

Church of the Holy Family

PARISH RECTORY

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Pastor Emeritus

Rev. Francis X. McKee

Sunday Visitor

Rev. John P. Collins

Pastoral Service Director and Permanent Deacon

Deacon James Browne

Music Director

Joseph O'Brien

Child Care Ages: Infant (6 wks.)-PreK (4)

Hours: 6:00am-6:00pm (year-round care)

Phone: 610-952-9186

Email: childcare@holysfamilychurch.org

Holy Hour: Second Sunday of each month
after the 11:00am Mass Miraculous Medal

Novena: every Friday after 8:00am Mass

Altar Servers: Bernadette Welsh

Cantors: Joseph O'Brien

Extraordinary Ministers:

Jeanine Censi-Lamont

Lectors: Kathy Duffy

RCIA: Wednesday at 7:00pm

PREP: Sundays from 10:00-11:00am



CHURCH SERVICES

Saturday Evening Mass: 4:00pm

Sunday Mass: 9:00am, 11:00am

Weekday Mass: 8:00am

Holy Day Vigil Mass: 7:00pm

Holy Day Mass: 9:00am

BAPTISM

Baptisms are celebrated every third Sunday 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: 3:00-3:45pm or any time upon request.

MARRIAGE

Couples must make arrangements 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 & ELDERLY

Visit those unable to attend Mass due to sickness or age on Thursday each week from 11:00am to 12:30pm

Pre-Cana Team: Program for engaged couples – John and Beth Delaney

Liturgy Committee: Plans religious services – Jim Browne

Parish Pastoral Council: meets first Monday of the month to confer on Pastoral planning

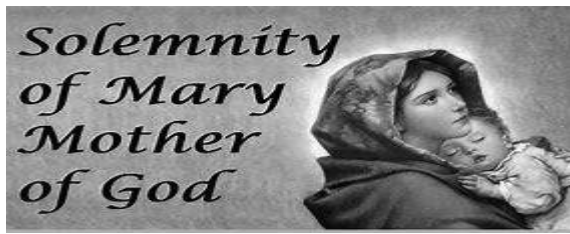
Women's Club: Meets six times/year and sponsors social activities

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

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 Masses or any time online.

JANUARY 1ST 2023



NEW YEARS EVE VIGIL

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31st

4:00pm

NEW YEARS DAY

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1st

9:00am

Our Parishioners

11:00am

Dave Thummel, requested by the Thummel Family

MONDAY, JANUARY 2nd - 8:00am

Richard Frederick, Jr., requested by Frederick Family

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3rd - 8:00am

Clarence Stenn, requested by Family

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4th - 8:00am

James McAndrews, requested by Joe and Mary Ellen Aylmer

THURSDAY, JANUARY 5th - 8:00am

Emile (Bud) Dauphine, requested by Joe and Mary Alice Missimer

FRIDAY, JANUARY 6th - 8:00am

Special Intention, requested by Monsignor Sweeney

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7th - 4:00pm

Eileen Mullen, requested by Marie and Mark Jennings

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8th

9:00am

Our Parishioners

11:00am

Edward Franks, requested by Marge Walsh



Please remember your Church Weekly Offering. You can either mail it in or do it by Electronic Giving@www.HolyFamilyChurch.org/Give

Sunday, December 18 th (91)	\$ 3,542.00
Second Collection	\$ 267.00
Christmas (12)	\$ 725.00
Block Collection (2)	\$ 150.00
Christmas Flowers (14)	\$ 235.00
New Year's (1)	\$ 5.00
Immaculate Conception (3)	\$ 17.00
Retirement for Religious (2)	\$ 15.00
50/50	\$ 220.00
TOTAL	\$ 5,176.00

The second collection this weekend will be for the Parish.



In your prayers, you are asked to pray for all the sick of the parish and those who care for them especially, Theresa Barthold, Ashley Brown, Christopher Browne, Megan Duffy, Daniel Evans, Terry Flanagan, Jane Latta, Edward Lawnton, Candida Leodora, Lisa Long, Rocky Long, Erin McFarlane, Megan McHugh, Anthony Pelle, Ronald Rigler, Daniel Seddon, Bill and Theresa Sherwin, Fred Smeltzer, Ava Snick, Frances Sprenkle, and Roy (Toysie) Turvey, Jr.



LCPL. Shane Canavan, Sgt. Shane Carlson, Sgt. Tyler Manigly, RTC Dominic Remolde, Captain Zach Schwatka, Col. Scott Shore, and Cpl. Christopher Starrett.



Please pray for the happy repose of all the faithful departed and during the pandemic.



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31st

4:00pm

Grace Welsh

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1st

9:00am

Joseph Arturo

11:00am

Jocelyn Welsh



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31ST

4:00pm

Debbie O'Donnell

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1st

9:00am

Pam Feinschil

11:00am

Tom Payne



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31st

4:00 am

Sister Mary Jo Larkin

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1st

9:00am

Lolita Bennett

11:00am

John Delaney



**SUPER NEW YEAR'S
50/50 RAFFLE**

**Drawing will be held on 12/31/22 after the
4:00pm Mass.**

JOIN US IN

PRAYER FOR PEACE IN OUR CITY

EVERY SUNDAY 5:30 TO 6:30 PM

Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter & Paul 18th Street & Benjamin Franklin Pkwy Philadelphia, PA 19103. Parking is available.

The Cathedral doors are open to people of all Faiths and Traditions as we make a common religious response to the ever-increasing violence in our city streets. Each Sunday evening, we will gather for intentional prayer for peace in our city with a specific plea before the Lord for an end to gun violence on our streets. Individuals and groups are invited and no previous arrangements are required. All are welcome.

Reverend Gerald Dennis Gill, Rector of the Cathedral

A PRAYER FOR PEACE FOR OUR WORLD

Psalm 29:11 says,

"The LORD gives strength to his people; the LORD blesses his people with peace."





The Catholic Parishes of Manayunk and East Falls will present the Pre-Cana Marriage Preparation Program for engaged couples on **SATURDAY, MARCH 18, 2023** in Holy Family Parish Hall, 234 Hermitage Street. The day begins with registration at 8:30 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, Monday through Friday between 9 AM and 3 PM.



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**SOLEMNITY OF THE
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

Have you "pondered" anything lately? That means, have you thought really deeply and long over certain happenings in your life? That could refer to conversations, concepts presented to you, or any number of ideas that came to your mind. True pondering requires a prior attention, a certain "full bore" listening to someone else, and not any distracted half-hearing.

For example, a known dullard of your acquaintance might have been boring you to death describing his medical experiences so that your mind drifted and you started planning your lunch as he rattled on. You certainly were not pondering.

Another non-example of pondering might be your strong focus on the wrecks of a highway accident and the distraught faces of the victims by the road, so much so that you missed the warning about a dangerous physical problem your doctor just pronounced. You were not pondering over the doctor's words.

But there was that announcement by your doctor amid what you thought was a routine examination when she said: "Such and such is a quite common occurrence for someone your age." "Wow! What does that mean, and have I suddenly arrived at that age?" Later, driving home or sitting in your recliner, you start to ponder. You ponder over that and what it means for your immediate future and beyond.

Pondering admittedly takes up time and leads to an inner perspective of mind and heart about this adventure we call "life." Well did St. Luke write about Our Blessed Lady's reaction to news about her Son as reported by local shepherds.

Mary knew nine months prior that her Child was unique and special. After all, wasn't that what the Archangel who called himself Gabriel had told her? Then there were the difficult moments when she had to break the news to St. Joseph. Now, after the Child's birth, still more angels had "gone public," as we might say, with their news about the Child for the unsuspecting shepherds. Mary did not cry or protest, much less contradicted the shepherd-reporters. She just pondered.

We are amid the fast-paced days of the Christmas season. Celebrating, visiting one another, strengthening family ties. This past week, the Liturgy put us on an emotional "roller coaster" attached to Christmas week. St. Stephen's martyrdom gave us a jolt on the 26th. Two days later, the awful slaughter of the Holy Innocent babies by King Herod's brutes. All that and more.

So I pondered a bit myself this past week. That led me to ask you to "steal" some moments in the weeks ahead and many more times in the New Year, to ponder what happens to you. It's one healthy and spiritually profitable way to do what Our Mother Mary did all her earthbound days enroute to heaven.

God love you and give you His peace all through 2023

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