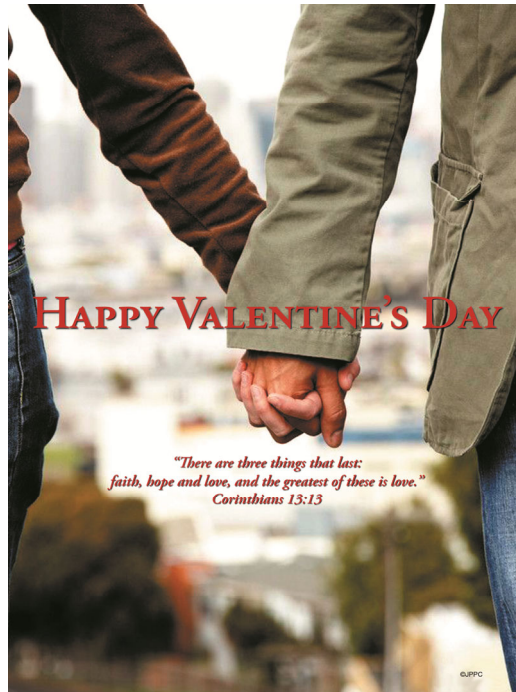


FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - FEBRUARY 12, 2017



CHURCH OF THE
Holy Family
We are a
Tithing Parish

Parish Directory

Mass Schedule

Rev. Thomas Rekiel, Pastor
Rev. Krzysztof Liwarski, Parochial Vicar
Rev. Frederick Walters, Pastor Emeritus
Deacon Peter M. Fiore
Deacon William Ward, Retired
Virginia Akhoury, Pastoral Minister
Dawn Sacco Paskalides,
Holy Family School Principal
School Secretary, Toni Fiore
School Bookkeeper Tammy Zebick
Director of Religious Education, Anne Giedlinski
Director of Music Ministry, Randy Hertzog
Parish Bookkeeper, Robyn Morris
Parish Secretary, Celeste Walsh

MAINTENANCE COUNCIL

Ralph Aurilia - 973-951-6508
Gene Miranda - 973-583-2469
Roger Siara - 973-822-1661

FINANCE COUNCIL

Ralph Aurilia 973-951-6508
Bob Cottam 973-887-1232
*Anne Feith 973-966-1314
Peter Fiore 917-880-9601
Gene Miranda 973-583-2469
Roger Siara 973-822-1661
*Michael Prokop 973-301-0678
Bob Scirocco 973-377-1387
Fred Summa 973-822-3362

*Parish Trustee

Sunday Mass Schedule

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

Daily Mass Schedule

Monday-Saturday, 8:15 am

Holy Day Schedule

Vigil Mass, 7:30 pm
7:30, 9:00 am, 12:10, 7:30 pm

1 Lloyd Avenue ~ Florham Park, New Jersey 07932

OFFICE HOURS

The office is open Monday-Thursday from 8:30 to 2:30 p.m.

RECTORY

rectory@holyfamilyfp.org
Phone 973-377-1817
Fax 973-377-6350
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**RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION**

973-377-3101
hfeducation@gmail.com

SCHOOL

973-377-4181
www.holy-family-school.org

**HOLY FAMILY
YOUTH MINISTER**

rectory@holyfp.org

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM - First, second, third and fourth Sundays of each month at 1:30pm. Baptism preparation for parents first Tuesday of the month. Phone rectory for details and information.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION - Saturdays, 4:30 to 5:15pm.

HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL - An environment for growth in faith, values and knowledge. Tiny Tots (2 1/2 yrs. old) through 8th grade. For further information, please call the school office, 973-377-4181.

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.

SOCIAL MINISTRIES

Ministry to the Homebound: Mary Scirocco, 973-377-1387

Ministry to the Hungry: Anne Platoff, 973-822-0430

Sharon Carr, 973-568-5932

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - Dr. McDowell Council - For information, call Charlie Pane 862-368-8585. For Hall rentals, call Ralph Aurilia at 973-301-0297.

PRO-LIFE MINISTRY - Frank and Barbara Tinari, 973-822-0084. Important Contact Information: New Jersey Right to Life (njrtl.org) 732-562-0562.

CENTERING PRAYER meets at 7:30 p.m. in the O'Connell Room (convent) 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.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for veneration on the First Friday, after the 8:15 mass until 10:00 a.m., and every Thursday after the 8:15 mass.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER those serving in the armed forces:

Major Timothy Renahan USA
Sgt. Jared K. Nucci, USA
Matthew Manzione, USA
AS1 Brian Schramm, USN
HT2 Thomas Dwyer ESWS, USN
PFC Stephen Hanily, USMC
PFC Patrick Montuore USMC
Lt. Stephen Scirocco USMC
Sgt. Chad Jennings, USA

CATHOLIC CHARITIES Please help support our local programs by donations of clothing, shoes and household items in our donation bin located in the parking lot.



PROLIFE NEWS Please check out the titles in the Right to Life pamphlet racks at the church doors. They include Roe plus 40; A Catholic response to the death penalty; Healing after abortion; and Explaining the reality of marriage to family and friends.



TITHING: Last week's collection was \$9,450.00, (last year was \$10,514.00). Thank you for your continued generosity.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, February 13, 2017 Weekday

8:15 - Ed Rubin, *4th Anniversary*
- Ernest & Maureen Messito

TUESDAY, February 14, 2017 **Sts. Cyril, Mark & Methodius, Bishop**
8:15 - Amanda Villacorta

WEDNESDAY, February 15, 2017 Weekday

8:15-Carol Dugan, *1st Anniversary*
- Louis Masterbone

THURSDAY, February 16, 2017 Weekday

8:15-Anna Prokop
-Trudy & Bill Ward, *60th Wedding Anniversary*

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2017 Weekday

8:15-David Aaron O'Scanlon

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2017 Weekday

8:15 -
5:30 - David N. Gubitosa
- Andrew Picone
- Caro-Costas Families

SUNDAY, February 19, 2017 **Seventh Sunday Ordinary Time**

7:30 - Carl Krah
9:00 - Mary Coraggio
10:30 - Ann Court
- Stanley Jarka
- Madeline Russo
12:00 - Bill DeAngelis
- Filippo Ergastolo
7:30-

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

*Joan Malone, (wife of Charles Malone),
Elizabeth Campbell, (mother of Elizabeth Poore).*

THE DIVINE MERCY CANDLE WILL BURN IN MEMORY OF

The Patag and Villacorta Families.

PRAY FOR THE SICK Please pray for our parishioners, relatives and friends who are ill: Alison Walters Soderburg, Brian Connolly, Fr. Fred, Alyssa Blatt, Peggy Schneyer, John Mahoney, Kate Monteforte, John Schneyer, Stephen Matuszek, Bernie Dorn, III, Ramona Baumgaertner, Theresa Veverka, Steven Reich, John Veverka, Dave Kreutzer, Curt Price, Ted Gleichmann, Bedley Byers, Helene Searle, Sean Flanagan, Jr., Mary O'Connor, George Padkowsky, Marilyn Reilly, Peter and Antonette Sena, Nora Navel.

MASSES AROUND THE COUNTRY - To find the closest church in the U.S., or go to www.masstimes.org **A televised Sunday Mass** is now airing on ABC Family from 6:30 to 7 a.m. each Sunday morning. www.TheSundayMass.org.



- February 12 **CYO Basketball Games Gym**
- February 13 **Altar Server Training 3:30pm Church**
Centering Prayer Group 7:30pm Rectory
- February 14 **HFS BB Practice Gym**
- February 15 **Bible Study 7:00pm Church Hall**
CYO BB Practice Gym
- February 16 **Bible Study 9:30am Church Hall**
HFS BB Practice Gym
Choir Practice
- February 18 **CYO BB Practice Gym**
- February 19 **CYO BB Games Gym**
- February 20 **Presidents Day School and Office Closed**
Centering Prayer Group 7:30pm Rectory
- February 22 **CYO BB Practice**
- February 23 **Bible Study 9:30am Church Hall**
HFS BB Practice Gym
Choir Practice
- February 24 **K of C Hoop Shoot Finals Gym**
- February 26 **CYO BB Games Gym**
- February 27 **Altar Server Training 3:30pm Church**
Centering Prayer Group 7:30pm Rectory
- February 28 **HFS BB Practice Gym**

FOOD PANTRY This week's items are **COMPLETE Pancake Mix and Syrup**. Your donations are very much appreciated! Please check expiration dates (we cannot accept expired items). Sharon Carr @973-568-5932, Anne Platoff @ 973-822- 0430.



HOLY FAMILY ADULT CHOIR As a result of several of our members relocating, we are in need of some additional choir members. We are certainly in need of male voices, but our ranks are always open to any parishioner who is of high school age or older who has a love of singing - there is no audition, no questionnaire, and no lengthy list of previous musical experiences required. We gather for rehearsals at 7:30 on Thursday nights, and for the next two hours we laugh, we do detailed work on our anthems, and we pray. Then, on Sunday mornings, we gather at 10:00 to warm-up for the 10:30 mass. We're a caring community of singers within a larger worshipping community, and we need your voice, and your spirit, to continue our tradition of bringing vibrant choral music to the Eucharistic celebrations here at Holy Family. Please reach out to one of the choir members, or to Randy, with any other questions you may have about participating in our ministry.



SEEKING HOUSE SITTING OPPORTUNITY
A professional woman (and relative of long-time parish members) is seeking a house sitting opportunity in the Florham Park area. Contact Christa Tinari: 267-885-4177

33 Days to Morning Glory

"Marian consecration is the quickest, easiest, most perfect and secure way" to sainthood. - St Louis de Montfort

Celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Fatima by joining your fellow parishioners and thousands of Catholics around the world who have made a Marian Consecration.

We are offering our own retreat using the book **33 Days To Morning Glory** by Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC. This inspiring book presents in everyday language how consecration to the Blessed Virgin Mary can help each of us grow in holiness and become closer to Jesus. We will follow the great Marian Saints - St. John Paul II, St. Mother Teresa, St. Maximillian Kolbe and St. Louis de Montfort as they explain Marian Consecration in ways we can understand. It takes just 5 minutes of reading a day.

The **33 Days To Morning Glory** program helps make this an incredible life-changing journey that you can take with others from our parish. We will meet for 90 minutes one evening a week for 6 weeks. Our Consecration will be May 13, 2017, on the 100th Anniversary of Fatima, following the 5:30 PM Mass.

If you have previously made a Marian Consecration, please consider joining our group to refresh your hearts and renew your consecration.

When: Starting April 11th, Tuesday evenings at 7:00pm - 8:30pm - meetings include DVD lessons, discussion, review of the Retreat Companion workbook, and prayer.

Where: Holy Family Church Hall
Cost: \$31.50 for supplies including 33 Days to Morning Glory book, workbook and accompanying group retreat materials which provide a wonderful format for reflection, discussion and learning. If you already have a copy of the book, registration is \$????? for retreat materials.

Questions: Bernadette Guerriero, Retreat Coordinator 201-5724138

Please complete the information below and place it in an envelope marked "Marian Consecration Registration" with your check. Registration envelopes maybe dropped off at the Rectory or placed in the Sunday collection baskets no later than March 12 so we have ample time to order your book and accompanying retreat materials.

Make check payable to Holy Family Church

Name _____

Phone _____

Dear Parishioners,

With my deepest thanks for your generosity, I am glad to present our parish's financial statement for the last six months of 2016.

Despite our nation's challenging economic situation, and the financial difficulties it has imposed on both individuals and families, you have actually increased your donations to our parish during the past year. That is a testimony to the love you have for our church, and the commitment you have to keeping our catholic values present and growing in our community.

When I join my fellow pastors for various meetings around the diocese, many of them share their concerns over diminishing weekend collection amounts, and the worsening of the average parish's financial state. I, on the other hand, am proud and eager to mention that the collections and financial contributions to our parish have been increasing.

In the past six months, we were able to cover all our budgeted expenses (something which has been a challenge in previous years) and still have \$52,000 to address expenses which fall outside our normal operating budget. One such expense is the gradual repayment of a \$122,000 loan from the Diocese. Thanks to our improved financial state, we were able to begin payments on this loan in January.

As you will see on the financial statement, one of our larger expenditures has been the subsidy given to Holy Family School. With the aid of a consultant, we were able to reduce some of this year's operating costs, but as a result of low enrollment, the school is still dependent on a substantial amount of financial support from the parish.

Of course, our aging buildings often require unexpected repairs, and since all equipment eventually needs repair or replacement, the Finance Committee and I meet frequently to assess the parish's immediate and future needs. This dedicated group of parishioners spends a great deal of time in discussion, research, and prayer to ensure the gifts you have entrusted to Holy Family Church are dispersed wisely. This committee has been an invaluable help to me, and its guidance continues to be a gift to our parish.

Although this letter is a preface to the financial statement, I want to take this opportunity to remind you of the precious spiritual gifts we have to offer one another. As we all strive to be faithful stewards of God's bounty, I pray that our hearts will be open to His bounteous love and forgiveness so that we may pass them on to a loved one, a friend, or a stranger who is in need of His healing touch. It is often in small acts, done with great love, that Christ's presence can be most powerfully felt.

May God bless you for your generosity,
Fr. Thomas





Holy Family Parish Statement of Income & Expenses

7/1/16-12/31/16

Income

Offertory	301,451	
Christmas	58,368	<i>(+ 23,983 On Line Giving and Additional January)</i>
Holydays	5,485	
Other Special Collections	22,246	
Extraordinary Donations	26,313	
Bulletin Company Income	7,000	
Diocesan Campaign Rebates	1,796	
Religious Education	45,139	
Masses & Stole Fees	30,258	
Other Income	<u>5,724</u>	
Total Income	503,780	

Expenses

Salaries	144,065	
Benefits & Payroll Taxes	23,966	
Utilities	13,870	
Maintenance & Repairs	30,730	
Landscape & Snow Removal	22,115	
Property & Liability Insurance	15,140	
School Subsidy	113,890	
Religious Education Costs	14,305	
Other Ministry	20,280	
Diocesan Assessment	23,957	
Office	<u>28,713</u>	
Total Expenses	451,031	

Total Income	503,780	
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Net Income	<u>52,749</u>	
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The Book of Ecclesiastes

Who wrote the book?

The title “Ecclesiastes” comes from a Greek word indicating a person who calls an assembly, so it makes sense that the author identified himself in [Ecclesiastes 1:1](#) by the Hebrew word *qoheleth*, translated as “Preacher.” *Despite leaving only this rather mysterious name to indicate his identity, evidence in the book, along with most Jewish and Christian tradition, suggests that King Solomon authored Ecclesiastes.*

The Preacher went on to call himself “the son of David, king in Jerusalem,” one who has increased in “wisdom more than all who were over Jerusalem before me,” and one who has collected many proverbs ([Ecclesiastes 1:1](#), [16](#); [12:9](#)). Solomon followed David on the throne in Jerusalem as the only Davidic son to rule over all Israel from that city ([1:12](#)). He was the wisest man in the world during his time ([1 Kings 4:29–30](#)) and wrote most of the book of Proverbs ([Proverbs 1:1](#); [10:1](#); [25:1](#)). Therefore, we can safely identify Solomon as the *qoheleth of the opening verse.*

Where are we?

With Solomon as the author of the book, we know it had to have been written sometime before his death in 931 BC. The content of Ecclesiastes reflects someone looking back on a life that was long on experience but short on lasting rewards. As king, he had the opportunity and resources to pursue the rewards of wisdom, pleasure, and work in and of themselves. Yet the world-weary tone of the writing suggests that late in life, he looked back on his folly with regret, pointing us to a better, simpler life lived in light of God’s direction ([Ecclesiastes 12:13–14](#)).

Why is Ecclesiastes so important?

Ecclesiastes presents us a naturalistic vision of life—one that sees life through distinctively human eyes—but ultimately recognizes the rule and reign of God in the world. This more humanistic quality has made the book especially popular among younger audiences today, men and women who have seen more than their fair share of pain and instability in life but who still cling to their hope in God.

What’s the big idea?

Ecclesiastes, like much of life, represents a journey from one point to another. Solomon articulated his starting point early in the book: “Vanity of vanities! All is vanity” ([Ecclesiastes 1:2](#)), indicating the utter futility and meaninglessness of life as he saw it. Nothing made sense to him because he had already tried any number of remedies—pleasure, work, and intellect—to alleviate his sense of feeling lost in the world.

However, even in the writer’s desperate search for meaning and significance in life, God remained present. For instance, we read that God provides food, drink, and work ([2:24](#)); both the sinner and the righteous person live in God’s sight ([2:26](#)); God’s deeds are eternal ([3:14](#)); and God empowers people to enjoy His provision ([5:19](#)). Ultimately, the great truth of Ecclesiastes lies in the acknowledgment of God’s ever-present hand on our lives. Even when injustice and uncertainty threaten to overwhelm us, we can trust Him and follow after Him ([12:13–14](#)).

How do I apply this?

We all desire meaning in life. Often that search takes us along winding, up-and-down paths filled with bursts of satisfaction that shine bright for a time but eventually fade. In one sense, it’s satisfying to see that experience echoed throughout Ecclesiastes. An appreciation for our common humanity emerges from reading its pages. We relate to the journey of Solomon because, for so many of us, it is our own. When we attempt to find meaning in the pursuit of pleasure, the commitment to a job, or through plumbing intellectual depths, we all eventually find in each of these pursuits a dead end.

Ecclesiastes shows us a man who lived through this process and came out on the other side with a wiser, more seasoned perspective. When we’re surrounded by the temptation to proclaim life’s ultimate emptiness, we can find in Ecclesiastes a vision tempered by experience and ultimately seen through divinely colored lenses. Life is destined to remain unsatisfying apart from our recognition of God’s intervention. It only remains to be seen whether or not we will place our trust in His sure and able hands.

Have you struggled with misplaced pursuits in life? Does your life lack the meaning and purpose you desire? Hear the words of Solomon that they might encourage you to place your trust solely in the Lord.