

Church of the Holy Family

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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@holyfamillychurch.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.

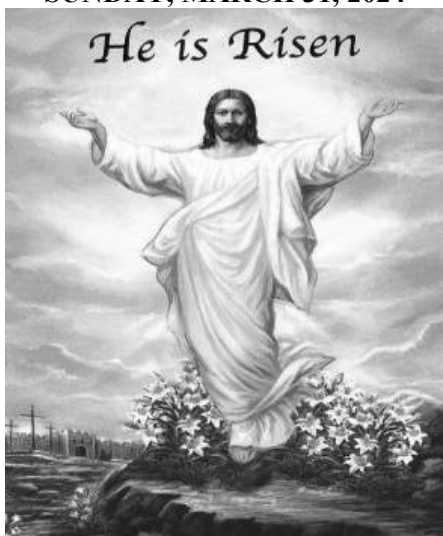
Welcome

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.



He Has
Risen

SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 2024



Easter 2024

Easter is always a Sunday because that first day of the week is the day on which Jesus rose from the dead. We Christians also make Sunday our sabbath. What better day on which God devoted a day of rest from the work of creation. God has claimed a time to consider our obligation to pay homage to the one who has brought us into existence. Any other created thing gives honor and praise to God by just being what it is. It is much more complicated for human beings who are made in the image of God. Our worship together with God, must be much more pronounced. The highest form of worship that we are capable of giving is the Eucharistic Sacrifice of the death of Christ on the cross. Easter is a sign of renewal, hope and victory over death. Some people see it as a rite of Spring just as they see Christmas as the winter solstice. God will save us from our sins.

Easter is the promise made in the Old Testament that God will save us from our sins. The Pascal Candle calls sin a necessary evil to get the gift of sanctifying grace, to have any chance again of having a shared life with God for all eternity. Every Sunday is supposed to be a little Easter year-round. If you don't have God in your life, who is going to save you in the end?

Easter is a time for family sharing a faith experience of rebirth of the mystery of how God chose to save us. More than anything else, the Resurrection is our coming back to the life of grace. We should have hope for our and everyone else's future in the Kingdom of God and to live in a decent world.

Blessings,

Monsignor Patrick E. Sweeney
Pastor

HOLY SATURDAY

SATURDAY, MARCH 30th – 7:00pm

EASTER

SUNDAY, MARCH 31st - 9:00am

Our Parishioners

11:00am

Easter

MONDAY, APRIL 1st – 8:00am

Patricia Monaghan, requested by Marge Walsh

TUESDAY, APRIL 2nd – 8:00am

Angie Koleman, requested by Ann and Debbie Currier

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3rd – 8:00am

Sister Elaine Cullen, requested by Kathleen and Tom Herron

THURSDAY, APRIL 4th

Gina Alymer, requested by Joe and Mary Ellen Alymer

FRIDAY, APRIL 5th – 8:00am

Special Intention

SATURDAY, APRIL 6th – 4:00pm

Debbie Cupchak, requested by Sue and Jack Harrell

SUNDAY, APRIL 7th - 9:00am

Crucifix and Antonio Mattoccia, requested by John and Louise Mancuso

11:00am

Our Parishioners



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.

Due to the Publisher needing the Easter Bulletin in early the collection totals for the week of March 24th and 31st will be in the April 7th bulletin.

Please remember in your prayers Father McKee, former Pastor of Holy Family Church. Get well cards should be mailed to:

Reverend Francis X. McKee
c/o St. Joseph Manor
1616 Huntingdon Pike
Meadowbrook, PA 19046



In your prayers, you are asked to pray for all the sick of the parish and those who care for them especially, Ashley Brown, Christopher Browne, Megan Duffy, Daniel Evans, Terry Flanagan, Theodora Garrett, Anna Kenny, Jane Latta, Edward Lawnton, Lisa Long, Maeve Mahon, Erin McFarlane, Jerry McGough, Megan McHugh, Margaret Pelicate, Anthony Pelle, Marie Prince, Ronald Rigler, Daniel Seddon, Bill and Theresa Sherwin, Fred Smeltzer, Ava Snick, David Sparacino, Frances Sprenkle, Joseph Syrnick, Roy (Toysie) Turvey, Jr., and Elaine Wallace.



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



Please pray for the happy repose of all the faithful departed.



HOLY SATURDAY, MARCH 30th

7:00pm

Grace Welsh – Charlotte Welsh - Bill Karwoski

EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 31st

9:00am

Joseph Arturo

11:00am

Jocelyn Welsh



HOLY SATURDAY, MARCH 30th

7:00pm

Harry Mullen – Mary Alice Missimer

EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 31st

9:00am

Mary Reed

11:00am

Tom Payne



HOLY SATURDAY, MARCH 30th

4:00 pm

Kathy Duffy

EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 31st

9:00am

Mary Reed

11:00am

John Delaney





50/50 RAFFLE

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



The Church Mass Book for 2024 is opened. If you would like Masses said for next year contact Holy Family Rectory, 215-482-0450, Monday through Friday between 9:00am and 3:00pm.



The Catholic Parishes of Manayunk, East Falls and Andorra will present the Pre-Cana Marriage Preparation Program for engaged couples on **SATURDAY, MAY 11, 2024** in Father Sullivan Hall, Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, 819 E. Cathedral Road. The day begins with registration at 9:30 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.



ARE YOU AN ADULT CATHOLIC WHO IS ONLY LACKING THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION?

There will be four adult Confirmation preparation sessions beginning April 23rd with Confirmation on May 19th, Pentecost Sunday at the Cathedral of SS Peter & Paul.

To receive the sacrament of Confirmation you must be a Catholic and have received the sacraments of Baptism and First Holy Communion. There are four mandatory Tuesday sessions to prepare for this important sacrament. Following preparation, the recipient receives a special outpouring of the Holy Spirit in Confirmation on Sunday, May 19th, at the Cathedral of SS Peter and Paul. **Formation sessions are held on Tuesdays, April 23rd and 30th, May 7th, 14th at St. John the Baptist Rectory, 146 Rector Street, Manayunk. Contact Kristi Bushner, Adult Faith Formation Director @ 610-246-3778 or faith@StJohnManayunk.org for more information.**



MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT DAY

SAVE THE DATE SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 2024

8:30AM - 4:00PM

St. Helena's Church

Empress Room 1489 Dekalb Pike Blue Bell, PA 19422

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Speakers : Ryan & January Donovan Peter & Tricia DeMaio Archdiocese of Philadelphia Office for Life & Family

REFLECTIONS FOR EASTER

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

The Jesus story might have become a popular Greek tragedy written and staged sometime late in the first century. Or it might have become a Roman version written by a famous playwright of the time who based his production on many conversations he had had with a friend in the Legion that guarded Palestine. All of this flows from a tale that went from Bethlehem to Calvary and ended with His death on a Friday afternoon.

But neither of those would ever be composed because of the marvelous wonder that took place on “The Third Day.” In fact the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the tomb made that one “the Day of days” and so it has remained such ever since.

What are we Christians to make of it in this largely apathetic mostly anti-Christian world of the twenty-first century that we inhabit? One option is to tone down the excitement or hide behind a festival of rabbits, chicks and chocolate covered coconut eggs. Put the accent on Springtime and multi-colored flowers in bright baskets. Or a fine ham dinner.

The other option, preferred by people of genuine faith, is to rejoice once again at the plan of God and His decision to include us in the mix of once-dead cells of the Mystical Body now capable of vibrant and never-ending life. To live it in a kingdom St. Paul once described in one of his Letters as wonderful beyond our senses to conceive.

That rejoicing need not be expressed in a lively dance with the clapping of hands, although that would not be a bad thing in itself. Rather for most of us the joy is mostly felt inward. A peace that permeates our outlook for our future. That even spreads through our vital organs urging us to recognize that this lowly body of ours will one day be glorified to be like our Savior’s.

Our inquisitive minds might want more information than the gospels give us. But our hearts will know that the God who knows all things will let us know and experience His kingdom with just the right amount of peace to fill our capacity to the brim.

Meanwhile, we renew our trust in Him. His resurrection is the endorsement by God the Father and the Holy Spirit of everything Jesus said and did; every command He gave and demand He made. Best for us to know them and observe them, and not be deceived by secularism, materialism and every other “ism” out there in the world of darkness. The Light has returned, even brighter than before. Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Alleluia! Alleluia!



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