

# Church of THE HOLY FAMILY

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**PASTORAL STAFF**

Rev. Angelo J. Micciulla, Administrator  
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**SECRETARY HOURS:**

Mon.-Fri. 8AM-4PM

**TELEPHONE:**

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**CALENDAR:**

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(718) 761-6671

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(718) 807-9019

**LAMB OF GOD PRAYER GROUP**

Wednesdays 7:30 PM

**ST. FRANCIS CATHOLIC SINGLES**

3rd Thursday Sept.—May 7:15pm



**HEALING SERVICES**

Every 3rd Wednesday at 7:30 PM Mass  
Except July and August

**MASSES**

**Saturday**

8:30 AM; 5 and 7 PM

**Sunday**

7:45, 9:15, 10:30 & 11:45 AM  
1 PM (Children's Mass) & 5 PM

**WEEKDAYS**

7 & 9 AM

**CONFESSIONS**

Anytime by Appointment  
Saturday 4-5 PM

**EUCCHARIST ADORATION**

Fridays in Chapel  
9:30 - 3:30

**SICK CALLS**

Anytime

**ROSARY ALTAR**

1st Wednesday of each month  
after the 12:00 PM Mass

**HOLY NAME**

2nd Sunday of Month at  
9:15 AM Mass

**DAUGHTERS IMMACULATE**

**HEART OF MARY**  
Fridays 3:30 - 5 PM

**LEGION OF MARY**

Mondays 7:30 PM - 9 PM  
3rd Sunday of month @1030am Mass

**THE GORETTI GROUP**

1st Friday of each month 7:30 PM

**PRAYER SHAWL GROUP**

Wednesdays 10:30am-12:30pm

**NEW PARISHIONERS** Welcome to our Parish. Please contact the Rectory Office to register, or you may register online at [www.holyfamilystatenisland.com](http://www.holyfamilystatenisland.com)

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM** First and Third Sundays of each month. Arrangements must be made by contacting the Rectory. Godparent is required to be a practicing, Mass attending Catholic. Parents must be registered parishioners and must meet with priest for instructions.

**SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY** Arrangements should be made at least 12 months prior to wedding date. Couples must attend designated Marriage Preparation Conferences. Couples must meet with the parish priest before a wedding date can be scheduled. First step: pickup and read the Marriage Package.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION** We have well developed courses for our children. Families are required to participate at Mass weekly. Please contact our Religious Education Office for information.

**WELCOME!**



If you are new, or a visitor to Holy Family, we want you to know how welcome you are. Thanks in part to the generosity of visitors we are able to celebrate the Church's liturgy in a fitting and beautiful way.



**CHANGES TO OUR SICKLIST**  
PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK EACH DAY. Our recurring sick list is located at Our Lady's Shrine adjacent to the Statue room.

**ADDITIONS:** Philip Carone Jr.

**DEATHS:** Vincent Cavalieri, Aaron Lopez, James Genovese, Sr. Mary Evangela Vanacore

**FOOD PANTRY DRIVE**

Donations are urgently needed for our pantry. Please support our Altar Servers in their efforts to help our parishioners by donating non-perishable food items and/or pantry items next weekend. Please bring all donations to the Church at any Mass next weekend-December 12th and 13th. Thank you for your continued generosity.

**THANK YOU**

The Assumption Council #1694, Knights of Columbus, would like to thank the parishioners of Holy Family for their support of the Coats for Kids program. Thanks from the officers and members.  
Tim Geary, G.K.

**MIDNIGHT MASS CHOIR**

If you would like to sing for Christmas Midnight Mass with the folk group, please come to the rehearsals on **Tuesdays, December 15 and December 22 at 7pm, in the Church.** We will go through all the music on those nights. On Christmas Eve, we begin singing carols at 11:30pm, leading into midnight Mass. Again, you must be at those practices in order to sing on the 24th.

**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, December 05**

- 8:30 AM † Agata Alma DeVincenzi
- 5:00 PM † Angelina & Constantine Licursi
- 7:00 PM † Ruth Walters

**Sunday, December 06**

- 7:45 AM † Ralph Andruzzi
- 9:15 AM † Joseph Leonardelli
- 10:30 AM † Blanche Tofte
- 11:45 AM † Maria Venturi
- 1:00 PM † Bernie Kelly
- 5:00 PM † Thomas Saccone

**Monday, December 07**

- 7:00 AM † Joseph Schiavone
- 9:00 AM † Alfonso Celotto
- 7:30 PM † Christine Manzo

**Tuesday, December 08**

- 7:00 AM † Christine Manzo
- 9:00 AM † Mary Jackson
- 7:30 PM † Vincent & Concetta Barone

**Wednesday, December 09**

- 7:00 AM † Msgr. Francis Glynn
- 9:00 AM † Helen Sautner

**Thursday, December 10**

- 7:00 AM † Della Wellnitz
- 9:00 AM † Louis Scamardella

**Friday, December 11**

- 7:00 AM † Daniel Rubano & Frances Montanti
- 9:00 AM † Dec. mem of the DiMare Family

**Saturday, December 12**

- 8:30 AM † Kathleen Jacobsen
- 5:00 PM † Rose & Joe Gabrielli,  
Antonino Rescigno
- 7:00 PM † Rose Magliano

**Sunday, December 13**

- 7:45 AM † Raymond Maffei
- 9:15 AM † Raymond P. Maffei
- 10:30 AM † Mark, Lisa, Anthony &  
Concetta Esposito
- 11:45 AM † Maria Venturi
- 1:00 PM † Marion Mankowski
- 5:00 PM † Jason Cava

**IN LOVING MEMORY**



The bread and wine offered for all the Masses this week is in loving memory of **Louis Scamardella**, requested by Enna & Family.

**BANNS OF MARRIAGE**

I. John Sica & Carolyn Mastropietro

**CANDLE INTENTIONS**

**CHURCH:** Josephine & Joseph Bruno

**CHAPEL:**

**THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

**Tuesday is a holy day of obligation**, the Immaculate Conception of Mary. We have **four Masses** to fulfill that obligation: Monday, 7:30pm, Tuesday, 7am, 9am and 7:30pm. After the 9am Mass on Tuesday, the Living Rosary will be recited.

**RELIGIOUS ED CALENDAR**

**DECEMBER**

December 7 to 10 - Report cards distributed

Classes are **in** session

December 24 to January 3—Christmas Recess

**TOY DRIVE CONTINUES**

The Holy Name is continuing the Toy Drive until December 20. If you can, please bring an **unwrapped** toy and drop it in the Christmas box in the lobby. Thank you for your generosity to those who are less fortunate.

**DECEMBER 12—OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE**

Those familiar with the meaning of the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe tell us that she appeared to Juan Diego as she looked when she was pregnant with our Lord.

“Heavenly Father, in Our Lady of Guadalupe, our eyes can behold Your long-awaited promise of salvation; may our eyes behold Him for ever when the promises of Christ are fulfilled.”

**CALENDAR**

Mon., 7:30pm Vigil Mass for Holy Day

Tues., Holy Day of Obligation— schedule is above

Sat., & Sun., - Altar Server Food Pantry Drive

**ROSARY ALTAR NEWS**

- Tues., Dec. 8—Living Rosary after 9am Mass
- Thurs., Dec. 17—Christmas Party 12 pm at Casa Nova

**IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY**

The next session will be held on Saturday, December 12, here. The meeting will begin at 9am in the meeting room under the Church, after the 8:30am Mass (optional). We look forward to spending this time with you.

They are also offering an Advent Retreat: **On the Way to Bethlehem**, at the Church of St. Patrick on the remaining Mondays of Advent ( 12/7, 12/14, 12/21). This presentation will take place in the Church after the 9am Mass. All are invited and welcome.

**Spiritual Corner:**

**“I am sure of this much: He who has begun the good work in you will carry it through to completion, to the day of Christ Jesus.”**

Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11

Each of us is a work in progress, Saint Paul notes. There’s still time to become the person we were created to be, for which most of us might declare: Thank God for that! Many of us are not yet free of the spirit of judgment, and we still allow fear and self-interest too much power to influence our decisions. We don’t take every opportunity to love that comes our way, and generosity is not always our first impulse. Because the work isn’t done, God remains on site in the construction of our being. You thought God created the world and stepped aside, dusting off His hands? Once a Creator, always a Creator. Artists rarely give up on a task until it’s as close to perfection as they can bring it. On the construction site of our lives, God wears a hard hat and sometimes uses a Bobcat to level the ground on which to build. We can make this easy or we can make it rough, that’s up to us. But God is persistent in using every grace and blessing under heaven to bring us to completion. In every moment, we can choose to cooperate or resist.

**What are you doing to cooperate with God’s work in you this Advent season?**

**FOUR HOURS**  
**CHRISTMAS CONFESSIONS**

At Holy Family and throughout the Archdiocese, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available **next Monday, December 14, from 4pm to 8pm.** Please be here! See reflection below if you think it is not necessary.

**REFLECTION**

**“PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD”**

Saint John Paul II often lamented the loss of a sense of sin in Western society, perhaps because many prefer to claim the status of victim and to blame others, rather than squarely to take responsibility for the consequences of their own choices. Without a sense of sin, it is hard to see how we can look forward to the coming of Christ, who was called Jesus precisely “because he will save his people from their sins” (Matt 1:21). John the Baptist understood that the best way of preparing a way for the Lord was to institute a ritual for taking away sins—a ritual which begins with the people confessing their sins (Mark 1:5). Where there is a loss of a sense of sin, the work of Christ in taking away the sins of the world becomes meaningless. In our own lives, therefore, if we are to prepare a way for the Lord we need to rediscover our own need for redemption, as individuals, as communities and nations, and as Church. If we examine our personal and collective consciences we will quickly see how much there is in our lives that needs the saving, healing and restoring intervention of our Emmanuel. To welcome the coming of Christ we need to confess our sins in all honesty and to put ourselves in the way that leads to purity of heart.

Fr. Michael Casey - Give Us This Day

**DECEMBER 7, 1941**

A date which will live in infamy. Over 2,500 soldiers died that day and another 1,000 were wounded. We are grateful to the many who have and continue to defend our freedom.

**PARISH COUNCIL**

We wish to thank the following people for being our new Parish Council. The Council will be an advisory board to Fr. Micciulla in helping to lead the Parish. We will elect 3 new members every year, to keep the council members as an integral part of the community. Our new council members are:

- Carole Matheson (3 year term)
- Joe Schiavone (3 year term)
- Sandra Wood (3 year term)

- Joe Casaliggi (2 year term)
- Diane Fabozzi (2 year term)
- Florina Maqueda (2 year term)

- Jane Costagliola (1 year term)
- Thomas Parker (1 year term)
- Terry Wolff (1 year term)

- Fr. Enyiful (De facto member)
- Susan Ganchow (De facto member)
- Sandra Gargaloni (De facto member)

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**TEAR OFF HERE**  
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**NEW MASS SCHEDULE PROPOSAL**

As was discussed in our Town Hall meeting, we have two possible schedules for Masses. This schedule would not take effect until after Easter. Please check which schedule you would prefer, so that we can get a consensus of what everyone would like.

\_\_\_\_\_ **A: Sat. 5pm,**  
**Sun. 7:45, 9:15, 10:45, 12:15, 5pm**

\_\_\_\_\_ **B: Sat. 5pm**  
**Sun. 8. 9:30, 11, 12:30, 5pm**

Please place this in the collection basket. We will tally them over the next 2 weeks and let you know what happens. Thank you for your input.

Fr. Micciulla