

Church of the Holy Family

PARISH RECTORY

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Rev. Francis X. McKee

Sunday Visitor

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 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

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 15, 2024

**TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIMES**



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14th - 4:00pm

Debbie Cupchak, requested by Sue and Jack Harrell

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15th - 9:00am

Our Parishioners

11:00am

John and Beth Delaney 40th Wedding Anniversary

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16th - 8:00am

Tom Cassidy, requested by Mary and Russ McConnell

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17th - 8:00am

Aloysius O'Hara

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18th - 8:00am

Colin and Caitlyn Thomas, requested by the Gannon Family

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19th - 8:00am

Annie Swalla, requested by family

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20th - 8:00am

Special Intention

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



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 9/8/24

Sunday (84)	\$ 4,134.00
Second Collection	\$ 112.00
Black and Indian Missioner (3)	\$ 55.00
Feast of the Assumption (1)	\$ 10.00
TOTAL	\$ 4,311.00

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 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, Christopher Whittle U.S.M.C.



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



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14th – 4:00pm

Bill Karwoski

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15th

9:00am

Jim Brody

11:00am



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14th – 4:00pm

Sister Mary Jo Larkin

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15th

9:00am

Jamie Torna

11:00am

Jay Feinschil



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9:00am

Lolita Bennett

11:00am

Dorothea Richardson



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.

Welcome
New Members

Casteel Family

Cucciniello Family

D'Andrea Family

MacKay Family

Prestigiacomo Family

Snyderman Family

Stone Family

Thomas Family



Religious Education resumes instructions for sacraments begin this Sunday, 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.

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.



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

COOK NEEDED - PART TIME

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

We are looking for someone who would prepare a pleasing, nutritious meal for a group of 4 to 5 people in a church rectory located at 24th and Green Streets. We would ask that the person would have various duties necessary to maintain assigned areas in a clean and orderly condition.. Workdays are Thursday, Friday and Saturday. The hours are 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. If you are interested, please call Christine Powell at 215-765-4568 press 3 for the office Monday through Friday 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

“The lazy, crazy, hazy days of Summer 2024 will officially end next weekend. Looking back, we have our memories hopefully good and perhaps sadly bad. Among the latter that I have are those stories of drownings and shark attacks especially involving youngsters. But above all those others, the one that hit me the hardest as I sat down to write these words came the report back in June of a vacationing couple who were swept away by rip currents leaving behind six children. Do you remember it also? And what about those six sudden orphans? Pain and suffering clouds the summer sky.

The gospel today provides the context to consider the whole subject of human suffering, as Jesus brings up the subject with His chosen Twelve. It hovers over even the best of our days. Just as a hearse passing by a showy, red convertible drives home a point.

The bible tells us forthrightly that suffering entered our world with the arrival of sin. Sin as a deliberate selfish choice to make ourselves little gods in defiance of the One Great God of heaven and earth.

“We will decide what’s right and wrong; what’s best for us; what will make us happy, and You, O God, had best pay attention!” Oh, we never actually phrase it that way, much less say it out loud, but that’s the ultimate source of our sin.

Jesus tells us how to handle our suffering, physical or spiritual. It is to unite ours with His and make it redemptive for the world. That is the partial theology behind the old directive to “offer it up.”

I recently read a biography of Pope St. John Paul II, whom I have no hesitation calling “the Great.” Almost a whole generation has come along since his death in 2005, but they need to know of him and how we were blest with his pontificate. Of his physical sufferings in life, the author wrote the following:

During his pontificate, he dislocated his shoulder, broke his femur, underwent surgeries for his hip and ankle and to remove his appendix, gallstones, and an orange-sized tumor from his colon. He suffered osteoarthritis in his right knee, and intestinal disorder, the loss of hearing in both ears, Parkinson’s disease, and underwent routine colonoscopies and was given a feeding tube—and this does not even include the injuries he sustained when he was struck by a Nazi truck in Poland, the mono mononucleosis he suffered as a bishop, or the two bullets he took during his assassination attempt. Because he spent no fewer than 164 days in the Gelling Hospital, he started calling it Vatican III (after St. Peter’s and Castel Gandolfo)?

After one of his hospitalizations, he said “I accept this trial too from the hands of God, who arranges everything in accordance with His providential plans, and I offer it for the good of the Church.”

Add to that young Blessed Carlo Acutis’ remark that he offered his leukemia at age 15 “for the pope and the Church” and you begin to see the best interpretation of your sufferings from holy people of all ages.

That thinking makes us more than Churchgoers. We become, however gradually, true disciples. For all four seasons. And a good postscript here is this warning: “Satan is not afraid of a Bible with dust on it.”

God love you and give you His peace.

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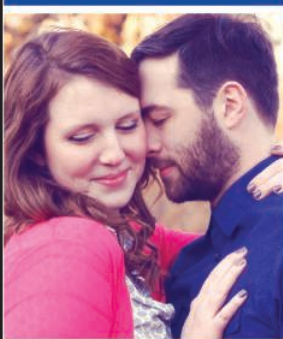


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