Church of the Holy Family

Parish Rectory

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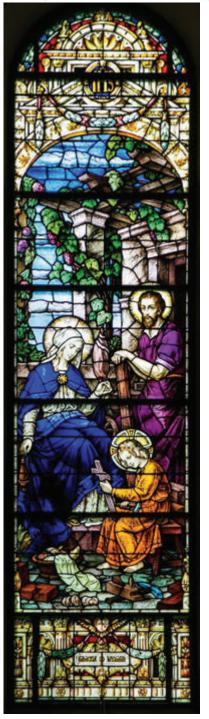
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Pastor Emeritus
Rev. Francis X. McKee
Sunday Visitor
Rev. John P. Collins
Pastoral Service Director
and
Permanent Deacon
Mr. James Browne

Day Care & Summer Camp

Ages: Infant (6 weeks) through PreK-4
Hours: 6:00am to 6:00pm,
year round care
Director: Cyndi Manley
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E-mail: ictrouble63@gmail.com

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

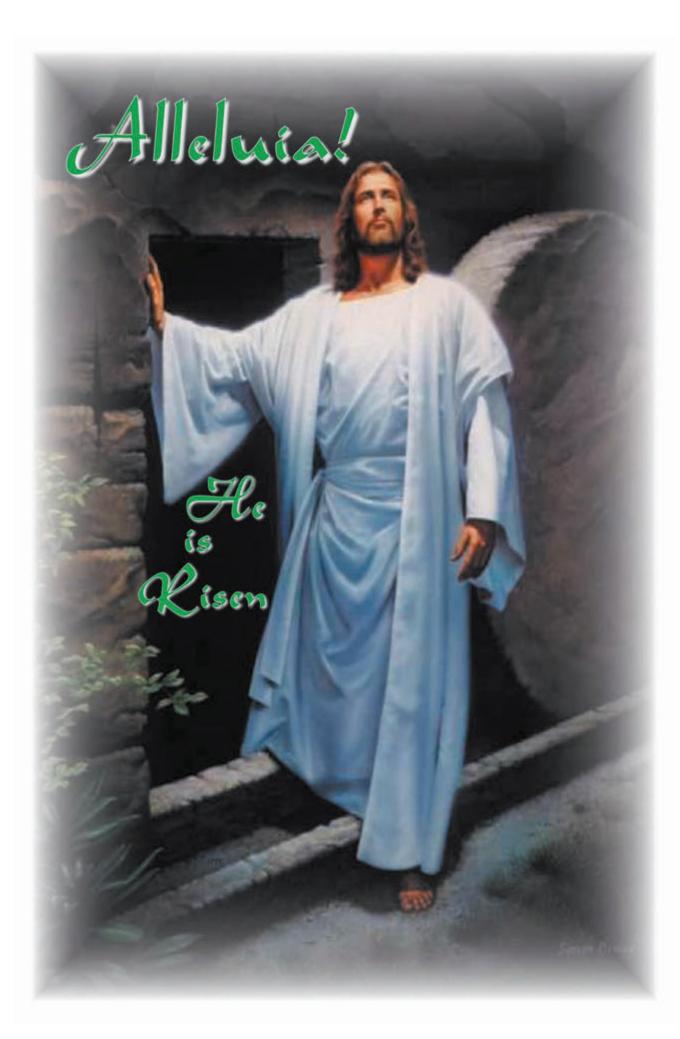
RCIA: prepares and instructs converts to enter the church and for Catholics not yet Confirmed; Wednesday at 7:00pm PREP: teaches students' not attending Catholic school; Sundays from 9:30 to 10:45am

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



APRIL 21, 2019



Dear Parishioner:

At the beginning of the dawn of the yearly anniversary Remember the common good can be defined as the general welfare of the Resurrection. (as in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania). It is what is shared and is beneficial to all, or most members of a given community. In an age of individual rights and freedom it is not uncommon not to think of the greater good of the whole. The deadline is April 15th it reminds us of one statesman's remark that taxes are the price you have to pay to live in a civilized society. What does it take to live in a religious society?

Every day the newspaper and the media report on heroes whose qualities made them willing to pay the ultimate price to serve others. This is why Easter means so much to Christians. One man's unselfish laying down his life for the common good. Our Jewish neighbors will simultaneous be celebrating Passover. Moses is the head of God's people. Grace is not cheap. Great sacrifices have to be made by God's spoken person. The Jews will not forget the past nor should Christians ignore what the death and rising of Christ has done for us and the whole world. Disciples of Christ have to believe in the Resurrection to be true to their vocation. The Apostles told the good news to everyone who would listen. That is how the Church grew from 12 members to 100's of millions.

You have a chance now that Easter has been proclaimed to say something good about your faith. Be a reactor for the common good of your neighbors.

Monsignor Patrick Sweeney

39Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, APRIL 20

EASTER VIGIL MASS = 7:00pm HAPPY EASTER

EASTER SUNDAY MASS

Renewal of Baptism Promises

8:00am 11:00am HAPPY EASTER
OUR PARISHIONERS

MONDAY, APRIL 22nd - 8:00am

Raymond and Marie Finnen, requested by Marie Mueller

TUESDAY, APRIL 23rd - 8:00am

Annie Swalla, requested by her family

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24th - 8:00am

No Intention

THURSDAY, APRIL 25th - 8:00am

Adaline O'Harra

FRIDAY, APRIL 26th - 8:00am

Special Intention

SATURDAY, APRIL 27th - 4:00pm

Mary Ann Long, requested by Harry and Eileen Mullen

SUNDAY, APRIL 28th

8:00am

Our Parishioners

11:00am

Mary Ann Long, requested by Rocky Long

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Our bulletin publisher required our Easter Bulletin to be submitted to them by April 12th. Many of the items and updates that are reported weekly will be published in next week's bulletin.





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.



Please pray for the happy repose of all the faithful departed.



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.



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.



Schedule

HOLY SATURDAY - APRIL 20th - 7:00pm

Gianna Turino – Grace Welsh

Charlotte Welsh – Jocelyn Welsh

EASTER SUNDAY – APRIL 21st

8:00am

Frances Arturo – Joseph Arturo

11:00am

Makayla Serbin – Makenzie Serbin

ORGANIST

HOLY SATURDAY – APRIL 20th – 7:00pm

Isaac Young

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

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HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 20th - 7:00pm

Grace Torna

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 21st - 8:00am - 11:00am

Grace Torna



HOLY SATURDAY - APRIL 20th - 7:00pm

Mary Alice Missimer - Harry Mullen

EASTER SUNDAY - APRIL 21st

8:00am

Louise Mancuso

11:<u>00am</u>

Kathy Saring

LECTORS

HOLY SATURDAY – APRIL 20th – 7:00pm

Kathy Duffy – John Delaney – Judy Eirich

EASTER SUNDAY - APRIL 21st

8:00am

Earl Long

11:00am

Mary Reed



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.

CATHOLIC EASTER PRAYER

Lord, the resurrection of Your Son has given us new life and renewed hope. Help us to live as new people in pursuit of the Christian ideal. Grant us wisdom to know what we must do, the will to want to do it, the courage to undertake it, the perseverance to continue to do it, and the strength to complete it.



Fr. William Gillum, O.F.M.Cap.



MOTHERS OF CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

Come experience a time set apart just for you .We invite mothers who are raising children with disabilities and also those who have adult children with disabilities to attend this retreat day. There will be time to pray, reflect, and chat with other mothers.

Fr. Gillum is currently on the formation team at Capuchin College, Washington, DC. He has extensive experience ministering to persons with intellectual disability and medically fragile children and adults.

SCHEDULE

- 9:30 am Welcome
- 9:45 am Prayer/Introductions
- 10:00 am Fr. William Gillum
- Quiet time, Prayer & Confession
- 11:30 am Mass
- 12:30 pm Lunch
- 1:30 pm Prayer Ritual/Wrap Up
- 2:00 pm Farewell!

Wednesday, May 1, 2019 9:30 am -2:00 pm

PLACE:

Malvern Retreat House
Family Life Center
315 S. Warren Avenue
Malvern, PA 19355-0315 - COST: \$35.00

Register online: www.malvernretreat.com Questions? Contact Malvern Retreat House at 610-644-0400 or Sr. Kathleen Schipani at 215-587-3530 or email opd@archphila.org.

THE RESURRECTION

By: Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

"Oh what a beautiful morning!" the lyricist wrote, not thinking at all of Easter. It was what his heart prompted him to sing about the early hours of an Oklahoma day. But here we are, all of these thousands of mornings later, on that of Easter 2019. It's the least we can say. As always, it remains for us believers to say so much more. For Easter always is a harbinger of hope and a grace-filled gateway out of gloom. It provides a reason to believe when contentious reason has to stroke its skeptical chin and wait to be convinced. Above all, Easter is proof positive that Jesus Christ truly is what He claimed to be. He had indeed emptied Himself, though He was, and is, God almighty.

When Jesus rose, or more accurately, "when He was raised" by the Father, suddenly and instantaneously everything He said was endorsed from above. Everything He did was guaranteed authentic. His every Word and action became the greatest audio-visual aid we could ever ask for in learning how to be fully human, and true sons and daughters of God.

Oh what a beautiful morning! As wonderful and true as that is, I feel a bit dismayed. I for one have known this gospel story of "The morning of the Third Day" since childhood. And now that the better part of my life is behind me, I seem at times to be someone who has yet to learn the basics. I am still not at the point where I never have to worry about what I'll do in the face of temptation. I seem to be nowhere near the stage where I can forget the need for an Act of Contrition. Yet, on second thought, this good news leads me to re-appreciate my faith and my membership in the Church. I can breathe easier.

For those of you who have been given the gift of faith but acknowledge that you often neglect it, and for those of you reading this who only deign to exercise it rarely, this is a day to step back from your accustomed way of thinking and take a logical look at your life. Not to dwell on the negative, but rather to plan to reform and rejuvenate

yourself. One can't go through life really believing that the Third Commandment is a mere suggestion. Or that Jesus' command to "Do this in memory of Me" was not a direct order from God Himself? The Person who gave that command, the very Lord whose resurrection we are celebrating today, will one day be our Judge. That, along with the incontrovertible truth that our actions always have consequences.

Oh what a beautiful morning! You and I, faithful Catholics, brothers and sisters, are blest to know for certain, because of the Easter event that the faith which the Church teaches, unchanged for two millennia, has withstood the severest of tests and the nastiest of attacks for just as long. And the Church has survived. Not because she has always been led by the best of men throughout her history. Certainly not because she has never let sin seep into her ranks. But precisely because of good people like you who have believed in the power and glory of what happened on the beautiful morning of the Third Day. And then built your lives upon it. Oh what a beautiful morning! Yes, Jesus is truly risen! The Christ of Promise has become the Lord of Glory, now and forever! This indeed is "the Day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in

That said, a happy and blessed Easter to you and yours!

7th GRADE PRACTICE TEST

Roman Catholic High School will hold a 7th Grade Practice Test on Saturday, April 6th from 9:00AM to NOON. This is an opportunity for 7th graders to prepare for the Scholarship Entrance Test required in the Fall of 2019. Online registration is available at RomanCatholicHS.com. For additional Information/questions call 215-627-1270 ext. 146/159 or e-mail admissions@romancatholic.com

JOHN W. HALLAHAN

John W. Hallahan High School Alumnae Association is sponsoring their annual **50 Years and Beyond** luncheon on Wednesday, May 1st at Connstatter Volffest-Verein, 9130 Academy Road, Philadelphia to graduates of Hallahan for 50+ years. Cost is \$35.00 per person - \$25.00 for religious. Please contact Marge West Kiefski '66 at 215-013-4482 or at mmkiefski@aol

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