



Immaculate Conception December 8, 2022

**Masses at Holy Family
8:15am, 12:10 & 7:30pm**

The Immaculate Conception is the doctrine that Mary, conceived in the normal way through an act of love by her mother and father (St. Joachim and St. Anne), was born free of original sin and its effects from the first moment of her existence. This special favor was conferred on her because of her role in God's plan for our salvation. Historically, this doctrine has sometimes been misunderstood as the conception of Jesus through the power of the Holy Spirit in the feast we know as the Annunciation. Instead, the Immaculate Conception celebrates the special gift of God's grace to Mary because she was to be the mother of Jesus, God's chosen agent to bring about our salvation. We hail Mary in faith and prayer because she is "full of grace" and because "the Lord is with her." In other words Mary was filled with God's life well before the Messiah was conceived in her womb.



After consulting with the bishops of the Church, Pope Pius IX first solemnly defined the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception in 1854 in the Apostolic Constitution *Ineffabilis Deus*. of God and Observe it (Luke 1:38)

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Mass Schedule

Sunday Mass Schedule

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

Daily Mass Schedule

Monday-Saturday 8:15 am

Holy Day Schedule

8:15 am, 12:10 pm, 7:30 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays 4:30 pm to 5:15 pm

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM - Sundays at 1:00 pm. Call **973-377-1817** for details and information.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE—Please call the rectory at least one year in advance to make arrangements for a wedding.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - Religious instruction for grades 1-8. Confirmation preparation for students in 8th grade. For information, call Anne Giedlinski at **973-377-3101**, or email hfreducation@gmail.com.

HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL - An environment for growth in faith, values and knowledge. Tiny Tots (2 1/2 yrs. old), Pre K 3 & Pre K 4, Bridge to Kindergarten & Kindergarten. For information, call @ **973-377-4181**, or www.holy-family-school.org.

SOCIAL MINISTRIES Ministry to the Homebound: Joelyn Hoferer, **973-377-3898**.

Ministry to the Hungry: Anne, Platoff, **973-822-0430**, Sharon Carr, **973-568-5932**.

PRO-LIFE MINISTRY - Frank and Barbara Tinari, **973-822-0084**. Important Contact Information:

Paterson Dioceses (<https://redop.org/respect-life-office>). Morris County Right to Life 732-562-0562, (www.morriscountyrighttolife.org).

CENTERING PRAYER meets at 7:30 p.m. on Monday nights in rectory basement.

ROSARY is prayed each day at 7:45 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 9:45 a.m. and every Thursday after the 8:15 mass.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - Dr. McDowell Council - For information, call Edward Kopec **973-534-9684** email edkmb@aol.com

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 5, 2022 Advent Weekday

God wants to dwell with us and make us whole. Psalm 85:9-10

8:15 - Sharon Kaiser 1st Anniversary

- Audrey & Buddy Murphy

- St. Jude

- Madge Rothzeit 1st Anniversary

Tuesday, December 6, 2022 Advent Weekday

Though we feel lost, Jesus always finds us. Matthew 18:12-14

8:15 - St. Jude

Wednesday, December 7, 2022 St. Ambrose, Bishop &

Doctor of the Church

When we feel burdened, Jesus helps us carry our load. Matthew 11:28-30

8:15 - John Derites

- Ester Santillan

- St. Jude

Thursday, December 8, 2022 The Immaculate Conception Of

The Blessed Virgin Mary

Let God be born now and live in us. Luke 1:38

8:15 - Special Intention

- St. Jude

12:10 - Genovefa Rekiel

7:30 - Maria Zaba

Friday, December 9, 2022 Advent Weekday

Let us follow more closely God's way today. Isaiah 48:17

8:15 - Frank Ferrise

- St. Jude

- Maria Zaba

Saturday, December 10, 2022 Advent Weekday

Let us turn from our sinful ways and let God heal us. Psalm 80:18-19

8:15 - Jacob U. Tagorda, Jr. 8th Anniversary

- St. Jude

5:30 - Grazia & Joseph Ciffeli

- Miguel Lopez

- St. Jude

Sunday December 11, 2022 Third Sunday Of Advent

Look for ways to calm yourself and others today. Isaiah 35:4

7:30 -

10:00 - Anna & John Racioppi

- Carmella Fiore

- Camilo Sanchez

12:00 - Kevin Thomas Smith

- Dorothy DeGraaff

- Josephine Balady

7:30 - Maria Zaba

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

Kevin Renahan

(Brother of Michael Renahan & Tisha VanBenschoten)

Maria Zaba

(Mother of Rev. Artur Zaba)

John Terraciano

(Father of Maria Ricciardi)

REMEMBER IN PRAYER THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY:

Sgt. Chad Jennings, USA; PFC Patrick Montuore, USMC;

COL. Timothy Renahan USA; CPO Brian Schramm, USN;

2nd Lieutenant Nicholas Markferding, USMC;

2nd Lieutenant Michael F. Corbett, USMC;

2nd Lieutenant Adam H. Corbett, USMC;

2nd Lieutenant Michael S. Flanagan, USA;

Lance Cpl. Brigitte Blondell, USMC;

LCDR Mark J. Van Orden, Jr. USN;

Calendar of Events

Dec. 4 **Coffee & Cake - After all daytime Masses**

CCD grades 1-8 9:00-9:50am

CYO Basketball Game 1:00 til.... Gym

Dec. 5 **Centering Prayer** 7:30pm - Rectory Basement

Eucharistic Ministry Meeting 7:pm CH

Dec. 6 **Prayer Shawl Ministry** 9:30-11:30am -Senior Center

CYO Basketball Practice 3:30 - 9:30pm Gym

Dec. 7 **Bible In A Year** with Fr. Charlie - 7:00pm Zoom

CCD grades 1-8 3:30-4:20am

CYO Basketball Practice 3:30 - 9:30pm Gym

Dec. 8 **Immaculate Conception Mass times:**

8:15am, 12:10 & 7:30pm

Dec. 10 **Parish Holiday Dinner & Show - 6:30pm CH**

CYO Basketball Practice 8:00am - 5:00pm Gym

Dec. 11 **Blessing of Baby Jesus** at all Masses

Christmas Choir Concert - 4:00pm Church

CYO Basketball Game 1:00 til.... Gym

Youth Group Meeting 6:00pm Rectory Basement

Dec. 12 **Centering Prayer** 7:30pm - Rectory Basement

Dec. 13 **Prayer Shawl Ministry** 9:30-11:30am -Senior Center

CYO Basketball Practice 3:30 - 9:30pm Gym

Dec. 14 **CYO Basketball** Practice 3:30 - 9:30pm Gym

Dec. 17 **CYO Basketball** Practice 8:00am - 5:00pm Gym

Dec. 18 **Fourth Sunday of Advent**

CCD grades 1-8 9:00-9:50am

CYO Basketball Game 1:00 til.... Gym

Dec. 19 **Centering Prayer** 7:30pm - Rectory Basement

Dec. 20 **CYO Basketball** Practice 3:30 - 9:30pm Gym

Prayer Shawl Ministry 9:30-11:30am -Senior Center

Dec. 21 **CCD grades 1-8** 3:30-4:20am

CYO Basketball Practice 3:30 - 9:30pm Gym

Dec. 24 **Christmas Eve Masses:**

3:00pm, 4:30pm, 6:00pm & 10:00pm

Dec. 25 **Nativity Of The Lord Masses:**

7:30am, 10:00am, & 12 noon.



Blessing Of Baby Jesus

All are invited to bring their Baby Jesus from their nativity set at home for a special blessing, at the **5:30 Mass on Saturday, Dec. 10th and all the Masses on Sunday, Dec. 11th.**

WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Please be sure that you are a registered parishioner which is necessary should you be asked to be a godparent in Baptism or a sponsor for Confirmation. Call the rectory.

MASS REQUESTS

We encourage you to have Masses offered to your loved one. This is a wonderful expression of our love and thanksgiving for everything they did for us during their life and to ask God for the gift of eternal life. As a parish community we will pray for the deceased in the prayer of the faithful at Mass. Please call the rectory to schedule a Mass.



Pray for the Sick: Jaxon Rivera, Mila Wierzbinski, Jack Hughes, Francesca Calle, Michael Prokop, Sr., Bernadette Bencsko, Sharon Veet, Steven Pilla, Walter Majowicz, Madeline Schmidt, Nick Vitale, Phyllis DePhillips, Paul D'Apolito, Michelina Guiliano, Nancy Aaron, Angela Kirsch, Barbara Tinari, Rita & Edward Hand, Salvatore Piccolo, Megan Miele, Barbara Santoro, Olivio Ippolito, Thomas Chronowski.

Gathering Song *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

1. Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free!
From our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of ev'ry nation, joy of ev'ry longing heart.
2. Born thy people to deliver, born a child, and yet a king: born to
reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring. By thine
own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone; by thine all-
sufficient merit raise us to thy glorious throne.

First Reading

Isaiah 11:1-10

On that day, a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse, and from his roots a bud shall blossom. The spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him: a spirit of wisdom and of understanding, a spirit of counsel and of strength, a spirit of knowledge and of fear of the LORD, and his delight shall be the fear of the LORD. Not by appearance shall he judge, nor by hearsay shall he decide, but he shall judge the poor with justice, and decide aright for the land's afflicted. He shall strike the ruthless with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall slay the wicked. Justice shall be the band around his waist, and faithfulness a belt upon his hips. Then the wolf shall be a guest of the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; the calf and the young lion shall browse together, with a little child to guide them. The cow and the bear shall be neighbors, together their young shall rest; the lion shall eat hay like the ox. The baby shall play by the cobra's den, and the child lay his hand on the adder's lair. There shall be no harm or ruin on all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be filled with knowledge of the LORD, as water covers the sea. On that day, the root of Jesse, set up as a signal for the nations, the Gentiles shall seek out, for his dwelling shall be glorious.

Responsorial Psalm Refrain: *In His days justice will flourish; in His days fullness of peace forevermore.*

Second Reading

Romans 15:4-9

Brothers and sisters: whatever was written previously was written for our instruction, that by endurance and by the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to think in harmony with one another, in keeping with Christ Jesus, that with one accord you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I say that Christ became a minister of the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, to confirm the promises to the patriarchs, but so that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written: *Therefore, I will praise you among the Gentiles and sing praises to your name.*

Gospel

Matthew 3:1-12

John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the desert of Judea and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" It was of him that the prophet Isaiah had spoken when he said: *A voice of one crying out in the desert, Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.* John wore clothing made of camel's hair and had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. At that time Jerusalem, all Judea, and the whole region around the Jordan were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance. And do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I tell you, God can raise up children to Abraham from these stones. Even now the ax lies at the root of the trees. Therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire. I am baptizing you with water, for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fan is in his hand.

He will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

The Nicene Creed:

I believe in God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven: **and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.** For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered, death, and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Song During The Preparation Rite: *Shine The Light Of Your Love Refrain*

Shine the light of your love like a candle in the darkness of our lives.
Shine the light of your love in our hearts, Lord,

Communion Processional: *A Voice Cries Out*

1. Console my people, the ones dear to me; speak to the heart of Jerusalem: the time of your mourning is ended now, the Lord of life will come.

Refrain

A voice cries out in the wilderness: "Prepare a way for the Lord!"
A voice cries out in the wilderness: "Make straight a highway for God!"

2. Ev'ry valley is made a plain, ev'ry mountain is leveled; the glory of God shall then be revealed, and the nations will sing in praise.
3. A voice shouts: "Cry!" O what shall I cry? All flesh is like grass and its flowers: the grass may wither, the flowers may fade, but the Word of the Lord is forever.
4. Zion, shout from the mountain top, lift up your voice, O Jerusalem, and say to the people of God's own land, "Behold, behold your God!"
5. The Lord will appear as a shepherd, holding his lambs in his arms, keeping his flock so close to his heart, leading them all, old and young.

Song As We Go Forth: *The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns*

1. The King shall come when morning dawns and light triumphant breaks, when beauty gilds the eastern hills and life to joy awakes.
2. Not, as of old, a little child, to bear, and fight, and die, but crowned with glory like the sun that lights the morning sky.
3. The King shall come when morning dawns and light and beauty brings. Hail, Christ, the Lord! Thy people pray: come quickly, King of kings.



We would be so happy to welcome you into our Choir Family. We gather on Thursday nights at 7:30 in the church to practice, laugh, and pray through music in preparation for the **10am Sunday Mass**.



WELCOME TO OUR COMMUNITY

Viviana Cinquemani
(Daughter of Salvatore & Angela Cinquemani)

"The Bible In A Year."

Zoom meetings with Fr. Charlie, Wed. evening's at 7:00pm.

Dec. 7, Acts 7-21, Romans 11-16, 1 Corinthians 1-8

Dec. 21, Acts 22-28, James - 1 John 5, Cor. 9 - 1 Timothy 3

Dec. 28, 2 John - Revelation, 1 Timothy 4 - Hebrews



GIFT CARDS for the Supermarkets are available in the school office Monday-Friday during school hours. For more information please call 973-377-3101.

BINGO

Tuesday's at 1:00pm at the Florham Park Senior Center

Consider Becoming A Lector!

If you would like to enrich your participation in the Eucharistic Liturgies in our parish by becoming a lector, please call the rectory at 973-377-1817.



Prayer Shawl Ministry

Tuesdays 9:30-11:30am
at the Florham Park Senior Center

Over the centuries, shawls have come to symbolize shelter, peace and spiritual sustenance. Today, knitters and crocheters of all faiths are creating handmade shawls for people in need, as gifts of comfort, hope & peace. All are welcome. Call Kathy Memoli at 973-377-7611 or Pat Schwartz at 973-377-0156 with any questions.

Centering Prayer

Monday evenings 7:30pm-8:30pm at the rectory basement (enter through back patio) A friendly environment where we pray:

Lectio Divina – "The prayerful reading of scripture"

&

Contemplative Prayer – "Prayer in Silence".

Please call Pat Dunbar at (973) 822-3263 with any questions.

HOSTED BY THE
HOLY FAMILY
YOUTH GROUP



YOU'RE INVITED

Christmas Party

LET'S FINISH THE YEAR CELEBRATING!

6pm-7:20pm | Sunday December 11, 2022

Holy Family Rectory Basement

Grades 8-12 Welcome

RSVP by email **by Thurs. Dec 8:**

patricia_payton@yahoo.com

dv0629@verizon.net

Please donate to our toy drive: email for more info if you can contribute!

2022 Diocesan Ministries Appeal "One Body In Christ"

With the year coming to an end, many people look to make a final year-end charitable contribution that has a significant impact. Please consider the Diocesan Ministries Appeal which helps so many of our brothers and sisters in Christ. In fact, tens of thousands of people are supported each year by the work of our Diocese with assistance from the Appeal. All of us can play a part in the Diocesan Ministries Appeal - as either a contributor to the cause or as a recipient of its mission—and all are blessed as a result. Please make the Diocesan Ministries Appeal a priority in your year-end philanthropy.

Gifts can be made by check, credit cards through gifts of securities or online at www.2022appeal.org. May God bless you for your generosity!



O Mary, give us a heart
as beautiful, pure,
and spotless as yours.
A heart like yours so full of love and
humility.

May we be able to receive Jesus
as the bread of life,
to love him as you loved him,
to serve him under
the mistreated face of the poor.

We ask this through
Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*
—St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta



Good News! Holy Family would like to start using Altar Servers at Mass.

If you are in 4th grade and up (no age limit) please contact Fr. Charles.lana@gmail.com or 973-377-1817. We would love to see you on the Altar.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: MINISTRY TO THE HOMEBOUND

We are looking for people to bring communion to our parishioners who are homebound. (you can visit on a day that fits your schedule). This is a wonderful opportunity to reach out to those who are not able to attend mass. For information please call the rectory at 973-377-1817 or email rectory@hollyfamilyfp.org.

"Jesus calls each of us to 'care for the other as a person for whom God has made us responsible' (EV 87). ...The encyclical The Gospel of Life recognizes the full range of threats against human life, from poverty and malnutrition to murder and war. Particular emphasis, however, is placed on threats to life at its beginning and end—precisely when it is most in need of protection. In modern times, children in their mothers' wombs and those approaching the end of their lives are certainly among the 'least of these' in our world's estimation." *Excerpt from Evangelium vitae, © 1995, Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission. All rights reserved.



Book Baskets

At each entrance to the church, you will find a new addition for the youngest members of our parish family - book baskets! Sometimes it can be hard for our children to understand what is happening during the celebration of the liturgy, so we have collected a number of books for our children to use during Mass. These books are designed for children and focus on different aspects of our faith, from the Mass to liturgical seasons to biblical stories. **Please visit our book baskets at each entrance to the church to borrow a book or two for your children to enjoy while at Holy Family! Please leave the books back in the baskets at the end of Mass.**

If you have suggestions on how we can make our community more welcoming to families, please let us know - we would love to hear from you!

CCD AND FAMILY FAITH FORMATION FAMILIES

Many thanks to all of you who were able to attend the Family Faith Formation Sessions during the past few weeks. We hope it was fruitful and enjoyable!

As explained, you should have left the meeting with 2 stars and 2 ornaments.



What to do with the Stars:

On one side of the star please write an act of kindness that a family member did for another family member, or an act of kindness for a neighbor or friend. Each star should be placed on the Christmas tree in the alcove near the altar.

The First Star should have been returned on **November 27, the First Sunday of Advent**. If you have not returned your star, there is still time.

The Second Star, is due on **December 18, the fourth Sunday of Advent**.



What to do with the Ornaments:

Each ornament should be colored/decorated. The first ornament asks you to purchase (a can of soup, a box of tissues, etc.) for someone in need. The second decorated/colored ornament asks you to bring Baby Jesus from your nativity to church.

The First Ornament and your purchased item is due on **December 4, the Second Sunday of Advent**. Place your ornament on the Christmas tree and leave your purchased item under the tree.

The Second Ornament along with Baby Jesus from your nativity is due on **December 11, the Third Sunday of Advent**. Your decorated/colored ornament should be placed on the Christmas tree. Baby Jesus from your nativity will be blessed at the end of all Masses.

Although this activity is meant for children, all parishioners are welcome to participate.

Wishing you a peaceful Advent Season. *Anne Giedlinski*



With joy,

The Choir of Saint Lillian
and
The Holy Family Choir
invite you to a
Concert of Advent and
Christmas music!

Sunday, Dec. 11, 2022,
at 4PM

All are welcome!
No tickets required.



LET'S RING IN THE CHRISTMAS SEASON TOGETHER!!



JOIN US FOR THE
PARISH CHRISTMAS DINNER & SHOW
(SHOW TO FOLLOW AFTER DINNER)
ON
DECEMBER 10TH AT 6:30 PM

Menu

Appetizers: Crab Cakes & Eggplant Rollatini
Salads: Garden Salad, Beet Salad
Entrée: Pork Meatballs, Roasted Beef w/Gravy,
Chicken Cordon Bleu, Roasted Salmon,
Mix Vegetables, Roasted Potatoes and
Bread
Dessert: Cake & Coffee - BYOB

Adults: \$55.00
Young Adults & Children
(21 and under) Free
RSVP by Monday December 5th,
Name of guest (s)

1.....
2.....



**HOLY FAMILY IS THRILLED TO HAVE
RECORDING ARTIST BRYNN STANLEY PERFORM
AT OUR PARISH DINNER.**

Over the last few years, **Brynn Stanley** has been charming audiences on both coasts, from New Jersey to Los Angeles, honing her smooth, silky voice in preparation for this moment: the release of her brand new "Classic" EP. The disc presents a beautiful interpretation of some of Brynn's favorite American standards, wrapping her voice in a classic setting including a swinging rhythm section, a full big band horn section and a lush orchestra. Audiences and critics have raved about her voice, a unique blend of classic vocalists like Ella Fitzgerald and Peggy Lee with modern stars like Norah Jones and Diana Krall. Her style has been described as "warm, classic, timeless, inspiring and sincere." Currently, she can be seen performing in and around New York and Los Angeles with her jazz trio at the famous Chateau Marmot in Hollywood, CA, Vitello's Jazz and Supper Club, Herb Albert's Vibrato's and Shanghai Jazz (voted "one of the top 100 great jazz clubs in the world"). While developing a reputation as a soulful jazz singer with an enthusiasm to please audiences of any age, Brynn continues to garner strong reviews from press, band mates, bandleaders and concert promoters.

Right to Life Raffle 2022 Winners

Prize Name Ticket # County
Volvo Dominika Olynik 18811 Morris
\$1,000 ShopRite GC Andrew Roach 26639 Monmouth
\$750 ShopRite GC Paul Gabrielski 082161 Somerset
\$500 ShopRite GC Dolores Plenzo 140251 Ocean

**Holy Family School
Is Looking For:**

To hire a part - time Teaching Assistant

Monday – Thursday 8:30 am –1:30 pm

**Volunteers needed to spend time
Reading, Playing and Having Fun with our
children**

Requirements are Patience and Love

Call 973-377-4181

email - holyfamilyoffice@holy-family-school.org

Holy Family School
17 Lloyd Avenue
Florham Park, NJ 07932

Christmas Giving Tree

As we did last year, we would still like to support our usual organizations with gift cards to some specific stores which they have chosen. If anyone would like to contribute to our modified Giving Tree, please put your donation into an envelope, label it "Christmas Giving Tree" and put it in the basket at church or drop it off at the rectory or the school. If you are writing a check, please make it out to "Holy Family." I will take care of procuring the gift cards and getting them to the various groups. Thanks for your help with this project!
Anne Giedlinski, CCD Director



Holy Family School

Once again is selling **Gift Cards** to various stores. There are many to choose from, so why not let us save you a trip to the stores and purchase your Gift Cards here. **Stop by the school, church or rectory** and pick up an order form, indicate your choices, pay using check or cash and place your order. If you have any questions, please call 973-377-4181 or email:
holyfamilyoffice@holy-family-school.org



**"KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS"
POSTER CONTEST**

The Knights of Columbus Dr. McDowell Council of Florham Park & Madison is once again holding our "Keep Christ In Christmas" poster contest.

All Children ages 5 through 14, grades K through 8th, are eligible and invited to enter. For information on how to enter please go to our website at: KofC2248.org. Thank you"



Holy Family School Christmas Concert

Dear Parents,

We've decided to revive our Christmas Concert Day (last seen in 2019) on **Thursday, Dec. 15th**. In order to, hopefully, make things easier for you, we combine Santa's visit with the concert. We'll also provide some breakfast for you, courtesy of your HSA. One morning, lots of singing and merriment, food, Santa and gifts, joyful children, what more could you ask for? **We'll begin around 10:00. The children must arrive at their regular scheduled times. I'll open the gym doors for seating at 9:45. It is also a 12:15 dismissal day, so that the staff can enjoy a Christmas luncheon together.**

We call it our Christmas Coffeehouse. The tables will be set up for you to sit at during the concert. Some children from the K/Pre K4 classes will present the Nativity pageant. You will be asked to join us in singing *Silent Night* at the end of the concert, so please start singing it at home! To the family who won front row seats at our Tricky Tray, your 5 reserved seats at a table will be up front.

After the concert:

The children will exit the stage and return to their classrooms **. ONE parent will be asked to go to the classroom, sign your child out and take them back to the gym for breakfast and to visit Santa. Each class will be called to go see Santa to receive their gift. Parents should accompany them to see Santa. Before you take them home to enjoy the rest of the day, please take a moment to walk the hallways to see the winter wonderland on display provided by the children.

**Tiny Tots will exit from the stage to go see Santa first. They will not go back to their classroom first. We will call the individual classes up to see Santa in the following order: 3's, 4's and K.

Gifts from Santa:

Each Holy Family School child will be presented with a gift from Santa. **These gifts MUST be brought to school NO LATER THAN 12/9. They MUST be labelled with: TO: first name & last name, FROM: Santa**

They should be brought in secret to the office so that the children don't know about them. Gifts should cost **no more than \$15.00** and for your sanity and ours, please limit the tiny little pieces. They get lost so quickly in all the joyful chaos of the

ONLY our school children will be receiving gifts from Santa. Do not bring gifts for their younger or older siblings for Santa to distribute. Gifts from Santa should be opened at the tables, not in front of Santa. We'd like to try to get a photo of the class with Santa and their gifts unopened before they go back to their tables. This will speed things along for Santa and the children waiting patiently for their turns.

On Thursday the 15th, please do not bring backpacks, folders or snacks. Enjoy your day and start practicing *Silent Night*!

Thank you all! Mary



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