

# HOLY FAMILY PARISH

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## WEEKEND MASSES

**ST. JOHN CHURCH**  
1405 FIRST AVENUE  
SATURDAY 4:30 PM  
SUNDAY 10:30 AM

**HOLY TRINITY CHURCH**  
201 CLARK STREET  
SUNDAY 9:00 AM

**ADORATION HOLY TRINITY CHURCH**  
MONDAY- FRIDAY 12:30 - 4:30 PM

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**  
ST. JOHN CHURCH SATURDAY 3:30 PM

*December 24 and  
December 25, 2017*

*Combined Bulletin*

*Fourth Sunday of Advent  
The Nativity of the Lord*

## *Merry Christmas and Welcome to Holy Family Parish!*

*Wishes for a Blessed Christmas to all  
from Fr. John Civille, pastor,  
and the entire staff of Holy Family Parish.  
We thank all who give so generously of their  
time, talents, and treasures throughout the year  
to make this a very special parish.  
We truly appreciate you!*



Matthew Blevins & Kimberly Montero • PREP Christmas Program



*Welcome Visitors!*

*Merry Christmas and welcome to Holy Family Parish!*

If you're from out of town and just visiting, we're glad you joined us! If you're local and chose to celebrate Christmas Mass with us, we welcome you as well and hope you'll join us again soon! We offer a variety of programs and activities year round and invite you to check out our website [www.holyfamilymiddletown.com](http://www.holyfamilymiddletown.com) to find out more about our parish. We encourage you to call the parish office 422-0602 if we can be of assistance.

**Photo Directories Available  
After the 4:30 PM & 10:30 AM  
4th Sunday of Advent Masses**

If you had a picture taken or if you submitted a picture, you're entitled to a free directory. **Find volunteers handing them out in the back corner of the church.**



## **COMING EVENTS**



**SVDP 5th Sunday Collection ..... Sun Dec 31**  
**SHALOM Ministry @ Holy Family Parish**  
**Meals & Shelter ..... Jan 7 - Jan 21**  
**Rite of Enrollment Ceremony ..... Sun Jan 7**

## HOLY FAMILY MASS SCHEDULE

### Saturday and Sunday - December 23 and 24

4:30 PM Mass SJ Presta & Warmoth Families  
 10:30 AM Mass SJ Ruth Sallie - Birthday Remembrance

**Note: Special Christmas Schedule! Please be sure to check the times and locations of these Masses!**

### Sunday, December 24 Christmas Eve

3:00 PM Mass SJ Roger and David South  
 4:30 PM Mass HT Katherine Lyons - Anniversary Rem.  
 5:00 PM Mass SJ Steve and Mark Mikula  
 12:00 AM Mass HT Sue Fuller

### Monday, December 25 Christmas Day

10:00 AM Mass SJ Juanita Hume

### Tuesday, December 26

No 8:15 AM Mass J23 - Christmas Break

### Wednesday, December 27

12:10 PM Mass HT Berniece Henne - Birthday Remembrance

### Thursday, December 28

12:10 PM Mass HT Rita Gough - Wedding Anniversary Rem.

### Friday, December 29

8:00 AM Mass HT Mary Ann Conradt  
 12:10 PM Communion Service HT

### Saturday, December 30

8:00 AM Mass HT Fay Ann Krebs  
 4:30 PM Mass SJ William Pence - Anniversary Rem.

### Sunday, December 31 Feast of the Holy Family

9:00 AM Mass HT Deceased of the Kelly / Nori Families  
 10:30 AM Mass SJ Elizabeth & Fred Slezak

## MINISTERS NEXT WEEK

Dec 30/31	4:30 PM SAT	9:00 AM SUN	10:30 AM SUN
Eucharistic Ministers	Frank Pressler 1B Pat Montgomery 2B Ellen Krause 3B John Lyons 1C Linda Day 2C Kathi Mangus 3C Larry Nichols 4C	Kathy Farler 1B Kathleen Wourms 2B Barb VonderHaar 3B Don Accurso 1C Alice Brown 2C Lee Ann Glick 3C Marlene Ruwe 4C	Susan Henson 1B Barb Luksic 2B Karen Gregosky 3B Rick Gregosky 1C Christine Whittington 2C Dominic Sberna 3C Rhonda Koenig 4C
Lectors	Charlie Disney Franka Cope	Jan Scaglione Ed Combs	Christy Hawkins Chris McCarthy
Servers	Dick Montgomery John Soppanish	Bruce Bray Luke Bray	Sean McCarthy Vaughan Hawkins
Greeters	Ray Barger D1 Ann Fishbaugh D1	Lee Ann Glick D1 Jeff Ferguson D2	Sandi Mulligan D1 Jim Mulligan D1

## Daily Scripture Readings

Mon: Is 9:1-6 / Ti 2:11-14 / Lk 2:1-14  
 Tues: Acts 6:8-10;7:54-59 / Mt 10:17-22  
 Wed: 1 Jn 1:1-4 / Jn 20:1a,2-8  
 Thurs: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2 / Mt 2:13-18  
 Fri: 1 Jn 2:3-11 / Lk 2:22-35  
 Sat: 1 Jn 2:12-17 / Lk 2:36-40  
 Sun: Sir 3:2-6,12-14 / Col 3:12-17 / Lk 2:22-40



## Weekly Collections Stewardship

Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup> \$26,935.88

*Thank you for your generous stewardship!*

## In Your Prayers Remember

Carlos Ongkiko, Nancy Woodward and Edie Mulhall in Atrium Medical Center this week.

## Going into the hospital or hospice? Homebound or know a parishioner who is?



Please call us 422-0602 and let us know! **We need your help** in ministering to parishioners who are ill or in need!

## Health Ministry:

### Let Your Little Light Shine!



Remember the old saying, *"It's better to light one candle than to curse the darkness?"* We have the chance to let our light shine by carrying out a conscious act of kindness, as often as we wish, in all that we do, for as long as we live!

- Say a prayer for someone.
- Make a child smile.
- Give spare change to a charity.
- Return your shopping cart.
- Smile at another.
- Speak highly of someone to their face... *and* behind their backs.
- Shovel the walk and driveway of someone who can't.
- Adopt a stray animal.
- The list is endless. Make up one to fit you.

*Bless all of you as we celebrate the birth of Christ, "The Light of the World."*

## See the Bulletin in COLOR!

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## Holiday Schedules and Closings

### Parish Office Closings / Adoration Cancellations

The parish office is closed December 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> for Christmas and January 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> for the New Year. Adoration is canceled on December 25<sup>th</sup> and January 1<sup>st</sup>. Please check the Mass Schedule - always on page two of the Sunday bulletin.



## Are You or Someone You Know Homebound?

It can be especially difficult to get out and about during the winter months. If you are homebound or if you know of a fellow parishioner who may be homebound, please call the parish office 422-0602 and let us know! Fr. Civile would be happy to stop by for a visit. The Ministry of Care volunteers are also willing to visit or bring Communion and the bulletin to you in your home.



## RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

RCIA meets in the St. John Rectory at 11:30 a.m. on the following Sundays - January 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>



If you know someone who is interested in becoming Catholic or finding out more about the Catholic faith, we invite you to call the parish office 422-0602.

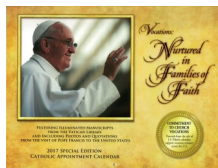
## Are you expecting your first baby or want your first child baptized?

We ask that you attend a baptismal preparation class. These classes are held quarterly in March, June, September and December. Watch future bulletins for the actual date and call the parish office 422-0602 to register.



## 2018 Calendars Available

2018 calendars featuring illuminated manuscripts from the Vatican library and including photos of Pope Francis and quotations from his encyclical *Laudato Si'* (*On Care for our Common Home*) are available at the doors of both churches. If you did not receive one from your neighborhood representative, please be sure to pick up your free copy. *And if you'd like to serve as your neighborhood rep and distribute calendars next year, we'd love to hear from you!* Call the parish off 422-0602 and we'll get you signed up!



## Introductions to Readings

by Bishop Ken Untener, in collaboration with Catherine Haven and Fr. Bill Taylor



### Fourth Sunday of Advent

#### **First Reading - 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16**

Today's passage refers to the "Ark of God" which was a wooden chest overlaid by gold, where the stone tablets of the Ten Commandments were kept. King David, rich and comfortable in his palace, felt the Ark deserved to be housed in similar splendor. God will tell David that a physical building is not as important as the "house" (that is, the dynasty) of David. Christians have seen this prophecy fulfilled in Christ, who was born of the House of David.

#### **Second Reading - Romans 16:25-28**

Our second Scripture reading is the conclusion of Paul's long letter to the Romans. It is one sentence, and it is very much like a toast offered to God. In effect, Paul is saying that it all comes down to this: We should give thanks to God that salvation is available to all people through faith in Jesus Christ.

### Christmas

#### **First Reading - Isaiah 9:1-6**

The prophet Isaiah lived 750 years before Christ. In his time, the northern Jewish Kingdom of Israel was laid waste by the armies of Assyria. Today's passage offers the conquered people hope for a glorious future under a wonderful king. Christians have seen Jesus as fulfilling this prophecy.

#### **Second Reading - Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7**

The letter to Titus was written about 30 years after Paul's death, and was written in Paul's name, a practice common in the ancient world. Titus was a traveling companion of Paul, and later was in charge of a Christian community on the island of Crete.





## SVDP 5th Sunday Collection Next Week

SVDP volunteers will be at the doors of both churches after the Masses next weekend to accept your kind donation which makes possible the Food Pantry, Help Line, Outreach, and Prison Ministries. For your convenience, we've included a special "SVDP 5th Sunday" envelope in the December pack. You can give your donation directly to a SVDP member or drop it in the regular collection basket. Thank you for your support!

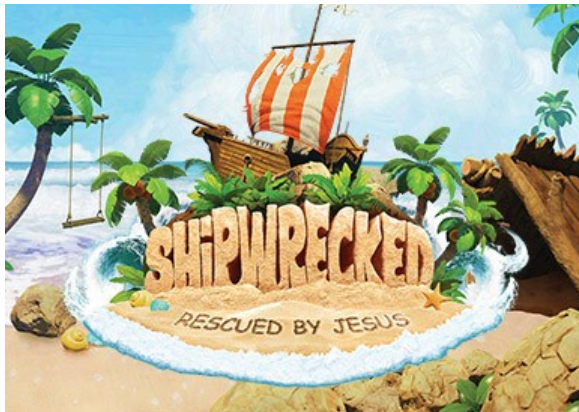


## SHALOM *Serving the Homeless with Alternate Lodging network Of Middletown*



Holy Family Parish will participate again this winter in the SHALOM Ministry. We will provide meals and shelter for two weeks (January 7<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup>) for SHALOM guests. Please call the parish office 422-0602 if you'd like to participate in SHALOM.

## Vacation Bible School 2018



**Monday - Friday June 11<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

Our VBS is such a hit that families want to get it on their calendars as they make plans for summer vacations. Next year's VBS adventure is *Shipwrecked! Rescued by Jesus!* Registration forms will be available in the Spring.

## Nursery Available During 10:30 AM Mass

Take advantage of our Nursery, located in the St. John Center.

Parish 8<sup>th</sup> grader and high school students babysit and the kids really do have fun!

**Please note: The Nursery is not open for the extra Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses.**



## \*\*\* January Dates to Remember \*\*\*

**RCIA** Sundays in January 11:30 a.m. St. John Rectory

**Gathering of Widows** Tuesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> 11:00 a.m. in the Holy Trinity Center

**St. Vincent de Paul Meeting** Tuesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Holy Trinity Center

**K of C Council Meeting** Wednesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the K of C Council Hall

**K of C Ladies Auxiliary Meeting** Wednesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Holy Trinity Center

**SHALOM Meals & Shelter — Holy Trinity Center** Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup> - Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup>

**Rite of Enrollment Ceremony** 10:30 AM Mass Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup> followed by a luncheon meeting in the St. John Undercroft

**Msgr. McNary 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Assembly Meeting** Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. in the K of C Hall

**Men's Fellowship** second and fourth Saturdays of the month - January 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. in the St. John Rectory

**VBS 2018 Planning Night** Monday, January 15<sup>th</sup> 6:00 p.m. in the St. John Center

**Coffee and Donuts** Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup> after the 9:00 AM Mass in Holy Trinity Church

**Annual National Catholic Schools Week** Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup> - Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> "Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service."

**Pancake Breakfast** Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup> 9:30 AM to Noon in the St. John Undercroft

## Luminaries - Thanks to Our Friends at First Baptist & A Great Holy Family Team!

Many thanks to Kathy and Mark Dunaway, new friends from First Baptist who met with us in October and shared their tips for setting up the electric luminaries at Holy Trinity. Thanks also to these wonderful parishioners who donated over 150 plastic gallon jugs - AJ Bell, Cari Hellman, Katy Klaber, Mark Mangus, Patty Ryan, Miranda Schumaker, Corey Smith, and Barb Volle. Many thanks also to Bob Cummins who did all the electrical work and to Will and Jon Cummins for setting up the luminaries, which will light nightly through the Epiphany, January 7<sup>th</sup>.



## BFHS Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees

Bishop Fenwick is proud to announce the next class of Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees for 2017-2018. They will be introduced during half-time of the Bishop Fenwick boys' varsity basketball game on Saturday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, followed by the induction banquet on Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup>.



**Brian Butt '02** Men's Tennis, Men's Golf  
**Debbie VonderHaar Federspiel '92** Track, Women's Soccer  
**Marianne McGoran '06** Women's Volleyball and Basketball  
**Julia Costello Fox '94** Women's Soccer and Basketball, Track  
**Brittany Riggins Ware '96** Track, Cross Country  
**Derrick Steiner '05** Football, Baseball, Wrestling

For more information about these outstanding Falcon athletes or for details to attend the banquet, visit [www.fenwickfalcons.org](http://www.fenwickfalcons.org) or call 513-727-1500.

## Watch Special EWTN Christmas Programming

EWTN is proud to bring you Live Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses from Rome and the Basilica of the National Shrine, Washington D.C., as well as inspiring musical performance and specials the whole family will enjoy. Watch on TV or stream online at [www.ewtn.com](http://www.ewtn.com)



## Consider the Gift of Taking Loved Ones on an Unforgettable Trip!

The Archdiocese of Cincinnati Office for Respect Life Ministries is pairing up with the Diocese of Covington for a great two-night package to the Annual March for Life in Washington, D.C. on Jan 19<sup>th</sup>. People of all ages are welcome on this trip. Contact Bob Wurzelbacher 513-421-3131 x2624 or [respectlife@catholiccincinnati.org](mailto:respectlife@catholiccincinnati.org) by **Wednesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>** to register. We hope to see you in Washington, D.C.!



## Transportation Drivers Needed

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### *Are you ready for a night out and some relaxation after Christmas?*

St. John XXIII Catholic School will be hosting a Family Night at Gracie's restaurant 1131 Central Ave., Middletown on Thursday, December 28<sup>th</sup> from 6 – 8 PM. Adults can dine in Gracie's while kids eat and enjoy supervised fun next door in Kid's Club. The cost for the first child is only \$10 to play + \$7.50 for dinner. Siblings are \$5 to play + \$7.50 for dinner. Join your friends for this fun night out for the whole family, benefitting St. John XXIII where 10% of all proceeds go to the school. Reservations are required! Call 513-915-7456.

### Christmas Break

Christmas break started on Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup> and runs through Tuesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>. The office is closed during this time, however, Mrs. Pickerill will be checking emails. Please do not hesitate to contact us.

*Merry Christmas from the students and staff  
of St. John XXIII Catholic School!*

*We wish you all a very blessed Christmas  
filled with fun, laughter,  
and the making of many happy memories  
that will be shared for a lifetime.*



**2017 IN PICTURES!**

Many thanks to Rob McCulley  
volunteer photographer!



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**Baptism Preparation Class** - These classes are held quarterly: March, June, September and December.

The actual date, time and location will be announced in the weekly bulletin. Please call the parish office to register.

**Baptisms** - Please call the parish office to schedule a baptism.

**Becoming Catholic** - Please call the parish office to find out more about the RCIA process.

**Bulletin Deadline** - Submit announcements in hard copy or to [monica@holyfamilymiddletown.com](mailto:monica@holyfamilymiddletown.com) by noon Tuesday.

**Hospitalization or Death in the Family** - Please notify the pastor as soon as possible by calling the parish office.

**Marriages** - Couples wishing to be married must set the date with the pastor at least six months in advance.

**Nursery** - The Nursery is available in the St. John Center during the Sunday 10:30 AM Mass.

**Parish Religious Education Program** - Preschool: Sundays 10:15 - 11:30 AM and K - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade: Mondays 6:30 - 7:30 PM.

**St. John XXIII Catholic School** - Parish school for Preschool - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade - [www.stjohn23school.org](http://www.stjohn23school.org).

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