

The Parish of the Holy Family

ALL ARE WELCOME

Growing in Faith Together

Nativity of the Lord-Christmas

December 25, 2022



Christmas 2022

Indeed our challenges in so many areas of life continue. People of good will long for unity where there is division, hope where there is despair and peace where there is discord.

How much we all need the joy of Christmas!

As we celebrate the birth of Our Savior, Jesus Christ, I wish you the peace and happiness of Christmas and I pray that the Child born in Bethlehem will bless you and your loved ones throughout the New Year and always!

You and all dear to you will be remembered in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass during the Christmas season.

*With sincere gratitude for your prayers, I remain
Devotedly yours in Christ,*

+ Salvatore R. Matano

*The Most Reverend Salvatore R. Matano
Bishop of Rochester*



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Mission Statement:

The Parish of the Holy Family is devoted to sharing the kingdom of God: making disciples through word, worship, fellowship, service, and love.

Weekday Mass Times:

Monday thru Friday 9:00AM

Vietnamese Mass Times:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
6:00PM

Weekend Mass Times:

Saturday 8:00AM Vietnamese
4:00PM
Sunday 9:00AM
11:30AM Vietnamese
5:00PM

Office Phone Number:

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Office Hours:

Monday–Friday 9AM-3PM
(or by appointment)

Website:

www.theparishoftheholymfamily.org

Confession– Saturday 9-10AM
or BY APPOINTMENT: 247-4322

If you are seeking the following
Sacraments, please call the office.

Baptism
Marriage
RCIA
Reconciliation

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MASS INTENTIONS



Sanctuary Lamp

In Loving Memory of:
Betty Sullivan
by Son Rodger



In Loving Memory of:
Rachel & Joseph Pastorella
by Grandson Rodger

In Loving Memory of:
Kathleen Girard
by Husband & Family

Saturday/Sunday, December 24/25

The Nativity of the Lord-Christmas

4:00PM +Our Parishioners
7:00PM-FM +Vietnamese Mass
9:30PM +Our Parishioners
12:00AM +Our parishioners
9:00AM +Our Parishioners
11:30AM-FM +Vietnamese Mass



PLEASE NOTE: There is no 5PM Mass on Sunday

Preacher: Fr. Steve- 4PM, 9:30PM, Midnight, 9AM

Preacher: Fr. Martin 7PM, 11:30AM

Monday, December 26- Office Closed

9:00AM +Arcangelo, Felicia, Gennaro Mancino
by Daughter
6:00PM-FM +Vietnamese Mass

Tuesday, December 27 -St. John the Apostle

9:00AM +Lucy Giaquinto by Micki & Lee
+Annette Faust by David Faust
6:00PM-FM +Vietnamese Mass



Wednesday, December 28

9:00AM + Birthday-Anthony Martini by Sister, Peggy Brown
+Kathleen Girard by Husband & Family

Thursday, December 29 -St. Thomas Becket

9:00AM +Birthday-Sam Cerra by Family
+Frank Antinetti by Sister Jackie
6:00PM-FM +Vietnamese Mass



Friday, December 30

9:00AM + Jack Smith by Wife Audrey & Family
+Cindy Dell by David Faust
6:00PM-FM +Vietnamese Mass

Saturday/Sunday, December 31/ January 1 -Mary Mother of God

8:00AM-FM +Vietnamese Mass
4:00PM +Bernie Heckle by Jean Black
+Deceased Members of Abiuso & Martino Families
by Gae Abiuso
+Maria Fargo by Daughter Diane & Family
9:00AM +Our Parishioners
11:30AM-FM +Vietnamese Mass
5:00PM +Our Parishioners

Preacher: Deacon Pat 4PM, 9AM, 5PM
Preacher: Fr. Martin 11:30AM



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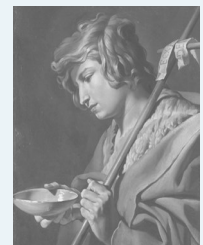
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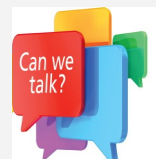
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CATHOLIC REVIEWS FOR FILMS

With movie viewing a popular holiday activity, it's wise to check ahead to see what the content in these films is, since they may be problematic according to our high Christian faith standards. Check the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) website for movie reviews (especially for current releases), film recommendations (especially family releases), morality ratings, and descriptions of problematic content (profanity, sex, violence, and other issues) to help you be more knowledgeable in your choices before going out to the movies. Just go to its website, which is www.usccb.org/movies, and find out what you're getting into before walking into a film that may be less than suitable for what you want.



PRAYER REQUEST

Our team would love to pray for you.

Everyone can use more prayer. Anyone, regardless of age, can request a prayer for any purpose - spiritual, physical, emotional health, loss of a loved one, or family problems. **To activate the Prayer Tree, call the parish office at 247-4322** with the person's first name and a brief description of their need. Soon, many people will be praying for your concern.



May the

THE BLESSINGS OF CHRISTMAS

Hope ★ Peace ★ Joy ★ Love

*be upon you, from your
Parish of the Holy Family Staff*

*Faith
is seeing light
with your heart
when all your eyes
see is darkness*



ROSARY AFTER MORNING MASS

When we pray the Rosary, we approach Christ through Mary – His Mother and our Mother because of her special connection with Him and with us. The rosary is just one of the beautiful devotions to Mary that we as Catholics practice. We will pray the Rosary **after our 9:00 Morning Mass**. Please join us. All are welcome!



SATURDAY BEFORE MASS

We will also be praying the Rosary to prepare our spirit and mind for **Mass on Saturdays before the 4PM Mass**. We start promptly at 3:15PM. We will meet in the Chapel. If the Chapel cannot accommodate us, due to overcrowding, we will move to a section of the Church. All are welcome to come and pray.

PRO-LIFE REFLECTION

She was greatly troubled by his words.

—Lk 1:29



Reflection.

Mary was afraid and uncertain in the face of her unexpected pregnancy. During Advent, believers spiritually rush to her side to await with her to give birth of the Savior.

The best way for us to celebrate Christmas is to rush physically to the side of those in the community who, like Mary, are uncertain and afraid about their pregnancy. Let us strengthen them to choose life.

Prayer.

Father, through prayers of Mary, give those who are pregnant strength, and enable me to reach out to them.

Christmas Flower Donations



Antonio & Teresa Principi, Florence DiLaura from Anita
William Nolan, Joseph P., Lucille, Joseph P. Jr., Patricia, Jenny, Tom, Larry, Kathleen
Maley,
Danny Walsh from Margaret Nolan
DiBitetto, Catalina, Whites & Arioli Families from Diane Costanza
Theresa Cosway, Rose Johnson
Cosmo A. Plantone & Rino Pappani
John Candileri from wife
Grandparents Falbo & Jermyn from Christina Falbo
Miller & Packard Families
Ralph & Louise Reichert and Ingebrigt & Elsa Landro from Karen & Gary Reichert
Theresa & Frank Allkofer, and Janet Price
Contrino & Brien Families by Ray & Linda Contrino
Joseph & Maria Bonfiglio and Patsy & Josephine Monachino
James Brunshidle
Virginia, Sam, Frank, Lina & Carm
Mascara Family
Schmitt & Nicols Families
Louis J. Galetto from Wife
George Behrens
Jim & Dorothy Papineau from Steve and Debby Boscoe
Mr. & Mrs. Louis Povio & Povio Family
Patricia, Leonard, Gary, Betty, Brian, Bill, Corey, Ray & Ed from Leonard Walleck
Neary Family
Max Family
Emily, Elmer & Peter Wagner from Natalie & Charles Raab
Our Parents from Jerry & Carol Martin
Salvatore & Michelena Alongi and Ernest Hitzfield from Hitzfield Family
Angelo & Joan Pantaleo
Bernie Heydens from Ginny Heydens
Ella Mae Lilly, Urban, and Thomas Andrews, John & Betty Hanscom from Jude and Emery Hanscom
DeFeo and Preziosi Families
Rosemary Bachmann and Janet Petroske from Elizabeth Carboni
Nasca & DiGiore Families
Raymond Montagne from Rose Montagne
Eleanor Rust from John Rust
Sylvester Gionta from Mrs. Gionta
Betty, Chuck & Jim Allison from Pam Allison
Antonio Cifarelli; Deceased Members of Tata & Cifarelli Families from Angie Cifarelli

Christmas Flower Donations



Jaeger & Rampello Families from Audrey Rampello

Kathleen Girard

Joseph & Clara Entress; Alvah & Marion Halloran; Dan Halloran from Kathleen Halloran

Vincent Ferrando

Michael & Eleanor Bracci from Son Michael

Salvatore Inglema from Wife Grace

Martino Family; Joseph Abiuso from Felicia Abiuso

Domenick & Donni Families from Jeanette Domenick

Jeremiah John Clifford from Jeremiah & Mary Lou Clifford

Elizabeth, Albert & Sam Liberatore from Tom & Marie Welsh

Ward, Weber & Worden Families from Betty Worden

Virginia Centi from Arturo Centi

Rebecca Crowley from Maria & Angelo Ciresi

Souls in Purgatory

William Entress from Barbara Entress

Aschettino, Lobene & Villa Families from Carol & Paul Lobene

Bader, Norman & Buckland Families

Teresa Brongo

Reali & Zellmer Families from Lou & Kay Reali

Luciano, Vincent, Jon, Enio, Giuliano, Erminia, Maria, Ramona

William Healy from Wife, Lorraine

Marshall Family from John & Zora Marshall

Carl & Bertha Altamura from Rich & Judie Vleck

Dominic, Celia & Robert Benincasa and Paul Sr. & Edith Campanaro from Paul & Marie Campanaro

Victor Pierleoni Sr., Diana Pierleoni, Josephine, and Alosio Ray Palmisano from Victor & Gail Pierleoni

Paul Johnson, Rev. J.S. Ryan, Ryan and Commercial Families from Jim & Marg Commercial

Edward & Sophie Lenhard from Edward & Christine Lenhard, Jr.

Clinton Lloyd, Ray & Irene Eisenhower and Terrance DeHond from DeHond Family

Joseph A., Charles, Jeanette and Patrick R. Cortese, and Vincent & Sadie Delly from Barbara Cortese

Son William Mickelson from Mr. & Mrs. William Mickelson

Friends, Brugger & Outhouse Families from Paul & Peggy Outhouse

John Collins, Rose Marie, Al & Al Trotta from Paula Collins

Lewis & Rosemary & Lewis F. Petote, Jr. from Rosemary Petote

Norman & Mary Werner Family

David Richardson from Jane Richardson

Gift of:

Dianne Chwojdak; Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Harris; Lois Cahoon; Lieu Tran; Ruth Blodgett; Frank Allkofer;

Dolores Brien

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. Amen.

Aiden Bertino, Army	James Calamita, Army
Anthony Calamita, Army	Daniel Davis, Army
Martin DeBock, Army	Antonio Garbanzo, Marines
Russell Montante Jr., Air Force	Aimee Muscato-Bateman, Army
Michael Rigoni, Navy	Michael Shott, Army
Ethan Stott, Army	Evan Stott, Navy
Jason Bosch, Navy	Andrew Zani, Army
Christopher Decker, Navy	Anthony Gionta, Army
Quinn Calder, Army	Ryan Principi, Air Force
Jason Mickelson, Navy	



If you have someone in the Military, please send their name to Paul Lobene at: Paul.Lobene@dor.org and they will be added to our list.



WEEKLY EVENTS

December 25, - January 1, 22-23

SUNDAY 25

1PM VCC Gathering-PLC

MONDAY 26- Office Closed

TUESDAY 27

7PM Bible Study-LIB

WEDNESDAY 28

THURSDAY 29

1PM Women's Faith Sharing-MH

7PM PM Blue Army-CH

FRIDAY 30

SATURDAY 31 -New Years Eve

SUNDAY 01 - New Years Day



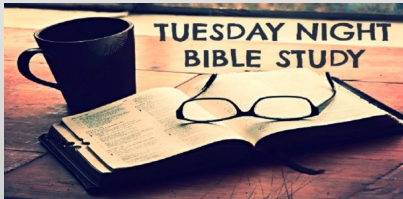
Food Cupboard

Thank you for all your Generosity !



Food Cupboard hours:

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday
from 10 a.m. to Noon
or by appointment



EVERY TUESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY will meet at 7PM in person in the Library . No previous Bible Study experience is required. Feel free to join us any evening and see if it meets your needs.



If you give some of your own food to [feed] those who are hungry and to satisfy [the needs of] those who are humble, then your light will rise in the dark, and your darkness will become as bright as the noonday sun.

~ Isaiah 58:10

Church-CH

Parish Life Center-PLC

Parish Life Center/Library-LIB

Office Building-Upper Level

Conference Room-ULCR

Office Building-Lower Level

Main Hall-MH

Office Building-Lower Level

North Room-LLNR

Office Building-Lower Level

South Room-LLSR

Youth Page



NEWS YOU CAN USE



Our Junior and Senior High met on December 11th and discussed Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem and Jesus being born in a stable.

Some thoughts were:

- That was the perfect way for Jesus to be born because Jesus was very humble.
- A king doesn't always need a palace.
- It showed Mary and Joseph's faith.

The students also created their own manglers.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and many Blessings in the New Year.

Rose Dunning

Director of Faith Formation and Youth Ministry



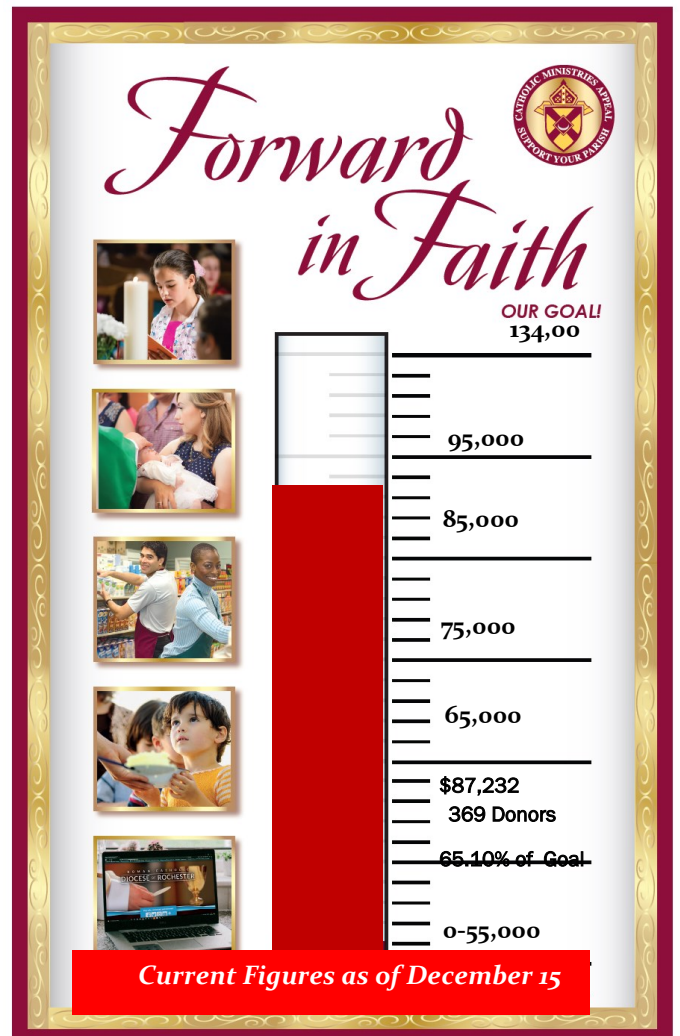
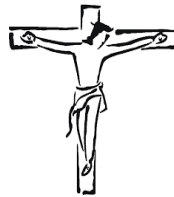
Attendance/Financial

Budget: \$12,000
Collection for December 10/11, 2022
Total: \$15,570
Variance: \$3,570
YTD Actual: \$941,008
YTD Budget: \$912,000
YTD Variance : \$29,008
Attendance: 921



*Welcomed into our community
through the waters of Baptism*

Jax Joseph Watkins, son of Amanda & Devin Watkins
Godmother: Heidi Temelkovski
Christian Witness: Patrick Brann



Mừng Chúa Giáng Sinh

Ngôi lời đã làm người và ở cùng chúng ta

(Ga 1, 10-18)

Lời Ngỏ Của Tình Yêu

Thánh Gioan Tông Đồ định nghĩa: “Thiên Chúa là tình yêu”. Thiên Chúa đã bày tỏ tình yêu của Ngài bằng nhiều cách dưới nhiều hình thức khác nhau. Nhưng Thiên Chúa với hình ảnh ta khó thấy được và nhiều khi không nhận ra những công trình tình yêu của Ngài.



Yêu nhiều rồi cũng có lúc phải nói ra. Thiên Chúa quá yêu thương con người nên sau cùng đã gửi Con Một của Ngài xuống trần để tỏ cho ta biết tình yêu Thiên Chúa. Con Một Thiên Chúa chính là Lời của Chúa ngỏ với nhân loại. Vì thế ta hãy vào hang đá Bêlem để lắng nghe được Lời Chúa nói với ta. Chúa Giêsu bé thơ không nói bằng âm thanh vật lý, nhưng Ngài nói bằng âm thanh của trái tim. Lời của Ngài là lời của tình yêu. Qua bản thân Ngài, qua ánh mắt Ngài, qua khung cảnh hang đá, ta sẽ nghe được tiếng thì thầm của Thiên Chúa. Tiếng thì thầm đó là tiếng nói của tình yêu dưới nhiều sắc màu khác nhau. Đó là tiếng nói của tình yêu dâng hiến. Bêlem theo tiếng Do Thái có nghĩa là nhà bánh. Chúa Giêsu tự nguyện trở thành tấm bánh nuôi dưỡng chúng ta. Ngài nằm trong máng cỏ như một lương thực mời gọi đoàn chiên đến để được bổ dưỡng. Lương thực đó không phải là lương thực vật chất nuôi xác, nhưng là lương thực thiêng liêng nuôi dưỡng tâm hồn. Ngày nay, tuy nạn đói cơm bánh đã bớt phần gay gắt, nhưng lại xuất hiện những cơn đói mới: đói văn hóa, đói sự an ủi chia sẻ, và nhất là đói khát đời sống thiêng liêng. Chúa Giêsu chính là tấm bánh bẻ ra cho thế giới mới, đáp ứng những cơn đói mới của thế giới. Đó là tiếng nói của tình yêu khiêm nhường. Tình yêu chân thực là tình yêu khiêm nhường. Tình yêu hạ mình vì người yêu. Chúa Giêsu đã hạ mình thăm sâu. Từ trời xuống đất. Từ địa vị Thiên Chúa xuống địa vị làm người. Khiêm nhường nên nhường hết không gian cho con người. Những không gian rộng lớn, cao sang thuộc về con người. Chúa chỉ thu mình trong một góc nhỏ nghèo hèn của chuồng bò. Nhường không gian cho con người ăn nói. Còn Chúa chịu im lặng, thu nhỏ trong câm nín. Đó là tiếng nói của tình yêu đi tìm. Tình yêu của Thiên Chúa luôn đi những bước trước. Yêu con người khi con người chưa biết yêu Chúa. Tha thứ cho con người trước khi con người xin lỗi. Đi tìm con người trước khi con người quay về. Cuộc đi tìm thật vất vả. Chúa phải bỏ trời cao, phải mặc thân phận yếu hèn, phải chịu khổ sở, phải chịu nhục nhã, phải chịu chết mới tìm được con người. Đó là tiếng nói của tình yêu hy sinh. Vì yêu nên Chúa chấp nhận hết những thiệt thòi về phần mình. Chịu đói nghèo, chịu bị xua đuổi, chịu khổ nhục. Trẻ thơ Giêsu rét mướt nằm trong máng cỏ nói với ta điều gì nếu không phải là tình yêu, yêu đến độ chấp nhận tất cả. Đó là tiếng nói của tình yêu kết hợp. Cứ dấu này các người nhận biết Ngài, đó là một em bé sơ sinh nằm trong máng cỏ. Vàng, kỳ diệu thay tình yêu Thiên Chúa. Vì yêu nên đã kết hợp trọn vẹn với con người. Trở nên một với con người. Chấp nhận hết những gì của con người. Chấp nhận đói khát, khổ sở, nghèo nàn. Chấp nhận cả những bấp bênh, bất trắc của kiếp người. Lời Thiên Chúa đang ngỏ với ta qua Hài Nhi nằm trong máng cỏ. Hãy đến bên hang đá để nghe được tiếng nói của Thiên Chúa. Hãy mở rộng trái tim để đón nhận được tình yêu của Thiên Chúa. Trong bóng tối hận thù, ích kỷ, ghen ghét của thế giới, tình yêu Chúa là ánh sáng xé tan đêm tối. Hãy để ánh sáng tình yêu Chúa soi chiếu tâm hồn ta. Hãy đón nhận ánh sáng tình yêu của Chúa, để đến lượt chúng ta, chúng ta đem ánh sáng tình yêu của Chúa chiếu soi vào môi trường chung quanh ta. Để cho thế giới bớt tối tăm. Bấy giờ Lời của Chúa, Lời tình yêu sẽ vang dội khắp thế giới.

ĐTGM Ngô Quang Kiệt

Trích “<https://www.tonggiaophanhanoi.org/le-giang-sinh-15-bai-suy-niem/#s4>”

January 1, 2023- The Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God
1st Reading: Numbers 6:22-27 /2nd Reading: Galatians 4:4-7 Gospel: Luke 2:16-21

When Elizabeth, filled by the Holy Spirit, declared, "Why is this granted me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?" (Luke 1:43), she introduced an important truth about Jesus, an important truth about Mary, and the basis of a historic controversy. The truth about the baby in Mary's womb was that he was in fact Lord God. The truth about Mary was that she was indeed giving birth to God in the flesh, Emmanuel. The controversy was legitimately intertwined within these beliefs and expressed itself in the question of whether Mary should be called *Theotokos*; Mother of God.



Some would choose to ascribe to Jesus that he was not both fully human and fully divine. In the midst of this and similar theological controversies, we can be thankful for Jesus' promise that "I have yet many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come." (John 16:12-13) In the midst and through these and similar controversies the Holy Spirit has faithfully guided the Church to sort out truth from error and to declare that which is consistent with sacred Scripture and the revelation of the Father. Consequently, the Church believes that "In fact, the One whom she conceived as man by the Holy Spirit, who truly became her Son according to the flesh, was none other than the Father's eternal Son, the second person of the Holy Trinity. Hence the Church confesses that Mary is truly 'Mother of God' (*Theotokos*)."¹ The two beliefs are intricately linked; if Jesus is Emmanuel, God among us, then Mary did indeed give birth to the one who is God.

We know from history that this term for Mary was present in the early Church as early as 319 when Athanasius of Alexandria used it in one of his writings. In addition, there is evidence that a special day of commemoration was being observed before this time. However, it was in Ephesus at the Council of 431 that the Church formally declared, "...that Emmanuel is God in truth, and therefore that the holy virgin is the mother of God [*Theotokos*] (for she bore in a fleshly way the Word of God become flesh)."² There are some Christians who, not being of the Catholic tradition, have very emotional reactions to this title, Mother of God. However, it is encouraging that when you logically inquire of their belief in Jesus' divinity and of Mary's maternity of Jesus, they are completely orthodox in their thinking, just reacting emotionally rather than logically to the title. We, on the other hand, should delight in joining with the early Church to commemorate this truth with the title Mother of God, for when we do so, we are attesting to the very divinity of her Son Jesus the Christ.

A priest friend of mine, a poet, likes to refer to the relationship between Jesus and Mary as analogous to that of the sun and moon. He contends that in Mary we see the reflected light of the Son in the same way in which the moon's light is that of the sun's. This seems to me to be a helpful analogy, for all that we know about Mary, her words, her life, her titles, her purposes point us to the eternal Son of God whom she bore. "Mary, Mother of God, we salute you. Precious vessel, worthy of the world's reverence, you are an ever-shining light, the crown of virginity, the symbol of orthodoxy, an indestructible temple, the place that held him whom no place can contain, mother and virgin. Because of you, the holy gospels could say: *Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.*"³

¹ From *The Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 495.

² From *Mary through the Centuries* by Jaroslav Pelikan

³ From a homily delivered at the Council of Ephesus by Saint Cyril of Alexandria. LOH, page 1272.

REGISTRATION REQUEST FORM

It is always a great joy to welcome new members to our Community.

Are you interested in becoming a member of the Parish of the Holy Family Community or would you like further information on our parish? Please cut out this coupon and put it in the collection basket.

We will then have a member of our Welcoming Committee contact you to complete the Registration Form and/or share information with you.

Name _____ Address: _____

Phone _____