

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.*

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25, 2024

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMES



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

MONDAY, AUGUST 26th - 8am

Joseph Cunningham, requested by Ann and Debbie Currier

TUESDAY, AUGUST 27th - 8:00am

Margaret O'Hara

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28th - 8:00am

Tom Cassidy, requested by Janine Barr

THURSDAY, AUGUST 29th - 8:00am

Tom Cassidy, requested by Mary Ann Barr

FRIDAY, AUGUST 30th - 8:00am

Special Intention

SATURDAY, AUGUST 31st - 4:00pm

Sharon McCullough, requested by Karen Kuhn

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1st - 9:00am

Our Parishioners

11:00am

Walter Desher, requested by John Groom



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 8/18/24

Sunday (79)	\$ 2,894.00
Catholic University (2)	\$ 105.00
<u>Assumption (9)</u>	<u>\$ 76.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ 3,075.00

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, 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, 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 24th – 4:00pm

Bill Karwoski

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25th

9:00am

Jim Brody

11:00am



SATURDAY, AUGUST 24th – 4:00pm

Debbie O'Donnell

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25th

9:00am

Mary Reed

11:00am

Tom Payne



SATURDAY, AUGUST 24th – 4:00 pm

Sister Mary Joe Larkin

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25th

9:00am

Mary Reed

11:00am

Audrey Williams



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

PREP

Parish Religious Education Program

Religious Education resumes instructions for sacraments on September 15th. Home schooling with monthly meetings will begin again. The difference this year we will be meeting in the old convent next to the church.

Registration will take place on the 8th of September. The first class in the convent will be September 15th. Please plan to come to mass that Sunday for the opening.

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 Our Lady of Czestochowa, Doylestown. For more info visit: <https://www.wme-philly.org>.

BEREAVEMENT GROUP AT KOLLER FUNERAL HOME

Grief often depletes the griever physically as well as emotionally (and cognitively, spiritually and socially). Tending to oneself after the loss of a loved one creates a place and space for your grief. A grief support group provides the opportunity to share your loss with others while receiving care, support and tools to adapt to your loss.

Registration is required. Please email kollerbereavement@gmail.com or call 215.482.5200

PROGRAM WILL BE HELD ALTERNATING THURSDAYS, 6:30-7:45 beginning September 26 through December 5, 2024

CSS PROGRAM TEACHES TEENS JOB SKILLS, HOW TO RATCHET DOWN VIOLENCE IN THEIR COMMUNITIES



Catholic Social Services of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia (CSS) has launched a new after-school ministry in South Philadelphia to offer a trade education program for youth ages 13-18 from neighborhoods heavily impacted by poverty and violence.

The Youth Skills Building Program (YSBP) is designed to equip teens with essential life skills, practical knowledge, and emotional intelligence through a series of structured workshops and hands-on activities.

Funded by the City of Philadelphia's Department of Human Services (DHS), YSBP provides students with the opportunity to acquire new job skills in the areas of carpentry and home repair, as well as learn financial literacy and social-emotional learning.

Fostering a holistic approach to youth development is the goal of the YSBP program, which has adopted "Guns Down, Tools Up" as its motto.

The program makes its home in the former St. Gabriel Parish Elementary School building in Philadelphia's Grays Ferry section, which closed in 2021. The school building was rehabilitated and finds new life housing YSBP.

James J. Black, Ph.D., director of the Youth Services Division of CSS, calls the Youth Skills Building Program "a beautiful example of collaboration among CSS, DHS, and St. Gabriel's Parish."

The program's director is Alan Speed, a native of West Philadelphia who earned his Master of Social Work degree at the University of Pennsylvania.

An active member of the Black Men at Penn School of Social Work Inc. and long engaged in mentorship, Speed gladly accepted the opportunity from Dr. Black to initiate the YSBP program last February. Its first cohort of seven students started on May 20.



Through mentorship and hands-on experience, Ken Whalen (second from right) teaches students carpentry skills at CSS' Youth Skills Building Program. (CatholicPhilly)

A diorama of a house shows students the components of a home.

The program was blessed on June 24 by Auxiliary Bishop John J. McIntyre, who oversees the Secretariat for Catholic Human Services.

Nazjai, 18, a student in the program, says he's enjoyed learning about construction, including sheetrock, electricity, and plumbing. Cutting wood with the band saw and table saw are among his favorite activities.

With the skills he's learned in the program after only two months, Najay has been able to make gifts for his family – a birdhouse and candleholder for his aunt, and a candleholder for his grandfather.

Chloe, 17, currently the only female student in the cohort, says she and the other students enjoy “doing everything for ourselves with our own hands.” She says they also “learn empathy and patience” for how to deal with difficult situations in life.

“We love it here,” Chloe said of the YSBP program.

The program runs weekdays from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in summer months and will shift to an after-school program, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., during the school year.

Participating students receive van transportation, meals, and a weekly stipend of \$15 per hour during the 26-week program.

Speed says he's continually impressed by how quickly the first cohort is learning and comprehending job skills at only two months into the program.

“They come in every day, and they love going to the shop and putting on their aprons,” he said.

They've already built a shed. They're building tables,” he said. “With the workload that's been given to them, it's nothing short of amazing.”

Tools used by the students at the program come from the former St. Gabriel's Hall in Audubon which closed in 2020.

An hour of social-emotional learning (SEL) is integrated daily, led by a social worker who teaches students “soft skills” and “getting in touch with their emotions and anxieties,” Speed said.

“A safe space” is created where students can “learn how to react to tough situations,” including incidents at school, death, and personal tragedies, “which unfortunately many of them have already experienced,” he said.

YSBP is also preparing students to enter the workforce after they complete the program. Students will learn job interview skills and participate in mock interviews, which will be recorded and reviewed to provide constructive feedback. A partner organization will provide free suits to help make a good first impression with an employer.

Another partnership is with the City's Department of Licenses and Inspections (L&I), which ensures all building projects in Philadelphia meet construction and fire codes.

The L&I partnership teaches students about the tests required for licensed contractors to work in construction using requirements of the federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA).

This September, the first cohort will use their newly acquired skills to provide free repairs to vandalized homes throughout the city. Students will paint houses and repair windows and doors for homeowners including the elderly and those who have suffered domestic violence.

“Hopefully, we'll help a lot of kids and the community in the process,” said Black.

“We're taking a holistic approach,” Speed said. Students are learning skills for employment, practical living, and managing emotions so they can “de-escalate a situation when it comes to violence.”

For more information on the YSBP program, visit the website at <https://youthskillsphilly.org/>

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