

Holy Family

CHURCH OF THE
*We are a
Titling Parish*

**THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
NOVEMBER 19, 2017**

Mass Schedule

Sunday Mass Schedule

Saturday 5:30 pm
Sunday 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 am,
12:00 pm, 7:30 pm

Daily Mass Schedule

Monday-Friday 8:15 am,
Saturday 8:15 am

Holy Day Schedule

Vigil Mass, 7:30 pm
7:00, 8:15 am, 12:10, 7:30 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays, 4:30 to 5:15pm



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MASSSES AROUND THE COUNTRY - To find
the closest church in the U.S., go to
www.masstimes.org



HOLY FAMILY WOMEN'S CORNER

"You are the salt of the earth..." Matthew 5:13
Introducing a new ministry here at Holy Family: SALT



Ladies,
keep in mind,
during this season full of the cornucopia of friends and family,
you can look forward to the warmth of **Sharing And Learning Together.**
With our newly formed women's ministry, SALT.
...starting in January...

Keep Checking this Women's Corner for more information.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM - Sundays of each month at 1:15pm. Baptism preparation for parents first Tuesday of the month. Phone rectory for details and information.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE—Please call the rectory at least one year in advance to make arrangements for a wedding.

HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL - An environment for growth in faith, values and knowledge. Tiny Tots (2 1/2 yrs. old), Pre K 3 &4, & K. For further information, please call the school office, **973-377-4181**, www.holy-family-school.org.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - A program of religious instruction for grades 1 through 8. Confirmation preparation for high school students. For further information, call the Religious Education Office, **973-377-3101**, hfreducation@gmail.com

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CENTERING PRAYER meets at 7:30 p.m. in the K of C Hall on Monday nights.

ROSARY is prayed each day at 7:50 a.m. (before the 8:15 Mass).

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA is prayed on Mondays after the 8:15 a.m. Mass.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for veneration on the First Friday, after the 8:15 mass until 9:45 a.m., (including confessions) and every Thursday after the 8:15 mass.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER those serving in the military:

LTC Timothy Renahan USA; Matthew Manzione, USA
ASI Brian Schramm, USN; Capt Stephen Scirocco, USMC
L Cpl. Stephen Hanily, USMC; Sgt. Chad Jennings, USA
PFC Patrick Montuore, USMC; Sgt. Jared K. Nucci, USA;

FOOD PANTRY To all our faithful donors thank you and we wish you all a happy and healthy Thanksgiving. With Thanksgiving approaching, we have a request. For those of you thinking of donating a turkey or a ham, we prefer the ham. We have limited freezer space to store turkeys and ham can be stored in the refrigerator. If you would like to make a monetary donation please make checks out to Holy Family Florham Park Food Pantry. You can drop it in the collection basket at Sunday mass. Sharon @973-568-5932, Anne @ 973-822-0430.



WE WELCOME INTO OUR COMMUNITY:

Noah Iamiceli Anderson,
Son of Mark and Christa Anderson;
Charlotte Grace Rogan,
Daughter of James and Stephanie Rogan.

THE 44TH ANNUAL ROSARY SOCIETY

CRAFT FAIR will be held on Saturday, December 2nd from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, November 20, 2017 8:15 - Alfred Norris	Weekday
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2017 8:15 - Stephen Kardos	Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2017 8:15 - Milt Leighton	St. Cecilia Virgin /Martyr
THURSDAY, November 23, 2017 9:00 - Anna Prokop	Thanksgiving
FRIDAY, November 24 2017 8:15 - Ciro Cirrincione	St. Andrew Dung-Lac
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2017 8:15 - 5:30 - Madeline Valvano - Andrew Picone - Catherine and Mary Seton Harkins	Weekday
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2017 7:30 - Fr. Steve Salata	Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
9:00 - People of Holy Family Parish - Diane Fowler - John Jarka	
10:30 - Anette and James Renga - Protection of Babies in the Womb and their Families - Camilo Sanchez	
12:00 - Ruth E. Foley - Bill Northridge - Marina Del Presto	
7:30	

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED:
Zoe A. Rosalinas, (sister of Amy Bailon).

PRAY FOR THE SICK Please pray for our parishioners, relatives and friends who are ill: Alison Walters Soderburg, James Connolly Sr., Fr. Fred, Alyssa Blatt, Peggy Schneyer, John Mahoney, Kate Monteforte, John Schneyer, Stephen Matuszek, Theresa Veverka, Steven Reich, John Veverka, Dave Kreutzer, Curt Price, Ted Gleichmann, Bedley Byers, Mary O'Connor, George Padkowsky, Marilyn Reilly, Peter and Antonette Sena, Martin Chiarolanzio, Sr., Sloane Dyer, Anne D'Innocenzio, Ken Eberle, Betty O'Connor, Angel Prado, Jonathan Tagorda, Orié McMorrow, Barbara Froetscher, Francesca Champion, Gene Taylo, Barbara Leighton, Esther Walsh, Judith Prestage, Nick Bergamoto, Steven Pilla, Denise Bergamoto.

GIFT CARDS for the Supermarkets are available in the school office Monday-Friday during school hours. For more information please call 973-377-3101.





On Thanksgiving, *What Do You Say?*

It is tempting to believe that gratitude is innate or instinctive, but experience suggests otherwise. Most adults can clearly remember their apprenticeship in the attitude of gratitude. Our training is administered in deceptively simple encounters, like when a grandparent offers a cookie, a sibling shares a toy, or a stranger pays a compliment. Immediately after such gifts are presented, there is a pregnant pause before one of our parents fills the voids with the default mantra of our training: “What do you say?” Ideally, in time we internalize this training into true, spontaneous thanks.

In the parable of the rich fool. Luke’s gospel suggest that the opposite of gratitude is greed, but greed may be the offspring of entitlement. Entitlement is an attitude that reduces gracious gifts to expected rights. The culture of entitlement socializes us to accept favors, not with appreciation, but with smug approval: “I deserve this,” “I earned this,” or “I am owed this.”

After Jesus cured ten lepers, only the Samaritan returned to give thanks, prompting Jesus to wonder, “Where are the other nine?” Perhaps this ungratefulness stemmed from viewing their cures as just desserts.

A news report told the story of a parent who purposely sought out a pre-school with a “no sharing” policy because she believed that sharing engenders attitudes of entitlement in the recipients of such generosity. How strange that we don’t worry about fostering privileged attitudes in the “haves” as much as entitled sentiments in the “have-nots”. St. Paul writes: “Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” Children of God practice sharing like doctors practice medicine. We do not wish to impose virtue, but rather to nurture the graciousness of God’s generous Spirit.

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Origins and Expressions of Thanksgiving

And be thankful—Colossians 3:15

Thanksgiving dates back to the autumn of 1621 when the Mayflower pilgrims, having reaped the first fruitful harvest, gathered with members of the Wampanoag tribe to celebrate a grateful feast. References to an annual celebration first appear in colonial municipal records in the mid-1600s. An elderly magazine editor, Sara Josepha Hale, wrote to Abraham Lincoln in 1863 requesting to have Thanksgiving made a “National and fixed Union Festival.” The last Thursday of November was then designated as a “day of Thanksgiving and Praise.” Words from the official proclamation eloquently inspire a blessed nation to gratitude:

To these bounties, which are so constantly enjoyed that we are prone to forget the source from which they come, others have been added, which are of so extraordinary a nature,



that they cannot fail to penetrate and soften even the heart which is habitually insensible to the ever watchful providence of Almighty God.

THANKSGIVING AT HOME

For Christians, every Sunday is Thanksgiving Day, for the term *Eucharist* comes from a Greek word which means “thanksgiving.” The American Catholic Lectionary includes an appendix with reading for Thanksgiving Mass. Perhaps it is fitting that Thanksgiving is not a mandatory feast, for gratitude is best served by voluntary expression like the ones suggested below.

Give From Your Table: Numerous agencies, parishes, and food banks offer opportunities to feed the hungry at thanksgiving. Give what you are able to support those efforts.

Bless your Bread: Your parish may include a blessing of bread at its morning Eucharist. If not, families can bless their bread at home, extending hands over it before it is baked or served.

Count your blessings: the Thanksgiving newspaper comes stuffed with Black Friday ads. Instead of starting your “wish lists” or shopping, make a family “thanks list” and read it aloud.

Say Grace Before Dinner: Have each member place grain seed, stuffing cubes, or candy corn -symbols of God’s gifts-into a goblet, Then pass the goblet and have each person hold it while naming a blessing. Then say grace or read Psalm 67.

Celebrate the Eucharist: Most parishes have one morning Mass on Thanksgiving Day. The Eucharist is a grateful way to begin the day focused on God’s blessings in praise and thanks.



TITHING

Last week's collection was \$9,160.00, (last year was \$10,065.00). On Line Giving for October was \$6,053.00. Thank you for your continued generosity to Holy Family.

NOVEMBER HAPPENINGS

- Nov. 19 **CYO Basketball G**
Grade 9 Confirmation 6:00pm
- Nov. 20 **Centering Prayer K/C Hall 7:30pm**
- Nov. 21 **Saints Study Fr. Krzys 7:00pm CH**
Thanksgiving Inter Faith Service
- Nov. 22 **CYO Basketball G**
Children's Christmas Choir Practice
- Nov. 23 **Thanksgiving Mass 9:00 am**
- Nov. 24 **Bible Study Fr. Krzys 9:30am CH**
- Nov. 25 **CYO Basketball G**
- Nov. 26 **Gving Tree C**
CYO Basketball G
- Nov. 27 **Centering Prayer K/C Hall 7:30pm**
- Nov. 28 **Saints Study Fr. Krzys 7:00pm CH**
- Nov. 29 **CYO Basketball G**
Children's Christmas Choir Practice
- Nov. 30 **CYO Basketball G**

THANKSGIVING INTER-FAITH ECUMENICAL SERVICE



This year, the Florham Park Interfaith Thanksgiving Service will be held on Tuesday, November 21st at 215 Ridgedale Ave (Professional Bldg.) on the 2nd floor at 7:30 pm. This service brings together the four religious communities of the borough, as well as their four choirs. Please consider joining us at the service this year.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CHOIR



It's that time of year again! Holy Family Children's Choir is joyfully, enthusiastically accepting new members and welcoming back our wonderful singers to perform at the most widely attended Christmas Celebration in all of Florham Park, the 4 PM Christmas Eve Family Mass. Rehearsals will be held on Wednesday evenings from 6:00-7:00 pm (Nov. 22 & 29, Dec. 6 & 20). Since we are having only 4 rehearsals it is important that you are able to attend all practices. All children Grade 3 (except by special permission) and up-including college and beyond are invited to join us. We will meet downstairs in Holy Family School. Please bring a friend!

COFFEE & CAKE SUNDAY



Calling all Bakers! On Sunday, December 3 we will be having our monthly Coffee & Cake gathering after the 7:30, 9:00 & 10:30am masses. If you would like to bake something you can drop it off in the church hall that morning.

YOUTH GROUP MEETING, Saturday, December 2nd at 6:30 pm in the Church Hall. This group is open to 11th, & 12th graders and beyond. Come and see what we are all about!

HOLY FAMILY CHRISTMAS DINNER SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9TH, 6:30 PM

Please join us to celebrate the Christmas Holidays. This is a wonderful opportunity for adults and children to share an evening of fun, fellowship and great food!

Our Menu Will Include:

*APPETIZERS,
ROAST PORK, WITH STUFFING,
ROASTED POTATOES, VEGETABLES
DESSERT
BYOB*

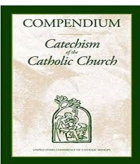
RSVP BY December 4th,

*Adults: \$25.00
Young Adults & Children
(21 and under) \$5.00
Name of guest (s)*

1. _____
2. _____

STOCK DONATIONS Some of you have inquired about donating Stock to the church. We are now in a position to accept Stock. If you would like to support the parish in this way please contact Celeste at 973-377-1817.

2017 Bishop's Annual Appeal In Giving, We Receive
This time of year, as our nation plans to celebrate Thanksgiving, let us reflect on how we use all of the gifts given to us by a loving God. Consider showing your thanks for all your blessing by making a gift to the 2017 Bishop's Annual Appeal. As we are reminded in this year's Appeal theme *In Giving, We Receive* your participation not only impacts the lives of tens of thousand of people in need, but it benefits you as well. Please make a pledge today! For your convenience, you can make an online gift or pledge at www.2017appeal.org.



**33TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
NOV. 19/20
HEAVEN AND EARTH.**

59. What did God create?

Sacred Scripture says, "In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth" (*Genesis* 1:1). The Church in her profession of faith proclaims that God is the Creator of everything, visible and invisible, of all spiritual and corporeal beings, that is, of angels and of the visible world and, in a special way, of man.

60. Who are the angels?

The angels are purely spiritual creatures, incorporeal, invisible, immortal, and personal beings endowed with intelligence and will. They ceaselessly contemplate God face-to-face and they glorify him. They serve him and are his messengers in the accomplishment of his saving mission to all.

61. In what way are angels present in the life of the Church?

The Church joins with the angels in adoring God, invokes their assistance and commemorates some in her liturgy.
"Beside each believer stands an angel as a protector and shepherd leading him to life." (Saint Basil the Great)

62. What does Sacred Scripture teach about the creation of the visible world?

Through the account of the "six days" of creation Sacred Scripture teaches us the value of the created world and its purpose, namely, to praise God and to serve humanity. Every single thing owes its very existence to God from whom it receives its goodness and perfection, its proper laws and its proper place in the universe.

63. What is the place of the human person in creation?

The human person is the summit of visible creation in as much as he or she is created in the image and likeness of God.

64. What kind of bond exists between created things?

There exist an interdependence and a hierarchy among creatures as willed by God. At the same time, there is also a unity and solidarity among creatures since all have the same Creator, are loved by him and are ordered to his glory. Respecting the laws inscribed in creation and the relations which derive from the nature of things is, therefore, a principle of wisdom and a foundation for morality.

65. What is the relationship between the work of creation and the work of redemption?

The work of creation culminates in the still greater work of redemption, which in fact gives rise to a new creation in which everything will recover its true meaning and fulfillment.

Ordinary Time: November 22nd

**Memorial of St. Cecilia,
Virgin and Martyr**



St. Cecilia was so highly venerated by the ancient Roman Church that her name was placed in the Canon of the Mass. Already in the fourth century there was a church of St. Cecilia in Trastevere, erected on the site where her home had stood. Her martyrdom probably occurred during the reign of Emperor Alexander Severus, about the year 230. In 1599 her grave was opened and her body found in a coffin of cypress wood. It lay incorrupt, as if she had just breathed forth her soul. Stephen Maderna, who often saw the body, chiseled a statue that resembled the body as closely as possible. Since the Middle Ages, Cecilia has been honored as patroness of Church music. Apart from the fact of her martyrdom, we know practically nothing about her that is historically genuine. Cecilia led a life of prayer and meditation and had vowed lifelong virginity, but a youth by the name of Valerian, relying upon the approval of her parents, hoped to marry her. When the wedding night arrived, she confided to Valerian, "There is a secret, Valerian, I wish to tell you. I have as a lover an angel of God who jealously guards my body." Valerian promised to believe in Christ if he would be enabled to see that angel. Cecilia explained how such was impossible without baptism, and Valerian consented to be baptized. After he was baptized by Pope Urban and had returned "He found Cecilia in her little room lost in prayer, and next to her the angel of the Lord was standing. When Valerian saw the angel, he was seized with great terror." The angel handed to them a bouquet of fiery red roses and snow-white lilies as a reward for Cecilia's love of chastity, a bouquet that would not wither, yet would be visible only to those who love chastity.

The prefect of Rome commanded her to be suffocated in the baths. She remained unharmed and prayed, "I thank You, Father of my Lord Jesus Christ, that through Your Son the fire was extinguished at my side." Beheading was next in order. The executioner made three attempts (the law prohibited more) and let her lie in her blood. She lived for three days, encouraging the poor and dedicating her home into a church.

Prayer: O God, who gladden us each year with the feast day of your handmaid Saint Cecilia, grant, we pray, that what has been devoutly handed down concerning her may offer us examples to imitate and proclaim the wonders worked in his servants by Christ your Son. Amen.

Patron: Albi, France; composers; martyrs; music; musicians; musical instrument makers; archdiocese of Omaha, Nebraska; poets; singers.

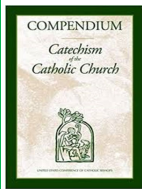
Symbols: Holding a lute; playing the organ; holding roses.



**WE EXTEND CONGRATULATIONS AND GOD'S BLESSINGS TO THE FOLLOWING COUPLES BEING MARRIED IN
DECEMBER:**

***Abigail Johnson and Frank DeFranco;
Meghan Florio and Michael Reilly.***





**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
KING OF THE UNIVERSE
Nov. 25/26**

MAN AND THE FALL

66. In what sense do we understand man and woman as created “in the image of God”?

The human person is created in the image of God in the sense that he or she is capable of knowing and of loving their Creator in freedom. Human beings are the only creatures on earth that God has willed for their own sake and has called to share, through knowledge and love, in his own divine life. All human beings, in as much as they are created in the image of God, have the dignity of a person. A person is not something but someone, capable of self-knowledge and of freely giving himself and entering into communion with God and with other persons.

67. For what purpose did God create man and woman?

God has created everything for them; but he has created them to know, serve and love God, to offer all of creation in this world in thanksgiving back to him and to be raised up to life with him in heaven. Only in the mystery of the incarnate Word does the mystery of the human person come into true light. Man and woman are predestined to reproduce the image of the Son of God made Man, who is the perfect “image of the invisible God” (*Colossians* 1:15).

68. Why does the human race form a unity?

All people form the unity of the human race by reason of the common origin which they have from God. God has made “from one ancestor all the nations of men” (*Acts* 17:26). All have but one Savior and are called to share in the eternal happiness of God.

69. How do the soul and body form a unity in the human being?

The human person is a being at once corporeal and spiritual. In man spirit and matter form one nature. This unity is so profound that, thanks to the spiritual principle which is the soul, the body which is material, becomes a living human body and participates in the dignity of the image of God.

70. Where does the soul come from?

The spiritual soul does not come from one’s parents but is created immediately by God and is immortal. It does not perish at the moment when it is separated from the body in death and it will be once again reunited with the body at the moment of the final resurrection.

71. What relationship has God established between man and woman?

Man and woman have been created by God in equal dignity insofar as they are human persons. At the same time, they have been created in a reciprocal complementarity insofar as they are masculine and feminine. God has willed them one *for* the other to form a communion of persons. They are also called to transmit human life by forming in matrimony “one flesh” (*Genesis* 2:24). They are likewise called to subdue the earth as “stewards” of God.

72. What was the original condition of the human person according to the plan of God?

In creating man and woman God had given them a special participation in his own divine life in holiness and justice. In the plan of God they would not have had to suffer or die. Furthermore, a perfect harmony held sway within the human person, a harmony between creature and Creator, between man and woman, as well as between the first human couple and all of creation.

73. How should we understand the reality of sin?

Sin is present in human history. This reality of sin can be understood clearly only in the light of divine revelation and above all in the light of Christ the Savior of all. Where sin abounded, he made grace to abound all the more.

74. What was the fall of the angels?

This expression indicates that Satan and the other demons, about which Sacred Scripture and the Tradition of the Church speak, were angels, created good by God. They were, however, transformed into evil because with a free and irrevocable choice they rejected God and his Kingdom, thus giving rise to the existence of hell. They try to associate human beings with their revolt against God. However, God has wrought in Christ a sure victory over the Evil One.

75. What was the first human sin?

When tempted by the devil, the first man and woman allowed trust in their Creator to die in their hearts. In their disobedience they wished to become “like God” but without God and not in accordance with God (*Genesis* 3:5). Thus, Adam and Eve immediately lost for themselves and for all their descendants the original grace of holiness and justice.

76. What is original sin?

Original sin, in which all human beings are born, is the state of deprivation of original holiness and justice. It is a sin “contracted” by us not “committed”; it is a state of birth and not a personal act. Because of the original unity of all human beings, it is transmitted to the descendants of Adam “not by imitation, but by propagation”. This transmission remains a mystery which we cannot fully understand.

77. What other consequences derive from original sin?

In consequence of original sin human nature, without being totally corrupted, is wounded in its natural powers. It is subject to ignorance, to suffering, and to the dominion of death and is inclined toward sin. This inclination is called *concupiscence*.

78. After the first sin, what did God do?

After the first sin the world was inundated with sin but God did not abandon man to the power of death. Rather, he foretold in a mysterious way in the “Protoevangelium” (*Genesis* 3:15) that evil would be conquered and that man would be lifted up from his fall. This was the first proclamation of the Messiah and Redeemer. Therefore, the fall would be called in the future a “*happy fault*” because it “gained for us so great a Redeemer” (Liturgy of the Easter Vigil).