

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - FEBRUARY 5, 2017

"You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet.



"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house." — Matthew 5:13-15 ESV

Holy Family CHURCH OF THE

We are a Tithing Parish

Parish Directory

Mass Schedule

Rev. Thomas Rekiel, Pastor
Rev. Krzysztof Liwarski, Parochial Vicar
Rev. Frederick Walters, Pastor Emeritus
Deacon Peter M. Fiore
Deacon William Ward, Retired
Virginia Akhoury, Pastoral Minister
Dawn Sacco Paskalides,
Holy Family School Principal
School Secretary, Toni Fiore
School Bookkeeper Tammy Zebick
Director of Religious Education, Anne Giedlinski
Director of Music Ministry, Randy Hertzog
Parish Bookkeeper, Robyn Morris
Parish Secretary, Celeste Walsh

MAINTENANCE COUNCIL

Ralph Aurilia - 973-951-6508
Gene Miranda - 973-583-2469
Roger Siara - 973-822-1661

FINANCE COUNCIL

Ralph Aurilia 973-951-6508
Bob Cottam 973-887-1232
*Anne Feith 973-966-1314
Peter Fiore 917-880-9601
Gene Miranda 973-583-2469
Roger Siara 973-822-1661
*Michael Prokop 973-301-0678
Bob Scirocco 973-377-1387
Fred Summa 973-822-3362

*Parish Trustee

Sunday Mass Schedule

Saturday 5:30 pm
Sunday 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 am,
12:00, 7:30 pm

Daily Mass Schedule

Monday-Saturday, 8:15 am

Holy Day Schedule

Vigil Mass, 7:30 pm
7:30, 9:00 am, 12:10, 7:30 pm

1 Lloyd Avenue ~ Florham Park, New Jersey 07932

OFFICE HOURS

The office is open Monday-Thursday from 8:30 to 2:30 p.m.

RECTORY

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Fax 973-377-6350
www.holyfamilyfp.org

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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SCHOOL

973-377-4181
Www.holy-family-school.org

HOLY FAMILY YOUTH MINISTER

rectory@holyfp.org

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM - First, second, third and fourth Sundays of each month at 1:30pm. Baptism preparation for parents first Tuesday of the month. Phone rectory for details and information.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION - Saturdays, 4:30 to 5:15pm.

HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL - An environment for growth in faith, values and knowledge. Tiny Tots (2 1/2 yrs. old) through 8th grade. For further information, please call the school office, 973-377-4181.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - A program of religious instruction for grades 1 through 8. Confirmation preparation for high school students. For further information, call the Religious Education Office, 973-377-3101.

SOCIAL MINISTRIES

Ministry to the Homebound: Mary Scirocco, 973-377-1387

Ministry to the Hungry: Anne Platoff, 973-822-0430

Sharon Carr, 973-568-5932

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - Dr. McDowell Council - For information, call Charlie Pane 862-368-8585. For Hall rentals, call Ralph Aurilia at 973-301-0297.

PRO-LIFE MINISTRY - Frank and Barbara Tinari, 973-822-0084. Important Contact Information: New Jersey Right to Life (njrtl.org) 732-562-0562.

CENTERING PRAYER meets at 7:30 p.m. in the O'Connell Room (convent) on Monday nights.

ROSARY is prayed each day at 7:50 a.m. (before the 8:15 Mass).

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA is prayed on Mondays after the 8:15 a.m. Mass.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for veneration on the First Friday, after the 8:15 mass until 10:00 a.m., and every Thursday after the 8:15 mass.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER
those serving in the armed forces:

Major Timothy Renahan USA
Sgt. Jared K. Nucci, USA
Matthew Manzione, USA
AS1 Brian Schramm, USN
HT2 Thomas Dwyer ESWS, USN
PFC Stephen Hanily, USMC
PFC Patrick Montuore USMC
Lt. Stephen Scirocco USMC
Sgt. Chad Jennings, USA

CATHOLIC CHARITIES Please help support our local programs by donations of clothing, shoes and household items in our donation bin located in the parking lot.



MASSES AROUND THE COUNTRY - To find the closest church in the U.S., or go to www.masstimes.org A **televised Sunday Mass** is now airing on ABC Family from 6:30 to 7 a.m. each Sunday morning. www.TheSundayMass.org.



TITHING: Last week's collection was \$10,352.00, (last year was \$10,484.00).

Thank you for your continued generosity.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, February 6, 2017 **St. Paul Miki, and**
8:15-William and Mary Walters **Companions, Martyrs**
-John Cryan
-Ceil Jones

TUESDAY, February 7, 2017 **Weekday**
8:15-Dominick DeLuca

WEDNESDAY, February 8, 2017 **Weekday**
8:15-William Mancinelli, *25th Anniversary*

THURSDAY, February 9, 2017 **Weekday**
8:15-Michael Cryan
-Anna Prokop
-Matja Taylo

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2017 **St. Scholastica**
8:15-Patricia Flynn, *5th Anniversary*
-Dorothy Marino
-Annie Carr

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2017 **Weekday**
8:15 - Beef McGarry
5:30 - Elizabeth Rossi
- Fred Henning
- Mary Roth

SUNDAY, February 12, 2017 **Sixth Sunday**
Ordinary Time
7:30 - Carl Krah
- Mary Cryan
- Stan Jarka
9:00 - Eddie Mulligan
- Mary Shvietz
- John Boehm
10:30 -Bill DeAngelis
-Irene Czarnecky
-James B. McCarthy, Sr.
12:00 -People of Holy Family Parish
-John Santucci
7:30 -Vincent Monteleone
-William and Evelyn Haemmerle
-Stanley Jarka

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

Francis Joseph Hughes (father of Theresa Dillon).
Anna Ottaiano, (grandmother of Natalie Priore).

PRAY FOR THE SICK Please pray for our parishioners, relatives and friends who are ill: Alison Walters Soderburg, Brian Connolly, Fr. Fred, Alyssa Blatt, Peggy Schneyer, John Mahoney, Kate Monteforte, John Schneyer, Stephen Matuszek, Bernie Dorn, III, Ramona Baumgaertner, Theresa Veverka, Steven Reich, John Veverka, Dave Kreutzer, Curt Price, Ted Gleichmann, Bedley Byers, Helene Searle, Sean Flanagan, Jr., Mary O'Connor, George Padkowsky, Joan Malone.



February 5 Coffee and Cake Sunday
Super Bowl Sunday No 7:30pm Mass
February 6 Altar Server Class 3:30pm Church
Centering Prayer Group 7:30pm Rectory
February 7 HFS Basketball Game 7:45pm Gym
February 8 CYO Basketball Practice Gym
February 9 Bible Study 9:30am Church Hall
HFS Basketball Game 7:30pm Gym
Choir Practice
February 11 Parish Dinner 6:30pm Church Hall
February 12 CYO Basketball Games Gym
February 13 Altar Server Training 3:30pm Church
Centering Prayer Group 7:30pm Rectory
February 14 HFS BB Practice Gym
February 15 Bible Study 7:00pm Church Hall
CYO BB Practice Gym
February 16 Bible Study 9:30am Church Hall
HFS BB Practice Gym
Choir Practice
February 18 CYO BB Practice Gym
February 19 CYO BB Games Gym
February 20 Presidents Day School and Office Closed
Centering Prayer Group 7:30pm Rectory
February 22 CYO BB Practice
February 23 Bible Study 9:30am Church Hall
HFS BB Practice Gym
Choir Practice
February 24 K of C Hoop Shoot Finals Gym
February 26 CYO BB Games Gym
February 27 Altar Server Training 3:30pm Church
Centering Prayer Group 7:30pm Rectory
February 28 HFS BB Practice Gym

FOOD PANTRY This week's items are **Complete Pancake Mix and Syrup**. Your donations are very much appreciated! Please check expiration dates (we cannot accept expired items). Sharon Carr @ 973-568-5932, Anne Platoff @ 973-822- 0430.



PROLIFE NEWS Please check out the titles in the Right to Life pamphlet racks at the church doors. They include Roe plus 40; A Catholic response to the death penalty; Healing after abortion; and Explaining the reality of marriage to family and friends.

RELIGIOUS ITEMS FOR THE MISSIONS Ginny Akhoury is collecting religious items, prayer cards, novena booklets, medals, small statues, rosaries (broken ones will be repaired) crucifixes and greeting cards, for distribution around the world. These items will be sent to missions in Africa, India, the Philippines and many other locations. Please leave any contributions in the baskets at the doors of the church.

*Valentine's
dinner*



**Join us for our next Parish Dinner
on
Saturday, February 11th
At 6:30 pm.**

**This is a wonderful opportunity for adults
and children to share an evening of fun,
fellowship and great food!**

This month's menu will include:

***Appetizers,
Roast Beef with Gravy
Chicken Franchise
Baked Salmon
Roasted Potatoes and Vegetables
Green Salad and Bread
Dessert***



RSVP by February 7th

Only 80 Reservations will be taken

Adults: \$25.00

Young Adults & Children
(21 and under) \$5.00

Name of guest (s)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

The Assessment (aka Project Faith)

The attached pie chart shows that the Diocese of Paterson has various sources of revenues to support both its operation and the various missions which serve the people of the Diocese.

The largest source of revenue is the assessment, paid by each parish, which accounts for almost half (46%) of the total revenue. The pie chart also shows the various uses of that revenue, both pastoral and temporal. It is important to note that over three quarters (78%) of the operating expenses of the Diocese support the evangelical (St. Paul Inside the Walls), ministerial (vocations, Catholic Charities), and educational (Catholic elementary, middle and high schools) missions which serve the people of the Diocese.

Project Faith enables the Diocese to continue to serve the people. It is very important that all the parishes and parishioners of the Diocese support Project Faith.

Thank you for your help in supporting your Diocese.

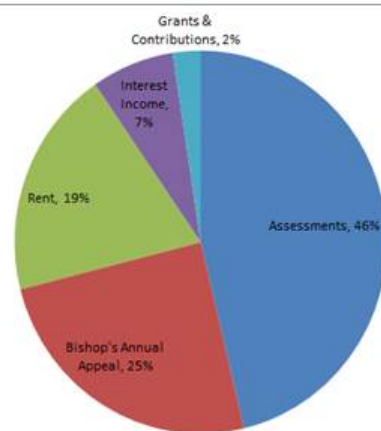
Holy Family Parish has been assessed at 8% of our income which is \$63,000.00.



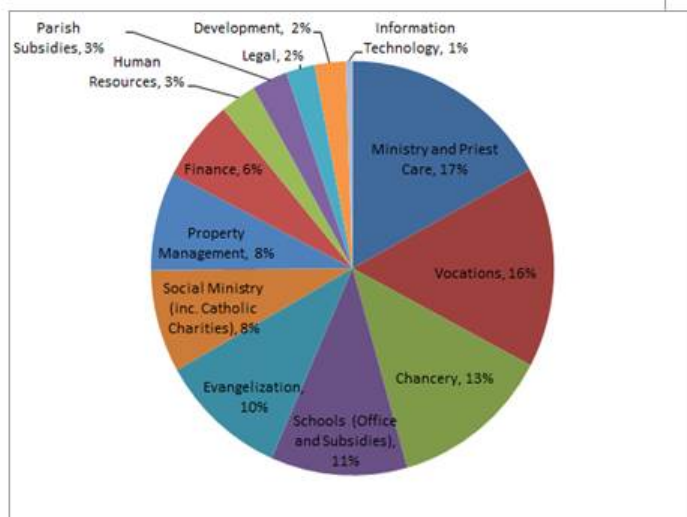
Parish Assessments and Diocese Operating Revenues & Expenses (FY 2015)

Parish assessments represent about half (46%) of the operating revenue for the Diocese

Diocese Revenues



Diocese Expenses



About 78% of operating expenses support the evangelical, ministerial, and educational missions of the Diocese



NEW ALTAR SERVER TRAINING CLASSES

All boys and girls from 4th grade and up are invited to start training classes to become Altar Servers. Classes will begin on Monday, February 6th. Please email rectory@holyfamilyfp.org to sign up for classes or for more information.



COLLECTION COUNTERS

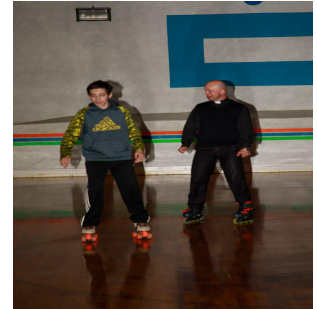
Our Monday morning Collection Counter teams are in need of help. If you can volunteer one Monday a month to help count the Sunday Collection please call Bob @973-204-6049 or the rectory at 973-377-1817.



HOLY FAMILY ADULT CHOIR As a result of several of our members relocating, we are in need of some additional choir members. We are certainly in need of male voices, but our ranks are always open to any parishioner who is of high school age or older who has a love of singing - there is no audition, no questionnaire, and no lengthy list of previous musical experiences required. We gather for rehearsals at 7:30 on Thursday nights, and for the next two hours we laugh, we do detailed work on our anthems, and we pray. Then, on Sunday mornings, we gather at 10:00 to warm-up for the 10:30 mass. We're a caring community of singers within a larger worshiping community, and we need your voice, and your spirit, to continue our tradition of bringing vibrant choral music to the Eucharistic celebrations here at Holy Family. Please reach out to one of the choir members, or to Randy, with any other questions you may have about participating in our ministry.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS of Florham Park and Madison sponsored an Altar Server Appreciation Skating Party and dinner at the Florham Park Roller Rink.



The Book of Ecclesiastes

Who wrote the book?

The title “Ecclesiastes” comes from a Greek word indicating a person who calls an assembly, so it makes sense that the author identified himself in [Ecclesiastes 1:1](#) by the Hebrew word *qoheleth*, translated as “Preacher.” *Despite leaving only this rather mysterious name to indicate his identity, evidence in the book, along with most Jewish and Christian tradition, suggests that King Solomon authored Ecclesiastes.*

The Preacher went on to call himself “the son of David, king in Jerusalem,” one who has increased in “wisdom more than all who were over Jerusalem before me,” and one who has collected many proverbs ([Ecclesiastes 1:1](#), [16](#); [12:9](#)). Solomon followed David on the throne in Jerusalem as the only Davidic son to rule over all Israel from that city ([1 Kings 1:12](#)). He was the wisest man in the world during his time ([1 Kings 4:29–30](#)) and wrote most of the book of Proverbs ([Proverbs 1:1](#); [10:1](#); [25:1](#)). Therefore, we can safely identify Solomon as the *qoheleth* of the opening verse.

Where are we?

With Solomon as the author of the book, we know it had to have been written sometime before his death in 931 BC. The content of Ecclesiastes reflects someone looking back on a life that was long on experience but short on lasting rewards. As king, he had the opportunity and resources to pursue the rewards of wisdom, pleasure, and work in and of themselves. Yet the world-weary tone of the writing suggests that late in life, he looked back on his folly with regret, pointing us to a better, simpler life lived in light of God’s direction ([Ecclesiastes 12:13–14](#)).

Why is Ecclesiastes so important?

Ecclesiastes presents us a naturalistic vision of life—one that sees life through distinctively human eyes—but ultimately recognizes the rule and reign of God in the world. This more humanistic quality has made the book especially popular among younger audiences today, men and women who have seen more than their fair share of pain and instability in life but who still cling to their hope in God.

What’s the big idea?

Ecclesiastes, like much of life, represents a journey from one point to another. Solomon articulated his starting point early in the book: “Vanity of vanities! All is vanity” ([Ecclesiastes 1:2](#)), indicating the utter futility and meaninglessness of life as he saw it. Nothing made sense to him because he had already tried any number of remedies—pleasure, work, and intellect—to alleviate his sense of feeling lost in the world.

However, even in the writer’s desperate search for meaning and significance in life, God remained present. For instance, we read that God provides food, drink, and work ([2:24](#)); both the sinner and the righteous person live in God’s sight ([2:26](#)); God’s deeds are eternal ([3:14](#)); and God empowers people to enjoy His provision ([5:19](#)). Ultimately, the great truth of Ecclesiastes lies in the acknowledgment of God’s ever-present hand on our lives. Even when injustice and uncertainty threaten to overwhelm us, we can trust Him and follow after Him ([12:13–14](#)).

How do I apply this?

We all desire meaning in life. Often that search takes us along winding, up-and-down paths filled with bursts of satisfaction that shine bright for a time but eventually fade. In one sense, it’s satisfying to see that experience echoed throughout Ecclesiastes. An appreciation for our common humanity emerges from reading its pages. We relate to the journey of Solomon because, for so many of us, it is our own. When we attempt to find meaning in the pursuit of pleasure, the commitment to a job, or through plumbing intellectual depths, we all eventually find in each of these pursuits a dead end.

Ecclesiastes shows us a man who lived through this process and came out on the other side with a wiser, more seasoned perspective. When we’re surrounded by the temptation to proclaim life’s ultimate emptiness, we can find in Ecclesiastes a vision tempered by experience and ultimately seen through divinely colored lenses. Life is destined to remain unsatisfying apart from our recognition of God’s intervention. It only remains to be seen whether or not we will place our trust in His sure and able hands.

Have you struggled with misplaced pursuits in life? Does your life lack the meaning and purpose you desire? Hear the words of Solomon that they might encourage you to place your trust solely in the Lord.