

# 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 31, 2017*

*Feast of the Holy Family*



# Thank You

*Our sincerest thanks and recognition to all members of Holy Family Parish who fill so many roles in volunteer ministries for our parish family - especially during the month of December!*



**SACRISTANS**

**SVDP MEMBERS WHO PREPARED THANKSGIVING & CHRISTMAS BASKETS AND COLLECTED AND DISTRIBUTED GIVING TREE GIFTS.**



**CHOIR MEMBERS**

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEMBERS WHO PROVIDED A CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR PARISH CHILDREN.**

**MUSIC MINISTERS**

**PARISHIONERS WHO DECORATED AND PREPARED THE CHURCHES FOR BOTH THE ADVENT SEASON AND FOR CHRISTMAS.**



**LECTORS**

**NEIGHBORHOOD REPRESENTATIVES WHO DELIVERED CALENDARS.**



**USHERS**

**MINISTRY OF CARE VOLUNTEERS WHO DELIVERED GIFTS TO PARISHIONERS IN ASSISTED LIVING CARE OR CONFINED TO THEIR HOMES AND WHO VISIT REGULARLY THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.**



**ALTAR SERVERS**

**BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS WHO HELPED FAMILIES PLAN FUNERAL MASSES AND PROVIDED LUNCHEONS.**



**GREETERS**

**PREP CATECHISTS AND VOLUNTEERS - MONDAY NIGHT K-8 PROGRAM, EARLY CHILDHOOD PREP, RCIA, VBS, AND SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION**

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

## St. Vincent de Paul Society 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Collection This Weekend!

*We've included a special "SVDP 5th Sunday" envelope in the December pack. You can give your donation directly to a SVDP member or place it in the regular collection basket.*



## COMING EVENTS



**SHALOM Ministry @ Holy Family Parish**  
Meals & Shelter ..... Jan 7 - Jan 21

**Rite of Enrollment Ceremony** ..... Sun Jan 7

**Donut Sunday @ Holy Trinity** ..... Sun Jan 21

## HOLY FAMILY MASS SCHEDULE

### Saturday and Sunday - December 30 and 31

4:30 PM Mass SJ William Pence - Anniversary Rem.  
 9:00 AM Mass HT Deceased Members of Kelly/Nori Families  
 10:30 AM Mass SJ Elizabeth & Fred Slezak

### Monday, January 1 Solemnity of Mary

12:10 PM Mass HT Phyllis Nichols

### Tuesday, January 2

No 8:15 AM Mass J23 - Christmas Break

### Wednesday, January 3

12:10 PM Mass HT Charles Sutter - Birthday Remembrance

### Thursday, January 4

12:10 PM Mass HT Therese Mendicino - Birthday Rem.

### Friday, January 5

8:00 AM Mass HT Les Chase  
 12:10 PM Communion Service HT

### Saturday, January 6

8:00 AM Mass HT Craig Hon  
 4:30 PM Mass SJ Sherry Fishbaugh - Birthday Rem.

### Sunday, January 7 Epiphany of the Lord

9:00 AM Mass HT Paul Orth - Birthday Remembrance  
 10:30 AM Mass SJ Vincent DiNardo - Anniversary Rem.

### Weekly Collections Stewardship

Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup> \$10,448  
 Christmas \$38,653

*Thank you for your generous stewardship!*

## MINISTERS NEXT WEEK

Jan 6/7	4:30 PM SAT	9:00 AM SUN	10:30 AM SUN
Eucharistic Ministers	Jennifer James 1B	Jim Martz 1B	Dale Gerber 1B
	Michelle Brooks 2B	Lorraine Sivy 2B	Joan Gerber 2B
	Don Brooks 3B	Janet Chase 3B	Ken Allen 3B
	John Lyons 1C	Mary Anne Kelley 1C	Lois Allen 1C
	Cecilie Ricke 2C	Kathy Kraft 2C	Marcia Egelston 2C
	Ellen Krause 3C	Mike Klapheke 3C	Laura Eiken 3C
Lectors	Linda Weaver 4C	Susan Combs 4C	Cort Eiken 4C
	Jeff Wadl	Amy Bray	Dee Golembiewski
Servers	Cathie Mulligan	John Herr	Rick Gregosky
	Will Grant	Kara Jackson	George Puthoff
Greeters	Zachary Paulus	Bryce Pennell	Will Eiken
	Franka Cope D1	Mark Hagen D1	Emily Lawson D1
	Phoebe Pearce D1	Marilyn Abbott D2	Aaron Lawson D1

## Daily Scripture Readings

Mon: Nm 6:22-27 / Gal 4:4-7 / Lk 2:16-21  
 Tues: 1 Jn 2:22-28 / Jn 1:19-28  
 Wed: 1 Jn 2:29—3:6 / Jn 1:29-34  
 Thurs: 1 Jn 3:7-10 / Jn 1:35-42  
 Fri: 1 Jn 3:11-21 / Jn 1:43-51  
 Sat: 1 Jn 5:5-13 / Mk 1:7-11  
 Sun: Is 60:1-6 / Eph 3:2-3a,5-6 / Mt 2:1-12



**Our Prayers and Sympathy are Extended** to St. John XXIII Principal Dawn Pickerill in the death of her father, William Gott, who died December 14<sup>th</sup>.

**In Your Prayers Remember** Andy Lindon in Atrium Medical Center this week.



**Going into the hospital or rehab?** Please call us 422-0602 and let us know!

## Health Ministry:

### Happy New Year!

**H**appiness depends upon your outlook on life. Find the good in all situations.

**A**ttitude is just as important as ability. Keep your attitude positive.

**P**assion - find yours this year. Do what you love and you will never work.

**P**ositive thoughts make everything easier. Stay focused and stay positive.

**Y**ou are unique with special gifts. Use them. Never forget you have talent.

**N**ew beginnings with a new year.

**E**nthusiasm - a true secret of success.

**W**ishes - may they turn into goals.

**Y**ears go by too quickly. Enjoy them!

Wisdom from your elders - listen!

**E**nergy - may you have lots of it. Take care of yourself.

**A**ppreciation of life. Don't take it for granted! Live each day!

**R**elax. Take the time to relax in this coming year. Keep a balance in your life.

*Catherine Pulsifer / www.wow4u.com*



## Holiday Schedules and Closings

### Parish Office Closings / Adoration Cancellations

This year January 1<sup>st</sup> - the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God - is not a holy day of obligation as it falls on Monday. However, we'll offer Mass instead of a Communion Service at 12:10 PM on Monday. Adoration is canceled January 1<sup>st</sup> and the parish office is closed January 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> for the New Year.



## Introductions to Readings

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



### First Reading - Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

The book of Sirach was written by a wise teacher who lived 200 years before Christ. Sirach ran a school for young people in Jerusalem. In today's passage, he advises his students on the proper way to honor their parents.

### Second Reading - Colossians 3:12-17

The letter to the Colossians was written around the year 80 A.D. A major concern in this letter is how the Christian community appears to outsiders. The author offers guidelines so that Christian families will live in such a way that others will notice the difference.

## Gathering of Widows

Join other widows of the parish for support and community every first Tuesday morning of the month - this January 2<sup>nd</sup> - at 11:00 a.m. in the Holy Trinity Center. Please call Carol Bishop (937) 746-9090 for more information.



## St. Vincent de Paul Meeting

The monthly SVDP meeting is scheduled for this Tuesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7 p.m. - Holy Trinity Center.



## Knights of Columbus Council 1610 Meeting

The K of C Council 1610 monthly meeting is set for this Wednesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Knights Council Hall.



## K of C Ladies Auxiliary Meeting

The K of C Ladies Auxiliary monthly meeting is set for this Wednesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Holy Trinity Center.



## 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> through 21<sup>st</sup> - for SHALOM guests. Please call the parish office 422-0602 if you'd like to participate in SHALOM.



## Rite of Enrollment Ceremony

### Next Sunday, 10:30 AM Mass

Parish 8<sup>th</sup> graders will voice their intention to prepare themselves for Confirmation as part of a special ceremony during the 10:30 AM Mass next Sunday. Afterwards, these candidates and their families will be treated to a luncheon in the St. John Undercroft. Please keep these young people and their sponsors in your prayers. Confirmation is set for April 15, 2018.



## RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

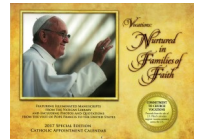
January 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>

January 7<sup>th</sup> Epiphany;  
Sacramentals and Sacraments

11:30 PM St. John Rectory

## 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.



This year, I resolve to spend more time with my fuzzy slippers.

## 2017 Ministry by the Numbers

It's been another busy year here at Holy Family!

85 BAPTISMS	
49 FIRST COMMUNIONS	
50 CONFIRMATIONS	
12 MARRIAGES	
16 RCIA CANDIDATES	
27 ALTAR SERVERS	39 LECTORS
46 GREETERS	35 USHERS
66 EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	
174 PARTICIPANTS IN BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY	
67 FUNERALS	439 MASSES
159 PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM STUDENTS	
16 PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM LEADERS	
185 PARTICIPANTS IN VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL	
105 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS	
300+ GIVING TREE CHRISTMAS GIFTS	



This report is a numerical representation of the many ministries and volunteers of Holy Family Parish.

## St. Vincent de Paul Report - More Numbers!

During 2017, the SVDP Pantry helped **1,342** households with food donations. The SVDP Help Line assisted **157** households with gas and electric bills and **347** households with water bills. The SVDP Prison Ministry welcomed **60+** inmates each month this year. In addition, the Furniture Outreach Ministry made **211** pickups of furniture and basic household donations and made **270** deliveries of those items to our neighbors in need. Thanks to everyone in the parish for your continued support and generous contributions! **5th Sunday SVDP Collections occur four times a year and today is the first collection of 2018. Thank you for your support!** Want to join the SVDP in 2018? Just call the parish office 422-0602!



## Thanks to Everyone Who Helped with the Giving Tree Gifts!



Thanks to everybody who participated in this special Christmas ministry this year! Thanks to those who selected a tag and bought a gift. Thanks to those who helped bag up the gifts that were brought to the altar as part of the special offertory procession during the Thanksgiving Day Mass. Thanks to those who made a trip to the parish office to drop off their gift. Finally, thanks to those who made a gift of their time and friendship by visiting our homebound parishioners! Working together, we certainly shared lots of Christmas cheer!

## Three Cheers for Our Choirs



The Choirs really outdid themselves this Christmas Season! The solos, harmonies, ensembles, preludes, liturgical dance, song selections, *everything!* was really exceptional and truly added to the beauty of our Christmas celebrations. Thank you for all of the time you spent rehearsing, as well as your performances on Christmas!

## Special Wedding Anniversaries in 2018

Couples who will be celebrating their 25<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup>, 70<sup>th</sup> or 75<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary in 2018 are asked to contact the parish office. There will be a special parish celebration in February for all of these anniversary couples. **Please notify the parish office by phone 422-0602 or email message to [dee@holymiddletown.com](mailto:dee@holymiddletown.com) as soon as possible!** Couples who will be celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary are also invited to the Annual Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass held at St. Peter in Chains Cathedral in Cincinnati. Please watch future bulletins where the 2018 date will be announced.



## New Year's Resolution: Clean up the Clutter?

### Places to Donate Furniture / Basic Housewares / Clothing

We occasionally get calls in the office from parishioners who are hoping to donate their usable furniture and household items and clean, used clothing to the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Our SVDP offers financial help and a free food pantry to our needy neighbors thanks to the generous donations of our parish plus we have a group of SVDP volunteers who serve in the Furniture Outreach Ministry. **If you have furniture or basic household items to donate**, please call the parish office 422-0602 and we'll pass your info on to an Outreach volunteer who will contact you to arrange a pick up. **If you have clothing to donate**, we hope you'll consider donating to the Church Women United Clothing Depot located in the basement of The Episcopal Church of the Ascension, 2709 McGee Avenue. They accept donations Mondays and Wednesdays 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. and Tuesdays 4 p.m. - 7 p.m.



## 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.

## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Day at Bishop Fenwick High School

Friday, January 12<sup>th</sup> 8:45 AM - 1 PM

Register by Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup>



Experience what it feels like to be a Fenwick Falcon! Eighth Graders will arrive in the morning and spend the first half of the day learning about the academic and spiritual side of being a freshman at Fenwick. After an early lunch, students are provided the opportunity to learn about all of the extracurricular activities they can get involved in here at Fenwick. Call the Admissions Office 513-428-0525 or go to [www.fenwickfalcons.org](http://www.fenwickfalcons.org) - Admissions then the Visit Experiences link to register by Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup>. Be a Falcon For a Day!

## Registration for 2018 Track / Girls Volleyball

Track is open to boys and girls in grades K-8 and Girls Spring Volleyball is open to girls in grades 4-8 who attend St. John XXIII or are members of Holy Family Parish. The track teams compete in the Cincinnati Track CYO and the fee to participate is \$60 and the volleyball teams compete in the Dayton CYO and the fee to participate is \$75. Register with Blue Sombrero using the link on the athletic page of the St. John XXIII website or Holy Family Parish website. *There is a \$25 late fee for track registrations received after Jan 31<sup>st</sup> and for volleyball registrations received after Jan 18<sup>th</sup>.* If you have any questions please email Evan Dobrozsi, Athletic Director, [athletics@stjohn23school.org](mailto:athletics@stjohn23school.org).

## Son Rise Morning Show on WPFB!

Sacred Heart Radio, Son Rise Morning Show, Cincinnati, is on WPFB 910 AM and 89.5 FM or stream live at [sacredheartradio.com](http://sacredheartradio.com).



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by Dawn Pickerill / Principal

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If you are interested in a Catholic education that provides a challenging, structured and thoughtful learning environment led by highly qualified and experienced teachers, contact Principal Dawn Pickerill at 424-1196 for a meeting and a tour of the school.

### OPEN HOUSE

Our Annual Open House for prospective new families is quickly approaching! This year, Open House will be held from 12 – 3 on Sunday, January 28, 2018. If you or anyone you know is interested in learning more about our wonderful program, I highly encourage attendance at this event. If finances are of concern, please see below for information on tuition assistance. We do all that we can to make a Catholic education available and affordable to all those who wish to attend. We are expecting record numbers in our kindergarten again this year, so early registration will be very important!

### TUITION ASSISTANCE

Through the generosity of the One Faith, One Hope, One Love campaign, the Archdiocese is able to offer up to \$1,000 tuition assistance to qualifying families. To apply, please visit the Archdiocese of Cincinnati website and click on "Education." Scroll down to "For Prospective Parents" and click on "Learn More." On the next page you will see "Tuition Aid" in the bar at the top. Click on these words and then on "K-8 Tuition Assistance." In the bottom left hand corner, you will see "To Apply, Click Here."

You may also apply for tuition assistance through the school using this same application. You may receive tuition assistance through school without receiving it through the campaign, however, you **must** apply to the campaign to be eligible for school assistance.

## 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

Part-time and full-time openings for non-emergency wheelchair van drivers to transport clients to and from appointments ranging from doctor's visits, dialysis, hospital discharges, grocery, etc. Must be able to provide excellent and caring service to our clients while working in all-weather environments. Knowledge of local area(s) preferred. Paid training. Monday - Friday 20+ hours per week average. **MIDDLETOWN SENIOR CENTER DBA CENTRAL CONNECTIONS**  
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## Healing Service with Mass

Wednesday, Jan 3<sup>rd</sup> 7:30 PM

**St. Ignatius Church**  
**5222 North Bend Road**  
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Start the New Year by receiving and experiencing Jesus' love at the Healing Service with Mass at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> at St. Ignatius Church, 5222 North Bend Road in Cincinnati. You can receive prayer for yourself or your loved ones. For more information you're invited to call 513-471-LITE (5483) or visit [www.LRC1.org](http://www.LRC1.org).

## Retrouvaille...A Lifeline for Married Couples

Retrouvaille (ret'ro-vi) is for marriages that have lost some of their spark, for marriages having difficulties in communication and even those marriages on the edge of separation or divorce. **The next program is Friday - Sunday, January 12<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup>.** For more information call 800-470-2230 or visit [www.retrouvaille.org](http://www.retrouvaille.org). Additional weekends and locations are available!  
**Retrouvaille - healing for your marriage.**



## 10 Practical New Year's Resolutions for Family Caregivers

As you may well know, family caregivers are constantly making sacrifices because to caregive is to love ... and to love is to make sacrifices for one's loved one. That's why the following 10 New Year's resolutions may help you be a better caregiver without making your life harder.



1. Don't beat yourself up because you aren't "perfect" at caregiving.
2. Remember that even if you cannot take a big break, little breaks help, too.
3. Tell other family members that you're not mad at them. It's just that, "I've used up all my nice." Tell them what you want: alone time, a hug, chocolate....
4. Don't hesitate to ask for - or even demand - help.
5. Forgive yourself for the times you have lost your temper.
6. Enjoy and relish the joyful moments with your care receiver!
7. Admit that what you are doing is difficult. It is!
8. Remember that your older loved one's condition may become worse, that he or she may die, but it is *not* your fault.
9. Pray. Yelling at... speaking loudly at God can be a prayer that comes straight from the heart.
10. Know that you are not alone, even though at times you feel lonely. God has asked you to do this and you have accepted His invitation. He is with you always. Right here. Right now.

*Caregivers not only include those individuals who care for older adults, but also those who care for young children.*

Caregiver Assistance Network / Catholic Charities SouthWestern Ohio / Balance Newsletter



**OUR DOORS ARE OPEN:** No matter what your present status in the Catholic Church, no matter what your current family and marital situation, no matter what your age, race, background, personal history, etc., no matter what your own self-image — you are invited, welcomed, accepted, loved and respected here at Holy Family Parish. Our doors are open!

# Holy Family Parish

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Molly Rowe      Jim Stabler

## Prayer Chain

Beth Kast.....424-6100

Carole Orth.....423-7262

**Knights of Columbus**.....513-571-6515

**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@holymiddletown.com](mailto:monica@holymiddletown.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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