

# 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)

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*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.*



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3<sup>rd</sup> 2023



**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4:00pm**

Jaclyn Szeliga, requested by her Mother

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**9:00am**

Marie Mattoccia, requested by John and Louise Mancuso

**11:00am**

Ann and Kill Kaczmarzyk, requested by the Koenig Family

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 4<sup>th</sup> – 8:00am**

Aloysius O’Harra

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5<sup>th</sup> – 8:00am**

Laura Herman, requested by her husband

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6<sup>th</sup> – 8:00am**

Dominic Spano, requested by Debbie, Donna Diane and Daniela – his daughters

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7<sup>th</sup> – 8:00am**

John LaBrusciano, requested by Al and Rose Augustine

**7:00pm**

**VIGIL-FEAST OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8<sup>th</sup> – 9:00am**

**HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**

**FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

Special Intentions

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9<sup>th</sup> – 4:00pm**

Eileen Mullen, requested by the Houck Family

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00am**

Marie Mattoccia, requested by John and Louise Mancuso

**11:00am**

Ann and Kill Kaczmarzyk, requested by the Koenig Family

Please remember your **CHURCH WEEKLY OFFERING**. You can either mail it in or do it by **Electronic Giving**. Please follow this secure link: [www.holyfamilychurch.org/give](http://www.holyfamilychurch.org/give)

Your financial offerings are most appreciated.

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**Sunday Collection 11/19**

Sunday (91)	\$ 3,729.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection	\$ 327.00
Block (15)	\$ <u>2,100.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 6,156.00</b>

**Sunday Collection 11/25/26**

Sunday (88)	\$ 3,130.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection	\$ 178.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 25.00
All Saints (1)	\$ 10.00
Block (21)	\$ <u>2,410.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 5,753.00</b>

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, Josephine Barry, Ashley Brown, Christopher Browne, Megan Duffy, Daniel Evans, Terry Flanagan, Theodora Garrett, Anna Kenny, Jane Latta, Edward Lawnton, David Leahy, Lisa Long, Maeve Mahon, Erin McFarlane, Jerry McGough, Megan McHugh, Anthony Pelle, Marie Prince, Ronald Rigler, Daniel Seddon, Bill and Theresa Sherwin, Fred Smeltzer, Ava Snick, David Sparacino, Frances Sprenkle, Joseph Syrnick, 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 especially, Deborah (Debbie) Cupchack.





**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**4:00pm**

Grace Welsh

**SUNDAY, NOBEMBER 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**9:00am**

Joseph Arturo

**11:00am**

Charlotte Welsh



**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**4:00pm**

Sister Mary Jo Larkin

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**9:00am**

Pam Feinschil

**11:00am**

John Delaney



**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**4:00 pm**

Sister Mary Jo Larkin

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**9:00am**

Lolita Bennett

**11:00am**

John Delaney

**CRECHE/MANGER**



Volunteers are needed to help erect the Manger on December 17<sup>th</sup> (Sunday) and decorate the church after the 11:00am Mass today. Your help will be greatly appreciated.



The Catholic Parishes of Manayunk, East Falls and Andorra will present the Pre-Cana Marriage Preparation Program for engaged couples on SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2023 in Father Sullivan Hall, Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, 819 E. Cathedral Road.

The day begins with registration at 9:00 AM and concludes with attendance at the 5:15 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.



Don't forget to put your DECEMBER 50/50 envelope in the church basket.



Congratulations to the children of Holy Family and St. John the Baptist Parishes who made their Confirmation on Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at St. John the Baptist Church.



Dear Parishioners,

As you are aware, your Block Collection Envelopes were delivered to you in the past few weeks. To those who have already donated, thank you. To those who have yet to do so, please remember the fall block collection is one of the biggest fundraisers to help with upcoming winter expenses. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Are you an early riser? Holy Family Childcare Center is in need of an early riser willing to open up the childcare center, open the gate, turn on the lights at 6 am. If you are interested, please call the rectory at 215-482-0450.



**ADVENT GIVING TREE**

In the spirit of giving to those in need in our parish and community, please take a tag (or more than 1) from the Giving Tree. Please return UNWRAPPED by 9 am on Sunday, Dec. 17th. We will need a few volunteers on Sunday, 12/17 following the 11 am Mass to distribute the gifts. Thank you for your generosity and the many ways you bring Christ to our neighbors and our world.



We are in need of Altar Servers. Please see Monsignor Sweeney after mass to discuss if you'd like to become an Altar Server. Your help would be very much appreciated.



**Weekend of December 9 & 10** an Advent celebration will be held in the Rectory after the 4:00pm mass on December 9. We will have cookies and soft drinks. On December 10, after the 9 and 11 am mass we will have coffee and donuts in the Rectory, please make sure to mark you calendar to join us.

Please remember to attend Confession each Saturday from 3:00-3:45. The first Sunday of Advent is December 3<sup>rd</sup>; it is not too early to prepare.

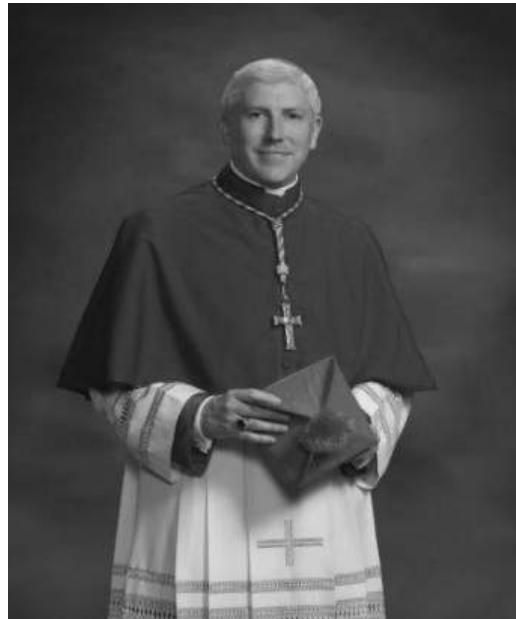
**2023 DAY OF SANCTIFICATION FOR PRIESTS**

**OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA**

The priests of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia assemble each year for a day of prayer and reflection on the Sacred Priesthood. This year our priests will gather with the Archbishop at Mother of Divine Providence Parish, King of Prussia on Monday, December 4, for the 2023 *Day of Sanctification for Priests*. Please pray for all priests of the Archdiocese, especially this weekend and Monday, with the following prayer from the *Roman Missal*:

*Lord our God, who in governing your people make use of the ministry of Priests, grant to these men a persevering obedience to your will, so that by their ministry and life they may gain glory for you in Christ. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

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**BISHOP DANIEL THOMAS**

**Congratulations to a Priest Son of the Parish**

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops elected Bishop Daniel Thomas as its chairman-elect of the Committee on Pro-Life Activities, the Diocese of Toledo announced on Wednesday.

“I am humbled that my brother bishops have elected me to serve as chairman-elect on this committee and our National Conference of Bishops,” Thomas said in a press release Wednesday. “I strongly believe that to be Catholic is to be pro-life, from conception to natural death. This is an issue I am passionate about and am honored to promote the message of the Gospel of Life in this national capacity.”

Thomas, who is already a committee member, will serve as chairman-elect for one year. His three-year term as chairman will begin after the Fall Plenary Assembly next November.

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