

Holy Family Parish

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Celebrating 101 Years



2nd Sunday Ordinary Time
January 16, 2022

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THIS WEEK

Sunday, January 16, 2022

Ordinary 2

Deacon Service

9:00 A.M.

+**Helen Popovic** Int. Frances Palko; +**Marianne Keith** Int

Rosso Family

SOCL Classes

10:15 A.M.

Deacon Service

11:00 A.M.

+**Warren Albeck** (4th Ann) Int Henrietta Albeck

PNU District 5 Teleconference Meeting

7:00 P.M

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Thursday, January 20, 2022

Monthly Parish Council Meeting

7:00 P.M.

Sunday, January 23, 2022

Ordinary 3

Holy Mass

9:00 A.M.

+**Thomas Muse** Int. Helen Mulac; +**Edmund Adamek** Int

Allen, Wanda & Kristen Korenoski

SOCL Classes

10:15 A.M.

Holy Mass

11:00 A.M.

+**Warren Albeck**

We welcome Deacon David Nichols to our parish this morning substituting for Father Bruce while he is away.

Give a warm Holy Family welcome to him.

Epiphany Visitations

Those who would like their homes blessed during the Epiphany season are to call Fr. Bruce @ 412.276.5562 to make arrangements.

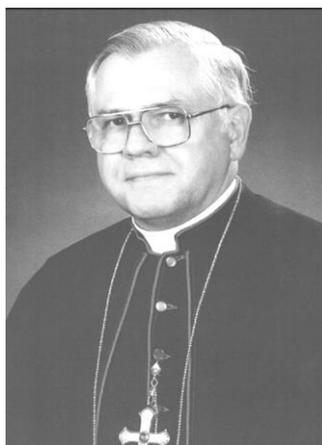
2022 Requiem Mass Requests

If you would like to reserve a special date for requiem prayer during the 2022 year, please contact Fr. Bruce by email or calling 412.276.5562

Music Scholarship Sunday
Sunday, January 30, 2020

Help support future musicians in the Church by giving generously to the Music Scholarship Fund. Give thanks to those that are currently using their talents serving the music ministry in our parishes. For more information on the scholarship program visit www.nucmusicscholarship.weebly.com Contact the scholarship administrator at nucscholarship@gmail.com for applications or if you have any questions. Deadline for applying is May 1, 2022

Condolences



The Most Rev.

John F. Swantek

Holy Family Parish extends it's love and sympathies to Arlene Swantek and family upon the recent death of Prime Bishop Emeritus John F. Swantek. Elected at the 15th General Synod in Chicago, he was consecrated Bishop on November 30, 1978 and installed 5th Bishop of the Buffalo-Pittsburgh Diocese on February 22, 1979. At the 17th General Synod held in Manchester, N.H. October 1986, Bishop Swantek was elected the 5th Prime Bishop of the Polish National Catholic Church and retired in 2002 after serving two 8-year terms. The funeral was held yesterday, January 15, 2022 in St. Stanislaus Cathedral, Scranton, PA. Eternal rest grant to him Lord and let the perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace.

Jesus' First Miracle: The Wedding Feast at Cana

Jesus and his friends attend a wedding in the town of Cana. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine". At his mother's request Jesus turns water into wine, thus sparing the host the humiliation of running out of wine. This is Jesus' first miracle—a miracle that went unnoticed except for Jesus' friends, his mother and the servers.

Even Jesus needed a gentle push from his mother to embark on his mission. When she mentions the problem of the wine, Jesus tells her it isn't his time yet. Mary, ignoring his protest, instructs the servers to do whatever he tells them. She knows her son. After all, she raised him, and she taught him the virtue of compassion. I don't often think of Jesus as a child, but when I do I have to remind myself that he was a regular little boy. We know he never sinned, but if he was human, he must have made mistakes. Like all good parents, Jesus' mother and father had to teach him to face his problems, deal with them and, if possible, fix them. It's obvious from this story of the wedding at Cana that they also taught him to be aware of other people's problems too. Compassion, caring about others, is an essential quality for Christians. Help your children notice the little things: to see when their sibling or friend needs help. Open their eyes to the details of life. Help them develop empathy for those who are hurting, including the unspoken hurts of frustration, embarrassment, humiliation or defeat. Teach them to ask themselves: How would I feel? What can I do? Answer those questions with them when they are young. Jesus' first miracle happened at a party because his mother pointed out that someone was in need. There was no big fanfare, no huge audience. Jesus responded, as he knew he should, as his parents had taught him. And his public ministry was launched.

Things to Do

Have each family member name a talent that each other family member has. The same talent cannot be named more than once.

Compassion is feeling the pain of another. Acting compassionately is doing something in a positive way about it. How compassionate are you? Think of something that happened this week where you showed (or could have shown) your compassion.

READINGS THOUGHTS

The Gospel of this second Sunday of Ordinary Time

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continues the theme of the end of Christmas - revelation. Jesus is revealed to the world by his birth, by his baptism, and by his miracles - the "signs" as John calls them. The wedding in today's Gospel is interpreted in many ways: today, reading the Gospel with the First Reading in mind, we can see it as an image of the way in which God is so close to his people, it is as though he is married to them. Thus Jesus, the spouse of the people, shows God's closeness by revealing his glory in this miracle.

From our First Reading there is a promise of glorious days to come: Israel is in hard times at the moment, so this glowing promise was to lift their hearts and make them look to God as their help. It begins with a firm and determined declaration: "About Zion I will not be silent". The tone of the reading is exultant. It is a great hymn of comfort and encouragement. Allow this to come out in your reading. Use the words: think about putting color into words like "glory", "crown", "splendor", "princely". Think of the image of God being presented, and make sure you use words like "rejoice" to their full effect.

Saint Paul is explaining how the community of the Church should function - this is in the context of disputes and arguments in Corinth. He is explaining that the Holy Spirit "orders" the Church by giving different gifts to different people - so that everyone can play their part in the life of the community. It might be a useful aid to think about the congregation sitting in front of you during this reading: they are the members of the community of your parish, to whom the Spirit gives these gifts. Paul is reasoning carefully, so take it slowly, and make sure you understand his argument, so that your listeners may do the same. Be careful not to rush through the list of gifts and ministries.

