

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

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.*

THE

Epiphany



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**SUNDAY, JANUARY 7th
EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD**



SATURDAY, JANUARY 6th – 4:00pm

John Censi, requested by the Koenig Family

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7th – 9:00am

Dennis Mohan, requested by Joe and Mary Beth Symnick

11:00am

Our Parishioner

MONDAY, JANUARY 8th – 8:00am

No Intention

TUESSDAY, JANUARY 9th – 8:00am

Albert La Brusciano, requested by Al and Rose Augustine

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10th – 8:00am

Clarence Stenn, requested by his daughters

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11th – 8:00am

Frances Dougherty, requested by Kathleen Duffy

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12th – 8:00am

Special Intention

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13th – 4:00pm

Frances and Robert Koenig, requested by the Koenig Family

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14th

9:00am

John Mancuso, Sr., requested by Joe and Mary Beth Symnick

11:00am

Our Parishioner



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

Your financial offerings are most appreciated.

Sunday Collection 12/23-12/25

Christmas (74)	\$ 6,156.00
Sunday (76)	\$ 3,509.10
2 nd Collection	\$ 669.00
Block (3)	\$ 185.00
Christmas Flowers (4)	\$ 75.00
Religious Retirement (1)	\$ 20.00
Immaculate Conception (21)	\$ 5.00
TOTAL	\$10,619.10

Sunday Collection 1/1/24

Sunday (76)	\$ 2,953.00
2 nd Collection	\$ 204.00
Christmas (13)	\$ 1,310.00
Solemnity of Mary (New Year's Day)	\$ 726.00
Immaculate Conception (1)	\$ 20.00
TOTAL	\$ 5,213.00

The second collection next weekend will be for the Catholic Relief Service.



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 Symnick, and Roy (Toysie) Turvey, Jr.

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

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 Mark Syrnick and Catherine Schwark.



SATURDAY, JANUARY 6th

4:00pm

Grace Welsh

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7th

9:00am

Joseph Arturo

11:00am

Jocelyn Welsh



SATURDAY, JANUARY 6th

4:00pm

Mary Alice Missimer

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7th

9:00am

Jim Brody

11:00am

Jay Feinschil

LECTORS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6th

4:00 pm

Walt Wood

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7th

9:00am

Lolita Bennett

11:00am

John Delaney



50/50 RAFFLE

The winner of the 50/50 Drawing for December was Mr. and Mrs. Michael Sweeney.



Dear Parishioners,

As you are aware, your Block Collection Envelopes were delivered to you in the past few weeks. To those 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.



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.

SUPPORTING THOSE WITH MENTAL HEALTH STRUGGLES

Saturday, January 27, 2024
 9:15 AM – 2:30 PM
 Mass available at 8:30 AM
 Snow date: February 3
 St. Cecilia Parish Auditorium
 535 Rhawn Street
 Philadelphia, PA 19111

Presenter: Dave Eckert, MDiv, CPRP
 Director of Intersect Network
 Cost:
 \$25 per person
 Morning coffee and lunch is included.

It is estimated that one in five adults in the U.S. lives with a mental illness. Among children and teens, the numbers are increasing dramatically. This means that every parish and church institution - and many families - have members who struggle in this way, and often in silence. This workshop is designed to give parish leaders, as well as family members and friends, practical tools to help you support those who experience mental health struggle.

Workshop topics include:

What do we mean by mental health struggles? How to walk alongside someone in a way that is sustainable and resourceful
 How to create space where people can share their struggles while remaining within the boundaries of our competence (e.g. acting as a friend, not a therapist)
 Question-Persuade-Refer
 Suicide Prevention Training:
 how to respond when someone may be thinking about suicide.

For more information visit:
<https://archphila.org/support/>.

Or to register:
<https://secure.acceptiva.com/?=dFwo6c>



ARCHDIOCESAN EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

Dear Attendees of the Archdiocesan Eucharistic Congress,

I would like to provide you with an update on the National Eucharistic Revival..

This spring, there will be a **National Eucharistic Procession** making its way across the country to the National Eucharistic Congress being held this July in Indianapolis. **The National Eucharistic Procession will pass through the Archdiocese of Philadelphia from May 30 – Jun3, 2024.** As the details are finalized, the procession route will be communicated to you so that the faithful can participate in the procession and in the spiritual activities surrounding this event.

The **National Eucharistic Procession** will be held from **July 17-21, 2024** in Indianapolis, Indiana. We encourage the faithful from our parishes, religious communities, and institutions to consider attending this national event, which will feature beautiful liturgies and nationally recognized speakers, including Bishop Robert Barron, Sister Miriam James Heidland, and Father Mike Schmitz. Registration information, including information on transportation and lodging, is available at **<https://www.eucharisticcongress.org/>**.

We ask anyone attending the National Eucharistic Congress from the Archdiocese to also email their name and contact information to **revival@archphila.org**

May the Lord bless you with peace and joy,

Reverence Joseph T. Shenosky
 Archdiocesan Coordinator for the Eucharistic Revival
revival@archphila.org



THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

This beautiful Epiphany feast always holds a unique place for me and my family, especially when the date for it was fixed on January 6, the “Twelfth Day of Christmas.” That was my beloved mom’s birthday. Added in the fact that my mother spent her early years in the Epiphany parish located in South Philadelphia.

Now that the Epiphany is celebrated on a Sunday the date is flexible. But this was a good change, because the feast was often lost to churchgoers when it fell on a weekday. The event deserves our full attention because of its significance.

What it celebrates is captured in the very word “Epiphany” itself. It means a “manifestation” or “showing.” It is the showing of Christ to the wider Gentile world beyond the world of the Jews. It implies His embrace of the same.

Up until now, we note that Christ came into the Jewish world. Both His earthly parents were good Jews, as were His grandparents and His whole extended family. St. Matthew, writing for Jewish converts to the faith, wanted to let them know that Christ came to embrace the whole world, and not just one nation.

So, for today, we can meditate and learn about “the wideness of God’s mercy.” His divine plan for the salvation of the world does not involve exclusions. Still, the perennial questions arise: “Who or what is at the center of our lives? Is it really Christ Jesus or not?”

Here is a selection from the texts for today’s feast found at St. Paul’s Episcopal Cathedral in London:

The Magi

It might have been just someone else’s story;
Some chosen people get a special king,
We leave them to their own peculiar glory,
We don’t belong, it doesn’t mean a thing.
But when these three arrive they bring us with them,
Gentiles like us, their wisdom might be ours;
A steady step that finds an inner rhythm,
A pilgrim’s eye that sees beyond the stars.
They did not know his name but still they sought him
They came from elsewhere but still they found;
In palaces they found those who sold and bought him,
But in the filthy stable, hallowed ground.
Their courage gives our questing hearts a voice
To seek, to find, to worship, to rejoice.

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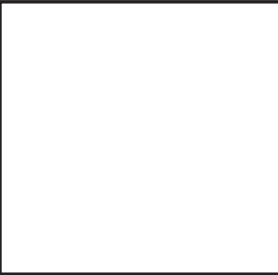
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