

Church of the Holy Family

PARISH RECTORY

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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 22, 2024

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIMES



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 9/15/24

Sunday (110)	\$ 3,926.14
Second Collection	\$ 196.00
Black and Indian Missioner (2)	\$ 10.00
Feast of the Assumption (1)	\$ 10.00
Mission Co-op (2)	\$ 10.00

TOTAL \$ 4,152.14

The second collection this weekend will be for the 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, Jodie Forte, Theodora Garrett, Jane Latta, Edward Lawnton, Lisa Long, Maeve Mahon, Erin McFarlane, Jerry McGough, Megan McHugh, Anthony Pelle, Marie Prince, Daniel Seddon, Bill and Theresa Sherwin, Ava Snick, David Sparacino, Frances Sprenkle, Joseph Synchron, 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, Christopher Whittle U.S.M.C.



Please pray for the happy repose of all the faithful departed especially, Carrie Dickson.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21st - 4:00pm

Thomas Cassidy, requested by Maureen Stilwell

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22nd - 9:00am

Frank Marchiano, requested by his family

11:00am

Our Parishioners

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23rd - 8:00am

John Ambrose Thomas, requested by the Gannon Family

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24th - 8:00am

Margaret O'Hara

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25th - 8:00am

Cass Lewis, requested by her family

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26th - 8:00am

Lonetta Mary Marcolongo, requested by Jean and Dennis Ragan

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27th - 8:00am

Special Intention

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28th - 4:00pm

McNabb and Capella Families, requested by Mary Alice and Joe Missimer

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29th - 9:00am

Our Parishioners

11:00am

Thomas Cassidy, requested by Maureen Stilwell



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21st – 4:00pm

Bill Karwoski

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22nd

9:00am

Jim Brody

11:00am



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21st – 4:00pm

Harry Mullen

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22nd

9:00am

Mary Reed

11:00am

Jeanine Censi-Lamont



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21st – 4:00 pm

Linda Guerttin

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22nd

9:00am

Mary Reed

11:00am

John Delaney



50/50 RAFFLE

Don't forget to put your September 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.

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.



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.



ADMISSIONS EVENTS FOR 2024-2025

FALL OPEN HOUSE:

Sunday, September 29, 2024
10:00am – 12:00pm (9:00am Mass)

8th GRADE SCHOLARSHIP/ENTRANCE EXAM:

Saturday, October 5, 2025 and Saturday 26, 2024

EXPERIENCE STEM AT LASALLE:

Monday, October 7th, 2024 – 6:00pm

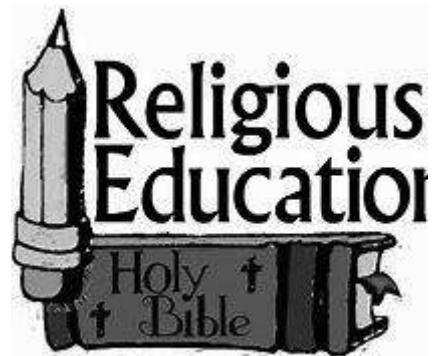
8th GRADE VIP DAYS:

Begin Monday, September 9, 2024.

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.



Registration for PREP or CCD will continue in the old convent this Sunday at 10:00 am. All candidates for the Sacraments of Communion and Confirmation must first attend instructions. Some will take place at home and in person class once a month. We look forward to seeing you.



Are you in need of a job? Looking to switch careers? The Archdiocese of Philadelphia has over 70 open positions. Competitive salaries, benefits, full time and part time positions. The best way to find what is available is to Google: Archdiocese of Philadelphia jobs.

JESUS INVITES US TO CARRY OUR CROSS WITH LOVE, TO LIFE

By Msgr. Joseph Prior • Posted September 13, 2024

Buildings have been cleaned. Major repairs complete. Rosters are set. Faculty have had their classrooms readied. Students have returned. More than a few parents are overjoyed. School is open and up and running. A new year of learning is underway.

Today we hear from the greatest teacher, Jesus, the Lord of life. In today's Gospel, he instructs us on one of the most fundamental lessons of life. One that he will repeat, over and over again, in many varied ways. One that he will teach, in word, in deed, and in His very life. That basic teaching is: the way to life is through the cross.

As he says: "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it."

My first encounter with this teaching was when I was a young teenager in my first few years of high school. My grandmother lived in the next parish over so not too far from home. I can still remember taking the 20 bus to go and visit. (This might sound odd for young parents today, but in those days it was safe.) We were a close family. My aunt, uncle and cousins lived down the street from "Mom Mom." Pop had died a few years previous.

My mom and Aunt Jean started to notice that Mom Mom was getting forgetful. It started out small; conversations once taken place had to be repeated. They started to notice things around the house were out of place or were missing. Mom Mom was getting frustrated and uncharacteristically short in some of her speech. Eventually they sought medical attention and, as you probably realize, she was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease. The diagnosis was not as common as it is today so it seemed all new to them.

Eventually it got to the point that Mom Mom could not live by herself. My mom and aunt with the support of my dad and uncle decided that the families would take her in to care for her. At first, she moved in with my aunt and uncle since they lived only a couple blocks away. Mom Mom could go spend some time in her home during the day. As time progressed these visits had to stop. Then she would spend a week at each of the families' homes. Things got progressively worse with her memory. Slowly she forgot our names.

One thing her memory held the longest were hymns. Anxiety would build in her, and singing those hymns was one of the ways we could calm her fears and help her relax. Sometimes she would try to "escape," and the neighbors were great in keeping an eye out if she took herself outside the house. Her physical condition was fine until one day she had a fall and then needed nursing care. Every day my parents and whoever of the kids wanted to go would spend hours visiting with her in the nursing home. As it happened, that was where she passed away.

As these days turned into weeks, and the weeks turned into months, and the months turned into years, I started to reflect on what was happening. I was amazed at the love my mom and aunt had for Mom Mom. The care they gave her was

extraordinary. The patience they had was remarkable. The sacrifices they made were astonishing. It was not only them but my dad and uncle too. No complaints, no moaning, no "why me?" — just love.

It was at this point when I started to become aware of sacrificial love, of the cross. This witness of love had a huge impact on my understanding of God and his love for me. I should say for the sake of my parents, that I knew they loved me and that awareness only grew with time and they certainly sacrificed for me and my siblings. I also witnessed their unconditional love for one another which was also quite amazing.

But the incredible challenges of the situation with my grandmother's condition brought to the fore another facet of a love that was deeply grounded in them, part of who they were, and the place where they gained the strength to love like they did. I saw how good it was and wanted that too.

Sacrificial love, unconditional love, is the way to life. This is the lesson that Jesus is teaching us again today. The import of this lesson is seen in his interaction with Peter. Jesus' love, his mission, everything about who he is, is tied to the cross. The passage starts with Jesus asking the disciples his identity. Eventually Peter speaks up and gives the right response: "You are the Christ."

Jesus then begins to teach them about sacrificial love, which he had already embraced, a love that would lead to his passion and death and through them to resurrection. When Peter rebukes Him, Jesus responds: "Get behind me Satan, you are thinking not as God does but as human beings do!" The rebuke heightens the importance of the lesson. The cross is of God because it is embraced as an act of love. Man, tempted by Satan, may see torture, pain, suffering, grief and death. God sees love, and this love leads to life, divine life, eternal life, pure life — where love and life are one.

Jesus, who is "the way, the truth and the life," leads us on the path to life. He shows us how to give of ourselves in love. One of the ways in which we take up our cross is through putting the needs of others before our own desires or wants — when we go the extra mile in caring for someone; when we allow our hearts to be moved with compassion at the plight or troubles another is experiencing; when we forgive even when the forgiveness is not deserved; when we give of ourselves expecting nothing in return; and when we give up something we want and give it to the poor. There are many more situations like these where the "cross" is lifted up and is hailed as a sign of love.

Jesus is the greatest teacher because he teaches us about life. Life is a beautiful and good gift from God. Jesus' lessons on life all involve aspects of love. Today, he once again offers us this most basic and fundamental lesson — the way of life is through the cross for: "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it."

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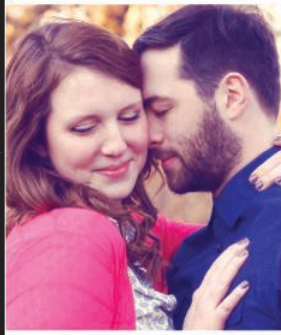
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