

# HOLY FAMILY PARISH

*Our Lady of Peace Family of Parishes*

A Catholic faith community called to serve God and others through Eucharist, prayer, education, and daily living of the Gospel values.

**PARISH OFFICE: 201 CLARK STREET, MIDDLETOWN, OH 45042**  
513-422-0602      [www.holyfamilymiddletown.com](http://www.holyfamilymiddletown.com)

**ST. JOHN CHURCH**  
1405 FIRST AVENUE  
SATURDAY 4:30 PM  
SUNDAY 10:30 AM

**HOLY TRINITY CHURCH**  
201 CLARK STREET  
SUNDAY 9:00 AM  
*This Mass Live Streamed*

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**  
ST. JOHN CHURCH  
SATURDAY 3:30 PM

*December 25, 2025*

*The Nativity of the Lord*

*Wishes for a Blessed Christmas to all from Fr. John Civile and the staff of Holy Family Parish. We thank all who give so generously of their time, talents, and treasures throughout the year. We truly appreciate you!*



# Welcome Visitors!



## Merry Christmas and welcome to Holy Family Parish!

If you're from out of town and just visiting, we're glad you joined us!

If you're local and chose to celebrate Christmas Mass with us, we welcome you as well and hope you'll join us again soon!

Check out [www.holyfamilymiddletown.com](http://www.holyfamilymiddletown.com) to find out more about Holy Family Parish. We encourage you to find us on Facebook - Holy Family Parish - Middletown and to call 513-422-0602 if we can be of assistance.

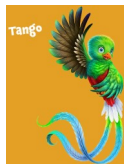
## Vacation Bible School 2026



**Monday - Friday June 8 - 12, 2026**

Our VBS is such a hit that families want to get it on their calendars as they start making plans for summer vacations. Next year's Vacation Bible School adventure is

**RainForest Falls!**  
**EXPLORING THE  
NATURE OF GOD!**



Registration forms will be available in the Spring.

## HOLY FAMILY PARISH MASS INTENTIONS

**Wednesday, December 24 Christmas Eve**

3:00 PM Mass St. John Roger, Barbara, & David South  
5:00 PM Mass St. John Lucy Dillon - Anniv. Rem.

**Thursday, December 25 Christmas Day**

12:00 AM Mass Holy Trinity Mary Ellen Wesley  
10:00 AM Mass St. John Florence Fiessinger

## Health Ministry: St. Clare's Christmas Miracle

The first female follower of Francis of Assisi, Chiara Offreduccio-known as St. Clare-rejected the life of comfort and wealth she was born into, preferring instead a life of radical poverty and prayer.

Despite disapproval from her family, Clare followed where the Lord led. She discovered love and joy in taking Jesus as her spouse. Soon other women joined her and they became known as the Poor Clares, the order she established with the help of St. Francis.

It is said in the early morning hours of Christmas 1252, Clare was too sick to join the other sisters for Midnight Mass. In her room, sad and alone, Clare longed to be at Mass. It was in that moment she suddenly was carried into the church.

When her sisters came back, she shared her experience with them: "...through the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ I have been personally present in the church of my venerable father, St. Francis, and with the ears of my body and those of my spirit have heard all the Office, and the sounds of the organ and the singing and have likewise received there the most Holy Communion."

Pope Pius XII named Clare patroness of television in 1957. Today, people around the world who are unable to leave their homes, are able to view televised Mass. *'Taken from The Little Blue Book December 25, 2025*

## Christmas Blessing

On this blessed Christmas day,  
may the joy and goodness of the  
sweet baby Jesus fill our home and our hearts.  
Jesus, bless every member of our family, near and far.  
May peace prevail, goodness reign, and love triumph.  
Amen



**OUR DOORS ARE OPEN:** No matter what your present status in the Catholic Church, no matter what your current family and marital situation, no matter what your age, race, background, personal history, etc., no matter what your own self-image — you are invited, welcomed, accepted, loved and respected here at Holy Family Parish. Our doors are open!

## Annual 365 Lotto

**\*\* The FINAL turn in date is January 31, 2026.**

**No tickets will be accepted after that date! \*\***

St. John XXIII Catholic Elementary School is selling tickets for the Annual 365 Lotto. It's called *365 Lotto* because a winning ticket is drawn every day of the year. It's possible to win more than once in a year

because winning tickets are returned to the hopper and only 5000 tickets are sold. Prize money will be mailed to the winners. To participate in the lotto, complete the form below and send it along with \$20 per ticket to: **St. John XXIII Catholic School 3806 Manchester Road, Middletown, OH 45042**

**ATTN: Monica Cummins** Ticket orders may also be dropped in the collection basket in an envelope marked "365 Lotto." The official ticket will be filled out and the stub will be mailed back to you. Any questions regarding the 365 Lotto can be directed to Monica Cummins 513-424-1196. **MAKES A GREAT CHRISTMAS GIFT!**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

## "365 LOTTO"

365 Daily Prizes Will Be Awarded

3	\$ 1,000.00 prizes on Easter, 4th of July & Christmas
12	\$ 500.00 prizes on all first Mondays
52	\$ 100.00 prizes on all Sundays
299	\$ 40.00 prizes on remaining days of the year

## SHALOM Volunteers Needed!

January 25<sup>th</sup> - February 1<sup>st</sup>

Holy Family Parish will be hosting guests from SHALOM again this year from Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup> - February 1<sup>st</sup>.



Gather some friends together to help others. Our guests also appreciate any snacks, cookies, or fruit during the week. If you can't provide food, we always welcome friends to come to the center from 7 -9:30 PM to share time with the guests. Holy Family will also need at least one member each evening to spend the night. Call the parish office at 513-422-0602 if you would like to donate food or your time.

**Please Note: There will be no Rosary on Wednesday, December 31<sup>st</sup> at the St. John Center**



The praying of the Rosary will resume on Wednesday, January 7<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM. Why not start out the New Year with a new tradition and pray the Rosary with fellow parishioners. *"The Rosary is spiritual medicine."* POPE FRANCIS

## Children's Worship Bulletins

Bulletins are available in two age groups 3+ and 7+ — and they're free!



Welcome to Holy Family Parish

How can we serve you?

Please cut out this form and drop it in the collection basket, leave it with an usher, or mail it to the parish office.

Name / Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to join Holy Family Parish.

\_\_\_\_\_ Change of address / phone # / email.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am interested in volunteering with

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like Communion at home.

## Parish Office Closings

The parish office is closed **December 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>** for Christmas and **December 31<sup>st</sup> and January 1<sup>st</sup>** for New Year's.

# 2025 Year in Pictures!



Many thanks  
to our  
wonderful  
Volunteer Photographers  
Three Daisies  
Photography!

