

Church of the Holy Family

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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

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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, AUGUST 18, 2024

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMES



SATURDAY, AUGUST 17th - 4:00pm

Debbie Feasler, requested by Mr. and Mrs. Mscisz

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18th - 9:00am

Salvatore Mattoccia, requested by Louise and John Mancuso

11:00am

Paul and Eleanor Hallinger, requested by their daughter

MONDAY, AUGUST 19th - 8am

Our Parishioners

TUESDAY, AUGUST 20th - 8:00am

Aloysius O'Hara

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21st - 8:00am

Teresa Cullin, requested by John Groom

THURSDAY, AUGUST 22nd - 9:00am

Eddy Franks, Pam Myers

FRIDAY, AUGUST 23rd - 8:00am

Special Intention

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24th - 4:00pm

Frank Marchiano, requested by Betty Thummel

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25th - 9:00am

Our Parishioners

11:00am

Margaret Porter, requested by Joy and Mary Ellen Aylmer



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 8/11/24

Sunday (63)	\$ 2,511.00
Catholic Home Missions (1)	\$ 239.00
Assumption (3)	\$ 27.00
TOTAL	\$ 2,877.00

The second collection this weekend will be for parish.



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, Thomas Cassidy, Megan Duffy, Daniel Evans, Terry Flanagan, Jodie Forte, Theodora Garrett, Anna Kenny, Jane Latta, Edward Lawnton, 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, Roy (Toysie) Turvey, Jr., and Elaine Wallace.



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



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



SATURDAY, AUGUST 17th – 4:00pm

Bill Karwoski

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18th

9:00am

Jim Brody

11:00am



SATURDAY, AUGUST 17th – 4:00pm

Kathy Duffy

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18th

9:00am

Jamie Torna

11:00am

Jay Feinschil



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SUNDAY, AUGUST 18th

9:00am

Mary Reed

11:00am

Dorothea Richardson



50/50 RAFFLE

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



We are in need of Alter 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 or call the rectory at 214-482-0450 Monday through Friday 9:00am to 3:00pm.



The 2025 Mass book is now open. Please call the rectory if you wish to have a Special Mass said, 215-482-0450

**Archbishop Asks for Special Intention for
Peace in Holy Land**

August 9, 2024

Archbishop Nelson J. Pérez is encouraging Catholics throughout the five-county region to show continued concern for all the peoples of the Holy Land, especially during a time of heightened tensions in the Middle East, by praying for peace this weekend at Mass.

On Tuesday, Aug. 13, the Jewish community will observe Tisha B'Av, a day of mourning, fasting, and prayer observing the destruction of the First and Second Temples in Jerusalem, and other pogroms and persecutions experienced by the Jewish community in their history.

This year's commemoration takes place 10 months after the Oct. 7, 2023 terrorist attack on Israel and the ensuing war between Israel and Hamas.

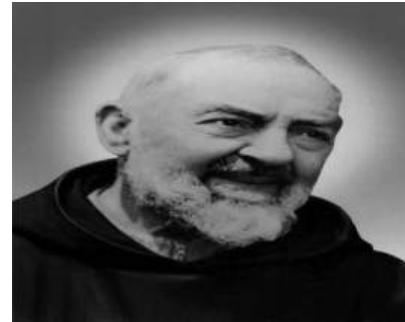
In his Oct. 10, 2023 statement regarding armed conflict in the Holy Land, Archbishop Pérez said, "I urge all people of goodwill to answer the urgent plea of Pope Francis by calling for an immediate end to this conflict and in praying for all those trapped by the maelstrom of war. As the Holy Father said, 'Terrorism and war do not lead to any resolutions, but only to the death and suffering of so many innocent people.'"

The special intention below has been provided to parishes throughout the Archdiocese to be included in the Universal Prayer during Masses this weekend, Aug. 10-11.

As the Jewish community observes a day of mourning this week for lives destroyed through war and persecution, we pray for an end to the war in the Holy Land, and to all war. We pray that all hostages may be released, that the displaced may be able to return home, and that all people of faith might work together to rebuild what has been broken.

Let us pray to the Lord. /Lord, hear our prayer.

MARRIED COUPLES – When's the last time you gave your marriage a tune-up? Keep your engines running by getting away together on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend! The next in-person experiences are October 11-13 and November 15-17 at Our Lady of Czestochowa, Doylestown. For more info visit: <https://www.wwme-philly.org>.



NINTH ANNUAL PADRE PIO FESTIVAL

St. Bede the Venerable Parish September 14-15, 2024 Saint Bede the Venerable Church, located in Holland, PA., (Bucks County, Northampton Township), welcomes all to its Ninth Annual Festival to honor St. Pio of Pietrelcina, better known as "Padre Pio," on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 14 and 15. The two-day event begins with Saturday's All-American Picnic Buffet (tickets will be sold at the event), featuring games and amusements for children, food and craft vendors, and live music. The highlight will be a 5:30pm Vigil Mass, followed by blessings with holy relics of Padre Pio. The Sunday Sept. 15, 12:30pm Solemn Mass will be extra special this year, as it will be celebrated by Fr. Pio Mandato. The Mass is followed by a street procession with a statue of Padre Pio through the surrounding neighborhood. After the procession, there will be a healing service with confessions and veneration of holy relics. All day there will be specialty food and craft vendors, amusements for children, and live musical entertainment. Plenty of free parking will be available, and pilgrim buses are welcome. For more information, go online to: padrepiofestivalhollandpa.com, or call the St. Bede parish office at 215-357-5720.

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMES

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

Algebra class was the origin of real high school stress for me. At the time I wouldn't have called it that. It had another identifying label not suitable for presentation here. All I remember was that a whole bunch of numbers and letters on the left somehow equaled the same pile on the right. The name of the item was "equation."

Our Lord never had to study algebra as far as the Bible is concerned. Nor should we be. Yet there are examples aplenty of His non-mathematical "equations." He called Himself "the Good Shepherd" on one occasion. "The Son of Man" several times. So too for our purpose today "The Bread of Life."

John chapter six expands on that last title by letting us hear Jesus say that the unleavened bread and the cup of wine in front of Him on the table at the Last Supper through His saying so became equated (there's that word again) with His very flesh and blood. The better expression is that those two elements were transformed into His Body and Blood.

Our physical senses don't detect any change. The bread looks, acts and tastes like bread on the outside, but it is no longer bread, but His Body. "Corpus Christi." Same for the wine as our senses yield. But at the words of consecration, pronounced in our time by the ordained priest, as God's representative, turn it into His Blood.

In another Gospel section, Jesus declares that the eating and drinking of His Body and Blood is our guarantee of living forever. That is, unless we forfeit the guarantee by unrepentant sin. That's when we really can appreciate Sacrament of Penance as another gift from our loving God.

One of the most intriguing new advocates for loving the Holy Eucharist is a young man named Carlo Acutis. Carlo was born in England and was raised in Italy. He died when he was only 15 from leukemia. He was up until then a normal happy boy, liked by his many friends; good at playing soccer but especially skilled with a computer. From an early age he was attracted by the Eucharistic Lord and went to daily Mass even converting his own mom to the faith.

He designed a web page on which he posted information on all the Eucharistic miracles that he could. A traveling exposition of these has traveled the world. He matched his devotion with service to the poor. After he died his body was unearthed intact for what was to be burial in Assisi. So now you can view the body enclosed in glass, with Carlo dressed in a sports jacket and sneakers. The first millennial soon to be canonized. What an inspiration! A young disciple telling us that holiness is so possible in our ordinary lives. Google his name for more details.

In the meantime, remember that "the world will not be convinced of your faith by the sourness of your face."

God love you and give you his peace.

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