

Holy Family Parish

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November 17th – 25th Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Growing Our Parish



CHRISTMAS CONCERT INVITATION

All are invited to an *upcoming piano recital and community sing* featuring music played by Holy Family music minister, Isabel Marcheselli. Isabel will be performing sonatas by classical Austrian composer, Franz Joseph Haydn (1732-1809), and afterwards, attendees will be invited to join in a festive community sing of Christmas classics. This free concert will be a joyful celebration not to be missed! Please bring friends and family. The concert will be held at the Westfield Athenaeum, Lang Auditorium, 6 Elm Street, Westfield, MA (Tel. 413-568-7833) on Thursday, December 6, at 1pm.

Give the Gift of Your Time!

Fr. Ron is seeking volunteers to help with changing out the old misslets and songbooks from the pews and replacing them with the new ones. If you are available Tuesday, November 20th at 9 a.m. to assist, please see arrive at the church! Many Hands Make Light work!

“God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them.” Hebrews 6:10

The Gates of St. Thomas Cemetery will be closing December 1st for the winter. While no vehicles will be able to enter the cemetery, those wishing to visit the gravesites of their loved ones may walk in.

A Call to Volunteer:

Healing takes many forms. Baystate Noble Hospital is committed to improving the health of the people in our community with quality and compassionate care and this includes being mindful of the spiritual needs of our patients.



We are currently seeking new volunteers for our Pastoral Care Program. Our volunteers provide comfort, a smile, and compassion to patients, family members and caregivers within the hospital setting. We represent many faiths and the capacity to communicate respectfully across cultures. We are held to a high standard of ethical behavior, professionalism and confidentiality. Pastoral Care Volunteers visit many areas of the hospital including in-patient rooms, out-patient departments, and the emergency department. If you would like to know more about volunteering for pastoral care or other volunteer opportunities, please contact Laurie Gilbert, our Volunteer Coordinator, at laurie.gilbert@baystatehealth.org or call her at 413-568-2811 ext. 5573.



MASS SCHEDULE

November 17th – 25th, 2018

Saturday, November 17th, *Vigil*

5:00 p.m. Rights of the Unborn

Sunday, November 18th, *Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:15 a.m. Raymond Morawski † requested by Steve & Susan Morawski

9:30 a.m. Faith Formation Classes

11:00 a.m. Those who have strayed from the Church

Monday, November 19th

8:00 a.m. No Mass or Communion Service
Church Office Closed

Tuesday, November 20th

8:00 a.m. Communion Service

7:00 p.m. Pastoral Council Meeting

Thursday, November 22nd, *Saint Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr*

Happy Thanksgiving

8:00 a.m. Mass of Thanksgiving

Friday, November 23rd,

8:00 a.m. No Mass/ No Communion Service

Saturday, November 24th

5:00 p.m. Ed Liptak † 10 year Anniversary requested by Family

Sunday November 25th, Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

8:15 a.m. Robert Daniels † requested by the Lucardi Family

9:30 a.m. No Faith Formation Classes

11:00 a.m. Souls in Purgatory

12:15 p.m. Baptism Of Aubrey Louise Dazelle

Pastor: Fr. Ron F. Sadlowski
(413-862-4418)

Deacon David Baillargeon
(413-667-3147 or cell phone: 413-207-1301)

Faith Formation Director:
Deb Bogoff ~ 413-888-7412

Cemetery Superintendent
Please contact the parish office

Administrative Assistant: Carla Tacke

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday-Wednesday 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Email: holyfamily.parish@aol.com
Phone/FAX: 413-862-4418

Parish Website: holyfamilyrussell.org

Baptisms & Marriages:
Please call the office at 862-4418 to schedule.

To request a Mass Intention,
call the office at 862-4418

NEW PARISHIONERS—Welcome!
PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE
TO REGISTER

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 5 p.m.

Sunday Masses:
8:15 a.m. & 11 a.m.

Daily Mass
(Mon, Tues, Fri): 8 a.m.

Confessions (In Children's Room):
Saturday 4:15 to 4:45 p.m.
Sunday 7:30-8:00am

Faith Formation Classes:
Sunday, 9:30 to 10:45 a.m.
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Communion Service
Thursday 8 a.m.

This Week there will be two collections. This first is for Church Support and The Catholic Campaign for Human Development and the second will be for Maintenance and Improvements.

Next Week there will be one collection for Church Support. This would be a perfect opportunity to increase your weekly giving. **THANK YOU!**

Lector and Usher Schedule

Date	Mass	Lector	Ushers
Nov 17	5:00 pm	Ginny Hardie	Bill Hardie
Nov 18	8:15 am	Phil Winterson	Steve Morawski
	11:00 am	Chelsea Edinger	Dave Norton
Nov 24	5:00 pm	Ellen/Jesse Vidal	
Nov 25	8:15 am	Bill Lucardi	Del Lavature Mel/Mike Scuderi
	11:00 am	Jo-Anne Auclair	

foolish will be cast out into “everlasting horror” which presumably includes darkness.

It is not too far-fetched to think that all of us may be affected by SAD, to the extent that we rush to hang our Christmas lights early to alleviate the dominant darkness of the Winter solstice that comes a few days before that.

Of course we Catholics are living right now in a Churchwide, worldwide “darkness” brought on by some sinful members of our clergy of every rank who broke their vows, exacerbated by cover-ups. What is so important for all of us now is to cling to the light, the Light of the World, Jesus Christ, and all that He represents. Never to let externals like this to somehow throw us into depression. For we are Christ’s Body, and He is still our Head.

Of course, the gospel, our “Good News,” is certainly not “fake,” as some news is these days. The Gospel is authentic goodness. It becomes effective in our daily lives through our faith. Coincidentally, in the first verse of the chapter in the Letter to the Hebrews just past our selection, comes a beautiful definition of Faith. *“Faith is the assurance of things hoped for; the conviction of things not seen.”* (Hebrews 11: 1)

Just as a refresher, for your prayers, here is what is known as the traditional Act of Faith, short and sweet: *“O my God, I firmly believe that You are one God in Three Divine Persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. I believe that Your Divine Son became Man, and died for our sins, and that He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe these and all the truths which the Holy Catholic Church teaches, because You have revealed them, Who can neither deceive nor be deceived.”*

So, the best thing to do with our Catholic faith is to keep it. In every season. Because Faith really does “turn the lights on all over the house” and rarely ever will we be “SAD.”



Parish Prayer Request Board and Pastoral

Visits Call Fr Ron at 413-862-4418 with your prayer requests. Also, if you or a family member will be hospitalized, admitted to a nursing home or rehabilitation facility and would like a Pastoral Visit, please notify Fr Ron.

Suggested donations for Huntington Food

Pantry: Hot and Cold Cereal, peanut butter, jelly and jam, crackers, canned fish, condiments, meals in a box, applesauce and fruit cups, pasta, sauce, canned veggies and beans .

Place your donations in the blue bin at the entrance of the Church. Monetary donations can be made to: Huntington Food Pantry, PO Box 477, Huntington, MA 01050-0477

Reflection

By Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

There is an illness called “SAD” where the acronym doubles as its major effect. The letters stand for “Seasonal Affective Disorder.” People so afflicted feel depressed, sometimes moody, anxious or less energetic. In addition, they might have the urge to sleep and also to eat more—and engage less socially. Right at this time of year and all through the winter it hits people, up to 9.7 % of the United States population. No, it’s not in their heads or in the temperature. The cause is simply the darkness.

It’s one of those diseases that only becomes real when you know somebody who has it. Case in point: one of my best staff members at my last pastorate. I couldn’t help but think of her not only because of these short days of November, but also in the context provided by this weekend’s Scriptural selections. When I asked her how she coped, she said, “I turn lights on all over the house.”

Both the Book of Daniel and Mark’s gospel speak to us in dramatic fashion about the coming of the Lord with power and glory as He invites the wise to join Him in the light. Sadly, we also learn that the

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