

# Church of the Holy Family

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## Pastor

Rev. Monsignor Patrick E. Sweeney

## 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,  
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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



A wooden cross stands in a field, with a purple cloth draped over its horizontal beam. The background shows a landscape with trees and a field under a clear sky. The word "Lent" is written in a large, elegant, black cursive font in the upper left corner.

*Lent*

*Fifth Sunday of Lent*

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MARCH 29, 2020



Dear Parishioners;

There have been many plagues in the Bible, including Egypt and all around the world. The one that had led to the Jewish feast of Passover would be the one we are most familiar with, the destroying angel who struck down the first born of the Egyptians, but spared the first sons of the Jewish people. A moment of history that God was able to bring good out of.

That what makes Christ death on the cross a sad moment that has a good outcome solution in history. There would be no need for Good Friday. The human conditions alone make us suffer, but God answers our call to grant us mercy. Keep the faith of the followers of Christ who is said to save the world by the sign of the cross.

**FOR YOUR  
INFORMATION**



**All Masses are private until the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent.**

**Our schedule is subject to change by Archdiocese or City Decree.**

**Palm will be available all day on Palm Sunday from 8:00am until 1:00pm in the back of the church.**

**Sunday Mass will be livestreamed on our Parish Facebook at 9:00a.m.**

**Holy Week will be lived streamed on the schedules appropriate days.**

**Holy Thursday at 7:00p.m.**

**Good Friday at 3:00p.m.**

**Holy Saturday at 7:00p.m.**



**The Food Pantry distribution has been suspended until the end of the Coronavirus.**



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, Kristin McFarlane, Megan McHugh, Helen Nagle, Jim Parrella, Ronald Rigler, John David Smeltzer, Ava Snick, Ed Speece, Frances Sprenkle, Eileen and Joe Szewczak, Fran Thomas and Roy (Toysie) Turvey, Jr..

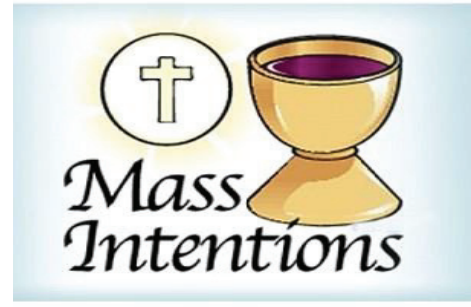


Please pray for the happy repose of all the faithful departed especially, Anthony Nardone and Edward Storonas.



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





**SATURDAY, MARCH 21<sup>st</sup> - 4:00pm**

**James Gerard**, requested by Joyce and Vern Kaiser

**SUNDAY, MARCH 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**8:00am**

**Kerry Kettel**, requested by John and Louise Mancuso

**11:00am**

**Our Parishioners**

**MONDAY, MARCH 23<sup>rd</sup> - 8:00am**

**William O'Harra**

**TUESDAY, MARCH 24<sup>th</sup> - 8:00am**

**Rose Colubriale**, requested by her grandchildren

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25<sup>th</sup> - 8:00am**

**Frank Chase**, requested by John and Pat Naab

**THURSDAY, MARCH 26<sup>th</sup> - 8:00am**

**Esther Fredrick**, requested by her family

**FRIDAY, MARCH 27<sup>th</sup> - 8:00am**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 28<sup>th</sup> - 4:00pm**

**Catherine (Sis) Adams**, requested by Harry and Eileen Mullen

**SUNDAY, MARCH 29<sup>th</sup>**

**8:00am**

**Our Parishioners**

**11:00am**

**Alexander Montanez, Jr.**, requested by The Aylmer Family

**SATURDAY, MARCH 28<sup>th</sup> - 4:00pm**

**Catherine (Sis) Adams**, requested by Harry and Eileen Mullen

**SUNDAY, MARCH 29<sup>th</sup>**

**8:00am**

**Our Parishioners**

**11:00am**

**Alexander Montanez, Jr.**, requested by The Aylmer Family

**MONDAY, MARCH 30<sup>th</sup> - 8:00am**

**Gayle Flannery**, requested by the Dugan Family

**TUESDAY, MARCH 31<sup>st</sup> - 8:00am**

**Aloysius P.J. O'Harra**

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1<sup>st</sup> - 8:00am**

**Elizabeth Mary Gross**, requested by Catherine Gross

**THURSDAY, APRIL 2<sup>nd</sup> - 8:00am**

**Samuel Colubriale**, requested by his nieces and nephews

**FRIDAY, APRIL 3<sup>rd</sup> - 8:00am**

**Special Intention**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 4<sup>th</sup> - 4:00pm**

**Mary Cherry**, requested by Eileen and James McNamee

**SUNDAY, APRIL 5<sup>th</sup>**

**8:00am**

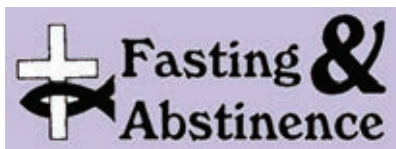
**Frank and Angelina Marino**, requested by their children

**11:00am**

**Our Parishioners**



Please remember your Church Weekly Offering during this time. You can either mail it in or do it by Electronic Giving. Please remember us as there are expenses that have to be paid.



The Bishops of the United States prescribe, as minimal obligations, that all persons who are fourteen years of age and older are bound to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday, on all Fridays of Lent including Good Friday. Further, all those eighteen years of age and older, up to and including their fifty-ninth birthday, are bound to fast by limiting themselves to a single full meal on Ash Wednesday and on Good Friday, while the other two meals on those days are to be light. These obligations are binding for meatless Friday and Ash Wednesday.

All the faithful are encouraged, when possible, to participate at Mass and receive the Holy Eucharist, to celebrate frequently in the Sacrament of Penance, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is especially recommended.

All are encouraged to participate in Operation Rice Bowl which has aided countless hungry persons here in the Archdiocese as well as throughout our nation and our world.



The Parishes of Manayunk and East Falls will present the Pre-Cana Marriage Preparation Program for engaged couples on **SATURDAY, MAY 30, 2020** in Holy Family Parish Hall, 234 Hermitage Street. The day begins with registration at 8:30 a.m. and concludes with attendance at the 4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass. Certificates will be distributed after Mass. The day includes continental breakfast and lunch. Cost is \$100.00 per couple. To register, please call Holy Family Rectory at 215-482-0450, on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.



Confessions will also be heard on Saturdays from 3:00 to 4:00p.m.



**CRS Rice Bowl** is the Lenten program of Catholic Relief Services. Through CRS Rice Bowl, faith communities in every diocese throughout the United States put their faith into action through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Lenten alms donated through CRS Rice Bowl support the work of CRS in roughly 45 different countries each year. 25% of all donations to CRS Rice Bowl stay in the local diocese, supporting hunger and poverty alleviation efforts. Since its inception in 1975, CRS Rice Bowl has raised nearly \$300 million. Rice Bowls are available in the back of the Church or you may put your donation in the envelope that came with your recent packet. Please take one home and bring it back to Church no later than Holy Thursday, April 9.

**PRAYER FOR WISDOM, STRENGTH and PROTECTION DURING CORONAVIRUS**

Glorious and ever compassionate God,  
in Your boundless love visit  
us in our time of need.

Give us wisdom to understand this virus  
and strength to overcome it.  
Protect those whose health may be  
compromised.

Help us to trust in Your Healing Power  
and in Your infinite desire to protect us  
from all that is unholy.

Mother of Divine Providence shield us so  
we may continue to worship  
the One True God,  
who is worthy of all Worship,  
Glory and Honor, forever and ever. Amen.

**ALL PUBLIC MASSES IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA ARE SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE AS OF NOON, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 2020.**

The work of the Church continues in all of its many dimensions during the Coronavirus pandemic and perhaps with even greater force and zeal. The latest provusuib by Archbishop Nelson J. Perez, The Archbishop of Philadelphia, responds to many needs of the clergy and faithful of the Archdiocese to the growing concern over the spread of the virus and the directives of government and health officials. Even though public Masses are suspended in all churches in the Archdiocese as of Wednesday, March 18, 2020 at noon, the right and need of the faithful to hear the Word of God and celebrate the Sacraments is not put aside. Pastors, along with all those who work with them, are to be as attentive as possible to all the spiritual pastoral and charitable needs of the people they serve.

**PUBLIC MASSES**

As of noon on Wednesday, March 17, 2020, all public Masses in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia are suspended until further notice. This includes Sunday and Weekday Masses with the faithful.

- o Priests are to continue to offer Holy Mass on Sunday and weekdays privately.
- o The public Mass Schedule is to be adjusted locally to accommodate this new situation.
- o Justice and charity require that the Mass intentions already in place during this period be honored. If posible, priests are to offer Mass for these intentions during this period. If this is not posible, then the intention is to be transfered to a future date. The *Pro Populo* intention is to be observed during this period.
- o Communion Services are not to be used as a replacement for the celebration of Mass.

The Archbishop gives permission during Lent for priests to offer fitting Masses from those in the *Roman Missal* for Masses and Prayers for Various Needs and Occasions.

**CHURCHES ARE TO REMAIN OPEN**

All churches are to follow their ordinary Schedule for opening and closing during this period so that the faithful have opportunities to pray.

- o Public exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament may continue with adorers, with due regard for the limitation of participants.

**OTHER SACRAMENTS AND FUNERALS**

Baptisms, Penance, and Marriages are to take place as usual but with due regard for the limitation of participants and reasonable social distancing.

- o The Archbishop dispenses the elect from the second and third scrutiny.
- o Confessions are to take place in church and not in the rectories or offices.
- o Validations in preparation for the Easter Sacraments can take place without Mass.

Likewise, Funerals are to take place with due regard for the limitation of participants and reasonable social distancing.

**VISITS TO THE SICK AND THE LAST SACRAMENTS**

In conjunction with directives already in forcé in hospitals and institutions, all visits to the sick with Holy Communion, including in private homes, by priests, deacons and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion are suspended. Priest are expected to celebrate the Sacraments for those in danger of death, and especially Holy Viaticum.

**FIRST PENANCE AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

These celebrations are to be rescheduled.

**PALM SUNDAY, HOLY WEEK AND THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM**

Updates for these days and celebrations will be forthcoming.

**RESOURCES**

Information about live-stream opportunities for Mass, resources for prayer, devotions and spiritual guidance during this period will be available as soon as possible for wide dissemination on the Archdiocesan website. Pastors are encouraged to use social media as much as possible to minister to the needs of the faithful. These resources will also help the faithful remain connected to the Holy Eucharist.

Thank you so very much for your generous assistance during these most unusual times in the life of our local church. If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact me at [fr.dgill@archphila.org](mailto:fr.dgill@archphila.org).

In Christ, Father Dennis Gill, Director, Office for Divine Worship









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