



# Holy Family Parish

*A Parish in the Diocese of Greensburg*

**225 North Second Street**

**West Newton, PA 15089**



A Pennsylvania  
Charitable Trust

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## Parish Office Hours

**Monday - Thursday 8 - 4**

**Friday - 8 AM - 12 NOON**

**Parish email :** [hfamilywn@comcast.net](mailto:hfamilywn@comcast.net)

**Parish Website:** [holyfamiwestnewton.org](http://holyfamiwestnewton.org)

## Phone Numbers

**Holy Family - 724 - 872 - 6123**

**St Anne Church - 724 - 872 - 3555**

**Faith Formation - 724 - 872 - 3486 (office at St Anne)**

**For a Catholic to be a sponsor** for the Sacraments of Baptism or Confirmation, one must be a practicing Catholic regularly attending Sunday Mass and receiving the Sacraments, a registered member of the Parish receiving contribution envelopes to support the Parish for a minimum of four months.

**Young adults of parishioners who have earlier been under their parent's registration and who are now on their own and remain in the Parish must register as an adult parishioner and receive envelopes.** All requests for a certificate should be made four weeks in advance of the designated date needed for sponsorship.

*September 17, 2023—24th Sunday  
in Ordinary Time*



## Eucharistic Liturgies

### Holy Family

Tuesday - 8:00 AM Wednesday - 8:00 AM

Saturday - 4:00 PM Sunday - 11:00 AM

### **Holy Days & Civil Holidays:**

Consult the Mass Schedule in the bulletin

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saturday @ 3:00 PM or

Call Fr. Roselo for an appointment

### St Anne

Monday - 8:00 AM Friday - 8:00 AM

First Friday - 8:00 AM (preceded by  
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 7:00 - 8:00

Saturday - 4:30 PM

Sunday - 8 AM & 11 AM

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**Matters of Sexual Abuse** - If you have any suspicion about the sexual abuse (or any other type of abuse) of a minor child by anyone - please contact PA Child-Line immediately at 1 800 932 0313. If the alleged abuser is functioning in a parish, school or diocesan position as clergy, religious, paid staff or volunteer you are also requested to contact the Bishop's Delegate for Matters of Sexual Misconduct after you have called the ChildLine number and make the report. The Bishop's Delegate may be reached at 724 837 0901, ext 1221.

**Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick & Holy Communion** - are available upon request to those who are sick, elderly or homebound. Families are requested to call the Parish Office to arrange a visit.



### Readings for the week of September 17, 2023

Sunday: Sir 27:30—28:7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 (8)/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35

Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 28:2, 7, 8-9/Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13/Ps 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6/Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 7:31-35

Thursday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Mt 9:9-13

Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20/Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 8:4-15

Next Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 (18a)/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a

### Observances for the week of September 17, 2023

Sunday: 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday

Tuesday: St. Januarius, Bishop and Martyr

Wednesday: Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest, and Paul Chŏng Ha-sang and Companions, Martyrs

Thursday: St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

Saturday: St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

Next Sunday: 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time; Priesthood Sunday

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### Financial Report for September 11, 2023

Offertory:	\$1,911.00
Loose:	\$67.00
Candle:	\$70.00
Assumption	\$10.00
Monthly:	\$225.00
<b>Parish Income:</b>	<b>\$2,283.00</b>
Catholic University:	\$20.00
Seminarians	\$20.00
Mission Co-op	\$50.00
Accent:	\$10.00
<b>Total Income:</b>	<b>\$2,383.00</b>

### Saints & Celebrations

#### for this Week

#### September 21 - St Matthew -

He was born in Capernaum, and was working as a tax-collector when Jesus called him. He is thought by some scholars to have written an early version of his gospel in Aramaic, a precursor to the Greek version we now have. He is also said to have preached in the East. According to Christian traditions, he was also one of the four Evangelists as author of the Gospel of Matthew, and thus is also known as **Matthew the Evangelist**, a claim rejected by most biblical scholars, though the "traditional authorship still has its defenders." The New Testament records that as a disciple, he followed Jesus. Later Church fathers such as Irenaeus and Clement of Alexandria claim that Matthew preached the Gospel to the Jewish community in Judea, before going to other countries.

#### September 23 - First day of Autumn

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Saturday, September 16

4:00pm - Gene Saccani  
By Anna Jean Saccani

#### Sunday, September 17

11:00 AM - Alfred Floriani  
By Dolores

#### Monday - September 18

8:00 am Mass at St Anne, Rostraver

#### Tuesday, September 19

8:00am - Neal Genemore  
By Lou & Deb Korpar

#### Wednesday, September 20

8:00am - Freda Romonosky  
By Family

#### Thursday, September 21

8:00am - No Mass

#### Friday, September 22

8:00am - Mass at St Anne, Rostraver

#### Saturday, September 23

4:00pm - John & Mary Simon  
By Family

#### Sunday, September 24

11:00 AM - Kathleen Sette  
By Ron & Susan Firment



## 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

( Ecclesiasticus 27: 30 – 28:7; Romans 14: 7 – 9; Matthew 18: 21 – 35 )

When Peter asked Jesus how often he must forgive the person who wrongs him, he probably thought he was being generous in suggesting seven times as the possible answer. Perhaps Peter even expected praise; at last Jesus would recognize that Peter was on the right track. He had finally grasped that God's ways are more abundant than human ways, that God wants us to that little bit further, forgiving more than just once or twice. Jesus' answer to Peter wasn't what Peter expected. If we could go back and see Peter's facial expression as he heard Jesus' response, it would probably have been a combination of shock and horror. Not forgiveness seven times, but seventy times seven times – in other words, as often as required; or put another way, we are to always forgive and without ceasing.

To explore the significance of forgiveness more fully, Jesus adds the story we know as the parable of the unforgiving servant. A master who mercifully cancels a great debt to his servant, later learns that the same servant has been cruelly unforgiving in canceling a much smaller debt owed to him. The master's anger is so great that he recalls his servant, withdraws his generosity, and imprisons him until the debt is paid in full. In telling the parable, Jesus didn't just want to illustrate his answer to Peter's question. He wanted to explain not merely *how often* we must forgive, but also *why* we should forgive the other person when they wrong us.

If we can be forgiven much, and we certainly can through God's love and compassion, then, in gratitude and imitation of God's way, we too should forgive much in return. Ecclesiasticus puts it another way: "If someone nurses anger against another, can they demand compassion from the Lord?" St Paul helps deepen this understanding: because we belong to the Lord and live under Christ's reign, His forgiveness and reconciliation will have an impact in our lives, and, through us, on the lives of other people. And, finally, if we look at the words of Jesus when His disciples asked Him to teach them how to pray, part of that prayer states: "forgive us as we forgive each other." These words should sober us to the point of asking ourselves how well we do forgive another's wrongs towards us. Because, as those words state – if we do not forgive others, should we then ask – does God withhold forgiveness from us when we seek forgiveness for ourselves?

Hate is one of the capital sins. Hate is one of the reasons we do not forgive. Hate is a strong word, but to a greater or lesser degree we all know that feeling in our hearts. Sometimes the hating must stop and the forgiveness begin. We face conflict all around us – with family, friends, and even strangers. We carry our prejudices and judgments, we cling to the hurts and offenses caused by others. (Sometimes we carry the hurts so long, we no longer remember why we feel hurt / why we're still mad at the other person. If that's the case, the it is time to let go and allow God to move into our lives to help us in the forgiving). Whatever its form, however trivial, however serious, there is a time for hating to stop in every life, in all our relationships, and throughout. This may not always be easy. In fact it most probably will not be easy. It might not even be able to happen quickly, but we need to recapture the fact that we live for the Lord, not merely for ourselves. Hating will only stop when forgiveness begins.

### Minister Schedule

**4:00 PM - Saturday - September 16**

Lector - Hughes

Eucharistic Minister - Quinn

**11:00 AM - Sunday - September 17**

Lector - Keegan

Eucharistic Minister - Schehr

**4:00 PM - Saturday - September 23**

Lector - Landini

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**11:00 AM - Sunday - September 24**

Lector - Null

Eucharistic Minister - Keegan

Let Us Pray

for the

Conversion

of the World

& for Peace!





### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

9/17            Catechetical Sunday  
9/24            Faith Formation    First Day

### **CRS Spotlight for Sunday, 9/17/23**

To an outsider, an orphanage is a last resort. But that's not always true. 80% to 90% of kids living in orphanages have a living parent who would like to take care of them but often can't because they're too poor. At the age of 5, Stephen Ucembe lost his mother to violence. He also lost his sense of a home when he was sent to stay in an orphanage in Kenya. Stephen and two of his siblings lived in the orphanage despite the fact their father was still alive in another part of the country. Stephen's father visited him once in the institution. The next time he heard about him, his father was dead.

Stephen founded the Kenya Society of Care Leavers in 2009. He says people in their late teens and early 20s leaving institutional care did not have a strong voice or platform to express themselves. He works at Hope and Homes for Children, which specializes in placing children with families and ending institutionalization. Visit [www.crs.org](http://www.crs.org) to see what you can do to help!

Fr Bump would like to thank everyone for the many cards and prayers after his recent surgery.

### **WELCOME - to Fr Roselo Melloria**

At the conclusion of the Mass when the priest says

"The Mass is ended. Let us go in Peace", our response is usually "Thanks Be to God." BUT—for the first weekend that Fr Roselo is with us we will respond in his native tongue by saying "Salamat sa diyos" (or phonetically—"Sa La mat sad-jos."). Save this and practice it at home several times. And be prepared to say it at Fr Roselo's first Mass with us.

### **GIRLS GRADES 6 - 8**

*Girls Group*  
*Self Care*  
*September*  
**Saturday September**  
**23rd**  
4 PM - 8 PM

**Mass @ 4pm    FUN    Skincare**

*Invite a Friend*

**Held @ Holy Family**

Bishop Kulick will be installing Fr Roselo as our Pastor here at Holy Family on Thursday, October 12. More details to follow -

The Diocese of Greensburg is making all of the Church's sign up for Online Giving thru our Envelope Company. More information to follow.



# CATECHETICAL *Sunday*

September 17, 2023

While Catechetical Sunday is a day to recognize and celebrate the faithful who have received a particular calling from God to the service of parish catechetical ministry, it is also an opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel.

*With your fatherly blessing, Lord,  
strengthen these servants of yours  
in their resolve to dedicate themselves as catechists.  
Grant that they will strive to share with others  
what they themselves derive from pondering your Word  
and studying the Church's teaching.  
And let them gladly join those they teach  
in honoring and serving your name.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.*



## Mark Your Calendar

September

24

### First Day of Faith Formation

Grades 1-3 9:30 - 10:45 AM @ St. Anne

Grades 4-8 6:00 - 7:30 PM @ Holy Family

**To register contact Rachel Lewis**

**[rlewis@dioceseofgreensburg.org](mailto:rlewis@dioceseofgreensburg.org)**

**724-797-2216**

## The Last Supper and the Gift of the Eucharist



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We will have this event here at St. Bartholomew's in Crabtree PA (2538 State Route 119, Crabtree, PA 15624) on Saturday September 23rd at 6:30 PM and on Sunday, September 24th at Noon in

Marian Hall.

Feel free to bring a covered dish to our Saturday evening event. We will have a covered dish dinner at 6:00 PM.

We hope to see you there!

### **Bereavement support group meets at St. John the Baptist Parish, Perryopolis**

St. John the Baptist Parish, Perryopolis, offers a bereavement support group that meets the last Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Lodge Room. Those who have experienced loss of any kind are invited to join. For information, call 724-366-0917.