

Holy Family Parish

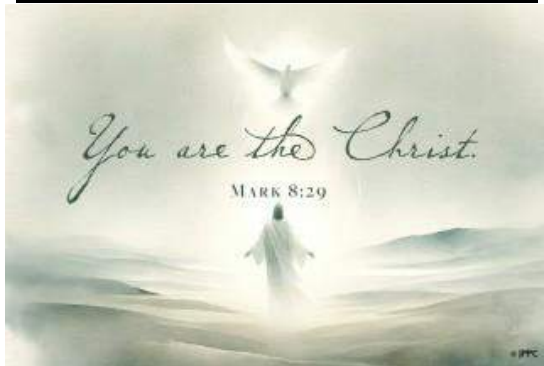
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September 15, 2024
24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Our Faith in Action



Collections:

September 15 **1st for parish support**
 2nd for Maintenance...
September 22 **1st for parish support**
September 29 **1st for parish support**

MASS Intentions

September 14 to September 22, 2024

SATURDAY, September 14 Vigil

5:00 p.m.	For Vocations
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24th Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 15

8:15 am	For Dennis Leja offered by sister-in-law Barbara Leja
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11:00 am	For Health of Michael Brusco offered by daughter Jo-Anne
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DAILY MASS IN PARISH HALL

Monday, September 16

8:00 am	For Vocations
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Friday, September 20

8:00 am	For Healing
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Saturday, September 21 Vigil

5:00 pm	For Raphael (6 th anniversary) offered by Kowal family
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25th Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 22

8:15 am	For People of God
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11:00 am	For Harriet Manley (51 st anniversary) offered by Granddaughters Deb, Chris and family
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Sept 14	5:00 pm	Pegg Dragon	
Sept 15	8:15 am	Christine Lindberg	Mel Scuderi
	11:00 am	Lisa Edinger	Dave Norton
Sept 21	5:00 pm	Carol Lucardi	
	8:15 am		Steve Morawski

Sept 22	11:00 am	Jo-Anne Auclair	Dave Norton
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confession if the above times are not convenient. Please call.

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Pastor: Fr. Ron Sadlowski
413-862-4418

Faith Formation Director:
Deb Bogoff 413-888-7412

St. Thomas Cemetery
Please contact the Parish Office

Office Hours
No Set Times

Please call, leave a voice message or e-mail

Holy Family Parish Contact Info

Phone: 413-862-4418 (leave message)

NEW email: parish@holymfamilyrussell.org

Parish Website: holymfamilyrussell.org

Baptisms and Marriages:

Please call the office at 413-862-4418 to schedule.

To request a Mass Intention, please call or email the parish office.

New Parishioners: Welcome!

Please see Fr. Ron or contact the Parish office to register.

WEEKEND Mass Schedule:

Saturday Vigil: 5 p.m.

Sunday Masses:
8:15 am and 11:00 am

Daily MORNING Mass on DAYS LISTED
If a holiday occurs on either day, no Mass that day

Monday and Friday: 8 am

Confessions

Saturday 4:15 pm to 4:45 pm
Sunday 7:30 am to 8:00 am

Appointments made be made for

FAITH FORMATION OPENING SESSION

Our opening session is Sunday, September 22nd with Mass at 11 am followed by distribution of materials and pizza for children in the program and their parents in the parish hall. As we start another year of allowing our Lord to touch our lives we show by our behavior that the Lord is working through us.

If you have not registered for Faith Formation please contact Deb Bogoff or Fr. Ron with information for classes.

This year, again, our program is home schooling as our actual numbers of children are low. We are grateful to the parents, grandparents and aunt for their participation in the program. As a parish family we need each other's cooperation in handling on the faith as well as for our children to see our faith in action.

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

“The lazy, crazy, hazy days of Summer 2024 will officially end next weekend. Looking back, we have our memories hopefully good and perhaps sadly bad. Among the latter that I have are those stories of drownings and shark attacks especially involving youngsters. But above all those others, the one that hit me the hardest as I sat down to write these words came the report back in June of a vacationing couple who were swept away by rip currents leaving behind six children. Do you remember it also? And what about those six sudden orphans? Pain and suffering clouds the summer sky.

The gospel today provides the context to consider the whole subject of human suffering, as Jesus brings up the subject with His chosen Twelve. It hovers over even the best of our days. Just as a hearse passing by a showy, red convertible drives home a point.

The bible tells us forthrightly that suffering entered our world with the arrival of sin. Sin as a deliberate selfish choice to make ourselves little gods in

defiance of the One Great God of heaven and earth. “We will decide what’s right and wrong; what’s best for us; what will make us happy, and You, O God, had best pay attention!” Oh, we never actually phrase it that way, much less say it out loud, but that’s the ultimate source of our sin.

Jesus tells us how to handle our suffering, physical or spiritual. It is to unite ours with His and make it redemptive for the world. That is the partial theology behind the old directive to “offer it up.”

I recently read a biography of Pope St. John Paul II, whom I have no hesitation calling “the Great.” Almost a whole generation has come along since his death in 2005, but they need to know of him and how we were blest with his pontificate. Of his physical sufferings in life, the author wrote the following:

During his pontificate, he dislocated his shoulder, broke his femur, underwent surgeries for his hip and ankle and to remove his appendix, gallstones, and an orange-sized tumor from his colon. He suffered osteoarthritis in his right knee, and intestinal disorder, the loss of hearing in both ears, Parkinson’s disease, and underwent routine colonoscopies and was given a feeding tube—and this does not even include the injuries he sustained when he was struck by a Nazi truck in Poland, the mono mononucleosis he suffered as a bishop, or the two bullets he took during his assassination attempt. Because he spent no fewer than 164 days in the Gelling Hospital, he started calling it Vatican III (after St. Peter’s and Castel Gandolfo)?

After one of his hospitalizations, he said “I accept this trial too from the hands of God, who arranges everything in accordance with His providential plans, and I offer it for the good of the Church.”

Add to that young Blessed Carlo Acutis’ remark that he offered his leukemia at age 15 “for the pope and the Church” and you begin to see the best interpretation of your sufferings from holy people of all ages.

That thinking makes us more than Churchgoers. We become, however gradually, true disciples. For all four seasons. And a good postscript here is this warning: “Satan is not afraid of a Bible with dust on it.”

God love you and give you His peace.

HOLY TRINITY PARISH (Westfield) FALL FESTIVAL

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH, 2024

**12 noon to 5 pm at Pilsudski Park,
200 Old County Rd., Holyoke**

Mass will be celebrated at 10:30 am

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*For more information, call the Parish
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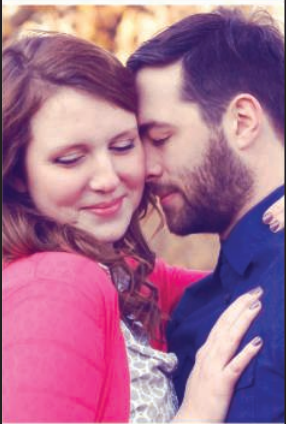
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