

Church of the Holy Family

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Welcome

We welcome all who join us for worship and we invite you to become part of our parish family. You may register as a parishioner in the rectory on any Sunday morning after the 8:00am or 11:00am Masses or any time in the rectory.



CHURCH SERVICES

Saturday Evening Mass 4:00pm

Sunday Masses: 8:00 and 11:00am

Weekday Mass: 8:00am

Holy Day Vigil Mass: 7:00pm

Holy Day Mass: 8:00am

BAPTISM

Baptisms are celebrated on the third Sunday of each month after the 11:00am Mass. Please contact the rectory for details about the Pre-Jordan program which is held on the first Sunday of the month at 12:00pm in the rectory.

CONFESSION

Saturday: 3:00 to 3:45pm
After Stations on Wednesday evenings during Lent and any time upon request.

MARRIAGE

Couples must make arrangements with one of the priests at Holy Family at least 6 months prior to the wedding. Call the rectory at 215-482-0450 for an appointment.

MINISTRY TO THE SICK AND ELDERLY

We visit the homes of those unable to attend Mass due to sickness or age on the first Monday of each month from 11:00am to 12:30pm and every Sunday after the 8:00am Mass.

Holy Hour: second Sunday of each month after the 11:00am Mass

Miraculous Medal Novena: every Friday after 8:00am Mass

Alter Servers: serve at Mass

Cantors: lead singing at Mass

Choir: sings at Mass & Liturgical Services

Extraordinary Ministers: bring Holy Communion to the sick

Guitar Group: sings at the 11:00am Mass once a month

Lectors: read at Mass each Sunday

RCIA: prepares and instructs converts to enter the church and for Catholics not yet Confirmed; Wednesday at 7:00pm

PREP: teaches students' not attending Catholic school; Sundays from 9:30 to 10:45am

Pre-Cana Team: workshop for engaged couples

Ajax Committee: cleans sanctuary and church twice each month

ALPHA: discuss religious matters in a relaxed setting

Finance Committee: meets six times per year to advise the Pastor

Liturgy Committee: plan religious services

Parish Pastoral Council: meets several times per year to confer on Pastoral planning

Women's Club: meets six times per year and sponsors social activities

Seniors: meets twice each month in the convent

* **Please note:** if you are interested in participating any of these activities, please contact the rectory at 215-482-0450

Palm Sunday



...the very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and strewed them on the road...

Matthew 21

APRIL 14, 2019



Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, APRIL 13th

4:00pm

Kathleen Williamson, requested by Harry and Eileen Mullen

SUNDAY, APRIL 14th

8:00am

Our Parishioners

11:00am

Eileen Marcanello, requested by Joe and Mary Ellen Alymer

MONDAY, APRIL 15th - 8:00am

Edgar Trimmer, requested by Marie Mueller

TUESDAY, APRIL 16th - 8:00am

Kathleen Gorman, requested by Mary Lou Tucker

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17th - 8:00am

Kathleen Gorman, requested by Marie Mueller

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 17th - 7:00pm

Solemn Mass of the Last Supper

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 17th - 3:00pm

Passion of Our Lord

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

April 6 th /7 th (111)	\$ 3,184.00
Rice Bowl (43)	\$ 1,067.00
Easter Flowers (8)	\$ 95.00
Easter (1)	\$ 10.00
TOTAL	\$ 4,356.00

PRAYER Requests

In your prayers, you are asked to pray for all the sick of the parish especially, Anna Marie Barry, Robert Brecht, Jr., Christopher Browne, Christina Dougherty Gailey, Daniel Evans, Terry Flanagan, Mike Gallagher, Anne Marie Kearns, Richard Levering, Lisa Long, Erin McFarlane, Megan McHugh, Helen Nagle, Ronald Rigler, Ava Snick, Frances Sprinkle, Eileen and Joe Szewczak and Fran Thomas.

In Loving Memory

Please pray for the happy repose of all the faithful departed especially, Gail Flannery and Kay Gorman.



LCPL. Shane Canavan, A1C Matt Dandrea, Nicholas DiCicco, PFC Michael D'Intino, Sr. Master Sergeant Jason Otto, Captain Kiersten Schwatka, Captain Zach Schwatka, Col. Scott Shore, and Cpl. Christopher Starrett.



Confessions will be heard on Wednesday, April 17th from 7:00pm to 8:00pm and on Holy Saturday, April 20th from 3:00pm to 4:00pm.



COLLECTION AT HOLY THURSDAY MASS

The collection at Mass on Holy Thursday will be the Rice Bowl collection.

ALTER SERVER SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, APRIL 13th - 4:00pm

Grace Welsh – Jocelyn Welsh

SUNDAY, APRIL 14th - 8:00am

Frances Arturo – Joseph Arturo

11:00am

Makayla Serbin – Makenzie Serbin- Michael Torna

HOLY THURSDAY – APRIL 18th – 7:00pm

Grace Welsh – Charlotte Welsh - Jocelyn Welsh

GOOD FRIDAY – APRIL 19th – 3:00pm

Michael Torna - Frances Arturo - Joseph Arturo

HOLY SATURDAY – APRIL 20th – 7:00pm

Gianna Turino – Grace, Charlotte, Jocelyn Welsh

EASTER SUNDAY – APRIL 21st - 8:00am

Frances Arturo – Joseph Arturo

11:00am

Makayla Serbin – Makenzie Serbin

ORGANIST

4:00pm - Joseph O'Brien

SUNDAY, APRIL 14th - 8:00am – 11:00am

Isaac Young

HOLY THURSDAY – APRIL 18th – 7:00pm

Isaac Young

GOOD FRIDAY STATIONS – APRIL 19th –

7:00pm

Joseph O'Brien

HOLY SATURDAY – APRIL 20th – 7:00pm

Isaac Young

EASTER SUNDAY – APRIL 21st 8:00 – 11:00am

Isaac Young

CANTORS

SATURDAY, APRIL 13th - 4:00pm

Julia Bokunewicz

SUNDAY, APRIL 14th - 8:00am - 11:00am

Julia Bokunewicz

HOLY THURSDAY – APRIL 18th – 7:00pm

Grace Torna

GOOD FRIDAY – APRIL 19th – 3:00pm

Grace Torna

HOLY SATURDAY – APRIL 20th – 7:00pm

Grace Torna

EASTER SUNDAY – APRIL 21st 8:00 – 11:00am

Grace Torna

EUCCHARIST MINISTERS

SATURDAY, APRIL 13th - 4:00pm

Harry Mullen

SUNDAY, APRIL 14th - 8:00am

Mary Lou Tucker

11:00am

Betty McGahey

HOLY THURSDAY – APRIL 18th – 7:00pm

Mary Alice Missimer – Sister Mary Jo Larkin

Catherine Moore – Jim Parrella

GOOD FRIDAY – APRIL 19th – 3:00pm

Judy Eirich

HOLY SATURDAY – APRIL 20th – 7:00pm

Mary Alice Missimer – Harry Mullen

EASTER SUNDAY – APRIL 21st

8:00am

Louise Mancuso

11:00am

Kathy Saring

LECTORS

SATURDAY, APRIL 13th - 4:00pm

Judy Eirich – Jim Parrella

SUNDAY, APRIL 14th - 8:00am

John Naab – Lolita Bennett

11:00am

John Delaney - Susan O'Shea

HOLY THURSDAY – APRIL 18th – 7:00pm

Judy Eirich

GOOD FRIDAY – APRIL 19th – 3:00pm

John Naab – Mary Reed

HOLY SATURDAY – APRIL 20th – 3:00pm

Kathy Duffy – John Delaney – Judy Eirich

EASTER SUNDAY – APRIL 21st – 8:00am

Earl Long

EASTER SUNDAY – APRIL 21st – 11:00am

Mary Reed



HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 18th – 7:00pm

The Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper

The church will be open for adoration until 9:00pm



GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 19th - 3:00pm

Liturgical Service of the Lord's Passion. Holy Communion will be distributed at this service. Stations of the Cross will be at 7:00pm. The church will be open for adoration until 9:00pm.

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 20th -7:00pm

Food will be blessed at 12:00pm. The Easter Vigil will begin at 7:00pm. Please note there will be NO 4:00pm MASS.



EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 21st

Renewal of Baptismal Promises will be celebrated at the 8:00am and 11:00am Masses.

For the season of Lent, Deacon Jim Browne will be facilitating a pastoral reflection on the mystery of God using Bishop Robert Barron's DVD: *The Mystery of God: Who God Is and Why God Matters* on six Tuesday evenings at 7 PM in the Rectory starting March 12th. The following topics will be discussed and reflected on during this program: Atheism and What We Mean by God; The Paths to God; The Divine Attributes; Providence and the Problem of Evil; Exploring the Trinity and The God Who is Love. Please join us for exciting and interesting sessions! Refreshments will be served.



The Parishes of Manayunk and East Falls will present the Pre-Cana Marriage Preparation Program for engaged couples **on SATURDAY, MAY 11, 2019** in Holy Family Parish Hall, 234 Hermitage Street. The day begins with registration at 8:00 AM and concludes with attendance at the 4:00 PM Vigil Mass. Continental breakfast and lunch are provided. Certificates are distributed after Mass. Cost is \$100.00 per couple. To register, please call Holy Family Rectory, 215-482-0450, on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday between 9 AM and 2 PM.



The Women's Club next monthly bake sale will take place the weekend of April 13th and 14th after all the Masses in the rectory.

WOMEN'S CLUB MEETING

The women's Club will be having their monthly meeting on Thursday, April 11th at 6:30 in the rectory. New members are welcomed!



PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

It often happens after we have listened to a piece of music that touched us deeply. Or after seeing a noteworthy painting for the first time. Or when we have finished reading a novel that we are sorry to see come to an end. We don't want to speak right away. We just need some uninterrupted time to be quiet and alone with our thoughts.

The formal public reading of the Passion account, which always comes around at Mass on Palm Sunday, is one of those occasions that really needs an aura of respectful silence around it. Somehow or other, when we are finished hearing it, I have always felt that it is not the time or place for a homily. Even the liturgical directs ask that if one is given that it is not to be lengthy. The best follow up is a few moments of precious silence as we try to absorb to the best of our ability the clash of Christ's unfathomable humility and love with the subhuman cruelty of the Roman form of capital punishment. Then there is the behavior of all the various characters. We note fidelity versus fickleness. The public loyalty of the women versus the cowardice of the men.

This year, we hear the Passion as compiled by St. Luke. To that of the other two Synoptic authors (Matthew and Mark) Luke, as a doctor, adds his own details. I imagine them gleaned from careful note taking that he did on what he heard from eyewitnesses, so that his "orderly account" to his dear Theopulis would be as authentic as possible. Luke, remember, gave us shepherds and angels at the first Christmas, and so his account would have some particulars heretofore unrecorded.

I don't make my plea for silence after hearing the Passion just to avoid a "maelstrom on the macadam" on the church parking lot. After all, that can happen on any given Sunday when Mass runs overtime. Nor do I simply want to offset the annual scramble for palm to take home.

No, this story is too powerful to let go of it quickly and move on. In its unique way it is also too personal, because all this ugliness took place because people then and people now, namely you and me, have sinned. We can be so blinded by our own little self-interests; our petty perspective on life that we want to hurry past them. Then we miss all the good things that God does among us despite ourselves. So we have to be still and face the facts.

It turns out that "Were you there when they crucified my Lord?" is not just a rhetorical question. Because in fact we were. Our sins caused it all, those collective and those personal. In that context, it is best for us to be silent, repentant, and trusting that God, as Cardinal Newman powerfully wrote, "is most sure in all His ways." On that all-embracing high note, I close and wish you a spiritually beneficial Holy Week.

The distribution day is the Fourth Sunday of the month. The Distribution day for April is Sunday, April 28th after the 11:00 am Mass. Food can be picked up at the convent. Some suggestions for donations: boxes of cereal, pancake mix/syrup, cake mixes/frostings, crackers, jellies/jams, or peanut butter, cookies, tuna fish or canned meats, rice, noodles, cans of juice or juice packs, tea bags, salt/pepper. **NO BABY FOOD IS NEEDED.** We hope this action will help someone in need.



The Archbishop Ryan High School Class of 1969 is celebrating its 50th reunion on Saturday, June 1, 2019 at 7:00pm at The Townsend Room!

To make the celebration even more special, the Class of 1969 is cordially invited to join in the Graduation Commencement Exercises for the Archbishop Ryan High School Class of 2019 on Monday, June 3rd at Temple University.

Get your tickets, and more information on the event

website: <https://www.archbishopryan.com/apps/pages/Reunion1969>

ARE YOU READY FOR THE MOST INTENSE WEEK OF MISSIONS IN PHILLY? HOLY WEEK 2019

Calling all High School Teens! Are you ready for the year's most intense week of missions in the city of Philadelphia this year? Holy Week 2019, begins on Palm Sunday, April 14th and ends Good Friday with Live Stations through the city streets of Philadelphia. Choose from 6 overnights, 3 overnights, day missions or Good Friday Live Stations.

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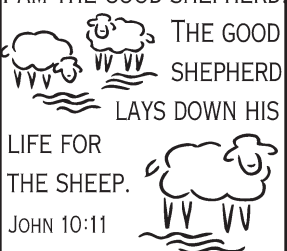
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 LIFE FOR
 THE SHEEP.
 JOHN 10:11



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