

# Holy Family Parish

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413-862-4418

*June 23<sup>rd</sup>-July 1, 2018 – Nativity of St. John the Baptist*

## Growing Our Parish

### Cleaning of Church and Parish Hall



Volunteers are needed to clean the church, such as vacuuming the rugs as needed, clean the restroom and check for supplies. In the parish hall, the need is to keep both restrooms clean, empty the wastebaskets, and check for supplies. Those who are currently doing the service have been doing it as their gift to the Parish for over two decades. Please step forward to help keep our church clean, as well as the parish hall. If enough persons step forward, we might be able to have a monthly rotation schedule. Please contact Fr. Ron as soon as possible.

### St. Anne's Shrine Bus Trip

Thursday, July 26<sup>th</sup> 2018,  
from 8:30 – 4pm in Fiskdale,  
MA.

Come and celebrate the Feast Day of St. Joachim and St. Anne, the Grandparents of Jesus. The schedule includes being part of a special Healing Mass and Anointing Service, Listening to speakers John and Therese Boucher about "God's Vision of My Family and of me as a Spiritual Grandparent" and "tools for Sharing the Faith with Young People of All Ages". A Reception with light lunch is included as well as a tour along the Scala Sancta (Holy Stairs) and the outdoor Stations of the Cross.

The Bus departs St. Peter & St. Casimir parking lot at 22 State Street at 8:30 am and returns home by 4:30 pm.

Call Alicia at 413-568-0123 for more information by July 10. Mail a check for \$20 for the bus made out to Mrs. Alicia Belanger to 47 Llewellyn Dr. Westfield, MA 01085.



The **Catholic Mirror** is celebrating the priesthood of the following men in the July/August issue:

### 70 Years

Father Vincent M. O'Connor

### 60 Years

Father John A. Roach  
Father Charles F. Gonet

### 50 Years

Father Henry L. Dorsch  
Father Francis H. Crombie  
Father Merle L. Lavoie  
Msgr. George A. Farland  
Msgr. David J. Joyce

### 40 Years

Father Daniel J. Boyle  
Father John J. Brennan

### 25 Years

Msgr. Christopher D. Connelly  
Father Christopher A. Malatesta  
Father John K. Sheaffer

### To Be Ordained

Father Frank Furman  
Father Michael Kokoska



**Just a friendly reminder,** parishioners who have a Mass intention should let the ushers know prior to the Mass whether or not they would like to bring up the gifts.

**Also,** please remember that the parking spaces in front of our church is reserved for handicapped or persons who require assistance getting about and should not be blocked.

## MASS SCHEDULE

June 23<sup>rd</sup>-July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018

**Saturday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> Vigil**

5:00 p.m. Civic Leaders

**Sunday June 24<sup>th</sup>, *The Nativity of St. John the Baptist***

8:15 a.m. Barbara and Joseph Arduino †  
requested by Joseph, Michelle and  
Anmarie Arduino

11:00 a.m. Frances Sadlowski † 12 Anniversary  
requested by her sons

**Monday, June 25<sup>th</sup>,**

8:00 a.m. Victims of Religious Persecution

**Tuesday, June 26<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 a.m. Martyrs of The Church

**Thursday, June 28<sup>th</sup>, *St. Irenaeus, Bishop***

8:00 a.m. Communion Service

**Friday, June 29<sup>th</sup>, *Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles***

8:00 a.m. Victims of Human Trafficking

**Saturday, June 30<sup>th</sup>**

5:00 p.m. Cure for Cancer

**Sunday, July 1<sup>st</sup>, *Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time***

8:15 a.m. James Sullivan † 9<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
requested by Family

11:00 a.m. Parishioners and Friends married this  
Month

**There will** be two collections this weekend. One for Church Support and the second for the Peter's Pence Collection.

There will also be two collections next weekend. One for Church Support and the second for the Fuel Offering

**Please remember** to donate to our local food pantries these summer months. The need is especially great as children are out of school and unable to receive free or reduced lunches provided by the school district. Cereal, nonperishable snacks, peanut butter, jelly, tuna or other canned meats are ideal.

**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 SUMMER HOURS:**  
Monday-Wednesday 9:00 a.m. to 12 p.m.  
Email: [holyfamily.parish@aol.com](mailto:holyfamily.parish@aol.com)  
Phone/FAX: 413-862-4418

**Parish Website:** [holyfamilyrussell.org](http://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 IN PARISH HALL**  
(Mon, Tues, Fri): 8 a.m.

**Communion Service IN PARISH HALL**  
Thursday 8 a.m.

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

**Religious Education:**  
Sunday, 9:30 to 10:45 a.m.  
Holy Family Parish, Russell

**Lector and Usher Schedule**

June 23<sup>rd</sup>-July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018

| Date    | Mass     | Lector             | Ushers                            |
|---------|----------|--------------------|-----------------------------------|
| June 23 | 5:00 pm  | Ginny Hardie       |                                   |
| June 24 | 8:15 am  | Christine Lindberg | Del Lavature/<br>Mel/Mike Scuderi |
|         | 11:00 am | Chelsea Edinger    |                                   |
| June 30 | 5:00 pm  | Ellen/Jesse Vidal  | Bill Hardie                       |
| July 1  | 8:15 am  | Phil Winterson     | Steve Morawski                    |
|         | 11:00 am | Jo-Anne Auclair    | Dave Norton                       |

**Parish Prayer Request Board and Pastoral Visits** Call Fr Ron at 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.

## Reflection

By Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

An old joke, ever ready for new audiences about a proud Jewish mother describing her twins to a friend she comes upon while pushing the double wide stroller. Responding to her friend's compliment about the boys, she says "Thanks so much. You know, Josh there will be the doctor and Jake will be the lawyer." Talk about predetermination!

Today's First Reading from Isaiah finds the mature prophet proudly declaring the fact that he was given his special role while still in the womb! We also read the same about St. John the Baptist. For not only does his very existence display God's miraculous power acting in Elizabeth long after her child-bearing years, but also in the conferring of a name and a life's mission.

John the Baptist does indeed grow into the man who stands at the end of the long line of prophets of the Old Testament. But he also is at the start of the New Testament when he announces the arrival of the long-awaited Messiah. On that fateful day he will point to the adult Jesus walking on the Jordan riverbank and shout to the crowd gathered, "Behold the Lamb of God!" Six chapters later, Luke will record Jesus saying of John that, "Of all those born of women none is greater than John the Baptist, but that he who is least in the Kingdom of God is greater than John." (7:28) A great compliment indeed, but tempered by a comparison that I believe John himself would welcome!

Meanwhile we can ponder this man John as we celebrate today his birthday, noting that the Church does this for only two other persons: Christ Himself and Our Blessed Mother. I admire John for what has always been so outstanding in his life: his

humility. After all, the man had crowds of people following him and hanging on his every word. (Dare I say he anticipated people the likes of Bishop Sheen, Billy Graham and even Joel Osteen?) All that could have inflated John's ego beyond help. But listen to him declare "There is one among you whose sandal strap I am unworthy to loosen." Not a shabby attitude of mind and heart for any of us to have.

This feast, coming precisely six months before Christmas, divides the calendar year. St. Augustine once seized upon that fact and stated that this feast, so close to the summer solstice, makes it possible for us to say that "after John's birth, the days slowly grow shorter, but after Christ's birth they grow longer."

More importantly, I think John's lifestyle divides the phonies from the faithful. He is the true blue man of God, someone we can all strive to be, man and woman. So much talk these days about the need for transparency, among individuals and groups, including the Church. But talk is not needed as much as action. St. John the Baptist could well be at the front of the line of saints that show us how it's done. Humility is truth. Transparency is truth exposed.

Sometimes humility comes at us whether we like it or not. When George H. Bush was president, he was doing his public relations "thing" by visiting a nursing home. He came upon a wizened old man hobbling down the corridor. President Bush took the man by the hand and said, "Sir, do you know who I am? The man replied, "No, but if you ask one of the nurses, she'll tell you."



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