

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH
ALTAR SOCIETY
2018

Dear Parishioners,

The Holy Family Altar Society wishes everyone a Happy New Year. We invite all parishioners (men, women and children) to join and support the Altar Society. Annual dues are \$10.00 per person. We meet quarterly on the third Tuesday of the month. A memorial Mass for all members is offered once a month during the year and is posted in the parish bulletin.

The Altar Society is responsible for keeping the church clean and decorated, polishing altar vessels, maintaining items used for the Masses, furnishing certain cleaning supplies and many of the items required for the altar and the priest's attire.

A major duty is to see that our altar is always properly decorated for every weekend service and for the liturgical seasons of the year. Flower arrangements are the traditional way to decorate the altar, except during Lent and Advent.

Anyone wanting to furnish flowers for a particular date should fill out the form below and mail or give to Kay Kunkel or call Mrs. Lockley at 979-533-4081 at least **three** weeks in advance to reserve that date and be able to have it published in the church bulletin. If you provide flowers for a special occasion during Lent or Advent, they must be removed immediately after that Mass. Anyone donating flowers during the regular calendar year, may pick up their arrangement after Mass on Sunday or it can be left in the church and is usually put in the day chapel for daily Masses.

NEW this year: the Altar Society would like to have fresh flowers at all times for the Blessed Mother statue beginning in February. This is a less expensive option for anyone interested in providing flowers. Donors are asked to schedule a week with Mrs. Lockley and have the flowers delivered (or personally drop off) on Friday or Saturday mornings. Please contact Mrs. Lockley for information.

Due to age and normal wear, some of our Mass items need replacement throughout the year. Anyone wishing to donate toward the purchase of a special item may do so by calling Mrs. Lockley or any of the officers listed below.

The cleaning of the church is done by volunteer teams of 3 or 4 persons. The team is scheduled for one month of the year to come in once a week on a day they choose to perform their duties that usually take only about an hour or so to complete. These duties include: dusting pews, vacuuming altar/day chapel carpets, dust mopping floor, washing holy water fonts and refilling, cleaning choir loft and discarding flower arrangements. Scheduling for these weekly (for one month) cleaning teams will begin in February. We are in desperate need of volunteers and any church member or group is welcome and encouraged to volunteer for this committee. Please contact Pat Abbott (979-532-5844) or any officer listed below to sign up for a month.

The Altar Society sincerely appreciates all the volunteer service and generous donations given during 2017 that enabled us to maintain and decorate our Lord's house.

Sincerely,
Bitsy Lockley

Altar Society Officers for 2018 are:

President – Bitsy Lockley, 533-4081
Vice President – Lorna Kaiser, 533-3318
Secretary – Linda Buenger, 532-5586
Treasurer – Kay Kunkel, 533-3555

Committee Chairs:

Flowers & Easter decorating – Bitsy Lockley
Christmas decorating – Lorna Kaiser
Cleaning Teams – Pat Abbott



Please return form and dues/donation to: Kay Kunkel 2839 Turtle Creek Drive Wharton, TX 77488

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Member: _____ Yes _____ No

Flowers for Altar or Ambo: **MONTH** _____ **DATE:** _____ (\$50 & up)
Flowers for Blessed Mother: **MONTH** _____ **DATE:** _____

Intention of flower donation to post in bulletin (celebration, thanksgiving, in memory of, etc.): _____

Membership Dues: \$ _____ (\$10.00 annual)
Flower Money: \$ _____
Donating Money Only: \$ _____
Total Money Enclosed: \$ _____

PLEASE NOTE: If you do not wish to donate flowers, but are interested in one of the service areas listed below, please complete this form and return. You may call one of the officers to get more details about the area you are interested in.

_____ Candle upkeep _____ Flower Scheduling _____ Cleaning Church
_____ Decorating Church _____ Maintaining Altar Linens & Vestments _____ Polishing Altar Vessels

Comments: _____

