

Church of the Holy Family

Parish Rectory

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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 8:00am or 11:00am Masses or any time in the rectory.



CHURCH SERVICES

Saturday Evening Mass 4:00pm
Sunday Masses: 8:00 and 11:00am
Weekday Mass: 8:00am
Holy Day Vigil Mass: 7:00pm
Holy Day Mass: 8:00am

BAPTISM

Baptisms are celebrated on the third Sunday of each month 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 to 3:45pm
After Stations on Wednesday evenings during Lent and any time upon request.

MARRIAGE

Couples must make arrangements with one of the priests 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 AND ELDERLY

We visit the homes of those unable to attend Mass due to sickness or age on the first Monday of each month from 11:00am to 12:30pm and every Sunday after the 8:00am Mass.

Holy Hour: second Sunday of each month after the 11:00am Mass

Miraculous Medal Novena: every Friday after 8:00am Mass

Alter Servers: serve at Mass

Cantors: lead singing at Mass

Choir: sings at Mass & Liturgical Services

Extraordinary Ministers: bring Holy Communion to the sick

Guitar Group: sings at the 11:00am Mass once a month

Lectors: read at Mass each Sunday

RCIA: prepares and instructs converts to enter the church and for Catholics not yet Confirmed; Wednesday at 7:00pm

PREP: teaches students' not attending Catholic school;
Sundays from 9:30 to 10:45am

Pre-Cana Team: workshop for engaged couples

Ajax Committee: cleans sanctuary and church twice each month

ALPHA: discuss religious matters in a relaxed setting

Finance Committee: meets six times per year to advise the Pastor

Liturgy Committee: plan religious services

Parish Pastoral Council: meets several times per year to confer on Pastoral planning

Women's Club: meets six times per year and sponsors social activities

Seniors: meets twice each month in the convent

* **Please note:** if you are interested in participating any of these activities, please contact the rectory at 215-482-0450

APRIL 19, 2020
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY



In a time like this we need to think of others as well as yourself.

All Masses are PRIVATE until the virus ends.

Our schedule is subject to change by Appropriate Authority.

Sunday Mass will be lived streamed on our Parish Facebook at 9:00a.m.



SATURDAY, APRIL 18th – 4:00pm

Raymond and Marie Finnen, requested by their family

SUNDAY, APRIL 19th

8:00am

Crucifixa and Antonio Mattoccio, requested by John and Louise Mancuso

11:00am

Our Parishioners

MONDAY, APRIL 20th - 8:00am

William O’Harra

TUESDAY, APRIL 21st - 8:00am

Charles Gallagher, requested by Marie Mueller

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22nd - 8:00am

Joseph McGann, requested by Monsignor Sweeney

THURSDAY, APRIL 23rd - 8:00am

Marie Labrusciano, requested by Al and Rose Augustine

FRIDAY, APRIL 24th - 8:00am

Special Intention

SATURDAY, APRIL 25th – 4:00pm

Maryann Long, requested by Harry and Eileen Mullen

SUNDAY, APRIL 26th

8:00am

Our Parishioners

11:00am

Maryann Long, requested by Rocky Long



Please remember your Church Weekly Offering during this time. You can either mail it in or do it by Electronic Giving. Please remember us as there are expenses that have to be paid.



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Maryann Long, requested by Harry and Eileen Mullen

SUNDAY, APRIL 26th

8:00am

Our Parishioners

11:00am

Maryann Long, requested by Rocky Long

MONDAY, APRIL 27th - 8:00am

Stanley Swalla, Sr., requested by his family

TUESDAY, APRIL 28th - 8:00am

Aloysius P.J. O’Harra

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29th - 8:00am

Lawrence Brecht, requested by his family

THURSDAY, APRIL 30th - 8:00am

Special Intention

FRIDAY, MAY 1st - 8:00am

Special Intention

SATURDAY, MAY 2nd – 4:00pm

Samuel Zane, requested by the Prechtel Family

SUNDAY, APRIL May 3rd

8:00am

The Yanak Sisters (Joanne, Patricia, Bernadette), requested by Mitch and Irene Yanak

11:00am

Our Parishioners



In your prayers, you are asked to pray for all the sick of the parish and those who care for them especially, Anna Marie Barry, Theresa Barthold, Robert Brecht, Jr., Linda Brown, Christopher Browne, Ed Cameron, Christina Dougherty Gailey, Daniel Evans, Terry Flanagan, Jackie Jordan, Anne Marie Kearns, Lisa Long, Erin McFarlane, Kristin McFarlane, Megan McHugh, Helen Nagle, Jim Parrella, Ronald Rigler, John David Smeltzer, Ava Snick, Ed Speece, Frances Sprenkle, Eileen and Joe Szewczak, Fran Thomas and Roy (Toysie) Turvey, Jr..



Please pray for the happy repose of all the faithful departed especially, Lawrence (Larry) Brecht, Sr.



LCPL. Shane Canavan, A1C Matt Dandrea, Nicholas DiCicco, PFC Michael D'Intino, PFC Chase Dixon, PFC Tyler Manigly, Sr. Master Sergeant Jason Otto, Captain Zach Schwatka, Col. Scott Shore, and Cpl. Christopher Starrett.



The Parishes of Manayunk and East Falls will present the Pre-Cana Marriage Preparation Program for engaged couples on **SATURDAY, MAY 30, 2020** in Holy Family Parish Hall, 234 Hermitage Street. The day begins with registration at 8:30 a.m. and concludes with attendance at the 4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass. Certificates will be distributed after Mass. The day includes continental breakfast and lunch. Cost is \$100.00 per couple. To register, please call Holy Family Rectory at 215-482-0450, on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.



Confessions will also be heard on Saturdays from 3:00 to 4:00p.m. in the Sacristy Privately.



If you have not returned your Rice Bowl donation to Church you may still do so. Please consider doing so. You may also use the envelope that came with your recent packet and mail it in instead of using the Bowl.

PRAYER DURING AN EPIDEMIC

Lord Jesus,

Hear our pleas, our good shepherd and divine physician. We implore your mercy in the wake of an outbreak of serious illness and disease.

Guide our efforts to prevent contagion and make preparations to care for those most vulnerable. Assist all professionals and volunteers who work to eradicate the epidemic now spreading. May our actions be marked by your steadfast love and selfless service and never by panic or fear.

Bestow your comfort and healing to the sick, sustain and strengthen them by your grace. May they know your closeness as they carry the cross of illness.

And may all you have called from this life come to worship you eternally with all the saints as you grant consolation and peace to their mourners. Amen.

Holy Mary, Health of the Sick, pray for us.
St. Joseph, Hope of the Sick, pray for us.
St. Rocco, protector against epidemics, pray for us.

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

How many times have you thought to yourself, or said to others those three little words: “I doubt it”? The subject could be the candidate for the upcoming presidential election; or a claim by an auto dealer that none of the cars on his/her lot have any hidden markups; or the suddenly positive rating a man gives his spouse of her meatloaf. On and on such a list could go, revolving around those three little words.

Doubt can be a good thing if it fosters questions especially of complicated corollaries of our faith. The doubter here is only probing deeper into his/her faith wanting a mature answer. Lingered doubt in matters of revealed faith can be a serious problem if it is not relieved either by the direct answer of a qualified expert or good private research. Our faith has nothing to fear from sound reason.

All of this brings us to the problem of doubt that Saint Thomas had. Unfortunately, his healthy doubts got him a sad nickname that developed into a cliché, that of “Doubting Thomas.” In time, it became a popular description of anyone who questions what we tell them. Thomas represents many people in this cynical era, so in love with science and technology, as to be always wanting tangible proof before believing anything. Add the disregard many have for the supernatural, and you have the general mood of the times. So when the best of the Good News of the Gospel – the Resurrection – is presented to Thomas, his nature kicks in and he reacts: “I’ll never believe it.”

A week after this (I wonder if Thomas’ attitude changed over 7 days) Jesus reappears in His glorified Body. I imagine Him looking a wee bit stern as He calls Thomas over so that the doubter could literally probe the five scars left on that body. But I also picture a gentle smile crosses Jesus’ holy face as Thomas kneels before Him and he makes that profound act of beautiful faith: “My Lord and My God.” I can see Jesus helping Thomas up and then offering him a heartfelt hug. For all my years since ordination I have used Thomas’ words as my own as I elevate the Sacred Host at Mass.

Jesus then offers a mild rebuke to Thomas and to us, followed by one of the most consoling sentences in all of Scripture: “Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.” Talk about Divine Mercy! Here is that very grace poured out an intelligent apostle, whose faith would propel him to preach about Jesus even to the people of far away India! Such great encouragement to us who have not seen but have believed! That blessing of Jesus is itself part of the very same mercy we celebrate on this Divine Mercy Sunday Pope Saint John Paul II fostered this devotion because his own strong faith told him the world needs it.

Allow me to close with a description of a “Peanuts” cartoon. Picture Lucy looking out the window at a steady downpour of rain. “Boy,” she said, “look at that rain. What if it floods the whole world?”

“It will never do that,” Linus replied confidently. In the ninth chapter of Genesis, God promised Noah that that would never happen again, and the sign of the promise is the rainbow.”

“You’ve taken a great load off my mind,” said Lucy with a relieved smile. “Sound theology,” pontificated Linus, “has a way of doing that!”

Well, I for one don’t doubt it.

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