

# Church of the Holy Family

## PARISH RECTORY

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## *Pastor*

Rev. Msgr. Patrick E. Sweeney  
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## *Pastor Emeritus*

Rev. Francis X. McKee

## *Sunday Visitor*

Rev. Michael Shea

## *Pastoral Service Director and Permanent Deacon*

Deacon James Browne

## *Music Director*

Joseph O'Brien

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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:* 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

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*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, JANUARY 12, 2025



**SATURDAY, JANUARY 11<sup>th</sup> – 9:00pm**

John Lewis, requested by his family

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 12<sup>th</sup> – 9:00am**

Clarence Stenn, requested by his daughters

**11:00am**

Our Parishioners

**MONDAY, JANUARY 13<sup>th</sup> – 8:00am**

Adeline O’Harra

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 14<sup>th</sup> – 8:00am**

Thomas Dauphin, requested by Joe and Mary Alice Missimer

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15<sup>th</sup> – 8:00am**

Ed McAndrews, requested by Joan Gerard

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 16<sup>th</sup> – 8:00am**

Eleanor Clancy, requested by Tim and Holly Scally

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 17<sup>th</sup> – 8:00am**

Special Intention

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 18<sup>th</sup> – 4:00pm**

William Gross, requested by TKA Fraternity

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 19<sup>th</sup> – 9:00am**

Our Parishioners

**11:00am**

Walt D’Alessio, Mary Ellen and Joe 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](http://www.holyfamilychurch.org/give)

Your financial offerings are most appreciated.

**Sunday Collection 12/28/29**

Sunday (96)	\$ 3,178.00
Second Collection	\$ 96.00
Christmas (10)	\$ 1,287.00
Christmas Flowers (6)	\$ 100.00
New Years (5)	\$ 50.00

**TOTAL \$ 4,711.00**

**Collection 12/31 /1/2 /1/4 1/5**

Sunday (47)	\$ 2,255.00
Second Collection	\$ 119.50
New Years (37)	\$ 823.00
Christmas (6)	\$ 385.00
Christmas Flowers (1)	\$ 25.00
Catholic Relief (1)	\$ 5.00

**TOTAL \$ 3,493.00**

The second collection next 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, Eleanor Maisch, 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, Steve Thummel, Roy (Toysie) Turvey, Jr., and Elaine Wallace, Bob Woerner.



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, PFC Christopher Whittle.



Please pray for the happy repose of all the faithful departed, especially Maryellen Mullen



SATURDAY, JANUARY 11<sup>th</sup> – 4:00pm

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12<sup>th</sup>

9:00am

Jim Brody

11:00am



SATURDAY, JANUARY 11<sup>th</sup> – 4:00pm

Kathy Duffy

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12<sup>th</sup>

9:00am

Mary Reed

11:00am

John Delaney



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50/50 RAFFLE

The winner of the 5/50 for December was Harry Mullen. Don't forget to put your January 50/50 Raffle envelope in the church basket.



We are in need of Eucharistic Ministers for the 4:00pm, 9:00am and 11:00am Masses.

If anyone is interested please contact Jeanine Censi-Lamont at 267-278-2936 or contact the rectory at 215-482-0450.



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Date: January 25-26, 2025

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Rev. David O'Brien, Vocation Director  
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**JOIN US ON JANUARY 24, 2025 IN  
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CELEBRATE LIFE**

We celebrate life from the moment of conception to the moment of natural death, and every moment in between.

We envision a world where these moments are celebrated, valued, and protected by everybody—both in the private sector and in the public sphere.

## BAPTISM OF JESUS

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

Whether it's the well-known writer coming to town for a book signing, or the celebrity songstress arriving at the local arena, expectation fuels anticipation, and ticket sales reach a new high. It's just a natural happening. A bit of excitement that cuts through the ordinary day to day rhythm of our lives. But when some other event occurs, for example the funeral of a loved one, the interruption of the usual pattern triggers deep thoughts within us, whether we choose to go there or not. Then we're not as taken up by celebrity or fame. We want solid answers to serious questions. Fulfillment over fantasy. With the coming of Christ into our world some 2,000 plus years ago, we got the best answers possible to our most serious questions. Of course, we need His very help, with trusting faith, to realize that. To begin with, God surprised us all by coming to us in a human nature like ours in so many ways but one: it was linked mysteriously by a divine nature. Who is Jesus is easier to answer than what is He because of this dual nature in one Person.

This well-known event of His baptism at the storied Jordan river presents a problem and raises questions. If one of the purposes of Baptism is to remove original sin, what is the Son of God Himself letting His cousin John the Baptist pour the water over Him? Where is the authenticity here? There are several answers.

First is Our Lord's intent to demonstrate His humility and become an example for us. Secondly, the baptism became a way for God to confirm that Jesus was His Son. Thirdly, the baptism enabled Jesus to join our humanity by sharing in our baptism. Finally, it was the way Jesus chose to inaugurate His mission among us as the obedient Son of God. We are quite conscious of the meaning of "inauguration" this month in the political life of our country. We could say, respectfully, that as Christmas was Christ's birth and arrival, so His baptism marked His first day at work.

Several years ago, one of our astronauts who walked on the moon was asked "What were you thinking about as you stood on the moon and looked back at the earth?" The astronaut replied, "I remembered how the spacecraft was built by the lowest bidder."

We as Christians can rejoice that the work of salvation did not go to "the lowest bidder," but was performed by an infinite God. Every expectation will be met. There will never be a deficiency in His work. Alleluia!

God love you and give you His peace.

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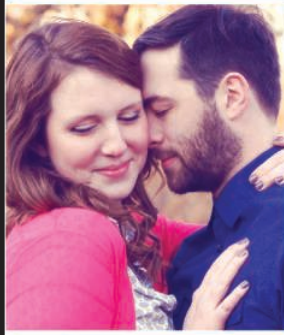
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