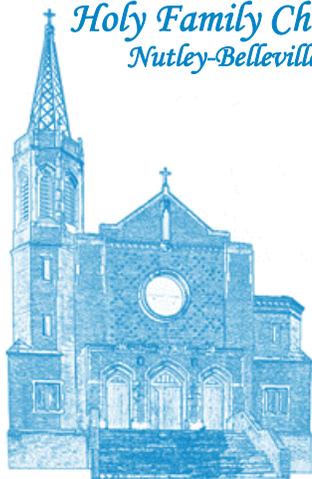




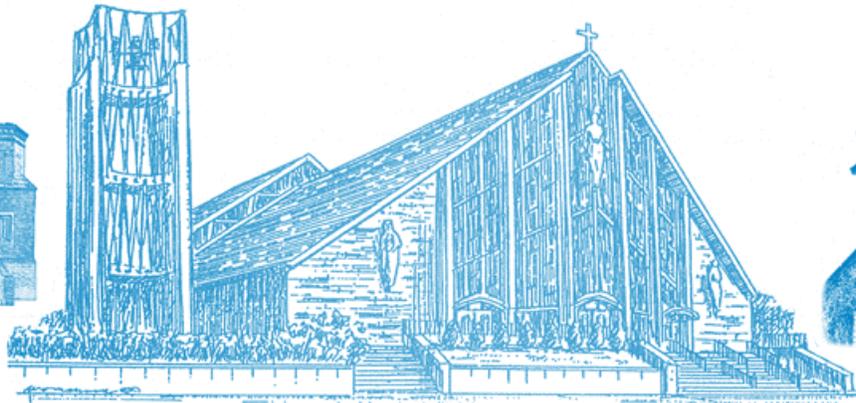
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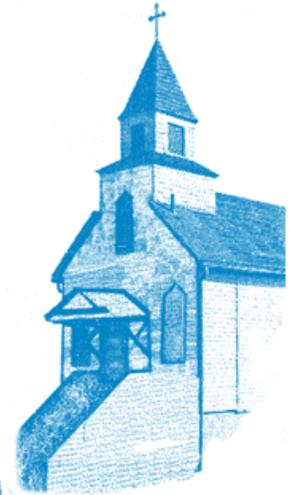
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January 15, 2017

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MASSES

Saturday evening: 5:30 PM (English)

7:00 PM (Italian)

Neo-Catechumenate Liturgy: 8:30 PM

Sunday: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM,
12:00 Noon & 7:00 PM

Filipino Mass: 2nd Sunday of month, 5:00 PM

Daily: 7:00, 8:45 AM; Saturday 8:45 AM

During Lent: 5:30 PM on Wednesday only

OFFICE HOURS:

Daily: 8:30 AM - 12:00 Noon

1:00 - 4:00 PM

(Closed Fridays during the Summer)

The Rectory is closed 12:00 - 1:00 PM

Saturday: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

The office is closed on Sunday.

RECONCILIATION: Saturday, 1:00 PM

BAPTISM: Baptisms are scheduled once a month on Sunday afternoons except during Lent. Expectant parents are asked to contact the rectory to schedule an appointment at least three months before the desired date of Baptism. Parents must attend a special catechetical session prior to the Baptism.

MARRIAGE: Couples should contact the rectory one year in advance of the proposed wedding date in order to allow for the proper pre-marital preparation. At least one person must be a registered parishioner of Holy Family.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: This is a sacrament not only for those who are at the point of death. As soon as anyone begins to be in danger of death from sickness or old age, we encourage you to call for a priest in the rectory.

MINISTRY OF THE SICK: The Eucharist will be brought to the homebound. Please contact the Rectory with the names and addresses of parishioners who are ill or homebound.

VOCATION: Women and men who feel called to the religious life, and men called to Holy Orders, should contact the Vocations Office at 973-497-4365.

EMERGENCY CALLS: In case of an accident or sudden illness, call the rectory at any hour or reach us on the emergency phone, 973-986-1690. The priest on duty will return your call.

SOCIAL SERVICE HOTLINE: The Catholic Community Services is an office that serves all people in need. Please call 1-800-CCS-7413.

PARISH PAY: Have your weekly donation sent directly to the Church! Visit www.paritypay.com or call 1-866-PARISH1

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MISSION STATEMENT

- Holy Family Catholic Church is a spiritually and socially active parish. Rooted in the Word of God and nourished by the Eucharist, we celebrate the life of our Lord Jesus Christ by proclaiming the Good News and providing spiritual growth, support and service with love. Founded by Italian immigrants a century ago, today our parish continues the tradition of extending a loving, caring and affirming welcome to all who join us as we Continue Our Journey of Faith.
- La Chiesa Cattolica Santa Famiglia e' una parrocchia socialmente e spiritualmente attiva. Radicata nella Parola di Dio e nutrita dall'eucarestia, celebriamo la vita del nostro Signore Gesu' Cristo proclamando la buona novella e provvedendo crescita spirituale, supporto e servizio con amore. Fondata un secolo fa' da immigranti italiani, oggi, la nostra parrocchia continua la tradizione di estendere un amorevole, caro e riconoscente benvenuto a tutti coloro che con noi continuano e condividono il nostro cammino di fede.
- Ang simbahang katoliko ng banal na pamilya ay isang masiglang parokya sa espirituwal at ugnayang panlipunan. Nakaugat sa salita ng diyos at pinalusog ng eukaristiya, ipanagdiriwant namin ang buhay ng ating panginoong hesukristo sa pagpapahayag ng mabuting balita at paguudulot ng paglago sa kabanalan, paggabay, at mapagmahal na paglilingkod. Itinatag ng mga dayuhang italiano may isang-daan taon na ang nakakalipas, ngayon ang aming parokya ay patuloy sa pag-ugit ng tradisyon ng mapag-aruga, mapagkalinga, at mapagkilang pagtanggap sa mga sumapi saamin habang patuloy sa paglalakbay sa panaampalataya.

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - A-2017



My brothers and sisters in the Lord;

The installation of Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, our new Archbishop and sixth Archbishop of Newark, was truly an awesome moment for all of us. As a member of the College of Consulters, I was proud and honored to be part of this important group and to see and verify Pope Francis' appointment letter of Cardinal Tobin. I also had the honor of a front row seat at this celebration. His words at both the Evening Prayer Service on Thursday and in his Homily at the Installation Mass, gives us a glimpse of a humble man who now guides the spiritual needs in our great Archdiocese. The packed Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart was truly warm and welcoming for our new Archbishop. Let us pray for him as he begins his ministry among us, that the Holy Spirit may be his constant companion through the many joys and challenges which he faces in his ministry among us. Let us also remember, in prayer, our retired Archbishop Myers as he continues to heal from his recent surgery. May he peacefully enjoy his retirement after faithful service and may this New Year 2017 bless both of them with good health and happiness always in accordance to God's plan.

Today we revert back to Ordinary Time in the Church Year with the Christmas Season already behind us. Today's Gospel speaks of the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River. We hear John speaking to his followers in a moment when the world was changed forever. Jesus was revealed as the second person of the Holy Trinity, the Son of God, as the Holy Spirit descended upon them and the voice of God called from heaven. At the same time, Jesus is revealed as the suffering servant of Isaiah, whom we heard about in the first reading, God's instrument for establishing a new world of justice and peace.

Elsewhere in the Gospels we are told that John the Baptist did not think it was necessary, or even appropriate, for him to baptize Jesus because he knew that Jesus was more powerful than he. Also, John's baptism required confession of sins and Jesus was without sin. And, yet, Jesus insists. Jesus was baptized in solidarity with the people, taking on the life of the people for the purpose of redemption. John tells us that the Spirit not only descended upon Jesus but rested with Him. It is not simply the inspiration of a fleeting moment but, rather, something far more lasting. For John the Baptist, this was a sign that Jesus was the Chosen One of God. Jesus was the beloved Son of God and He would be faithful to His Father, no matter what, for the rest of His short life. We, too, have His lasting presence through the Holy Spirit. God, our creator, continues creating through us and with us to bring about the fulfillment of God's kingdom.

We might wonder what all of this means for us. As followers of Jesus, we share in the baptism of Christ, the ministry of Christ, the death of Christ and the resurrection of Christ. This means that just as God said to Jesus, "You are my beloved," God calls to each one of us and says, "You are my beloved." When you think about it, this is truly amazing. God loves us and affirms us. God has chosen us, too.

We might also wonder what this means for the world. Well, God loves us personally, individually and globally, with an unconditional love. So if each one of us is a beloved son or daughter of God, like Jesus, that means each one of us is a beloved brother and sister of all of God's children, which means that every human being on the planet is our beloved brother and sister; whether a child playing somewhere in China or a woman making breakfast in Brazil, be it a goat herder in the Sudan, or a family in the Philippines, even children in Iraq. Everyone is our sister or brother, so we are called never to hurt anyone. Once we enter into the Spiritual life of Baptism, we will not participate in the world's violence. From now on, we love everyone the way God loves us. We are God's beloved so, like Jesus, we are called to treat one another as God's beloved. Life is good and precious and wonderful, so why waste it on negativity, resentment and cruelty? Instead, let us live out our baptismal promises and share God's love and peace with everyone everywhere.

Peace,
Fr. Joe



We warmly welcome back our parishioner, Josephine Russo, who has been nursing a broken arm. Josephine will now resume the weekly Thursday night Bible Study this week at 7:30 P.M., in the St. Joseph Center. The Prayer Shawl Ministry resumes this Wednesday, January 18, 1:00 P.M., in the St. Joseph Center. The women meet every other Wednesday and all those who knit or crochet are welcome to join them. They have a lot of fun!

Mass Intentions For The Week

Saturday, January 14

5:30 PM Edward & Catherine Walsh...Katherine Vecchio and Alice Jacobs & Family

7:00 PM People of the Parish

Sunday, January 15

8:00 AM Josephine Biondi...James Biondi & Donna Bolcato

10:00 AM Most Rev. Thomas A. Donato...Gianna & Nicole

12:00 PM Joseph Biancola...Donna Biancola

7:00 PM Frank Romeo...Sabatino & Tara Sofia

Monday, January 16

7:00 AM Inacio Tche...Daughter

8:45 AM John Cantagallo...Dolores & Mike

Tuesday, January 17, St. Anthony, Abbot

7:00 AM Audrey Barletto...Hugh & Louise Ferguson

8:45 AM Jo-Ann DeAmorin...Michele & Gerard Ceraso

Wednesday, January 18

7:00 AM G. Jack Natale...Angela & The Picciano Family

8:45 AM Intentions of the Holy Family Priests

...George & Maureen Jones

Thursday, January 19

7:00 AM Anthony Amabile...Sandy Yasneski

8:45 AM Joseph Vangieri...Wife, Mary & Children

Friday, January 20

7:00 AM Joseph Blauvelt...Nino & Christine Donato

8:45 AM Vincent P. Manion...Wife, Eileen

1:00 PM Wedding: Joseph Pasquino & Michelle Dente

7:00 PM Devotees of Maria SS. Addolorata

Lawrence Brancaccio

Michela Capozzoli

Lucille Cicchino

Leonildo Cifelli

Bonita Lombardozzi

Costantino Palumbo

Good Health of Concetta Pellicciotta & Family

Beatrice & Santo Perri

Rocco Schettino

Rosa Schettino

Saturday, January 21

8:45 AM Special Remembrance Mass

Addolorata & Almerinda Arcaro

Lucia Cicchino

Romolo Cifelli

Antonio Ferraro

Deceased of the Henry Raimondo Family

Robert Christian Sunga

Enrico Tamburri

Enrico & Giuseppa Tamburri

Maria Tran

Joseph Vangieri (5th Anniversary)

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, January 21

5:30 PM Kathy Knouff...Sr. Ella Mae

7:00 PM Vincenzo Vitale...Wife, Olimbia

Sunday, January 22

8:00 AM Amelia & Helena Puzio...Yvonne & Rick Puzio

10:00 AM Tony & Theresa DiMeo...Jerry & Anna Volpe

12:00 PM Mieczyslaw Cebula...Hui Family

7:00 PM People of the Parish

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

"Now the Lord has spoken who formed me as his servant from the womb..." ISALAH 49:5

You have to do what God is calling you to do and I have to do what God is calling me to do. Guess what...each of us has been given a different plan! So, stop comparing yourself to others. Don't let envy and jealousy enter your life. Be thankful for the gifts God has given you and generously share them with others.

For Sunday, January 8, 2017,

The actual collection was \$7,501.00;

\$1,421.00 of which came from Parish Pay.

The 2nd Collection for Snow Removal was \$1,322.00.

Mass Attendance was 1,035.

God Bless You for your generosity!

For Sunday, January 10, 2016

The actual collection was \$10,176.00;

\$1,497.00 of which came from Parish Pay.

The 2nd Collection for Church Steps was \$1,900.00.

Mass Attendance was 1,502.

Memorials for the Week of January 15, 2017

Mother Cabrini Chapel Sanctuary Lamp

Fred Ciarletta...Theresa Genna

Altar Bread & Altar Wine

Gilda DeFeo Rosanio...Eleanor Guarino

The Sanctuary Lamp in the Church, Chapel, Convent and Rectory, Altar Candles, Altar Bread, & Altar Wine, as well as Altar Flowers are our weekly memorials. The donation for each Sanctuary Lamp and Altar Candles are \$10. The donation for Altar Bread or Altar Wine is \$15. The donation for Flowers on the Altar of the Blessed Virgin or Saint Joseph is \$45.

Please stop by the rectory to reserve any of the above.

Please Pray for Those Who Are Sick...

"Dylan," James Avallone, Lucia Avallone, Roz Barletto, Richard Bartell, William Biase, Mary Bresko, Raymond Bresko, William Cottongin, Eugene Danchak, Jennifer Caramucci DeJesus, Daniel DePaul, Domenick DiLorenzo, Domenico Falduto, John Falduto, Janet Ferruggia, Alyssa Flaherty, Umile Gencarelli, Angela Gil, Janet Graham, Adam Lima, Toni Logiudice, John Loricchio, Rosina Manfredi, Tom Mangano, Kenneth Matthews, Carolyn Messina, Philip Napoli, Juan Nieves, Emaline Palumbo, Debbie Pope, Lucia Pullins, Mary Louise Rinner, Karen Sammartine, Richard Tyrpak

Please Pray for Those Who Have Died...

James Bergamoto, Robert Whitman

Pray for our troops: "Lord, hold our troops in Your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. I ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen."



STEWARDSHIP OF TIME

Saturday, January 14

8:30 PM Neo-Catechumenate #1 & 2 - SJC; #3 & 4 - MCC
 All Masses: 2nd Collection: Snow Removal

Sunday, January 15

8:30 AM Religious Education, Grades 1-4 - GSA
 9:30 - 6:00 PM Neo-Catechumenate #6 - Parish Center
 10:00 AM Children's Liturgy of the Word - Church
 1:00 PM Youth Group - SJC
 3:00 PM Fatima Prayer Group - MCC

Monday, January 16 - Martin Luther King Day

Rectory is Closed Today

6:30-7:45 Religious Ed - Grades 5-7 - GSA
 7:00 PM Novena - MCC

Tuesday, January 17

3:30 PM Religious Education, Grades 1-4 - GSA
 7:00 PM First Penance - Church
 8:30 PM Neo-Catechumenate #1 - MSA

Wednesday, January 18

10:00 AM Adult Italian Class - SA
 1:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry Resumes! - SJC
 8:30 PM Neo-Catechumenate #2 - SJC; #3 - SL; #4 - MSA

Thursday, January 19

4:30 PM Children's Italian - SA
 7:00 PM Adult Italian - SA
 7:30 PM Bible Study Resumes! - SJC

Friday, January 20

6:00 AM Men's Prayer Group
 2:30 - 8:30 PM K of C Blood Drive - SJC
 9:30-1:30 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - MCC
 7:00 PM Devotees of Maria SS Addolorata Mass - MCC

Saturday, January 21

9:00 AM Filipino Community - SJC
 1:00 PM Confessions - Church
 8:30 PM Neo-Catechumenate #1 & 2 - SJC; #3 & 4 - MCC
 At All Masses: 2nd Collection for Snow Removal;
 Social Concerns "Little Feet" pin sale

Sunday, January 22

8:30 AM Religious Education, Grades 1-4 - GSA
 10:00 AM Children's Liturgy of the Word - Church
 2:00 PM Baptism Catechesis - MCC

KEY

- MCC Mother Cabrini Chapel
- MSA Maria SS. Addolorata Room - Parish Center
- SA St. Anthony Room - Parish Center
- SJC St. Joseph Center
- SLR San Luiz Room - Parish Center



Snow Removal
 Because snow removal is so costly, we've decided that with the exception of the first Sunday of the month collection for the Archdiocesan Assessment, all 2nd collections during January, February and March will go towards the snow removal budget. Thank you for your understanding and constant generosity whenever it is requested.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Heb 5:1-10; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 2:18-22
 Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20; Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9, 10c; Mk 2:23-28
 Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 3:1-6
 Thursday: Heb 7:25 — 8:6; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Mk 3:7-12
 Friday: Heb 8:6-13; Ps 85:8, 10-14; Mk 3:13-19
 Saturday: Heb 9:2-3, 11-14; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Mk 3:20-21
 Sunday: Is 8:23 — 9:3; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17; Mt 4:12-23 [12-17]



**TEACHING THE GOOD NEWS
 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM (CCD)
 973-667-6018**

**A Monday night 7th Grade Teacher
 is Needed.**

Schedule

Grades 1-4: Sunday, 8:30-9:45 AM / Tuesday, 3:30-4:30 PM
Grades 5-7: Monday, 6:30-7:45 PM
8th Grade Only: 1st Monday of each month - SJC
9th Grade: begins in March 2017

Attention First Communicants

**A reminder that you will celebrate your First Penance
 this Tuesday evening, January 17, 7:00 P.M., in Church.**



MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA

The Miraculous Medal Novena is every Monday at 7:00 PM, in the Mother Cabrini Chapel. Novena consists of devotional prayers to the Miraculous Medal and St. Jude, and the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. On national holidays, Novena prayers are offered at 8:45 AM, just prior to the 9:00 AM Mass.



The Holy Family Rosary Altar Society, a parish organization of women devoted to the Blessed Mother and the Rosary and dedicated to the needs of the church as well as other charities, will have its next meeting Monday, January 30, at 7:00 PM in the St. Joseph Center. The Executive Committee will meet at 5:45 PM in the Parish Center. All women of the parish are welcome.

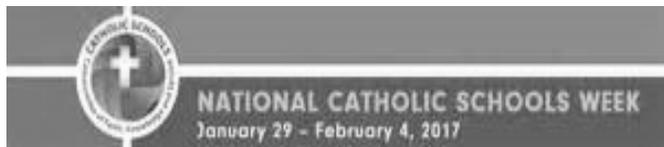


**Holy Family Knights of Columbus
 Friday, January 20, 2017
 2:30—8:30 PM - St. Joseph Center
 Food, beverages,
 and musical entertainment
 will be provided.**



WE NEED YOU!

Ushers are needed at the Masses. Please consider volunteering for which ever Mass you attend. Call the Chairperson of Hospitality, John Caruso, 973-759-4582, and let him know you are interested. Also, feel welcomed to carry the Altar Bread and Wine to the altar during the Offertory. Let an usher know upon entering Church and he will advise you when it is time.



Open



House

Good Shepherd Academy invites everyone to attend an Open House as they celebrate Catholic Schools Week, on Sunday, January 29, 11:30 A.M. Get to know the school and find out what they have to offer.

Through dedicated, professional and caring teachers, GSA educates the whole child spiritually, physically, and intellectually. You will have the opportunity to speak with staff, GSA families, students and alumni. Prospective families may also register during the event. Other helpful information such as student life, athletics, photo gallery and more are available on our website, www.gsanutley.org. We look forward to seeing you!

Once again, GSA is hosting a Calendar Raffle Fundraiser. For only \$20 a ticket, you have 60 chances to win \$75 -\$425 in cash prizes, beginning on Monday, March 6th and going through Monday, May 22nd. There will be weekly drawings with 5 winners, one for each day of the week. After each drawing, winning tickets are put back in the pool for more chances.



If interested, please contact Mrs. Leo at 973-667-2049 ext. 100.



Shop for participating products at ShopRite during advertised promotions using your Price Plus Club Card and earnings are automatically credited to

Good Shepherd Academy. Register your Price Plus card at shopriteformyschool.com and select "Good Shepherd Academy"

The school is able to receive money when they turn in the General Mills box tops! Please save them and drop them off in the special box which is located in the vestibule of Church.



Used Cell Phones & Toners - The school collects used cell phones so if you upgrade yours, please do not discard the old one. The school also accepts toners from computers to be recycled. All can be dropped off in the GSA box located in the vestibule of the Church.

GIVING TREE THANKS!



As we receive "Thank You" notes from the various organizations who were helped with our Giving Tree gifts, they are posted in the bulletin. However, please take a moment to see the bulletin board in the vestibule of the Church. The Special Young Adults of Nutley sent the most heartwarming card. You will love

it! Holy Family Parishioners were extremely kind and very generous to those in need. Below are more of our "Thank You" responses.

Belleville School #7

"On behalf of Belleville School Number Seven, we would like to express our gratitude for our students who were chosen as beneficiaries of your annual Giving Tree.

"It is most appreciated, especially during the holiday season."

Chestnut Hill Nursing & Rehabilitation Center

"On behalf of the staff and veterans of Chestnut Hill Convalescent Center, I would like to take the opportunity to wish you a Christmas filled with peace and joy, as well as a new year blessed with health, happiness and an abundance of God's love. The veterans and their families appreciate all that you do for them..."

Missionaries of Charity

"Thank you very much for all that you are to us; in this Holy season of Christmas we offer our deepest thanks for your generous gift of love that makes it possible for us to make the immense love of the Infant Jesus present to the poorest of the poor.

"Christmas was always a special time for our dearest Mother, St. Teresa of Calcutta. She told us, 'At Christmas, we see Jesus as a little babe - helpless and poor. And He came to love and to be loved. Let us gather around the poor crib in Bethlehem and make a strong resolution that we will love Jesus in all those we meet every day.'

"We wish you a Merry Christmas and grace filled year 2017. May Mary be a Mother to you and your family; may she bless you and your loved ones with peace and love. We are praying for you and all your intentions."

Barringer-Walker-LoPinto Post 139, The American Legion

"It is a pleasure to thank you again and your parishioners, especially the Social Concerns Committee Chair, Cheryl Malone, and her assistant, Anna O'Reilly, for the colorful packaging of Christmas items such as gift cards, candy, cookies, etc., for our veterans that we serve.

"Many things change for all of us but year after year, when our committee visits some of the same people, (especially the Vets who are forgotten by most of the general public), that it can't be measured what it means to these residents to have people they never met sacrifice to bring them joy and happiness.

"May peace be with you all."



**YOUNG ADULT RETREAT
February 10-12, 2017**

Marianist Family Retreat Center, Cape May Point, NJ 08212

Come join other young adults (ages 22-35) married or single, to take a step back from our busy lives. This will be a time to examine your personal faith and your relationship with God, your family members and yourself. Our time will be filled with prayer experiences, peer group discussions, Eucharist and lots of fun!

\$130 per person, double occupancy - Some financial aid is available.

Register: www.capemaymarianists.org or 609-884-3829

If you wish to receive a statement of your 2016 donations to Holy Family Church, kindly submit your name and daytime phone number, along with the number of your donation envelope. We will begin mailing them in February.



You may also email your request: hfclynn28@aol.com

Please do not call the rectory to request this information.

You may drop this form in the collection basket on any Sunday.

Name: _____

Envelope No. _____

Daytime Phone: _____

E-mail _____

MEN'S PRAYER GROUP

MPG would like to pray for your intentions. The prayers will be offered on Friday of that week at our gathering. Kindly place this intention request in the Sunday Collection or return it to the rectory.



If you would like a prayer card sent as an acknowledgment of your prayer intentions, please include your name and address.

Please list your intentions:

MARIA SS. ADDOLORATA
CHAPEL MEMORIAL CANDLES

The Chapel of Our Lady of Sorrows is a beautiful way to memorialize a loved one. If you are interested in memorializing someone with a candle in the Maria SS Addolorata Chapel, please fill out this form and return it with a check, made payable to HOLY FAMILY, in the amount of \$100 to the rectory. You may request a beautiful card featuring the statue of Our Lady of Sorrows taken in our Maria SS. Addolorata Chapel.

Inscription on the candle: (Limit 20 characters per line; limit 2 lines)

Name(s) on Memorial Candle: _____

This is a new candle Please renew this candle

Your Name: _____

Address: _____ Apt. # _____

Town: _____ Telephone: _____

Email: _____



The needs of parents who have suffered the loss of a son or daughter are unique. The Office of Family Life Ministries of the Archdiocese of Newark sponsors support groups for Parents Grieving the Death of a Child. The groups are led by trained facilitators - parents who have personally experienced the death of a child. Groups meet at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, Parish Center, 60 Byrd Avenue, Bloomfield, NJ on the **first Wednesday of each month** at 7:30 pm and at St. Peter the Apostle Church, Rectory Basement, 445 Fifth Avenue, River Edge, NJ on the **third Monday of each month** at 7:30 pm. There is no fee to participate and pre-registration is not needed. Please call Lauren Egan at 973-497-4327 or email eganlaur@rcan.org for further information.

The Family: The Sanctuary of Life

The family is the "Sanctuary of Life" and the basic and vital cell of society. The Holy Family, of course, is unique. One member is God, another is sinless, and the third is a saint.



But the great lesson of today is that although God could have come into the world in any way he pleased, he chose to become a member of a family, obedient to his earthly parents, and yet totally devoted to the Heavenly Father's will, as we all must be.

He also shared the vulnerability that comes with being a member of a human family. "Herod is going to search for the child in order to destroy him." St. Joseph here plays the unbelievable role of protecting God. His readiness to do so speaks to every father about the role of protector, and to our whole society about the need we have for good and faithful fathers. The culture of life depends just as much on fathers making the right choices as on mothers doing so.

Strong families are an integral aspect of the Culture of Life. It is precisely the breakdown of family structure that increases the temptation to abort, or to resort to euthanasia or a lack of proper care for the elderly.

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