

Masses for the Week

SATURDAY, December 4, 2010 St. John of Damascus
 4:00PM (SH) John Miller—(Anniv.) - The Kines Family
 5:45PM (HF) Margaret Golowski—Husband, Chester

SUNDAY, December 5, 2010 Second Sunday of Advent
 8:45AM (HF) Martha Rugg—Holy Family Adorers
 Newly Elected Representatives—Jimmy & DeLores Faulkner
 10:30AM (SH) Allie Silsby—The Macrina Family
 Rosemary Cook Petzoldt—(Anniv.) - Daughters, Rosemarie & Lorraine

MONDAY, December 6, 2010 St. Nicholas
 9:00AM (HF) Victoria Banas—(48th Anniv.) - Joseph & Patricia Kowaleski

TUESDAY, December 7, 2010 St. Ambrose
 8:00AM (SH) Charles Wright—His Children

WEDNESDAY, December 8, 2010—Holy Day of Obligation
Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 8:00AM (SH) Dick & Dorothy Pawlicki—David & Suzanne LaLonde
 Deacon Jerry Pittman—The Sansoucy Family
 7:00PM (HF) All Souls Intentions—Parishioners

THURSDAY, December 9, 2010 St. Juan Diego
 NO MASS

FRIDAY, December 10, 2010
 9:00AM (HF) Donald Theis—Joy Twiss

SATURDAY, December 11, 2010 St. Damasus I
 4:00PM (SH) Florence Ricotta—Joe & Angela
 Marion Woglum—(15th Anniv.)-The Barron Family
 5:45PM (HF) Mary Lou Stevens—Mary Shooshan

SUNDAY, December 12, 2010 Third Sunday of Advent
 8:45AM (HF) Dick Mumford—(Birth.) - Joanne & Family
 For the Cold & Hungry—Jim & DeLores Faulkner
 10:30AM (SH) Joan Kines—(Anniv.) - Family
 Michael & Pasqualina Brogna—Family

Weekly Offering

ST. HELENA'S—Nov. 21, 2010 Nov. 28, 2010
 Envelopes.....\$2,417.00.....\$3,035.00
 No Envelopes.....\$638.00.....\$675.00
 CCHD.....\$420.00
TOTAL\$3,475.00.....\$3,711.00

HOLY FAMILY—Nov. 21, 2010 Nov. 28, 2010
 Envelopes.....\$2,108.00.....\$1,822.00
 No Envelopes.....\$666.00.....\$259.00
 CCHD.....\$278.00
TOTAL.....\$3,052.00.....\$2,081.00
Debt Reduction.....\$19.00.....\$60.00



Readings for the Week of December 5, 2010

Sunday: Is 11:1-10/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12
 Monday: Is 35:1-10/Lk 5:17-26
 Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Mt 18:12-14
 Wednesday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
 Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Mt 11:11-15
 Friday: Is 48:17-19/Mt 11:16-19
 Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Mt 17:9a, 10-13 OR
 OL Guadalupe: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a,
 10ab/Lk 1:26-38 or 1:39-47
 Next Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11

Pray for the Sick



OF ST. HELENA'S: Mariette Blaettler, Bill Vaughn, Preston Bonelli, Andrea Zebley, Steve Huml, Vicki Stevens, Peg Stack, Russell Herzog, Millie Yeman, Russ Pennise, Jan Nelson, Audrey DeBritz, Cindy Finley, Braden Morrissey, Vickey VanNortwick, Nora Falks, Bishop J. Moynihan, Michelle Barford, Connie MacDonald, Carol Hartquist, Theresa Szczyt, Don Iram, Bertha Sweirat, Anne Osborne, Carol Bartorillo, Rich Wojdyla, Mary Smith, Tarrin Cauty, Flora Woodcock, Tom Zerrahn, Pam Dutchick, Richie King, Joann Ladds, Dominic Rice, Evelyn Iles, Nora Gambitta, Barb Doran, Ethel Thomas, Norma Harrison, Bud Oudekerk, Gordon Gladden, Scott & Maryanne Debbold, Peggy Munroe

OF HOLY FAMILY: Gordy Waugh, Carlo Masi, Ray LaManque, Bill Geary, Theresa Bantle, Linda Richards, Grace Jones, Paul Snizek, Pauline Drobnica, Vickie LaGoy Cahill, Barbara Durose, Lee Jolin, Barbara Anderson, Kim Dunlap, Russell Herzog, Dakota Minckler, Jane Bartell LaClair, Gennaro Rucci, Jr., Esther Rucci Ragusa, Kyle Roache, Diann & Mary Gluasrude, Jordon Badger, Jeff Topi, Bob & Mary Anne Baker, Emma Caster, John Calatano, Sr., Patricia Fleming, Robert Tyler, Jr., Grace & Bill Daly, Frank Morrissey, Shirley Tyrell, Estella Hartwell, Sally Wright, Steffie Maltese, Helen Lentocho, Dale Russ, Gabriel Bell, Maggie Boice, Amy Pole, Carolyn Rowan, Helen & Ed Frank, Diane Pfeiffer, David Tyrell, Ted Willson, John McCoulliff, Conrad Barron, Genevieve Janowski, Ken Reese, Eleanore LaManque, Joyce Perkins, Mary Corbett, Patricia Brewer, Jamie Hubbard, Richard Lawless, Dorothy Jennings, Patricia Perkins & Family, Gwen Lallier

FOR OUR SERVICE MEN & WOMEN: Michael Rafte, Scott Kennett, Robert Lather, MD, Martin Kelly, Chris Niles, Adam Silvis, Aaron & Lukas Colclough, Jessica Dinkens, Ethan Osborne, Michael J. Dam, Tom Grogan, Ryan Enslow, Brian Carney, Brendon, Kevin & Tim Fitzgerald, Chris Olmstead, Jessie Wenhem, Michael Colmey, Brian Buckwalter, Chris, Brandon & Justin Loboda, "RJ" Mumford, Adam Weisbrod, John Stanford

NEXT WEEKS MINISTERS



ST. HELENA'S

Saturday, December 11, 4:00PM

(L) Terri Waldron; (EM) George & Peg Tofte, Dave Burns;
 (AS) Taylor Mautner & Emily Nelson

Sunday, December 12, 10:30AM

(L) Nancy Pitman; (EM) Kelly Crumb, Jo Marie Ferrucci, Diane Crumb;
 (AS) Amanda Hicks & Melissa Schmalz

Children's Lector—Bonnie VanDreason, **Chaperone**—Emily Woodworth

HOLY FAMILY

Saturday, December 11, 5:45PM

(L) Sherri Haas; (EM) Christine Gadz & Dorothy Booth; (AS) Mollie Gilmer & Nicholas Metzger

Sunday, December 12, 8:45AM

(L) Jim Pekola; (EM) Jim Pekola & Joseph Kowaleski; (AS) Sara Brown & Alina Janowski

Children's Lector—Amanda Emmerich, **Assistant**—Amanda Snizek

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISHES

ST. HELENA'S

Sunday (Dec. 5) Second Sunday of Advent
-9:30AM-First Reconciliation Meeting-parents & students followed by Mass.

-11:30AM—RCIA meets in Parish Hall.
-11:30AM-12:45PM—Youth Choir Rehearsal.
-6:30-8:00PM—Faith Formation Grades 7 & 8.
-6:30-8:30PM—Power of One Complete Block.

Tuesday (Dec. 7)
-8:00-8:50AM—Faith Formation Grades 1-3.

Wednesday (Dec. 8)
-8:00-8:50AM—Faith Formation Grades 4-6.

Saturday (Dec. 11)
-10:00AM-4:00PM—Advent-ures Block Session.
-1:00-2:00PM—First Reconciliation.
-4:00PM—Youth Group attending Mass then Christmas Party with meal & Secret Santa in Parish Hall.

Sunday (Dec. 12) Third Sunday of Advent
-All gifts with tags attached from Giving Tree due back.

-11:30AM—RCIA meets in Parish Hall.
-11:30AM-12:45PM—Youth Choir Rehearsal.
-6:30-8:30PM—Block Session B.

HOLY FAMILY
Sunday (Dec. 5) Second Sunday of Advent
-10:00AM—10th Grade students, parents & sponsors mtg.
-10:00AM—Faith Formation Grades 7,8,9.

-6:00PM—Contemporary Choir Practice.

Tuesday (Dec. 7)
-1:55-2:55PM—Faith Formation Grades 1-3.

Wednesday (Dec. 8)
-1:55-2:55PM—Faith Formation Grades 4-6.

-3:00PM—Prayer Group meets.

Thursday (Dec. 9)
-6:00PM—24 Hour Adoration.

Saturday (Dec. 11)
-9:30AM—Christmas Pageant Practice.
-10:00AM-1:00PM—Children's Christmas Party.

Sunday (Dec. 12)
-6:00PM—Contemporary Choir Practice

PENANCE SERVICE & CONFESSIONS FOR ADVENT



Penance Services

-St. Agatha's, Canastota
Wednesday, December 15—7:00PM
-St. Joseph's, Oneida
Sunday, December 19—4:00PM

Confessions

-St. Helena's, Sherrill
Saturdays, December 4,11,18—3:00-3:30PM
-Holy Family, Vernon
Saturday, December 18—11:00AM



NEWLY BAPTIZED at St. Helena's: Ava Elaine Halligan, daughter of Michael & Brittany (Moth) Halligan.

Baptized Spencer Michael Campbell, son of Andrew & Kristin (DeBalso) Campbell.

Congratulations to The Halligan & Campbell Families!

ALTAR CARE: Eleanor Cmaylo's Band #6 is in charge of Altar Care for this month of December at St. Helena's.



Sharon Spencer is in charge of Altar Care this week at Holy Family. (Contact Mary LaForest @829-3295 to find out when the church will be open to clean)



HOPE HOUSE UPDATE: Special thanks go out to the following parishioners from St. Helena's for volunteering at Hope House in October & November.

Serving meals: **Joanne Mumford, Micky Mancuse, The MacDonald Family, Celeste Nelson & Family**

We are always in need of volunteers to help serve on the 3rd & 5th Sundays throughout the year. This is a great experience for an entire family. If you would like to be a part of this important ministry for the upcoming year please contact Patrick Mautner @363-8318 ASAP to get on the 2011 schedule or for any questions.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS FOR ST. HELENA'S:

Anyone wishing to make a Memorial Offering for Christmas flowers may do so by returning this slip in a separate envelope with your donation in the collection basket or send to the Rectory Office.

In memory of: _____

Requested by: _____

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS FOR HOLY FAMILY:

Anyone wishing to make a memorial Offering for Christmas flowers may do so by returning this slip in a separate envelope with your donation of \$10 in the collection basket or send to the Rectory Office.

In memory of: _____

Requested by: _____





DONATED GENTLY USED REHABILITATION & MEDICAL EQUIPMENT: Holy Family Church will be collecting gently used rehabilitation and medical equipment for developing countries in need. AFYA Foundation ships these supplies within 1 month of receiving them to countries such as Haiti, Indonesia and Uganda. The drop-off center will be in the hallway by the coat rack and will be open Monday-Friday, 9:30AM-12:30PM beginning this Mon., Dec. 6th. Please call Ginger Oliver @ 315-527-1851 or visit www.AFYAFoundation.org for more information.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY:

The 9th Graders from Holy Family are planning a Christmas Party next Saturday, December 11th from 10:00AM-1:00PM for children ages 3-12 years old. Mark your calendars—sure to be a fun time!

For the Kids



GENERATION 4:12 YOUTH GROUP at St. Helena's will hold their Christmas Party with meal and "Secret Santa" next Saturday, December 11th.

ST. HELENA'S YOUTH CHOIR REHEARSAL SCHEDULE is as follows:

- Sunday, Dec. 5—11:30AM-12:45PM
- Sunday, Dec. 12—11:30AM-12:45PM
- Sunday, Dec. 19—11:30AM-12:45PM
- Tuesday, Dec. 21—6-7:15PM



Day of Prayer & Reparation for the USA and to end abortion will be held this Wed., Dec. 8th at The Rosa Mystica House of Prayers in Edmeston, NY. The Most Rev. James Timlin D.D, retired Bishop of Scranton, PA will celebrate Mass and lead devotions. Raymond deSouza, host of EWTN show "Good or Evil-Who Decides?" will be speaker for the day.

THE BIRTH OF JESUS—A FRANCISCAN CHRISTMAS: St. Joseph/St. Patrick's Church in Utica and St. Joseph Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order are hosting an unforgettable experience by the Franciscan Mystery Players Teen Group of Clayton, NY. Through the use of special lighting and sound, this moving dramatic meditation on the birth of Jesus promises to be a high point in our Advent season. All adults and teens (not recommended for children under 12) are invited Sat., Dec. 11 at 6PM .



FAMILY PERSPECTIVE: Like John the Baptist, every parent "prepares the way of the Lord" in the hearts of their children. Advent is a good time to ask; "Do I help or hinder my children to know Jesus?"





HOPE APPEAL UPDATE

It's not too late to make a difference for HOPE Appeal! The 2010 HOPE Appeal will conclude February 28, 2011. So far:

St. Helena's Goal: \$17,273
Paid: 16,047
- 1,226

Holy Family Goal: \$15,590
Paid: 12,629
- 2,961

CHRISTMAS CAROLING TO SHUT-INS:

Holy Family Parishioners will be going Caroling to the sick and Shut-ins in the area on Saturday, December 18th starting at 12:30PM from The Parish Center. Anyone is welcome to come and join us!



Thank You We would like to send "special thanks" to Diana White and Shari Louis for all the arrangements they made for our 55th Wedding Anniversary celebration. Sincere thanks with God's blessings to Father Mesmer, family members and parishioners who helped us celebrate. Sincerely, Bob & Mary Anne Baker

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT at Holy Family: Calling all children! Help us celebrate Jesus' birth by participating in our Christmas Pageant! Practices will be held on Saturdays, December 11th at 9:30AM and December 18th 10:00AM.



ST. HELENA'S & HOLY FAMILY CHRISTMAS OUTREACH HAS BEGUN! The Giving Trees are up with tags/stars on them for your taking! If you would like to help the less fortunate families in our area have a little brighter Christmas just take a tag/star with item on it, purchase item, wrap it and attach tag/star on wrapped gift and return. -St. Helena's gifts need to be returned by Sunday, December 12th -Holy Family gifts need to be returned by Sunday, December 19th Volunteers with trucks or vans will be needed to help transport St. Helena's gifts on Sunday, December 19th. If you would like to help please contact Kelly Crumb @280-4509. We appreciate the support both Parish families give in this ministry to the less fortunate.



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