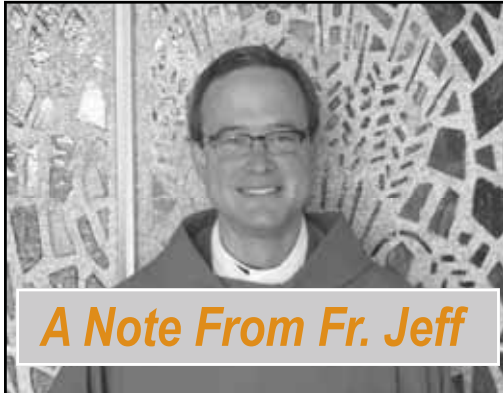




# Holy Family-gram

Your Holy Family Catholic Community  
Newsletter



## **CHANGE.**

Change? Not sure I like that word!

In my life, I have always found that very few words would bring about such excitement and, at the same time, fear and anxiety as the word “change.” Over the years, there have been many changes in the lives of myself and my family. With each change, there were the initial feelings of fear and anxiety. However, as the changes would take place, the excitement of new things or a new challenge would replace these negative feelings, and life would become a little more vibrant.

As I moved to Holy Family Catholic Church, I was fearful about whether things would go smoothly and whether this community would accept me. I was anxious about being in a different parish with different needs. But, quite quickly, those feelings were replaced by the excitement of being here with all of you, and my life and my priesthood has become more vibrant because of that change.

Perhaps, in your own life, you have also experienced changes that posed challenges to you and your family which made your lives a little more vibrant as a result. As a church family, we will soon be experiencing a change in some of the parts of the Mass. Those changes will involve some of the words in certain prayers that we use at Mass. Many of you have already heard of these changes.

Over the course of the next few weeks, you will have opportunities to learn more about the changes in the Mass in various bulletin inserts as well as in this edition of the *Holy Family-gram*. I would encourage you to come to the parish mission this year at the beginning of November. The entire mission will be focused on the upcoming changes. It will be a wonderful opportunity to learn and prepare ourselves for the changes in some of the prayers at Mass, which will be in full effect the first Sunday of Advent. From the changes I have seen, I think that they, at first, seem a bit different; but the more I read them, (and, I feel certain the more you read them) they are actually quite beautiful. The changes use a manner of speaking that is both beautiful and very expressive. The result is an increased feeling and understanding that what takes place at our celebration of Mass is something truly special and wonderful.

I know that the idea of change is still a bit scary for some of us. However, I would hope that each and every one of us will approach the changes with an open mind and heart. This can be an exciting time where, together, we discover the beauty of our Mass in a new way. I am excited and I hope that you will be, too.

### **Mark Your Calendar!**

Please make note of the following upcoming events. For more information, please contact the Pastoral Office at (817) 737-6768.

- ◆ Monday, November 7  
**Service of Light Memorial Prayer Service, 7 p.m.**
- ◆ Saturday, November 12  
**Special Needs Mass, 7 p.m.**
- ◆ Wednesday, November 16  
**All Young at Heart (Senior Ministry)  
Thanksgiving Potluck Lunch, 11:30 a.m.**
- ◆ Sunday, November 20  
**St. Cecilia Concert, 6 p.m.**



# My Experience as a "Tunnel to Towers" Runner

By Michael Goulding

After my collapse during an event in New York City two years ago, I was invited by the New York Fire Department to participate in the "Tunnel to Towers" run which benefits families of the FDNY who passed away from the events of 9/11. This also gave me a chance to again thank my resuscitators in person.

When my friend, Jennifer, from Luke's Locker heard I was going back to NYC, she gathered some running shirts and told me to give them to the fire station as thanks for all they do.

As I entered Station 35 in Harlem, I explained to a firefighter who I was and what I wanted to give them. Everyone that I was introduced to thanked me for returning. They all said the shirts were not necessary but appreciated. Upon leaving, I reflected on the large banner over the station which read "We Will Never Forget."



I attempted to see as many things as I could in such a short time span. I did have dinner with one of my rescuers and we had a long, nice chat about life. I found it strange that she was so thankful to me that I returned. I explained that the run was the least I could do as I am still so grateful.

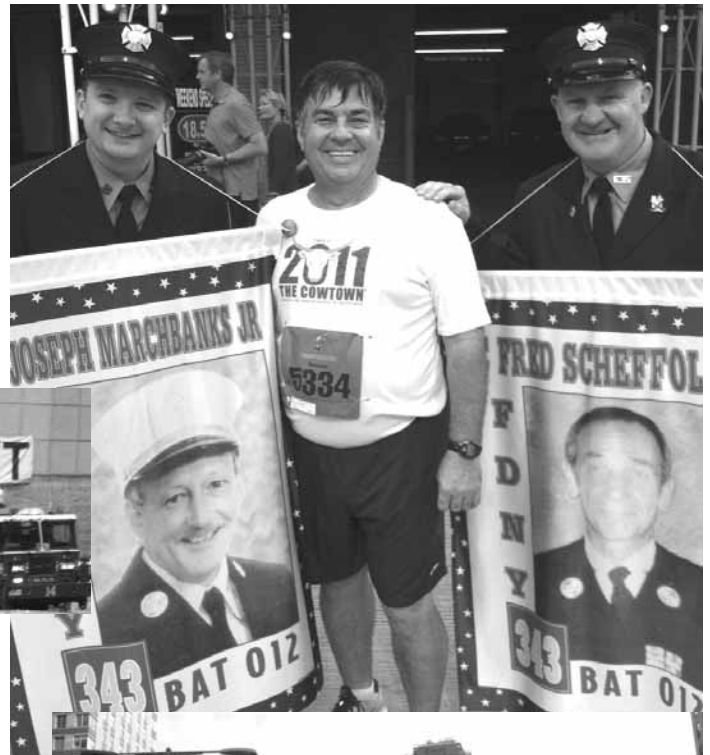
The "Tunnel to Towers" run benefits the foundation for a fallen 9/11 firefighter named Stephen Siller. Mr. Siller had just completed a work shift and heard the news about the World Trade Center. He turned his car around and when traffic stopped in the Brooklyn Tunnel, he got out, put on his gear, and ran to the Trade Center. He died helping others in the Towers.

The run is in its tenth year and has grown to over 30,000 runners. This year, former mayor Rudy Giuliani was the honorary starter.

The first half of the race is in the Brooklyn Battery Tunnel. There is something magical in seeing and hearing all the runners in a closed space. I was amazed to see other firefighters run the course in full gear in tribute to Mr. Siller. Firefighters from around the world were also present. I paused and reflected as I saw runners applaud a company of Army runners. It's nice to know that our citizens value the service of our military.

As we exited the tunnel and entered Manhattan, both sides of the tunnel were flanked by the NYPD and FDNY in dress uniform

holding large pictures of their fallen colleagues. 343 firefighters perished during the Trade Center attacks. Two of the Station 35 firefighters saw me and called my name. Despite slowing my time, I stopped and asked if they would allow me to take a picture with them.



When I made it to the finish line at the WTC Memorial, I reflected on the damage done by Al-Qaida and Bin Laden ten years ago. I also saw the love people have for New York and its citizens and realized good things can come from horrible events.

Despite the tragedy, it is true that love conquers all. That realization made the entire trip meaningful.

# Parish Scouts Participate in 9/11 Mass

Holy Family Catholic Community honored the ten-year anniversary of September 11th. In formal uniform, nearly 50 scouts from the church and school communities handed out prayer cards and processed in each of the weekend Masses as a way of remembering all those who were affected by the terrible events of that day.

## Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, 5 p.m. Mass

Ryan Cox (Boy Scout)  
 Sammy Cox (Cub Scout)  
 John Thomas Edmiston (Cub Scout)  
 Luke Edmiston (Cub Scout)  
 Simon Edmiston (Cub Scout)  
 Madison Grimes (Girl Scout)  
 Emily Grimes (Brownie)  
 Jesse Kimmerly (Cub Scout)  
 Adam Johnson (Boy Scout)  
 Glen Johnson (Boy Scout)  
 Mary Michael Johnson (Daisy Scout)  
 Evan Lawrence (Cub Scout)  
 Olivia Lawrence (Daisy Scout)  
 Jacqueline Lawrence (Girl Scout)  
 Jacob Marquardt (Cub Scout)  
 Nikita Marquardt (Brownie)  
 Benjamin Shields (Boy Scout)  
 Nicholas Velez (Cub Scout)

Anastacia Snyder (Girl Scout)  
 Anthony Snyder (Cub Scout)  
 Jenna Cate Tayag (Daisy Scout)  
 Henley Tayag (Brownie)

## 12:00 Noon Mass

Sierra Blackwell (Daisy Scout)  
 Anna Browder (Girl Scout)  
 Peyton Fisher (Girl Scouts)  
 Lilly Lopez (Girl Scout)  
 Andrew Schmuhl (Cub Scout)  
 Garrett Shamburger (Cub Scout)  
 Kyle Shamburger (Boy Scout)  
 Phillip Speairs (Cub Scout)  
 Kaitlyn Speairs (Girl Scout)



## Sunday, September 11th

### 7:45 a.m. Mass

Patrick Caero – (Cub Scout)  
 Ainsley Hilliard – (Girl Scout)  
 Olivia Hilliard – (Brownie)  
 Mary Michael Johnson (Daisy Scout)

### 9:15 a.m. Mass

Maren Bowman (Daisy Scout)  
 Alex Hecht (Boy Scout)  
 Abby Hoffacker (Girl Scout)  
 Patrick Hoffacker (Boy Scout)  
 Emma Howell (Daisy Scout)  
 Emma Kate Irwin (Brownie)  
 Jack Irwin (Boy Scout)  
 Olivia Irwin (Girl Scout)  
 Mandy McCans (Brownie)  
 Bailey McCans (Girl Scout)  
 Thomas Park (Boy Scout)  
 Stephen Park (Cub Scout)  
 Rachel Sibal (Girl Scout)



# Men's Club September Kick-off

Holy Family Men's Club set the tone for its 2011-2012 year with an exceptional kickoff meeting on September 14. About forty parishioners including Men's Club members, wives, and relatives, attended the event. Special guest and presenter for the evening was our pastor, Fr. Jeff Poirot, who spoke on "The Brewer's Art." Fr. Jeff provided a highly informative talk on the history of beer brewing. For instance: Did you know that brewing became popular because ancient water supplies were dangerous to drink?

Men's Club meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month. Officers this year are: Greg Mills, President; Don Sutton, Vice President; Paul Smith, Treasurer; Josh Suttles, Secretary.

## **Upcoming Programs:**

- Nov. 9 – Fr. Carmen Mele, Director of John Paul II Institute School of Lay Ministry
- Dec. 14 – Christmas Dinner and Dance
- Jan. 11 – Jana McWilliams, Development Coordinator, Nolan High School
- Feb. 8 – Laura Bacigalupo, Trinity River Vision Authority
- Mar. 14 – Lightcatcher Winery
- Apr. 11 – Dinner by Delio Silvestri

# Get to Know Barbara Skipper and Jack Bibbs

*Contributed by Teddi Huttmeier*

I first met Barbara thirteen years ago when she was a sponsor for RCIA, as was I. Since then, she and Jack have become some of my closest friends. I'd like to tell you a little about them.

Jack is a native Texan, born in Temple and raised in Robstown in south Texas. He served in Vietnam, first as an infantry marine at Kha Sanh, where he received a purple heart, and then as a helicopter crew chief in the army. After his tour of duty, he remained in the reserves. He went to college at Texas Wesleyan University, where he received a degree in business administration and later earned his MBA at Emery-Riddle Aeronautical. He retired seven years ago from management at Lockheed Martin.

Barbara was born in Brooklyn, New York, the product of a military family. Her family lived in many states and settled in South Carolina. Barbara earned her doctorate in Higher Education Administration at UNT and has taught at UNT, Emery-Riddle and Columbia University. She worked for the government in many countries in the recreation department. She and Jack met when he flew her to the army hospital due to an attack of asthma while she was stationed in Korea. You will hear Jack introduce her as his Korean bride.

The couple has been married thirty years and they have a daughter, Christina, who attended Holy Family School and Nolan High School. While Christina was growing up, they were very active in the schools, assisting with dances, auctions and other activities, as well as helping with the church youth group. They are now grandparents to two grandchildren, Dillon and Dakota. Jack also has a daughter and three grandchildren from a previous marriage.

Barbara says that, "Your life is a series of events in the church." They look back over the different phases of their lives according

to the activities they were involved in at the church at the time. They are always ready and willing to step in when needed. Both are currently Eucharistic Ministers at the 5:00 Mass and they enjoy the All Young at Heart. They have helped put seminarians through school in Africa through the Amen Foundation and those in India in the Franciscan TOR program.



Barbara is a member of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of Columbus, Council 2813. She has held the position of president and this year is first vice-president. Jack has held many offices in the council and this is his second year serving as Grand Knight.

Now that they are retired, they enjoy traveling and seeing the world. They have gone to many countries in Europe and Asia, as well as many states in America, and have recently returned from Hong Kong. My husband, Bob, and I have traveled to some places with them.

Jack and Barbara have become as close to me as my family. They are very caring people and would do anything for you. I was blessed to meet them when Bob and I moved to Texas.

## Preparing Ourselves for the New Mass Translation

*By Bob Blanchette, Pastoral Council*

In mid-September, parish leaders gathered to learn about the New Translation of the Mass. The New English Translation will begin on November 27, the first Sunday of Advent. The entire Church in the United States is blessed with the opportunity to receive a better understanding of the Sacred Liturgy and appreciate its meaning in our lives.

Fr. Jeff is excited about the change. Though change is not always easy, I personally look forward to the change. The New English Translation is more conducive to reverence. It encourages us to deepen our faith when we celebrate the Sacred Liturgy.

How can you prepare for the new translation? Consult the Holy Family Church bulletin regarding informational sessions that will be offered by the parish. You may also want to refer to the following website for information: [www.mycatholicfaithdelivered.com](http://www.mycatholicfaithdelivered.com) The Holy Family parish code is: 96-MC-NT-10GR

We can all be better prepared for the new changes in the Liturgy through prayer and reflection. Through preparation we can make it an easy transition.

# Women of Holy Family Potluck Dinner - A Big Success

By Christine Snider

On Monday, September 26, the Women of Holy Family held a pot luck dinner, featuring speaker Rose-Mary Rumbley. She was introduced by our own Dr. Tom Murnane, who attended North Dallas High School with Ms. Rumbley. Tom delighted the audience with the North Dallas fight song, sporting an orange sports cap and proudly waving an orange pennant.



Rose-Mary Rumbley and schoolmate/parishioner, Tom Murnane.

Rose-Mary is hailed as an author, humorist, teacher, book reviewer, actress, and, in the words of Dave Lieber (Fort Worth Star-Telegram), “She is the best speaker in Texas bar none.” The topic was “The Judge, The Indian, and the Preacher,” focusing on Texas legends



Judge Roy Bean, Quanah Parker, and J. Frank Norris. The audience was regaled with exciting stories of each of these men and how they affected our Texas history. Rose-Mary was an enchanting, humorous, and very knowledgeable speaker.

*Many thanks to Shirley Matzinger, Tom Murnane, Cam Ryan, Linda Moynihan, Shirley Fischer, Therese Graffigna, Christine Snider, Karen Roach, Monica Molina, Mary Pacheco and Dean Laesch for making our Pot Luck Dinner a fun evening.*



# Holy Family to Embark on Next Habitat for Humanity Project

By Eddie Monroe

This Fall will be the fourth year in a row that Holy Family has participated with nine other Catholic parishes and Trinity Habitat for Humanity to build a house for a needy family. This year the partner family is Alicia Parker and her three year-old daughter. The house will be located in Forest Hills area of Fort Worth in the same subdivision as the last year’s house.

Each year, Holy Family has provided a crew of 20 to 25 to staff one or two days for work on the new house. Tasks range from simple cleaning to framing, roofing and installing siding. It is a day of hard work but it is truly a blessing to know you have helped to change someone's life. We need volunteers to help again this year. You do not need any skills to help. You will be trained to do everything you are asked and will not be required to do anything with which you are uncomfortable.

*Habitat for Humanity* is a Christian-based, non-profit organization with the goal of building homes and hope in partnership with God’s people. Partner families, as the homebuyers are known, invest hundreds of hours of sweat equity in the construction of their homes, and then buy their houses, making monthly payments on an interest-free mortgage. Their house payments revolve back into Habitat’s work; a dollar invested in Habitat is a buck that never stops — it just keeps building. Individuals and families who have a history of employment and rent payments but do not make enough to save money to purchase a house are targeted as Habitats partner families.

For more information, email Eddie Monroe at [femonroe@sbcglobal.net](mailto:femonroe@sbcglobal.net) or phone 817-737-0007 or [www.trinityhabitat.org](http://www.trinityhabitat.org).



Henry Arriaga and Fr. Jeff Poirrot lend a helping hand at a previous Habitat for Humanity project.

## Remembering Mary Barter

*Remember Mary's gifts she brought to the choir —  
Entered Holy Family; director for hire!  
Soprano, musician — keyboard/piano, guitar —  
Upstaged no one — grew not to be a star.  
Rehearsals could be grueling; sometimes long!  
Remember 8:30(pm)!! At 9, still going strong!  
Early years filled with song, fellowship, food:  
Christmas Eve Masses, "5 & 7"; summertime mood!  
Teacher she was! High school chemistry— AP no less!  
Individuals cringe having been put to the test!  
Of course, NOT Mary! She loved teaching students!  
No average student failed if to just exercise prudence.  
Weathered many storms during past 24 (& more) years.  
In case you don't know them, I won't fill your ears.  
Teacher, choir director, volunteer, friend, gardener, "hiker," mom, wife —  
How small a sample these represent of her life.  
Cared for every student & choir member she touched through the years;  
How much more (care) for her family in cheers & fears!  
Resurrected in Christ we do know of her spirit.  
Idled no longer in pain. Called. No more fear of it.  
Stay, we must. We'll honor her memory;  
Thank God for her shared gifts; NOW, in His glory!*

**Poem by Laura Lennarson, Member of the Contemporary Choir**



*Mary and Steve Barter and daughters, Julie, Lisa and Anne Marie, became members of Holy Family in 1985.*

*Mary was the founder and first director of the Contemporary Choir and served as the first Coordinator of Liturgy.*

*For 26 years, Mary and Steve were an integral part of the music at the 9:15 a.m. Mass.*

*Mary died on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of August due to the effects of cancer. We thank God for the gift of Mary and the many talents she shared with our community.*

## Anniversaries

**Happy 65 Anniversary!**  
Arthur and Evelyn Allis



**Happy 60th Anniversary!**  
Al and Mary Holton

*Please contact our Parish office if you would like to submit an anniversary announcement for a forthcoming issue of the Gram.*

## HFCS Students Host Annual Grandparents Day

More than 200 parents, grandparents and special friends of Holy Family Catholic School students attended a celebratory Mass in honor of Grandparents Day on Thursday, September 29. This is the largest crowd ever gathered for the school Mass. In addition to attending Mass together, families had picture taking opportunities, a chance to tour the school and visit classrooms as well as make purchases from the school book fair. The response was overwhelmingly successful! Thank you to all who made this a special day for our school community.



## Stability Ball Pilot Program = Big Success!

Holy Family Catholic School is ON THE BALL - literally! As a way to promote better posture and focus in the classroom, Mrs. Suanne Monroe, first grade teacher, introduced stability balls at the start of this school year as an alternative to the traditional classroom chair. Mrs. Monroe started off the year teaching students how to be safe on the ball and the importance



of keeping feet on the floor. Students earned their ball within the first few weeks of school and now they are really on a roll! When asked what they liked best about the balls, students gushed about the benefits of better posture and the ability to help them concentrate. One

student put it quite simply when she said, "It's just more fun to do our class work when we sit on the balls."

Research validates the benefits of stability balls in the classroom. Students tend to improve in at least one area of flexibility, balance, posture, squirminess, and the ability to stay on task. That certainly has been the experience of Mrs. Monroe who confirms significant behavioral improvement since adding the balls to her classroom. The balls provide students with the

opportunity to move while staying in their seat. Less classroom disruption occurs, as a result, which leaves more time for better learning.

The use of stability balls in the classroom is a pilot program at Holy Family Catholic School and is currently funded for the first grade classroom only. Several other teachers are interested in implementing the program in their classroom and have put stability balls on their teacher wish lists. If you are interested in making a donation to fund this project for other classrooms, please contact the Development Office at Holy Family Catholic School at (817) 737-4201.

## HFCS Welcomes New Principal

Holy Family Catholic School welcomes its new principal, Mr. Albert Herrera. With 15 years experience in both public and Catholic schools, Mr. Herrera has taught at the elementary, middle and high school level as well as served as a school administrator. His educational background includes an Associate's degree in Commercial Art, a B.A. in Art from Texas A&M University Corpus Christi and a Master's degree in Educational Administration from University of Texas Arlington. Presently, he is within the final year of study for completing his Doctorate in Educational Leadership through Nova Southeastern University.



Mr. Herrera claims the highlight of his week to be Monday mornings when the entire student body gathers together for a short prayer service. During the Monday morning assembly, Mr. Herrera professes the Gospel reading for that day and shares with the students and staff ways to apply God's word to our daily lives. "Every day I count my blessings for having been given such a wonderful opportunity to share God's message with the students at Holy Family."

Originally from the Corpus Christi area, Mr. Herrera currently resides in Arlington with his wife, Angie, and two beautiful daughters, Annaliese and Arianna. The Herrera family will welcome a third child in early December – they are expecting a son. Mr. Herrera and his family are active members of St. Vincent de Paul parish.

Please stop by the school sometime and personally welcome Mr. Herrera to our faith community – we are blessed to have him here!

*- Contributed by Jennifer Tayag, Development Director  
Holy Family Catholic School*

# Parish Happenings



**Love and Logic returns to Holy Family!**  
*Instructor Linda Clark answers questions in this five-part series parenting class.*



**The Second Annual Blessing of the Pets** was held on October 8th. Dogs, cats, a fish and a rabbit were blessed with holy water by Fr. Jeff. Participants donated pet food and money to the "Don't Forget to Feed Me" Program in Fort Worth.



**All Young at Heart (Senior Ministry)** kicked off the year with the Mass of Anointing and Reception on September 14th. 8th Graders from Holy Family Catholic School also participated by passing out carnations and serving refreshments at the reception.



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