

Church of the Holy Family

PARISH RECTORY

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Rev. Francis X. McKee

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Rev. Michael Shea

Pastoral Service Director and Permanent Deacon

Deacon James Browne

Music Director

Joseph O'Brien

Holy Hour: Second Sunday of each month

after the 11:00am Mass Miraculous Medal

Novena: every Friday after 8:00am Mass

Altar Servers: Mary Alice Missimer

Cantors: Joseph O'Brien

Extraordinary Ministers:

Jeanine Censi-Lamont

Lectors: Kathy Duffy

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

Visits those unable to attend Mass due to sickness or age every 2 weeks on Friday from 11:00 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, SEPTEMBER 1, 2024
TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
TIMES



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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2nd - 9:00am

Deceased Sisters of St. Joseph, requested by Sister Mary Jo Larkin

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3rd - 8:00am

William O'Hara

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4th - 8:00am

Tom Cassidy, requested by Joe and Mary Alice Missimer

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5th - 8:00am

Tom Cassidy

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6th - 8:00am

Special Intention

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7th - 4:00pm

Hervey Dougherty, requested by Kathleen Duffy

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8th - 9:00am

Annie and Stanley Swalla, requested by their grandchildren

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.

Sunday Collection 8/25/24

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| Sunday (74) | \$ 2,763.00 |
| Second Collection | \$ 158.00 |
| Black and Indian Missions (1) | \$ 5.00 |
| Mission CO-OP (1) | \$ 5.00 |

TOTAL \$ 2,961.00

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, Patrick Campbell, 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 31st – 4:00pm

Bill Karwoski

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1st

9:00am

Jim Brody

11:00am



SATURDAY, AUGUST 31st – 4:00pm

Sister Mary Jo Larkin

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1st

9:00am

Jim Brody

11:00am

Jeanine Censi-Lamont



SATURDAY, AUGUST 31st – 4:00 pm

Sister Mary Joe Larkin

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1st

9:00am

Lolita Bennett

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.



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.



MOUNT SAINT JOSEPH ACADEMY

Join us for our annual fall Open House on Sunday, September 29, from 10am to 1pm! Learn how a mission-driven education and the bonds of sisterhood fuel meaningful learning at the Mount. Tour our campus with a student tour guide, attend an information presentation, learn about personalized and dynamic academics and student life, and meet our experienced faculty, staff, and coaches.

Prospective families in grades 5-8 may register today at msjacad.org/visit.

Apply today for the Class of 2029 at msjacad.org/apply! Applications are due by October 10. Scholarships/Entrance Exams will be offered on October 5 and October 12. Contact the Admissions Team at admiss@msjacad.org or (215) 233-9133 with any questions.

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.



The Catholic Parishes of Manayunk, East Falls and Andorra will present the Pre-Cana Marriage Preparation Program for engaged couples on SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 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.

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RETROUVAILLE: REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE

Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retrovy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next program will be held the weekend of October 4 - 6 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIM

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

I'm sure that many of you have seen that disconcerting sign posted in many restrooms, especially in restaurants: "Employees must wash their hands before returning to duty." Or words to that effect. Is the possibility so real of restaurant employees not washing before going back to handling food? I suppose so. Just from what I have observed often enough of the non-washing of hands that occurs in men's rooms, I can understand why the sign.

For the observant Jews of Our Lord's time, ritual washing was a hallmark of their culture. As the guardians of that culture, our meticulous friends the Pharisees would justifiably pounce upon any miscreants. This whole matter must have struck people of other cultures as a peculiarity. Of course, back then nobody knew or even imagined the existence of something called "germs."

But the Pharisees mentioned in our gospel episode for today saw a chance to pose a loaded question to Jesus, hoping to label Him and His followers as "unclean." Little did they know with whom they were dealing. It took them a seemingly long time to catch on. In this instance, Our Lord made what for them may have been a somewhat startling observation: "Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile."

Now none of us were present at this scene, of course. But it doesn't strain our imaginations to picture the look on the Pharisees' faces. It was a combination of anger and resentment for being bested by a young rabbi from Nazareth of all places, with no formal credentials to claim. But this story is included in the gospels by the intent of the Holy Spirit for all of us who hear it in our particular space and time.'

We know all about the occasional presence in us of what has to be called "evil." Dark thoughts about others that manifest in rash judgment of them. Perverted imaginings in the sexual order. Even unexpressed anger against God. Or His Church. Or anything that we know deep down should have no place in our hearts. Especially if we want to be in sync with the Sacred Heart.

Moses had told the people of his time that observance of God's Law would give "evidence of your wisdom and intelligence to the nations (Gentiles)." Our world at the present time needs our Christian evidence of wisdom and intelligence even if it first reacts with mockery and cynicism. When all is said and done, all of us want a fullness of life, free from guilt. We have the key to that life in the bible, especially in the gospels. 1

This extended weekend we honor the goodness of work and those who do manual labor for a living. The witness of hands dirty from honest work certainly enhances creation. As does all human work. The cleansing of hands before coming up the aisle to receive the Holy Eucharist is a mark of our respect. But after Mass, it is a "hands on" approach to God's will that we acknowledge in praying the "Our Father" prayer that this civic holiday hints at to be spiritually alert and fully alive.

God love you and give you His peace.

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