

Church of the Holy Family

PARISH RECTORY

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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@holyfamilychurch.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 Duffly

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.*

MAY 7TH 2023

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



SATURDAY, MAY 6th – 4:00pm

McNabb and Capella Families, requested by Joe and Mary Alice Missimer

SUNDAY, MAY 7th - 9:00am

Samuel Zane, requested by the Prachtel Family

11:00am

Our Parishioners

MONDAY, MAY 8th - 8:00am

Mary Elizabeth Posatko, requested by Dr. Posatko

TUESDAY, MAY 9th - 8:00am

Maria La Brusciano, requested by Al and Rose Augustine

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10th - 8:00am

William O’Harra

THURSDAY, MAY 11th – 8:00am

Adam and Josephine Volack, requested by Bertha Volack

FRIDAY, MAY 12th – 8:00am

Special Intentions

SATURDAY, MAY 13th – 4:00pm

Eileen Mullen, requested by Mary Anne Palmer

SUNDAY, MAY 14th – 9:00am

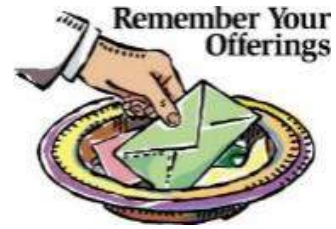
Our Parishioners

11:00am

John Censi, requested by the Censi Family

Thursday, May 18th is Ascension Thursday. Mass will be offered on Wednesday, May 17th at 7:00pm and on Thursday, May 18th at 9:00am.

PENTECOST SUNDAY is May 28, 2023. Monsignor Sweeney would love to see as many parishioners as possible to wear red in observance of the day.



Please remember your Church Weekly Offering. You can either mail it in or do it by [Electronic Giving@www.HolyFamilyChurch.org/Give](mailto:ElectronicGiving@www.HolyFamilyChurch.org/Give)

Due to our Publishing Company Moving, the May Bulletins need to all be in a week early than their usual time. The May 7th bulletin by April 28th. The collections for April 30th and May 7th will be in the May 14th bulletin.

The second collection this weekend will be for the Catholic Home Missions.



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

PRAYER LIST REQUEST

If you have someone or know someone who is sick and would like them listed under the PRAYER REQUEST, please call Holy Family Rectory, 215-482-0450, Monday through Friday between 9 AM and 3 PM.



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 especially Silvio (Rocky) Long and Catherine Mondì.



SATURDAY, MAY 6th

4:00pm

Kathy Duffy – Mary Alice Missimer

SUNDAY, MAY 7th

9:00am

Joseph Arturo

11:00am

Jocelyn Welsh



The Church Mass Book for 2024 is now opened. If you would like Masses said for next year contact Holy Family Rectory, 215-482-0450, Monday through Friday between 9 AM and 3 PM.



SATURDAY, MAY 6th

4:00pm

Harry Mullen

SUNDAY, MAY 7th

9:00am

Jamie Torna

11:00am

John Delaney



Don't forget to your May 50/50 Raffle envelopes. The drawing is May 27th after the 4:00pm Mass.



At Holy Family Childcare Center or director and teachers are implementing a new, structured curriculum names Frog Street. Babies as young as 6 weeks will be learning as soon as they start at the Childcare Center. We have an open enrollment and our classes are growing!!! Call Ariel Presley, Director, 620-95209185 with any questions you may have.



SATURDAY, 6th

4:00 pm

Walt Wood

SUNDAY, MAY 7th

9:00am

Lolita Bennett

11:00am

John Delaney



In need of a job? Looking for work? The Archdiocese of Philadelphia is hiring for a variety of positions. Google: Archdiocese of Philadelphia jobs, the job openings will populate and you can search to see if any jobs are of interest to you.



Parishioners are planning a Covered Dish/Casserole Dinner for the Saturday of Memorial Day Weekend! If you are in the neighborhood for the holiday, what better way to celebrate than by having dinner with fellow parishioners. If you'd like to come, please call Paul Torna 215-380-2768 to sign up with what you choose to bring! Casseroles, salads, desserts, etc.! Looking forward to a nice dinner in front of the church (weather permitting) after the 4:00pm mass. Games will also be set up to keep children occupied! Any questions call either Paul or the Rectory.



A new *RCIA class* will begin instructions on Wednesday, May 24, 2023 at 6:30 pm in the rectory with Monsignor Sweeney. If you know of any person looking to join the catholic faith, please have them reach out to the rectory Monday through Friday 8am-3pm at 215-482-0450.



50 & Beyond Reunion – May 10, 2023
NOON TILL 4PM

Will take place at Cannstatter's Caterers at 9130 Academy Rd. Philadelphia, PA 19114. Seating will be limited to 300 people. The cost is \$40. Please call the office at 215-568-3081 for further details.



The next *Pre-Jordan class* will be held after the 11am mass on Sunday, May 7, 2023. All parents having their first child must attend Pre-Jordan instruction prior to having the child baptized.

The *Sacrament of Baptism* occurs on the third Sunday of the Month. If you'd like to have your child baptized, please call the rectory, 215-482-0450, to set a date for this special occasion.

Calling all Roman and Hallahan Alumni, join us for:

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

“Are there any questions?” A stock query posed by teachers in classrooms everywhere. Depending on the age group, he or she may hear from a nervous child; or a sarcastic adolescent trying to be the class clown; or all the way up to the adult degree pursuer in a serious seminar. The silly ones are quickly dismissed. The sincere ones may set the whole class at ease as a false interpretation of the material could cause confusion. All said, the teacher must often practice patience answering questions about a matter long since explained but forgotten.

That last case exemplifies what Our Lord had to endure when one of His chosen, like Thomas or Phillip seem to be obtuse. I for one am impressed and edified by His patience. He knows He is working with uneducated simple men but who are also destined to be His messengers and saints.

First up is St. Thomas, already nicknamed for his many doubts. But we have to sympathize with him here when he asks the Lord: “How can we know the Way?” It’s an understandable question. How Our Lord must have surprised Thomas when He answered “I am.” Oh how often we keep looking elsewhere for the right road to eternal life. Not so much for the young among us who don’t think much about their eternal future. We elders have to keep them from being duped by the latest pop philosophy. Or the preferred outlook of one of their college professors cleverly presented as the “only true way” at this crucial time of their lives. Or consider the instances where we adults prefer what is truly a form of darkness because it offers a convenient, secret way to contradict Christ, such as watching internet porn.

Next in line comes Phillip, another good soul, whom we have learned has become an appealing spokesperson of Christ to Greek-speaking people. He wants some clarification about this strange Person Jesus insists on calling “the Father.” Jesus gives Phillip a clear and basic answer, the gist of which Phillip should have known by now after almost 3 years at Jesus’ side. “If you have seen Me you have seen the Father.” Again Jesus practices patience with Phillip. The answer he got has provided much food for thought and prayer for theologians and saints down through the centuries.

We must always remember in this context that doubt is not a sin. To question God in respectful prayer can enrich our belief. Those words we pray in the Nicene Creed each Sunday at Mass deserve research. The Bible comes first. But we also have the Catholic Catechism available in book form or online. Our patience with ourselves as explorers coupled with patience with an inquiring person lends credence to the Good News.

We’ve been seriously considering two important questions, the answers to which enrich our spiritual lives. But there’s always room for humor to allow a pause in our research. So I offer this story.

Once upon a time a man went to a fortune teller, hoping that she would be able to look into her crystal ball and make some stock market predictions. “My fee,” said the fortune teller, “is one hundred dollars. For that amount you may ask two questions.”

The client winced and said, “My, isn’t that a lot of money for just two questions?” “Yes,” the fortune teller replied. “Now what is your second question?”

God love you and give you His peace.

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