



Holy Family Parish

216 Wooster St. NE ~ Navarre, Ohio 44662 Brewster ~ Navarre

Office of the Pastor

Very Rev. Kevin Peters V.F. - Pastor **Rev. Frederick Schlueter - Associate Pastor**
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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BULLETIN DEADLINE

Fridays at Noon for the **following** weeks bulletin.

Information may only be included in upcoming bulletins
when space permits. Information may be faxed to
330-879-5138

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INCLEMENT WEATHER PROCEDURE

Weekday Mass & all times of Eucharistic Adoration
will be cancelled when Fairless Schools are closed or delayed.
Visit our Website for any additional event cancellations or
closings.

BINGO

Bingo is played every Friday evening (unless otherwise stated)
at St. Clement Hall in Navarre - 7:00 PM.

OUR STAFF

Amanda Rodriguez.....Secretary/Hall Rental Coordinator

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Rev. Michael D. Seifert.....Pastor, Emeritus

NEW PARISHIONERS WELCOME!

Please stop in the office to say hello!

MISSION STATEMENT

*Our Holy Family Parish, a Roman Catholic Church, comes
together as one to accept as our mission:
To live our faith centered in the Eucharist;
To share the Gospel by Word and example;
To gain knowledge by serving others with mercy and justice;
and To Love by opening our hearts to the world around us.*

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday: 8:30am ~ St. Benedict

Wednesday: 8:30am ~ St. Clement

Thursday : 8:30am ~ St. Therese

Friday: 8:30am ~ St. Anthony

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4:30pm ~ St. Therese

Sunday: 9:00am ~ St. Clement

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Thursday, 9:30am thru 8:30pm ~ Navarre

SACRAMENTS OF THE CHURCH

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Celebrated **EVERY WEEKEND OF THE MONTH**

Saturday, 3:45 to 4:15 pm, Brewster

Sunday, 8:15 to 8:45 am, Navarre

Sacrament of Baptism

Arrangements are made with
the Coordinator of Religious Education
to schedule a date for baptism and for a sacramental
preparation class for parents and godparents.

Sacraments of First Communion & Confirmation

Families requesting First Communion and Confirmation
for their children must have them enrolled in our CCD
program

or Catholic School at least 2 years prior to receiving
Sacrament.

Sacrament of Marriage

Arrangements made with either Fr. Kevin or Fr. Fritz
six months prior to the Wedding.

Marriage preparation classes are required.

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick

Call the church office for arrangements.
*If you are hospitalized, home bound or in a nursing facility,
please let us know. Because of the HIPAA laws,
we are unable to inquire.*

Masses, Services & Intentions

December 13 Saturday (Brewster)
4:30 pm Mass
 Louise Wishiewski (Zagmunt Wishiewski)

December 14 Sunday (Navarre)
8:25 am Rosary
9:00 am Mass
 Mary Painter (Doris Lonas)

December 17 Wednesday (Navarre)
8:30 am Mass
 Mark Surmay (K of C #5582)

December 18 Thursday (Brewster)
8:30 am Mass
 Butch Keyes (Her Children)

9:30 am~8:30pm Adoration (Navarre)

December 20 Saturday (Brewster)
4:00 pm Rosary
4:30 pm Mass
 Joe Musacchia (Kroah & Caveslia Families)

December 21 Sunday (Navarre)
8:25 am Rosary
9:00 am Mass
 Isabelle Reicosky (Nancy Bucci & Competty Family)

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday December 20 - 4:30 pm (Brewster)

Lector: Mary Randles

EMs: Virginia Heckathorn, Beth Musacchia,
 Theresa Bontrager

Servers: Bonners

Greeter: Mary Damewood

Sunday December 21 - 9:00 am (Navarre)

Lectors: Barb Genetin, Diane Stropki

EMs: Chuck & Nancy Hawk, Margie Kracker
 Paul Stropki

Servers: Greg Genetin & Tommy Genetin

Greeters: Jerry Pitman, Rose Thomas

Holy Family Parish Giving

Due to early publishing deadlines, collection totals will be reported in a future bulletin.

3rd Sunday of Advent

"You too must be patient. Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand." JAMES 5:8

Patience is another one of those things many of us struggle with. We want things to go according to our plan and our schedule; we like things to be convenient.

Any change brings anxiety and fear.

Through daily prayer God reveals to us what He wants us to do with the gifts He has given us. We are able to better align ourselves with God's will and His plan, which is far better than anything we can come up with on our own.

What a Beautiful evening we shared at our Advent by Candlelight

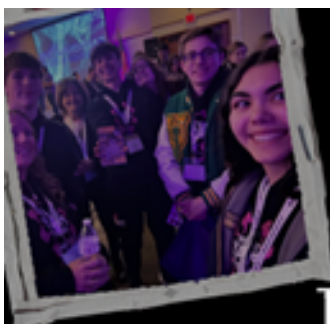
Thank you to all the wonderful ladies who so beautifully hosted a table and to everyone who joined us—your presence truly filled the evening with warmth and joy.

As we begin this blessed Advent season, may our time together draw us ever closer to Christ and to one another. And a very special thank-you to our choir, our talented music director, and all the men whose hard work and support helped make this night unforgettable.

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YOU!

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VOCATIONS



ARE YOU CALLED TO THE SINGLE LIFE?

BERNADETTE CUENOT

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

Reflections on the Single Life

When I was first approached to write about a single life vocation, I struggled. I could only quietly smile and think I had done everything wrong in life, and I could not find the humility in talking about myself. That humility found me one morning last week as I drove past the poultry factory. Sitting on a SARTA bench upon leaving work was a single woman who put her head in her hands, sobbing. As I turned around to help, she would only accept so much kindness, only what she needed even as she cried she was hungry and everything was wrong. I have been that person. For two decades, I struggled in Federal Courts defending equity in the workplace for women and minorities. It cost me everything including my mind. There was no human to trust or confide with it was politically dangerous. I befriended those society rejected because they were my help. The thieves, murderers, and prostitutes understood the cause and became informants and better yet my friends.

I became a single parent of multi-ethnic children, and I knew the labels created for me. I fostered 14 children who had endured unspeakable traumas and could not vent to share their stories. Family and friends rejected my efforts. I loved outside of my race and social class, and we were not welcomed. I was present for both parents as they were sick and died in my arms. Once again, unimaginable loneliness. Yet, like the woman on the SARTA bench, I was never really alone in those moments. My God saw me, and I became the perfect example of His always making a way. The single vocation isn't everyone's dream, but it afforded me the unique and favored opportunity to be ever present for and with others. I have seen many things I wouldn't have felt without the luxury of time and freedom in a single life. We can love unconditionally and embrace the forgotten, the troubled, and marginalized, because we have been them.

ANSWERED PRAYER

I asked for God for strength, that I might achieve;
I was made weak, that I might learn humility to obey;
I asked for health, that I might do great things;
I was given infirmity, that I might do better things;
I asked for riches, that I might be happy;
I was given poverty, that I might be wise.
I asked for power, that I might have the praise of men;
I was given weakness, that I might feel the need of God.
I asked for all things, that I might enjoy life;
I was given life, that I might enjoy all things.
I received nothing that I asked, but everything I had hoped.
I gained an answer to my prayers, despite myself.
I am among all men, undeservedly most richly blessed.

Anonymous



NEW *Saints* FOR 2025

Introducing the Church's New Saints:

Models for Our Time

In 2025, the Church will canonize nine new saints—men and women from around the world who lived lives of heroic virtue and deep faith. Some were young, others elderly; some were laypeople, others religious or clergy. They served as teachers, doctors, missionaries, and martyrs, each responding to God's call in their own time and place.

In a world often marked by distraction, suffering, and doubt, these saints offer living examples of holiness that is real, relatable, and possible today. Their lives remind us that sainthood is not reserved for the extraordinary, but is within reach for all who follow Christ with love, courage, and trust. May their witness inspire us to seek God more fully in our own lives.



Carlo Acutis (1991–2006) was an Italian teenager known for his deep love of the Eucharist and his skill with technology. From a young age, he attended daily Mass, prayed the Rosary, and spent time in Eucharistic Adoration. Carlo used his computer talents to create a website documenting Eucharistic miracles to help others grow in faith. He was cheerful, kind, and generous, especially to the poor. Diagnosed with leukemia at age 15, he offered his suffering for the Church and the pope. He died in 2006 and was beatified in 2020 as a modern witness of youthful holiness.



Pier Giorgio Frassati (1901–1925) was an Italian layman known for his deep faith, love for the poor, and joyful spirit. Born into a wealthy family, he lived a life of simplicity and charity, often helping the sick and needy in secret. A passionate mountaineer, he found joy and strength in nature and prayer. He was devoted to the Eucharist, the Rosary, and Catholic social teaching. Pier Giorgio contracted polio—likely from serving the poor—and died at age 24. He was beatified in 1990 and is a powerful example of holiness for young people around the world.



Vincenza Maria Poloni (1802–1855) was an Italian nun devoted to serving the sick and poor. Born in Verona, she felt a strong call to religious life and, in 1840, founded the Sisters of Mercy of Verona. Her congregation focused on hospital care, education, and helping the abandoned, inspired by the spirit of Saint Vincent de Paul. Known for her humility, prayerfulness, and deep trust in God, she served with compassion and simplicity. Her legacy of mercy and charity continues through the work of her sisters. She was beatified in 2008 as a model of selfless love and service.



Peter To Rot (1912–1945) was a lay catechist and martyr from Papua New Guinea. Raised in a devout Catholic family, he dedicated his life to teaching the faith and serving his community. During World War II, when Japanese forces banned religious practice, he continued to minister in secret. He bravely defended Christian marriage against the regime's promotion of polygamy. Arrested for his faith, he was imprisoned and later killed by lethal injection. Known for his courage, kindness, and unwavering devotion to Christ, Peter To Rot was beatified in 1995 and remains a powerful example of lay holiness.

Steps to Sainthood

The process of canonization in the Catholic Church is a rigorous journey that declares a person to be a saint. It involves several stages overseen by the Church to ensure that the candidate's life reflects exceptional holiness and fidelity to God. Here are the main steps:

Servant of God

After a person has died (typically five years later), a local bishop may begin investigating their life and virtues. If the inquiry is sound, it's sent to the Vatican's Dicastery for the Causes of Saints. The individual is then called a Servant of God.

Venerable

The Vatican reviews the person's life and writings to assess heroic virtue. If approved, the Pope declares them Venerable.

Beatification

Martyrs require no miracle, only verification that they died for the faith. For others, one miracle (usually a medically unexplained healing) must be confirmed. The person is then declared Blessed and may be venerated locally.

Canonization

A second verified miracle is required. The Pope then declares the person a Saint, assigning a feast day and allowing universal veneration.

Canonization is not about perfection but recognizes a person who has cooperated fully with God's grace and can inspire others in their journey of faith.



Bartolo Longo (1841–1926) was an Italian lawyer who converted from Satanism to devout Catholicism. After a powerful spiritual transformation, he became a lay Dominican and dedicated his life to promoting the Rosary and devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. He founded the Shrine of Our Lady of the Rosary in Pompeii and supported schools and charitable works for the poor. Known for his humility and tireless service, he used his gifts to heal the wounds of his past and lead others to Christ. He was beatified in 1980 and is remembered as a champion of the Rosary and mercy.



Carmen Elena Rendiles Martínez (1903–1977) was a Venezuelan nun known for her deep faith and tireless service. Born in Caracas with a missing arm, she wore a prosthetic but never let it hinder her mission. She joined the Servants of the Eucharist in France and later founded the Servants of Jesus of Venezuela in 1965, dedicated to education, healthcare, and parish work. Known for her humility, simplicity, and love of the Eucharist, she inspired many through her example of joyful service. She died in 1977 and was beatified in 2018 in her native Caracas.



Ignatius Shoukrallah Maloyan (1869–1915) was an Armenian Catholic archbishop and martyr. Born in Mardin, Turkey, he became a priest and later Archbishop of Mardin. During the Armenian Genocide, he was arrested with hundreds of his faithful. Refusing to renounce his faith or convert to Islam, he endured torture and was ultimately executed. Before his death, he forgave his persecutors and professed his trust in Christ. His courageous witness inspired many during a time of great persecution. He was beatified by Pope John Paul II in 2001 as a martyr who gave his life for the faith.



José Gregorio Hernández Cisneros (1864–1919) was a Venezuelan doctor, scientist, and devout Catholic known for his charity and faith. He studied medicine in Caracas and advanced his training in Europe, bringing modern medical practices to Venezuela. Though he longed to become a priest, poor health prevented it, so he served God through his medical vocation. He treated the poor for free and lived a life of humility and service. Deeply devoted to the Eucharist and the Virgin Mary, he died after being struck by a car while helping someone in need. He was beatified in 2021.



Maria Troncatti (1883–1969) was an Italian Salesian missionary sister and nurse who served the Shuar people in Ecuador for over 40 years. Trained during World War I, she combined medical care with evangelization, often performing surgeries in remote jungle areas. She was deeply loved for her compassion, humility, and tireless dedication. Maria also acted as a peacemaker, helping to resolve conflicts among local communities. Her life was marked by joy, faith, and complete trust in God's providence. She died in a plane crash in 1969 and was beatified in 2012 for her heroic charity and missionary witness.

3rd Sunday of ADVENT

We Mourn The Loss Of

Bobbie Groff

*Eternal Rest Grant Unto Her O Lord
and May Perpetual Light Shine Upon Her.*

Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who supported our CCD Fundraiser through our religious items sale! Your generosity and participation help strengthen our program and nurture the faith of our parish children. We are truly grateful for your continued support and kindness.

Parish Contributions

Thank you for your continued generosity to our parish! As we move forward, please note that we can no longer accept checks written to St. Clement or St. Therese.

*All checks must now be made payable to **Holy Family Parish**. If a check is submitted under the former parish names, the office will contact you to let you know.*

Thank you for your understanding and your faithful support!


UPCOMING EVENTS

Thurs. Dec 18.....Food Pantry (St. T. Hall)
Fri. Dec 19.....BINGO 7PM (St. C Hall)
Wed Dec 24Christmas Eve Mass 4:00PM (St. C)
Wed Dec 24Christmas Eve Mass 6:30PM (St. T)

2025 Holiday Mass Times:

Wed. Dec 24 - Christmas Eve - St. Clement - 8:30am
(Last weekday mass of Advent)
- St. Clement - 4:00pm
- St. Therese - 6:30pm

Thurs. Dec 25 - Christmas Day - St. Clement 10:30am
Wed. Dec 31 - Solemnity of Mary - St. Clement 4:00pm
Thurs. Jan 1 - Solemnity of Mary - St. Therese 8:30am



Sunday Parish Breakfast
9:00 - 11:00 am

January 18
February 15
March 15

Scrambled Eggs,
Hashbrown, Sausage,
Pancakes with
Coffee or Juice.

Only \$5.00

