



~ Catechist Bios ~



Kathy Blake I'm married to Kevin and mother of 3; Emma, AJ and Nicholas. I just started as a Substitute teacher's Aide in the M-E district. I've been a catechist for 6 years. Have done some volunteer work at Church of the Holy Family Faith formation office. I've walked in 2 60 mile breast cancer walks and 1 40 mile breast cancer walk. I love to read and workout when I can. I love attending my kids sporting events. Love spending time in Skaneateles with my family, swimming, boating and hiking.

Charlie Burt is originally from Edison, NJ. After graduating from the University of Notre Dame with a degree in Electrical Engineering, he was hired by General Electric, which brought him to the Endicott area after a two year training program. He currently works for BAE Systems in Endicott as a Cost Evaluation Analyst.

Charlie and his wife Kathy have two grown sons. His hobbies include home improvement and maintenance projects, softball, golf, and bowling. He is a diehard Mets, Jets, and Fighting Irish football and basketball fan. He also enjoys attending Bruce Springsteen concerts, and other "classic rock" shows, whenever possible.

Charlie first began teaching Faith Formation classes at St. James Church in Johnson City, and has now taught Faith Formation classes at Our Lady of Angels/Church of the Holy Family for 25 years.

Heather Crunden I live in Endwell with my husband Jim and 3 daughters Catherine, Hannah, & Delaney. I'm a Nurse Practitioner for Broome Developmental Services. I enjoy our cottage in the summer time where we swim and boat. I love to go out on my paddle board and do Zumba classes.

Lori DeLucia I have been a Faith Formation teacher for about five years. I work for Lourdes Hospital in The youth Services Department/ Tioga PACT. I work with families that are pregnant or parenting to help encourage child development and parent child relationships. In my free time I enjoy spending time with my family and friends. I love watching my son Nicholas play various sports. I also enjoy cooking, baking, listening to music or watching movies. I feel so blessed to be able to be a part of the Holy Family Formation Team!

Cara Dufresne is a 10th grade honors student at UE High School. She was an altar server for both Fr. Clarence and Fr. Rook for nearly 7 years and participated in the Holy Family choristers during that time as well. In school, Cara is a member of YesLeads, the UE Mock Trial team, drama club and chemistry club. Cara also dedicates her time to volunteering at Wilson Hospital through the Medical Pathways program and is a student in the UEHS Science Research program. She also enjoys acting and singing, and has been in several school musicals, NYSSMA and the BCMEA All-County Chorus. Cara would like to be a neurosurgeon "when she grows up."

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Kelly Gladhill enjoys spending time with her family and friends at home, or at whatever field her kids are currently playing for the season.

Meghan Gladhill enjoys being with her friends, likes to be at the lake with her family and loves skiing and lacrosse.

Lisa Lange This is Lisa's second year as a catechist. She taught 3rd grade Faith Formation last year and is teaching 5th and 6th grade classes this year.

Lisa is married to her husband, Steve, and they have two children, Nicholas and Julia. Her past work has been in the field of health education. Lisa was most recently a teacher at Endwell Preschool and served as a board member for the preschool as well. She enjoys volunteering her time with the M-E Schools, exercising, and attending her kids' sports events.

Lisa is looking forward to working with the 5th and 6th grade Faith Formation classes this year!

My name is **Bill Pipher**. I help with 10th grade Confirmation program. I am a classroom teacher at All Saints School in Endicott. I have been a parishioner of Church of the Holy Family/OLA all of my life and have been a catechist since 2006. My wife, Amy, and I have two children and enjoy living in Endwell. In my free time, I like staying active with my kids and playing, coaching, or watching sports. I enjoy being a catechist because it gives me an opportunity to help students grow in their relationship with God while being able to reflect on my faith experiences as well.

My name is **Christina Raplee**. I am teaching Liturgy, Art and Music for Kindergarten and 1st Grade students this year. I live in Endicott with my husband Chris and two children William (5) and Abigail (3). I work at Binghamton University as their Revenue Accountant. My favorite things to do are: reading to my children, swimming, photography and enjoying family time.

Kirsten Rose I'm a substitute teacher in the Maine-Endwell, Johnson City, and Seton school districts, and spend most of my free time going to my kids (Matt, 16, Meredith 13) sports and practices. I try to do a triathlon or similar challenge once a year, and I love to travel with my husband Brian and my family.



Jennifer Serfass is a Branch Manager at M&T Bank in Binghamton. She was born and raised in Johnson City and currently resides right here in Endwell. In addition to banking, Jennifer is the Founder and President of Brohan Inc., a non-profit organization named after her 8-year-old twins, Brody and Hannah. The charitable purpose for which this corporation was formed is to collect new hand-made and/or store purchased blankets and stuffed animals to donate to local hospitals and children's homes for newborns, infants and children who are hospitalized. Brody and Hannah are very hands-on and personally make all of the deliveries. Outside of work and volunteering, she and her husband of 10 years, Duane, enjoy watching their son play soccer and their daughter's musical performances and cheer events. She is excited to be contributing to the Faith Formation program and looks forward to working with our children.

Angel Turrigiano I currently work at Curtis Eye Pediatric Ophthalmology and enjoy my co-workers and helping young children with their eye conditions. Being social and spending time with family and friends, whenever possible, is what makes me happy. My hobbies include, exercising, walking and any water activities. I am a healthy eater but most enjoy Consol's Pizza. My biggest goal is to raise my daughters to be healthy, happy and strong individuals.



Loretta Hudy, Faith Formation Director
Mary Strojny, Youth Ministry Director



with **Jackie Newman** and **Pope Francis**

Fall Family Activities That Celebrate God's Creation

1 *Appreciate the Autumn*

Consider the beauty of autumn: the cooler air, the foliage, the wonderful fruits and vegetables of the season. With your family, design a wreath or similar decorations that you can hang on your door, place in your family prayer space, or display at your parish church. Share the beauty of God's season by designing something beautiful for your community to enjoy, to honor God's creation and remind others to appreciate the wonder of God's natural works.

2 *Leaf Sort*

Take a walk through your yard, visit a community hiking trail, or simply walk through your neighborhood instead of driving to complete a local errand. Bring a small bag along and collect leaves of different varieties with your child. As you collect leaves, ask your child "Why do you think this one is red instead of green?" or "Can you find a leaf that is smaller than this one?" Encourage conversation and questioning. If your child asks questions about leaves that you cannot answer, look up the answers together. Finally, spread the leaves out and sort them. You might want to group them by color, size, shape, texture, type of leaf, number of points, or orientation of the veins. Even though all the leaves you collected together are leaves, each one is so unique. Wonder together about the beauty and diversity of God's creation.

3 *Put it to Rest*

In fall, the Earth prepares for the slumber of winter. Genesis 8:22 reminds us that all of God's creation experiences the cycles of life. Use the fall as an opportunity to talk about cycles; you might want to discuss the change of seasons, the growth of seedlings into harvested fruits, or the life and death of Jesus. Pick an old habit or behavior that you would like to put to rest. Maybe television has encroached upon family dinners and baseball practice has displaced family prayer time. Make a family pledge to end a habit and replace it with something new, to renew your faith and celebrate the beautiful life that God has given you.

4 *Enjoy the Harvest*

The fall is a time of harvest, of gathering the fruits of labor, of reaping the benefits of hard work. Take a trip to your local market, farm, or orchard. Discuss the different types of fruits and vegetables that you see and remark on the beauty of God's creation. Together, thank God for the beauty and abundance of the harvest. Pray the Harvest Prayer (found at the end of this newsletter).

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Which American Saint Are You?!

Do you prefer the beach or big city life? Would you rather watch scary movies or comedies? What type of pet would you like? Guess what? The same things you like and dislike give you something in common with an American saint.

Click below to see which one!!

Saints Quiz

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National Bible Week

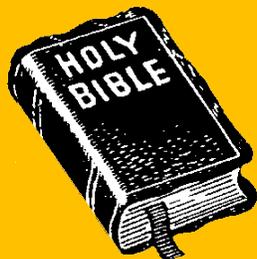
November 15 – 21, 2015

Families, parishes, schools and other Catholic groups can participate in National Bible Week with resources provided in English and Spanish and available on the website of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. The theme of the observance is “The Bible: A Book for the Family”.

National Bible Week logos and a variety of resources that highlight the Bible in Catholic life are available through the link below:

National Bible Week

Association of Catholic Publishers



FRANK RUNYEON is coming to
Church of the Holy Family
for a **3 Day Mission !!**

January 21, 22, 23

7 – 8:30 pm

You may remember him from *As the World Turns* where he starred as Steve Andropoulos for seven years opposite Meg Ryan. Click on the link below for more information on this exciting and memorable family event!

Acts of Mercy Mission

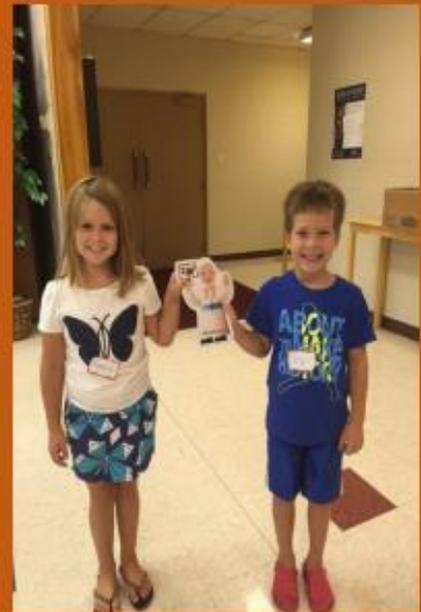
Pancake Breakfast

Faith Formation students sponsored a pancake breakfast in September. It was a fun event and was a huge success in bringing in donations for Health for Haiti!



Pope Francis

Pope Francis visited the United States and to commemorate this important event, many students and parishioners hung around with Flat Francis ... both small and tall versions!





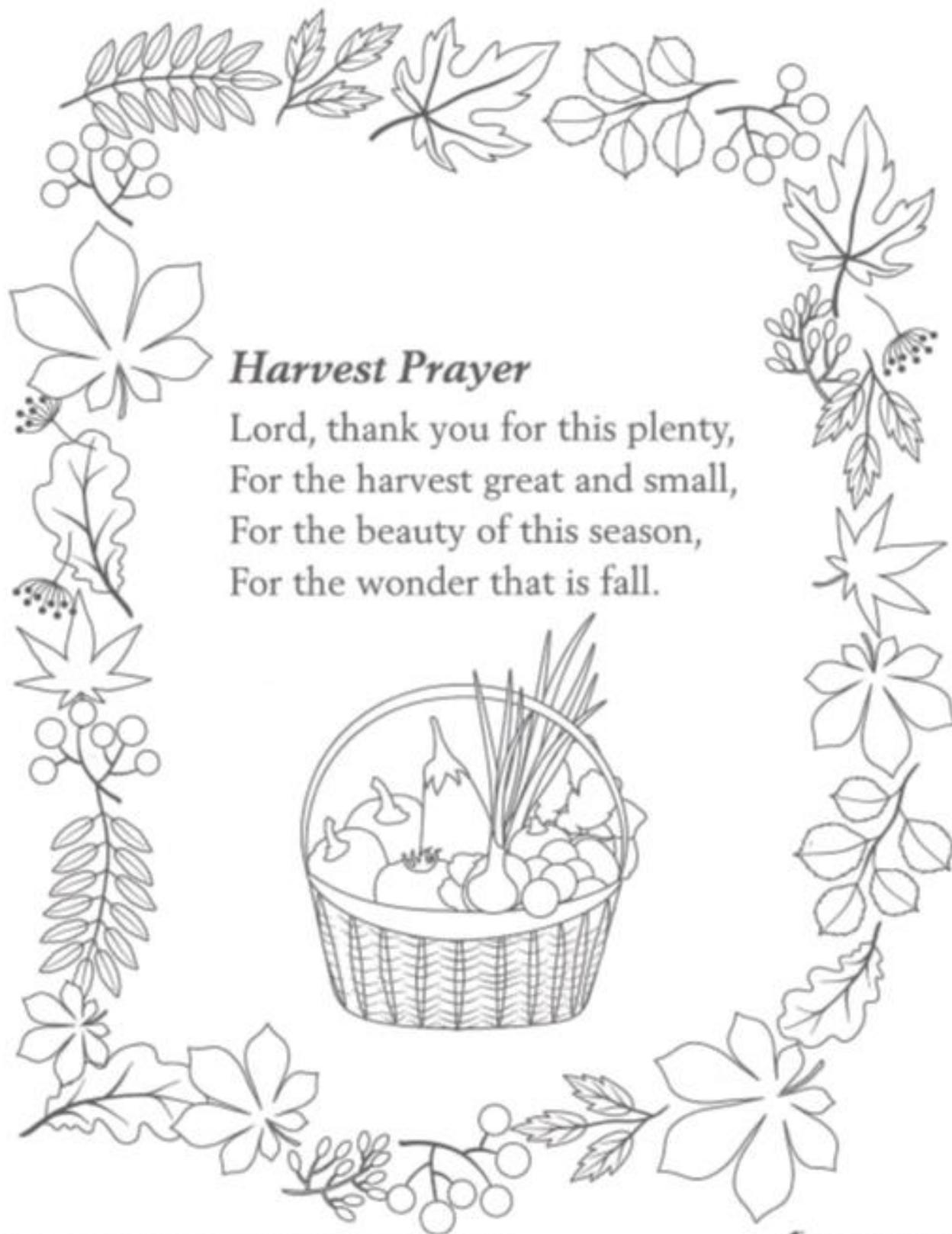
Our First Reconciliation class

Trunks of Treats

It was a fun-filled night of treats, music, hula hoop contests and spooky crafts! Congratulations to our winning trunk decorators: Tammy Wilson, the Cole family and the Blake family!!







Harvest Prayer

Lord, thank you for this plenty,
For the harvest great and small,
For the beauty of this season,
For the wonder that is fall.

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We want this newsletter to be informative, interesting & useful for you.

Please give us your feedback!



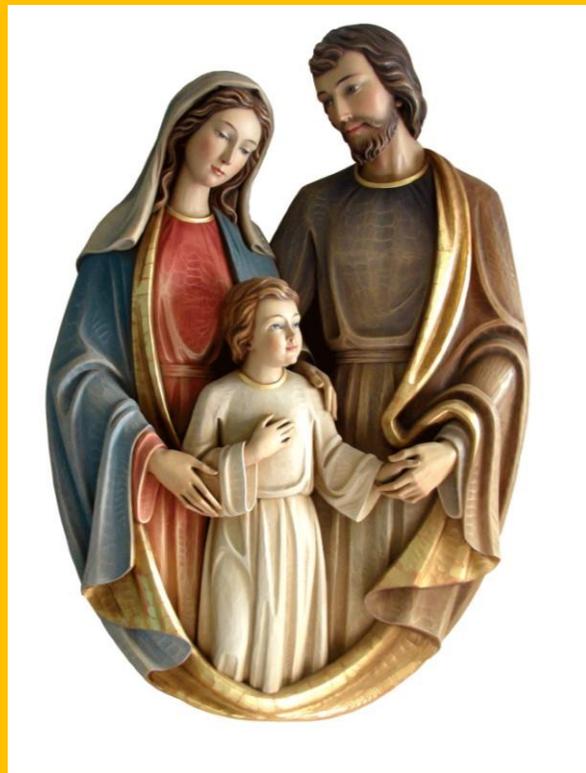
Do you have any ideas for improvement?

Is there anything you would like to see added?

How interesting are the items currently included?

Please click [here](#) or email Jackie Newman at jnewman@holyfamilyendwell.com with any comments.

Thanks for your input!



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