

# Our Lady Mother of the Church

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## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY ~ APRIL 8, 2018

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### Mass Schedule

Monday-Friday 8:30am & 12:00 pm (until June 22)  
Saturday 5:30pm &  
8:00 pm (in classroom)  
Sunday 8:30am & 10:30am

**Holy Days: See bulletin for schedule of Masses.**

### Parish Office:

Monday - Wednesday 9:00am - 4:00pm  
Thursday and Friday 9:00am - 2:00pm  
Phone: 201-391-2826

### Parish Email

[info@motherofthechurch.org](mailto:info@motherofthechurch.org)

### Faith Formation Office

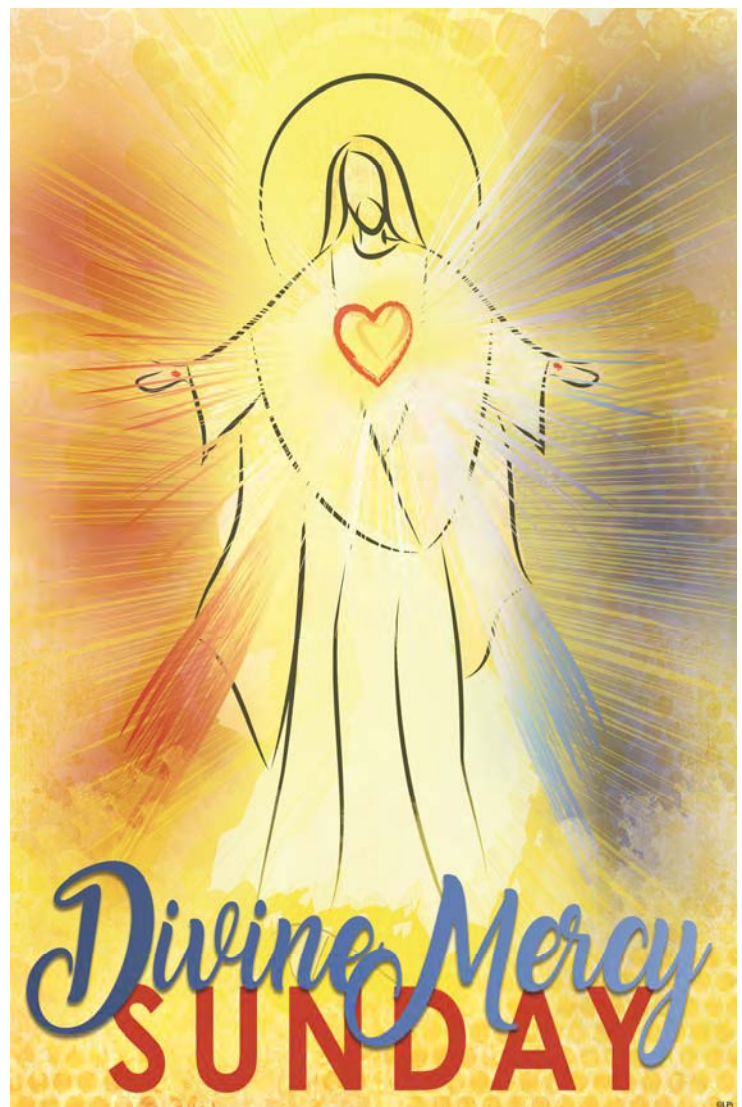
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Wednesday 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm  
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### Toddlers Mass

Every First Saturday  
at 4:00 pm

### Reconciliation

Saturday 4:30 pm to  
5:00 pm



**Mission Statement:** Called by our baptism and nourished by the Eucharist, the parishioners of Our Lady Mother of the Church, acknowledge our mission to teach, share and live the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Inspired by the Holy Spirit, we create a welcoming environment, enthusiastically gather and worship to praise God, and strive to imitate the life of Jesus as we reach out beyond our own faith community.

## FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Brothers and Sisters



'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nail marks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe'

The words of Thomas are spoken on that first Easter Sunday. He was not present when Jesus, Risen from the dead, appeared to the other disciples in the Upper Room.

Where was he? The Gospels do not say, but he was not present in the assembly of the faithful. That Sunday he had something else to do.

Perhaps he was at a family gathering, or a birthday party, or a ball game, or a BBQ, or a graduation, or maybe he slept in! Wherever he was, he was not present when Jesus came and stood in the midst of the other disciples.

We have the joy and privilege to gather every Sunday and experience the presence of the Risen Christ in our midst.

With the frenetic pace at which our life is lived, especially here in the north east, it is not always easy to 'find time' to come to church every Sunday.

But there will never be enough time. There will always be something else to do, or somewhere else to be. We are free, to come or not to come, to be present or not.

God does not discriminate against us if we choose not to come. But we are the ones who lose out when we are not here.

Every Sunday is an experience of Easter, of the Resurrection; it is an encounter with the Risen Christ.

This Sunday, the Second Sunday of Easter, is known as Divine Mercy Sunday. We will have exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 2:30pm, followed by the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

We can touch the wounds of Christ in our liturgy today, and also at the Divine Mercy Chaplet. It is in the wounds of Christ that we find evidence of his Resurrection.

I wish all of you and your families a very Happy Easter. Christ is Risen! He is Truly Risen, Alleluia!

Fr. Sean



# APRIL IS THE MONTH OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

**Saturday**

5:30 pm



**April 7**

*Saturday within the Octave of Easter*

Joan McGovern

**Sunday**

**April 8**

*Divine Mercy Sunday*

Ann Witte

8:30 am



10:30 am

Dante Giurici

**Monday**

**April 9**

*The Annunciation of the Lord*

8:30 am

Tana Quigley & Baby Parker

**Tuesday**

**April 10**

Regina & Bernard Corbin

8:30 am

**Wednesday**

**April 11**

*St. Stanislaus*

8:30 am

Phil McGovern

**Thursday**

**April 12**

James V. LeBeu

8:30 am

**Friday**

**April 13**

*St. Martin*

8:30 am

Francesca Calabro

**Saturday**

**April 14**

Frank Foster

5:30 pm



**Sunday**

**April 15**

*Third Sunday of Easter*

8:30 am

Eileen Catherwood

10:30 am

Dante Giurici

## Stewardship of Treasure

### My Parish, My Family, My Responsibility

*"The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own..." (Acts 4:32)*

All that we are and all that we have is a gift from God!

Think of your family, your friends, your talents, your

abilities and your money-these are all gifts from God!

We aren't really owners of anything, we are merely

"stewards" of the gifts God has blessed us with.

**Receipts From Last Week.....\$ 710.00**

**Easter Collection.....\$23,162.00**

**Easter Flowers to Date.....\$1,548.00**



### Food Pantry Donations Needed

Thanks to everyone for your most generous donations to the Food Pantry in March. It is time again for our April collection which will be held this weekend. **The special needs and requests for this month are: White Rice, Juice Boxes or Bottles and Snacks (Salty or Sweet).** While we are grateful for ALL donations, the food pantry cannot distribute expired food items. **Please make sure you check the expiration dates on all the donated food items.** Any other donations are of course welcome as well. All those concerned at the pantry deeply appreciate your continued generosity. My personal thanks for your assistance to our brothers and sisters who are in need.

Deacon Stan

*For everything there is a season and a time for every purpose under heaven."*

*Ecclesiastes 3:11*

*"A time to be healed"*

**Parish sick list:** Colin Burns, Michael Bussanich, Francesca DeMarco, Arlene Desposito, Rosa Dicapua, Tommy Fitzpatrick, Jennifer Hartmann, Joachim Jung, Lina Klarin, Thomas Kneesbaw, Vivienne Knopp, Jessica Livingstone, Abigail Mayer, Kathy McGrath, Flossie O'Sullivan, Eugenia Pgron, Patrick Randazzo, Ron Ruiz, Carol Schmidt, Barbara Toeppe, Ivan Tarabokia, Rose Ann Tripaldi, Eric Vanderleif and Bryce Werner

*"A time to mourn"*

*"A time for war and a time for peace"*

Tyler Aiello, Ryan Brady, Lcpl. Joseph Ryan and Seamus Ryan

*Amen.*

## Catechesis for Adults and Youth



Christ is Risen, Alleluia! He is truly Risen. He comes to dispel all sadness, doubt, and darkness. Do not be Afraid!! If you are still looking for the meaning of Easter in your life, Come and Listen. There is Good News waiting for you. We meet this week

on Monday and Thursday at 8:00pm in the McCarthy Center. I look forward to seeing you there.

Fr. Sean

## Divine Mercy Chaplet

Fr. Siffredus will preside a liturgy with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 2:20pm this Sunday April 8th, followed by the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction. Please come and spend some time in prayer with our Risen Lord.

# APRIL 8, 2018



Thank you to everyone who so generously pledged towards this year's Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal. It is so important that every member of the parish participate in this opportunity to give to others who are in need. It is particularly appropriate for us to do so in this Lenten Season, which invites us to Almsgiving. If you have not yet responded, there are still envelopes available in the pews. On behalf of Cardinal Tobin, and on behalf of myself, your Pastor, I thank you once again.

Fr. Sean



## Saint John's Academy News

### SJA Spring Plant Sale

Please consider supporting SJA by ordering your spring and Mother's Day plants from us! Our sale features a wonderful selection of hearty plants and flowers at competitive prices! Order forms are located in the vestibule and online at [www.sja-hillsdale.org](http://www.sja-hillsdale.org) Deadline for orders is April 19; Plants will be available for pick-up on May 12th, 10:30-11:30 at SJA. Please contact Julie Heafy at [jheafy@aol.com](mailto:jheafy@aol.com) with any questions.

### Box Tops for Education

There are collection boxes located in our sponsoring parishes for "Box Tops for Education". Please clip and drop Box Tops from General Mills, Pillsbury, Hefty and Kimberly Clark products. Each one is worth \$.10 to our school. Many thanks for your generosity!

### Masses Still Available for 2018!!!

The Mass book for 2018 is still open. There are many weekend and weekday Masses available. Please come in to the Parish Office and schedule some!

### Toddler's Mass

A reminder, we have begun a 'Toddler's Mass' on the first Saturday of every month. All families with babies and small children are welcome and encouraged to come. This Mass is specifically geared at young children. Our next Mass will be this weekend, Saturday March 4<sup>th</sup>, at 4:00pm. We hope to see you here.

## Our Lady Mother of the Church Hosts a Ministry Fair April 28 & 29

Our Lady Mother of the Church will be hosting a Sign-Up Ministry Fair in McCarthy Center on Saturday April 28<sup>th</sup> after the 5:30 pm Mass and Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup> after the 8:30 am and 10 :30 am Masses. A time for you who participate in the many ministries to share with fellow parishioners how they can do it too! Stewardship is about what we do every day with what we have. At its heart, it expresses our own personal values, the priorities in our lives, and our relationship to God. As a part of Our Lady Mother of the Church Parish Community, you are invited to look through the booklets describing these ministry areas: Liturgy and Prayer; Catechetical and Faith Enrichment; Outreach and Social Justice; and Fellowship and Service. *"Christ has no body now on earth but ours."* -Teresa of Avila

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn before the Blessed Sacrament for the month of April in memory of



**Molly Offer**

Requested by the Offer Family

The Bread and Wine will be offered for the Week of April 8 to April 14 in memory of



**Tana Quigley**

Requested by The Capasso Family

### Our Lady's Guild Happenings

**Divine Mercy Sunday** will be celebrated at Our Lady Mother of the Church on Sunday Apr. 8<sup>th</sup>, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 2:30 pm and Divine Mercy Chaplet Prayer at 3:00 pm. Leaflets are available in the lobby of the church. Please join us for this devotion on this special day – families welcome!

**Lunch Bunch** will next meet Thursday April 12, at 12 Noon in McCarthy Center. All are welcome to come, meet, share and eat! BYOL (Bring your own lunch). Future Dates: May 10<sup>th</sup> and June 14<sup>th</sup>.

**April Meeting** will be Monday April 16<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM on the stage. We plan to view a movie about Sr. Faustina and Divine Mercy.

**Annual Dinner**-Save the date! Monday, May 7<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm at Domani's in Hillsdale. \$40 per person. All are invited!!!

**An Evening With Mary**-Monday, May 21 at 7 PM Guest Presenter: Mary Kay Benjamin.



# FAITH FORMATION



## Sunday April 8th Divine Mercy Sunday

What is it? The Divine Mercy devotion originated with a Polish nun, St. Faustina Kowalski, who had visions from Christ in the 1930s. She wrote down her conversations with Jesus, as King of Divine Mercy, in a diary, which included suggestions for devotion to Divine Mercy. These revelations had a strong impact on Pope St. John Paul II, who brought the devotions into worldwide adoption in 2000 including the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, the Divine Mercy Image, and Divine Mercy Sunday (the first Sunday after Easter). Join us today at 3 PM to pray the Divine Chaplet, learn and Honor our Lord, the King of Divine Mercy.

## Faith Formation Calendar

### April Prayer of the Month: Prayer of St. Francis

- Wed, April 11 3:45 pm-5:00 pm, Faith Formation Classes For Grades 1-6, *St. Marguerite*
- Sun, April 15 9:30-10:30 First Communion Class Brunch
- Wed, April 18 3:45 pm-5:00 pm, Faith Formation Classes For Grades 1-6, *St. Apollonius*
- Sun, April 22 9:30 am-10:30 am, First Communion Breakfast
- Wed, April 25 3:45 pm-5:00 pm, Faith Formation Classes For Grades 1-6, *St. Mark, The Evangelist*

### May Prayer of the Month: The Rosary

- Wed, May 2 3:45 pm-5:00 pm, Faith Formation Classes For Grades 1-6, Introduction to the Rosary, *St. Athanasius*

## Grade 2 Parent/Child Workshop, Wednesday, April 11

Rescheduled the First Eucharist Workshop will be Wed., April 11 at 4 PM in the Church. This is an essential meeting to prepare for First Eucharist. Sunday April 22 will be the Family Communion Breakfast at 9:30 AM. Wednesday May 2 will be First Holy Communion Rehearsal at 4 PM.

## Vacation Bible School, August 6-10. Register Now!!

When camp is done, enroll in this fun filled program packed with games, activities, crafts, snacks, and role-plays titled SHIPWRECKED complete with treasure maps and splash parties! It will be one-week journeying with their peers from 9:30 – 12:30. **IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO REGISTER YOUR CHILD or VOLUNTEER**, please e-mail [faithformationolmc@gmail.com](mailto:faithformationolmc@gmail.com)

## Question of the Week? Win a Gift card to DAIRY QUEEN! Everyone can enter!

This week's question: *Who is Divine Mercy Sunday dedicated to?* Last week's answer: Followers of Jesus who took his body away and prepared it for burial were Joseph of Arimathea asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus, and Pilate gave him permission. So, he came and took away his body. Nicodemus also, who earlier had come to Jesus by night, came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds in weight. So, they took the body of Jesus and bound it in linen cloths with the spices, as is the burial custom of the Jews. Congratulations to Brendan Gaskin the last question winner! To enter this week's raffle, submit your answer along with your name and address by email to [faithformationolmc@gmail.com](mailto:faithformationolmc@gmail.com) by 3pm. *All correct answers will be entered in a raffle for a gift card to Dairy Queen.*

## Register for Lighting Our Faith & Faith Formation 2018-19

Registration for Faith Formation 2018-19 is now open. LOF 2018 uses the same form, indicating LOF. Forms for returning students were mailed this past week. If you have a child entering 1<sup>st</sup> grade or you are new to the program, please e-mail [faithformationolmc@gmail.com](mailto:faithformationolmc@gmail.com) to request forms. **We are now planning for Lighting Our Faith (LOF) 2018 program.** Would you like to be a catechist, recreation aide, art coordinator, music assistant or babysitter? Please consider this exciting opportunity to explore our FAITH with the younger members of our parish. Students from Junior High and High School are encouraged to volunteer. Volunteers must be in 7th Grade or older. A background check is required for all volunteers 18 years old or older. Contact [faithformationolmc@gmail.com](mailto:faithformationolmc@gmail.com) **LOF is a two-week religious education for grades 3 – 6** from 7:55 AM to 12:45 PM covering the Faith Formation curriculum. Students enrolled in this alternative religious education program are required to attend every day and 4 required events during the academic year. Dates are June 25 – July 7, (no class July 4) unless the public school calendar changes the last day of school. **IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO REGISTER YOUR CHILD or VOLUNTEER**, please e-mail [faithformationolmc@gmail.com](mailto:faithformationolmc@gmail.com)



**Pope Francis Says:** *“First, the announcement: The Lord is Risen. That proclamation, that from the first Christians they would greet each other this way, the Lord is risen. And the women that were there to anoint the Lord's body, they found themselves in front of a surprise.*

*The Surprise. The announcements of God are always a surprise, because ours is a God of surprises. So, from the beginning of the history of salvation, from Abraham, who God tells to go, get up and go to the land I sent you to, there's always one surprise after another. God doesn't know how to make an announcement, a proclamation, without surprising us. And that surprise moves your heart, it touches you. **It happens when you don't expect it. It's a surprise from 'down low', it takes you off guard. God's announcement was a surprise.**”* Easter April 1, 2018

## EASTER FLOWERS IN MEMORY/HONOR OF...

<i>Giovanni Albanese</i>	<i>Michele Frabasile</i>	<i>Alexandria &amp; Thomas Morrissey</i>	<i>Joseph Welsh</i>
<i>Joseph Alemany</i>	<i>Rosina Frabisile</i>	<i>Mary &amp; Edward Moylan</i>	<i>Josephine Welsh</i>
<i>Concetta Aprea</i>	<i>Salvatore Franco</i>	<i>Concha &amp; John Mullins</i>	<i>Charles Whittlesey</i>
<i>Thomas Aprea</i>	<i>Francesco Franzj</i>	<i>Francine Murphy</i>	<i>Rita &amp; Harold Whitney</i>
<i>Barbara R. Badway</i>	<i>Giorgio Frasciello</i>	<i>Anthony Napolitano</i>	<i>James E. Whitney</i>
<i>Mary &amp; Patsy Bellantoni</i>	<i>Angelina Fusco</i>	<i>Peggy &amp; Noel Neary</i>	<i>Anna &amp; Edward Zank</i>
<i>Angela Bernich</i>	<i>George J. Fusco</i>	<i>Laura Neufeld</i>	<i>Edward Zega</i>
<i>Carole &amp; Robert Blackton</i>	<i>Kevin, Marcella &amp; Rita Gannon</i>	<i>Gladys Nietzsche</i>	<i>Natalia Zega</i>
<i>The Boyke Family</i>	<i>Gatto Family Members</i>	<i>The Nobile Family</i>	<i>The Zoch Family</i>
<i>Peter &amp; John Brennan</i>	<i>Laura &amp; Frank Gatto</i>	<i>Molly Offer</i>	<i>Louise Zucchini</i>
<i>Thomas Brennan</i>	<i>Jack Giacopelli</i>	<i>Antoni Orlowski</i>	
<i>William M. Brown</i>	<i>Mary &amp; Michael Giacopelli</i>	<i>Katarzyna Orlowski</i>	
<i>Dorothy Burke</i>	<i>Anna &amp; Caey Grech</i>	<i>Marie &amp; Joseph Panella</i>	
<i>Lawrence Burns</i>	<i>Albert Grimaldi</i>	<i>The Perrulli Family</i>	
<i>Francesca Calabro</i>	<i>Angelina &amp; Paul Grude</i>	<i>Gaudenzia Piccini</i>	
<i>The Carriero Family</i>	<i>Robert Hartmann</i>	<i>John Piccini</i>	
<i>Eileen Catherwood</i>	<i>Mary &amp; John Hayduk</i>	<i>Anthony Picinic</i>	
<i>William Catherwood</i>	<i>Julia Hicks</i>	<i>Maria Picinic</i>	
<i>Ken Chazotte</i>	<i>George Hicks</i>	<i>Dinko Picinic</i>	
<i>Laura Christen</i>	<i>Ann Higgins</i>	<i>Joseph R. Pigot</i>	
<i>Paul Comunale, Jr.</i>	<i>Gene Holtz</i>	<i>Michael Pisano</i>	
<i>Rose Comunale</i>	<i>Eileen Jahn</i>	<i>Francis Poletto</i>	
<i>Madlyn Crossen</i>	<i>Olive &amp; George Junior</i>	<i>John Poletto</i>	
<i>Barbara Cummings</i>	<i>The Kearney Family</i>	<i>Emilia Randażzo</i>	
<i>Richard Cummings</i>	<i>Alexander Keen</i>	<i>Carmello Ravioli</i>	
<i>Nancy &amp; Ed Dalcero</i>	<i>Anne Keoskey</i>	<i>Dora Ravioli</i>	
<i>Lauretta &amp; George F. Dalcero</i>	<i>Ann Latranta</i>	<i>Kevin Rew</i>	
<i>Adele Dattoli</i>	<i>"Butchy" Latrenta</i>	<i>Mary Ring</i>	
<i>Joseph P. Dattoli</i>	<i>Eugene Latrenta</i>	<i>William Ring</i>	
<i>Paul Dattoli</i>	<i>Melissa Latrenta</i>	<i>Marie &amp; Cipriano Rivieccio</i>	
<i>Delores Dell'Aquila</i>	<i>John Lavelle</i>	<i>Tom Rufino</i>	
<i>Anna &amp; Frank DeRosa</i>	<i>The Lazorzcyk Family</i>	<i>The Salleroli Family</i>	
<i>Marie Dettan</i>	<i>William Levy</i>	<i>Joe Samson</i>	
<i>Maria &amp; Joseph DiBella</i>	<i>Jose Lopes</i>	<i>The Sansevere Family</i>	
<i>DiBella Family Members</i>	<i>Frances &amp; Anthony Lombardi</i>	<i>Puline Santoro</i>	
<i>Rose Dispoto</i>	<i>The Lombardi Family</i>	<i>The Santumo Family</i>	
<i>Marilou &amp; Mark Dowd</i>	<i>Lorraine Maier</i>	<i>Rose &amp; Joseph Scanapico</i>	
<i>Dorothy Downes</i>	<i>Rosemary Lukac</i>	<i>Jean &amp; Fred Sciarra</i>	
<i>Vincent Downes</i>	<i>Michael Lukac</i>	<i>Edward Schlesinger</i>	
<i>Kathleen Drury</i>	<i>The Manganello Family</i>	<i>Eugene Sella</i>	
<i>The Edwards Family</i>	<i>Lucilla &amp; Jose Meirinho</i>	<i>Sheila &amp; Pat Sharkey</i>	
<i>Gertrude &amp; Louis Eichenlaub</i>	<i>Beverly &amp; August Menze</i>	<i>Marie Spink</i>	
<i>Patricia Eichenlaub</i>	<i>Frank Meredith, Sr.</i>	<i>Henry Sucorowski</i>	
<i>Sr. Mary Therese Eichenlaub</i>	<i>Margaret Meredith</i>	<i>Josephine Sucorowski</i>	
<i>Mr. and Mrs. Henry Eikenberg</i>	<i>Mary &amp; Ben Mikolajczyk</i>	<i>Robert Swanberg</i>	
<i>Vincent Falanga</i>	<i>Blanche &amp; Stanley Mikolajczyk</i>	<i>Bob Sweeney</i>	
<i>Felicia &amp; Eugene Finna</i>	<i>Bernice Miller</i>	<i>John Tarabocchia</i>	
<i>Catherine Fitzpatrick</i>	<i>Henry Miller</i>	<i>Mary Tripaldi</i>	
<i>Joseph Fitzpatrick</i>	<i>John Monteverdi</i>	<i>John Trombetta</i>	
<i>Mary Fitzpatrick</i>	<i>Marie Monteverdi</i>	<i>The Vanni Family</i>	
<i>Michael Flynn</i>		<i>The Vetrano Family</i>	