

*Mass  for the Intentions  for the Week*

Sun Apr 25	7:30 am	Hugh Doherty
	9:30 am	Daniel Bradley
	11:30 am	Francis Hughes
Mon Apr 26	7:00 am	Jen Tucker
Tues Apr 27	9:00 am	Ed Lefebvre
Wed Apr 28	7:00 am	Ed Lefebvre
Thur Apr 29	9:00 am	Sara Krause
Sat May 1	5:00 pm	West Brown
Sun May 2	7:30 am	Margaret & Francis Guindon
	9:30 am	Bill & Peter Sullivan
	11:30 am	Rosemary Cogswell

**Prayer Requests**

*Please Pray for...*

Philip, Kay, Carmen, Sally, Francesca, Frank, Ellen, Julie Uncle Gene, Joe, Ginny, Matt Davis, Kim, Gina, Luis C., Bill, Natalie, Gerry, Hope, Pearl, Denise, Kathy, Lynn, Jim W., Sheila, Christian G., Ciara M., Andrew, Jacqueline R., Petro A., Billy, Eddie H., Bobby J., Joanne, Jim K., Peter Marks, Tom W., Timar, Christine, Sean, John, Tony, Pearl, Joan, Travis L., Joe P., Eduardo, Catherine S., Ted, M.J. Ann, Peg, Don, Gail, Mary, Paul, Ed, Bobby, Wayne Dodge, Matt Berry, Lenny, Debbie, Rachel, the Killilea family, Bill, Liz, Brad, Jeanne, Deb Christian, Diane, Sr John Francis, Tony S., Diane Backman, Warren, Margaret Jungers, Bob C, Deb A, Mary O, Norman, Marie P., Sr. Marjorie, Steve, Dean N., Jerry M., Kevin F., Tom Kelley, Jim, Jeanne A., Glenn, Dan, and the residents, patients, and staff of area nursing homes and Emerson Hospital.

*If there is someone who is sick and whose name you would like in the bulletin so that our parish may hold them in prayer, please contact the Parish Center. We will leave a name on the list until you call and tell us otherwise or until our periodic clearing of the list. Please remember that some people would prefer their names not be published in this fashion.*

**Bereavement Group**

The Bereavement Support Group is open to all those coping with the 'loss' of a loved one. Spring is here, and you are feeling all the emotions of anger, stress, anxiety, and sadness. The function of the Bereavement Group is to help you once again live as a whole person. Remember you are not alone on this path. We can help and support each other. Come let us walk with you. Meetings are held every other Wednesday at 7:00 pm, at Holy Family Parish Center, 55 Church St., West Concord. For more information, please call Sr. Rose Marie at 978-369-7442. Our next meeting is Wednesday, May 5<sup>th</sup>.



**CORI Time Again!**

It's time once again for volunteers to complete their CORI forms as required each year by the RCAB. Forms have been mailed out to those who have completed them previously, and are also available at the entrances of the church. *Please do not mail forms back; they MUST be completed and signed in person.* A photo id is also required. Those not completing a CORI form will be unable to serve as a volunteer. Forms must be returned no later than May 31<sup>st</sup>

**Special Events Committee**

Chair: Joanne Cormier 978-369-3085  
 Co-Chair: Bernadette Jaros 978-369-7687

A survey has been prepared all parishioners to review regarding events held past and present. Your comments are most important! This survey will be presented as a bulletin insert at the end of April. You are asked to complete and return the survey to baskets labeled "Special Events Survey" which will located at the back of the church. Last day for completion is May 15<sup>th</sup>.

The next scheduled Special Events Committee meeting will be held on Thursday May 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm at the Parish Center. New members are always welcome!

**Help Needed Counting the Weekly Offertory**

Holy Family needs a few adult volunteers to count collection money. The commitment would be only once a month. Sunday morning and/or Monday morning opportunities are available. Training will be provide. Please call Bill Sharkey at the Parish Center, 978-369-7442, for more information or to express interest.

**Music News**

**Children's Choir Schedule**

The Children's Choir will meet on May 2 at 8:30 am to rehearse and then sing at the 9:30 am Mass. For details or questions, please contact Margaret Hoag at 978-369-5970.

The Middle School Choir will meet on May 9 at 8:30 am to rehearse and then sing at the 9:30 am Mass. Please contact Margaret Hoag at 978-369-5970 with any questions.

**Youth News**

**Youth Council**—Our next Youth Council Meeting is Tuesday, May 4<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 – 8:00 PM at Monument Hall. Any youth (Grades 6-12) interested in being Christian leaders at Holy Family and in the local community are invited to join the Youth Council!

*While our Coordinator of Youth Ministry is away on maternity leave, if you have any questions, comments, or concerns about any item(s) in our Youth News, please contact our Faith Formation Administrator, Cheryl Bouchard, at [cherylb55church@aol.com](mailto:cherylb55church@aol.com) or 978-369-0071.*

## Weekly Schedule

Rosary before and after daily Mass

Women's Scripture Study Mon April 26 at 10:00 am at Monument Hall

First Communion Rehearsal for May 2<sup>nd</sup> Mon April 26 at 6:15 pm at the church

Prayer Before the Blessed Sacrament Tuesdays from 12:00-1:00 pm in the church

RCIA Tues April 27 at 7:00 pm at the Parish Center

Handbell Choir Rehearsal Thur April 29 at 6:30 pm at West Concord Union Church

Parish Calendar Meeting Thur April 29 at 7:00 pm at the Parish Center

Adult Choir Rehearsal Thur April 29 at 7:30 pm at West Concord Union Church

Confirmation Rehearsal Fri April 30 at 6:00 pm at the church



## Baptisms

Please welcome *Greer Elizabeth Espeso*, daughter of Garrett and Stacie Espeso, and *Morgan Dominica Smith*, daughter of Derrick and Melanie

Smith, into our parish family. They will be baptized this weekend.

## Faith Formation News

### First Communion Mass Schedule Set

The schedule of First Communion Masses is as follows:

**Sunday April 25 at 9:30 am**

**Sunday May 2 at 11:30 am**

**Saturday, May 8 at 5:00 pm**

**Sunday May 9 at 9:30 am**

**Saturday May 15 at 5:00 pm**

Congratulations to those children receiving the sacrament of the Eucharist for the first time on Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup>:

*Benjamin Carbeau*

*Jeffrey Dillon*

*Colman Connolly*

*Brennah McCloskey*

## Remember Rosie's Place

Holy Family continues to collect toiletries for Rosie's Place, a sanctuary for poor and homeless women. Please bring your donations of shampoo, conditioner, soap, lotion, etc. to church and place them in the labeled containers in the Gathering Space. *Thank you!*

## Community News

### Donate Used Cell Phones

Donations of used cell phones, PDAs, Blackberries and more are being accepted at Holy Family Parish. Proceeds from collected items support the Elder Protective Services program as well as Meals on Wheels. There are two brightly colored mesh boxes at the doors of the church to collect your donated items. Thank you for your support!

## Faith Formation News

### Youth Award Winners Announced

The annual Archdiocesan Youth Ministry Awards Banquet will be held in late April and will recognize three Holy Family parishioners for their outstanding service to our parish:

**Kelly McManama:** Grade 2 Catechist, Youth representative on the Parish Council, Confirmation Retreat team member, and Youth Ministry leader, Kelly will be going on her fourth mission trip this summer. Kelly will receive the Discipleship Award, sponsored by the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry, presented to youth who respond to the call to discipleship through service or ministry to their parish community.

**Mallory Mizia:** Faith Festival Pre-Kindergarten leader and Confirmation retreat team member, Mallory will be going on her first mission trip this summer. Mallory will receive the Discipleship Award, sponsored by the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry, presented to youth who respond to the call to discipleship through service or ministry to their parish community.

**Chris Webber:** High School Religious Education catechist, Youth Ministry leader, and mentor to many of our high school teens. Chris will receive the **Light of the World Award**, sponsored by the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry, to express appreciation and gratitude to adults who have demonstrated a commitment to young people and youth ministry.

### Faith Formation for Kindergarten through Grade 5

Since January, a group of parishioners have made a thorough review of how Holy Family Parish helps our young members to understand the treasure of Catholic faith and to live as followers of Jesus. All aspects of our Religious Education ministry were looked at: curriculum, meeting times, schedule, Faith Festivals, models for teaching. And, the result is an exciting plan for next year ~ and the years to follow.

In addition to families celebrating and learning all together at three Faith Festivals, there will be 15 classroom sessions for students from Kindergarten [*newly added*] to Grade 5. These sessions will make use of *Finding God*, a curriculum from Loyola Press. Each grade will have its own theme and a superb textbook that combines "head and heart" ~ understanding the faith with prayer and living the faith. Add to that, our Vacation Bible School that is held each summer, the opportunity to participate in the annual Christmas pageant, worshipping at Mass, special preparation for First Reconciliation and First Communion. There is richness to the Faith Formation for our young parishioners and their parents!

Begin to look for Registration information in early May.