THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, JUNE 30
8:00 am - Mass
10:30 am - Mass

TUESDAY, JULY 2
5:00 pm - Mass
6:00 pm - KC Meeting - KC Hall

WEDNESDAY, JULY 3
5:00 pm - Mass

THURSDAY, JULY 4
No Mass
Adoration Closed
School Office Closed
Church Office Closed

FRIDAY, JULY 5
No Mass
Adoration Closed
School Office Closed
Church Office Closed

SATURDAY, JULY 6
3:00 – 3:30 pm - Confession Daily Chapel
4:00 pm - Mass

SUNDAY, JULY 7
8:00 am - Mass
10:30 am - Mass

JUNE 30, 2019

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

No one who sets a hand to the plow and looks to what was left behind is fit for the kingdom of God.

Luke 9:62

Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD.

Psalm 33:12
RADICAL TRANSFORMATION

On this Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, the readings describe anything but an ordinary time. They are disturbing and they leave us disturbed. The Old Testament reading recounts a young man’s radical break with the past to follow a new path. The Gospel describes how life as we know it is abruptly changed if we follow the call of Christ. The psalm and Paul assure us that such life-altering change is possible only because of the power of God’s love. We are presented with a stark choice. To love as God loves, we must leave our old lives behind. We must leave behind not just the bad, the selfish, and the evil but the ordinary, our daily work, and the important, our families, our lives. Loving as God loves requires a radical transformation, not a smooth transition.

Attention All Parishioners

If an adult “child” is still living at home over the age of 22, they should be registered independently from their parents. They should take on the responsibility of their own active faith life. As adult Catholics they should be involved in the ministry of “Stewardship: A Way of Life”, by practicing sharing their time, talent or treasure with Holy Family Parish. Each adult child, 23 years of age or older, is no longer listed as a registered parishioner under their parents information. They are now classified as “inactive” status and are no longer “registered” parishioners of Holy Family Parish. If you have an adult child still living at home who is mentally or physically disabled and needs to remain as a dependent, we do understand. Please notify the church office at 383-1838. Any young adult living in this parish should contact the church office to officially register as a parishioner of Holy Family Church.

Become a Registered Parishioner

If you are living in our parish and are not a registered parishioner, you are invited to contact the Church Office to register. Once registered, you will receive the bulletin and monthly contribution envelopes as well as any other correspondence sent out from our Church Office.

A Vocation View

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time – June 30, 2019

Jesus still speaks the invitation “Come, follow Me!” Pray for the strength and the grace of discernment if you feel He is calling you to be an ordained or consecrated person. Call or email Father Andrew Merrick at 225.336.8778, framerrick@gmail.com, or visit www.diobr.org/vocations.

Pray for vocation!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 18:16-33; Ps 103:1b-4, 8-11; Mt 8:18-22
Tuesday: Gn 19:15-29; Ps 26:2-3, 9-12; Mt 8:23-27
Wednesday: Eph 2:19-22; Ps 117:1bc-2; Jn 20:24-29
Thursday: Gn 22:1b-19; Ps 115:1-6, 8-9; Mt 9:1-8; or, for Independence Day, any readings from the Mass “For the Country or a City,” nos. 882-886, or “For Peace and Justice,” nos. 887-891
Friday: Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67; Ps 106:1b-5; Mt 9:9-13
Saturday: Gn 27:1-5, 15-29; Ps 135:1b-6; Mt 9:14-17

Want a quick and easy way to access the readings? Check out our website at holyfamilychurchpa.org for a link to the daily readings online.

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCE

COLLECTION COUNTERS - Monday, July 1, 2019
Sue Blanchard, Mary Grace Gentile, Tommy Landry

COLLECTION REPORT for - June 16, 2019

General Collection – Identified Givers - $ 5,443.75
Unidentified Givers - $ 420.00
Total General Collection - $ 5,863.75
Total Jubilee: The Next Step Collection - $ 953.25

VIRTUE

It is certainly true that a popular government cannot flourish without virtue in the people.
—Richard Henry Lee

AMERICAN FLAG

This flag, which we honor and under which we serve, is the emblem of our unity, our power, our thought and purpose as a nation. It has no other character than that which we give it from generation to generation.
—Woodrow Wilson

“"No one who sets a hand to the plow and looks to what was left behind is fit for the kingdom of God.” - Luke 9:62
Meeting for Enrollment in Religious Education/Sacramental Prep Programs

Once again this summer there will be Religious Education Registration Meetings for the following Religious Education programs:

Parish School of Religion K - 8th grade (students in public and non-Catholic schools)
First Reconciliation and First Eucharist Preparation (students, 2nd grade or higher, in public, non-Catholic, and Catholic schools)
Confirmation Preparation 9th grade (Students in public or non-Catholic high schools)
Confirmation Preparation 10th & 11th grade (Students in public, non-Catholic and Catholic high schools)

Parents must attend a mandatory upcoming registration meeting. The second and final meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 25th at 6:30 p.m. in Marian Hall. The registration fee will be $30 (no cash please) except for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist which will cost $40 and is due at the summer registration meeting. Registration after the July meeting will double from $30 to $60.

Parents registering students for either of the Sacramental Programs will need a copy of the baptismal certificate if church of baptism was not Holy Family. Registration for 11th grade Confirmation will also require the Confirmation Saint name chosen and the name and address of the Confirmation Sponsor.

If you have any questions or if you are unclear about any of this, contact Jennifer LeJeune at jlejeunehfc@gmail.com or 336-4463.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Processions are life’s journey distilled. We move with companions, aware that Christ accompanies us, as we move to the altar for Communion or to the font for baptism, or carry a loved one to a place of rest. In Europe, the season of pilgrimage is beginning now, and tens of thousands of people are moving by foot on well-worn paths. Some take as long as six weeks to walk the last few hundred miles of the medieval pilgrimage route to the Shrine of St. James the Apostle in Compostella, in northern Spain. Those who make the journey by foot, hiking, or by bicycle, have a kind of passport stamped at villages and monasteries on the road. When they present this document at the cathedral, they are given the emblem of a pilgrim, the scallop shell of St. James. High over their heads at Mass, a huge botafumero twirls clouds of sweet incense through the cathedral. Cynics say it is to mask the odor of smelly feet. The pilgrims know better. Seeing through the clouds the happy faces of those they met along the road, they recognize a foretaste of the welcome into heaven, and the joy of meeting loved ones in the Kingdom of God.

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Parish Advisory Board

The election has taken place and the votes have all been counted. Congratulations to our new Parish Advisory Board members Amber Vlahos & Dustin Denicola. Thank you to Matthew Chustz, Matthew Daigrepont and Scott Doescher who were very worthy opponents.

A great big thank you goes out to David LeBlanc, C.A. Altazan, & Doris Spooner who have finished their term on the board. Their dedication and commitment to our parish is greatly appreciated.

SENIOR AFTERNOON SOCIAL

Ladies and gentlemen, Senior Summer Afternoon Tea is an afternoon delight for you! Coffee will also be available. It will be held on Sunday, July 21st at 3:00 pm in Marian Hall. So that we may be able to adequately prepare for the event, we ask that everyone planning to attend RSVP by calling Kim Coye, 933-1395, or Debbie Barbier, 324-4372, by Monday, July 15th. Ladies, plan on wearing your best tea party hat! All are invited to sip and socialize at this feast of fellowship and fun!
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