

Welcome! We welcome everyone here today. Sunday Mass is celebrated here each week at 8:30 a.m. All are welcome to join in praying the rosary at 8:00 before Mass.

Reconciliation: Fr. Anthony is available Sundays at 8:00 a.m., or by appointment. In case of medical emergencies, Father's cell number is 571-733-3695.

Prayer Requests

God is able to make every grace abundant for you, so that in all things, always having all you need, you may have abundance for every good work. (2 Cor. 9:8) Please pray for the terminally ill, the sick, for those who are recovering, as well as the following people:

- Gerry Dilks' son Marvin; Al Katz, who continues to undergo treatment;
- Phil Haurus, who is undergoing treatment for cancer;
- Fr. Charles Breindel;
- All our parishioners who are struggling with chronic illness and pain;
- For the elderly and infirm, that they may have courage, strength and good cheer in their daily struggle with weakness and infirmity;
- Our Holy Father, Pope Francis I;
- For all refugees fleeing war or persecution;
- For greater stability of governments;
- Victims of natural & man-made disasters and tragedies;
- Christians who live in pagan, Muslim or Communist countries who are unable to practice our holy religion;
- For all law-enforcement personnel;
- For all veterans who have served our country;
- The Coalition Forces in the war zones; for all people resident in the war zones and in the areas of civil unrest.

Next Week: Lectors— Trish Muldoon & Chris Sokol
(Alternate – Pat Muldoon)
Eucharistic Ministers – Pat Muldoon & Andy Maderspach
(Alternate – Brenda Stephan)

Advent/Christmas Schedule – Revised!

Sunday, 24th December, 4th Sunday of Advent 8:30am

Holy Spirit Church, Nativity of the Lord Vigil Mass - 6:00pm
Holy Family Church, Nativity of the Lord Vigil Mass - 8:00pm

Monday, 25th December, Nativity of the Lord Mass - 8:30am

Thursday, 28th December, 11:00am

Sunday, 31st December 8:30 am

Parish Council Election – The election for Parish Council members will be held after Mass today.

Parish Life – Thanks to Jake Patterson there is still a Parish Life ministry, hosting donuts and coffee the 2nd Sunday each month and a pot-luck meal the last Sunday.

Collections - TBA

Christmas Flower Donations Received - Thank you for your donations for Christmas Flowers. The donations include those made in loving memory of Herbert Wood, Belmira Picanso, Antonis Picanso, Manuel Machado, and Jose Aaral.

Christmas Baskets – The Justice & Peace Committee is collecting donations for Christmas food baskets, which will be distributed on the 21st. Thank you if you have already contributed to this project!

Free Advent Online Retreat - PrayMoreNovenas.com has 4 short (15-30 minute) videos available for each week of Advent by different speakers.

New Parish Ladies Group - Holy Family will be starting a parish Ladies Group in January. We are looking for lots of great ideas and vibrant women to share fellowship with purpose. All ladies are welcome to come join in the newest group at Holy Family. Is there something you'd like to see offered at our parish? Would you like to find ways to deepen your spiritual life? Come! Let's share our talents and make it a blessing to all. Our 1st meeting will be Wed. Jan. 17, 2018 at 6:30 pm in the parish hall. (Light refreshments). Please sign up in the Narthex. Contact Katherine Blackburn for more info. klb2149@gmail or text (540) 922-2143.

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Justice & Peace Committee	Teresa Savage	921-3098
Maintenance/Planning	Jim Thompson	540-544-7145
Bookkeeper	Eli Altizer	540-421-7434
Religious Education	Suzy Bane	256-430-6910
Parish Life	Jake Patterson	304-753-6360
Hostel Committee	Pat Muldoon	626-3337
Liturgy Committee	Brenda Stephan	599-2438.

Do you have items for the bulletin? Would you like to receive the bulletin by e-mail? Contact Chris Sokol, at csokol17@gmail.com or call 540-818-8442 to leave a voice mail message.

**Holy Family Catholic Church
December 17, 2017**

Third Sunday of Advent

*"I am the voice of one crying out in the desert,
'make straight the way of the Lord,'"*



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