

Church of the Holy Family

Parish Rectory

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Rev. Francis X. McKee

Sunday Visitor

Rev. John P. Collins

Pastoral Service Director

and

Permanent Deacon

Mr. James Browne

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Ages: Infant (6 weeks) through PreK-4

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year round care

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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



DECEMBER 15, 2019



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14th - 4:00 PM

Warren Mullen, requested by Harry and Eileen Mullen

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15th - 8:00am

Our Parishioners

11:00am

Deceased Members of the Spinks Family, requested by John and Teresa Spinks

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16th - 8:00am

Carrie Avato, requested by Al and Rose Augustine

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17th - 8:00am

Sisters of St. Joseph, requested by The Sisters of St. Joseph

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18th - 8:00am

Paul Volack, requested by The Volack Family

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19th - 8:00am

Jocelyn Nocito, (First Anniversary) requested by Monsignor Sweeney and Holy Family Parish

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20th - 8:00am

Special Intention

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21st - 4:00 PM

Robert Firth, requested by Harry and Eileen Mullen

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22nd

8:00am

Genevieve Zans, requested by the Prechtel Family

11:00am

Our Parishioners

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

December 7 th /8 th (112)	\$ 3,776.16
Retirement for Religious (19)	\$ 831.00
Immaculate Conception (31)	\$ 287.00
Christmas Flowers (12)	\$ 120.00
Second Collection	\$ 20.00
Christmas (1)	\$ 10.00
Mission Sunday (1)	\$ 10.00

TOTAL \$ 5,054.16



In your prayers, you are asked to pray for all the sick of the parish and those who care for them especially, Anna Marie Barry, Theresa Barthold, Robert Brecht, Jr., Linda Brown, Christopher Browne, Ed Cameron, Christina Dougherty Gailey, Daniel Evans, Terry Flanagan, Jackie Jordan, Anne Marie Kearns, Lisa Long, Erin McFarlane, Megan McHugh, Helen Nagle, Ronald Rigler, Ava Snick, Ed Speece, Frances Sprenkle, Eileen and Joe Szewczak, Fran Thomas and Roy (Toysie) Turvey, Jr..



Please pray for the happy repose of all the faithful departed especially, Mike Gallagher and Richard Levering.



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



SATURDAY – DECEMBER 14th – 4:00pm

Grace Welsh – Jocelyn Welsh

SUNDAY – DECEMBER 8th

8:00am

Michael Torna – Charlotte Welsh

11:00am

Frances Arturo – Joseph Arturo – Kylie Graff

ORGANIST

4:00pm - Joseph O'Brien

8:00 – 11:00am Isaac Young



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Grace Torna

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15th

8:00am - 11:00am

Julia Bokunewicz



SATURDAY – DECEMBER 14th - 4:00pm

Harry Mullen

SUNDAY – DECEMBER 15th

8:00am

Catherine Moore

11:00am

Nancy Legradi



Lectors

SATURDAY – DECEMBER 14th - 4:00pm

Kathy Duffy

SUNDAY – DECEMBER 15th

8:00am

Lolita Bennett

11:00am

John Naab



The distribution day is the Fourth Sunday of the month. The Distribution day for December is Sunday, December 22nd, after the 11:00 am Mass. Food can be picked up at the convent. Now that the Summer is over our Food Cupboard needs to be stocked. Some suggestions for donations : boxes of cereal, pancake mix/syrup, cake mixes/frostings, crackers, jellies/jam, peanut butter, cookies, tune 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.

CRECHE (MANGER)



Volunteers are needed to help erect the Manger for Christmas on **Sunday December 22nd after the 11:00am Mass.** Your help will be greatly appreciated.



Our parish will continue its tradition of an Advent Giving Tree. The donated gifts are distributed to our homebound parishioners and local charities. **Please take a tag (or more than one) from the tree and return to the giving tree BY 9:00AM SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22nd. VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO DISTRIBUTE THE GIFTS AT NOON ON THE ABOVE DATE.** This work of mercy only takes 15-20 minutes and is a powerful reminder of the joy of giving and the true meaning of Christmas. Thank you in advance for this tangible way to bring Christ to our parishioners and neighbors in need.



Monday, December 22nd

7:00 to 8:00pm

Advent is a season of vigilance and watchfulness before the celebration of Christmas. Don't miss the opportunity to be reconciled to God and be at peace with all mankind.

NOURISH FOR CAREGIVERS MEETING

Nourish for Caregivers is for anyone juggling the challenges of everyday life, health, career and caring for a loved one, whether it be a loved one with a disability, an ill or aging parent, spouse, friend or grandparent, in town or at a distance. It provides caregivers a faith perspective, as well as practical and emotional supports, useful tools, and shared experiences. Meeting options:

St. John Chrysostom, Wallingford

First Saturdays - 10:00 – 11:30am

St. Peter, West Brandywine

Second Mondays – 10:00 – 11:30am

St. Anastasia, Newtown Square

Second Thursdays - 10:00 – 11:30am

Nativity BVM, Media

Third Saturdays - 10:00 – 11:30am

Epiphany of Our Lord, Plymouth Meeting

Fourth Saturdays - 10:00 – 11:30am

More details and online RSVP:

<http://www.phillyevang.org/nourish/>

No charge, walk-ins welcome. Questions? Contact Aimee at 610-724-8950 or aimeegustitis@outlook.com



CONFESSIONS

Monday, December 23rd

7:00pm – 8:00pm

Tuesday, December 24th

12:00pm – 1:00pm

CHRISTMAS VIGIL MASS

4:00pm

CHRISTMAS DAY MASS

10:00am

CONFESSIONS

Tuesday, December 31st

3:00pm – 3:45pm

NEW YEAR'S EVE MASS

4:00pm

NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS

10:00am

Thank
you!

Thank you

We would like to say Thank You to the Knights of Columbus for their generous donation of 2 \$50.00 Gift Certificates to Shop Rite and to the Northwest Veterans Association for their donation of 4 \$25.00 Gift Certificates to the Acme to be donated to needy families in our parish. Their generosity is greatly appreciated

Thank you to all of the parishioners and friends of Holy Family who contributed to the success of our Christmas Bazaar with donations of Tombola baskets, white elephant items, spirits, and crafts. Thank you also to the Women's Club for once again supplying the delicious baked goods. Big thanks to all of the volunteers who generously gave their time and talents. We also want to acknowledge the following Bazaar Sponsors: Stanley Hardware, Something Different in Flowers, Duffy and Saccone families for wheel sponsors, Cass Lewis, Marchianos, Station Appraisals, Roxy Guitar, Betty Ann McMullen, Mary Jo Potts from Elfant Wissahickon Real Estate, Anthony Orivivo of Wynnewood Audi Also special thanks to the following contributions: Mr. P's Pizza, Maria's Pizza and Pasta, Secret Garden, Mercy Career and Tech High School, Davis Printing.



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The Tombola Table was a huge success! Forty one baskets! Thank you to everyone, who so generously made donations. Thank you to all those, who purchased chances! Wishing all a happy and holy Christmas! Looking forward to 2020.

The poor boxes at the entrance to the church are there to donate to St. John's Hospice and other needy people. Please consider making a donation to the poor this season.

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