Labor Day. The

parish office will be closed. Enjoy the long weekend!

# St. Vincent de Paul

Because of Labor Day, the monthly SVDP meeting is scheduled for next Monday,



#### The Men's Fellowship Group This Saturday, August 11<sup>th</sup>



Men of the parish are invited to join

for prayer and study every second and fourth Saturday of the month. The next meeting is set for this Saturday, August 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 a.m. in the St. John Rectory.

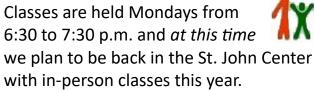
# PREP

# **Parish Religious Education Programs**

# **Elementary PREP for Children in Grades**

# K - 8 begins Monday, Sept 13<sup>th</sup>

# 6:30 - 7:30 PM



These classes are for all children who attend public school. Register all NEW students by contacting Dee Golembiewski via email dee@holyfamilymiddletown.com.

# Introductions to Sunday Readings

by Bishop Ken Untener, in collaboration with Catherine Haven and Fr. Bill Taylor First Reading - Isaiah 35:4-7



This section of the book of Isaiah contains the words of a prophet to God's people exiled in Babylon. He encourages them that one day they will be free to return home to Jerusalem. This journey will be through the desert, but God will transform this barren wasteland in order to ease their passage home. Second Reading - James 2:1-5

The letter of James was written approximately 50 years after the death and resurrection of Jesus. It was addressed not to a particular community, but to Christians everywhere. Because of this, it is part of a group of New Testament letters called *catholic* epistles - meaning that the author wrote them for all Christians. One of the trademarks of the epistle of James is the need to act on God's word, not just listen to it.

### **Baptismal Preparation Class** Wednesday, September 15<sup>th</sup> 7 PM St. John Rectory



If you are expecting your first baby or want your first child baptized we ask that you attend a baptismal preparation class, offered quarterly throughout the year. Please call the parish office 422-0602 if you'd like to register for this class.

# Do You Regularly Attend a Weekday Mass? Would You Like to Be Notified When We Cancel a Weekday Mass?

If so, please call the parish office 422-0602 or email monica@holyfamilymiddletown



.com to have your name and phone number added to the special list of parishioners who will receive a robocall alerting you of a weekday Mass cancelation.

# Children's Worship Bulletins - New Weekly!

Bulletins are available in two age groups: 3 - 6 and 7 - 12. Pick up your free copy and find crayons at the doors of the churches! The bulletins feature the Sunday Gospel



with fun, educational, age-appropriate puzzles and lessons. Help your youngster get more out of Mass!

### Holy Family Parishioners Invited to Help Fr. Derek's Holy Family Hospital

We first met Fr. Derick in 2013 while he was in the US studying Health Management to better serve his dioceses in Ghana, West Africa. We've been lucky to have Fr. Derick return for visits the past several years, including a Lent Talk he gave in 2015 which featured his book *Your Uniqueness - Discovering Who You*, and for weekends in 2016 and 2018. Fr. Derick is currently the Hospital Administrator of Holy Family Hospital in Nkawkaw, Ghana and he's here to talk about the construction of the male and female wards.



According to Fr. Derick, the current blocks designated as male and female wards were old

classrooms that were converted into wards about sixty years ago by the Missionary Sisters Servants of the Holy Spirit (SSpS) after establishing the facility in 1949. The hospital which serves as a referral center receives cases from the nearby hospitals/clinics and this sometimes stretches the admission capacity. It gets to a point where patients who are to be transited to the ward from the Emergency spend days at the Emergency because the wards are full. **Currently the bed capacity of the ward is 70. The proposed block will increase the capacity to 200 with a Physiotherapy Unit, Intensive Care Unite and a Stroke Unit.** Help is thus being solicited in terms of money or medical equipment to execute the project.





What is the secret of a blessed life, a happy life? Recognizing Jesus as the living God. For it is not important to know that Jesus was great in history. What matters is the place I give him in my life.



Pope Francis 🧺

August 30, 2021

# Middletown Interfaith Clothes Closet!

The Middletown Interfaith Clothes Closet is an interfaith group of local organizations and churches coming together to give families in need access to gently used,

clean clothes and footwear.

St. Paul's United Church of Christ **114 South Broad Street** 

**DROP OFF CLEAN CLOTHES TUESDAYS BETWEEN** 



10:00 AM AND 1:00 PM.

If you have any questions please call 422-4519. Wanted:

- 1) Volunteers to help clients and sort and display donated clothing items.
- 2) Shelving any garage, basement, clothing shelving you no longer use can be donated!

# A Weekend of Discovery...A Lifetime of Love!

Fall is right around the corner - a beautiful season full of color and crisp fresh air.

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter is like autumn because it's full of fresh air and new beginnings! Oct 15 - 17 at the Holy Spirit Center, Cincinnati, OH Nov 5 - 7 at Maria Stein, Maria Stein, OH For more information, contact Andy and Melanie Reinersman 859-653-8464 or esharing.org. In the event the experiences cannot be held in person,

they will be held virtually via Zoom.



by Dawn Pickerill / Principal

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If you are interested in a Catholic education that provides a challenging, structured and thoughtful learning environment led by highly qualified and experienced teachers, contact Principal Dawn Pickerill 424-1196.

#### Recycling

Thank you to all who support our Athletic Association by recycling your aluminum cans here at school! The big red dumpster located in the back of our parking lot by the football field is the aluminum recycling dumpster. We do our best to monitor this bin so that we can call ASAP to get it emptied when it becomes filled.

Unfortunately, we no longer have a bin for recycling paper and cardboard as there is no longer a market for these items. We do have a small bin for paper and cardboard that we pay to have emptied, so this bin, just like the trash bins, are for school use only.

#### **Mark Your Calendar**

Our Back to School Steak Dinner which benefits Holy Family Athletics is getting a makeover. It has been renamed the Back to School Bash and this year has a Luau theme. The cost of an adult dinner is \$20 and includes pulled pork, sides, and all the beer you can drink. The bash is being held at St. John XXIII Catholic School on Saturday, September 11<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 – 7:30. This is always a wonderful event with good food, familiar faces, and raffles. Tickets are available on our website www.stjohn23school.org.

**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!

Two Separate "Healing the Broken Hearted" Retreats Friday - Sunday, Sept 17<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> The Consolation of the Holy Spirit: Strength in the Challenge of Widowhood AND Retreat for the Divorced and Separated

Our Lady of Guadalupe Discipleship Ctr & Bible College, 5701 Lawshe Rd, Peebles 45660

Guest rooms are available and meals are provided.

Take time to enjoy our trails, rock formations and wooded hillsides. Cost - a free will offering. Find information and pre-register at www.presentationministries.com click on RETREATS or call 513-373-2397.

## Do You Have the DRIVE to End Alzheimer's?

**5th Annual Golf Outing** Monday, October 11<sup>th</sup> Noon Shotgun Start Wildwood Golf Course





event is a four person scramble with a shotgun start at noon and prizes for First and Second Place.

The cost of \$75 includes the cart, snacks, and an

All American Grill Out. To register call parishioner and Director of Bickford Senior Living, Middletown, Cecilie Ricke 937-503-6548.



Thanks to

Don Accurso for sharing!

### Bulletin & Announcement Bloopers! Laughter IS the Best Medicine!

These sentences actually appeared in church bulletins or were announced at church services!

- \* The Fasting and Prayer Conference includes meals.
- \* Scouts are saving aluminum cans, bottles and other items to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to cripple children.
- \* The sermon this morning: Jesus Walks on the Water. The sermon tonight: Searching for Jesus.
- \* Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.
- \* Don't let worry kill you off let the Church help.
- \* Miss Charlene Mason sang I Will Not Pass This Way Again, giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.
- \* For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a Nursery downstairs.
- \* Next Thursday there will be try-outs for the choir. They need all the help they can get.
- \* Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.
- \* A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow.
- \* At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be What Is Hell? Come early and listen to our choir practice.
- \* Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.
- \* Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person you want remembered.
- \* The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility.
- \* Pot-luck supper Sunday at 5:00 PM prayer and medication to follow.
- \* The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.
- \* This evening at 7 PM there will be a hymn singing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.
- \* The pastor would appreciate it if the ladies of the Congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday.
- \* Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7 PM. Please use the back door.
- \* The eighth-graders will be presenting Shakespeare's *Hamlet* in the Church basement Friday at 7 PM. The congregation is invited to attend this tragedy.
- \* Weight Watchers will meet at 7 PM at the First Presbyterian Church. Please use large double door at the side entrance.
- \* The Associate Minister unveiled the church's new campaign slogan last Sunday: I Upped My Pledge Up Yours.

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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 www.holyfamilymiddletown.com. 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.





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