

Church of the Holy Family

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and

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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



DECEMBER 22, 2019



Dear Parishioners,

This time of the year when the holydays come along, we might be reading a lot more Bible quotations. It is a well-known story, but we never get tire of hearing it again.

Another thoroughly Catholic practice is to go to confession and communion at this season. It should be a regular event to go to mass. I would like to see the church full every Sunday like it is on Christmas Eve.

What is it that keeps some people coming back year after year to fall in love with the infant Jesus? I would say that people who pray don't lose the Faith, they just forget to come see their best friend.

Best Wishes for a Merry Christmas!

Monsignor Patrick E. Sweeney



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21st - 4:00 PM

Robert Firth, requested by Harry and Eileen Mullen

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22nd

8:00am

Genevieve Zans, requested by the Prechtel Family

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23rd - 8:00am

Nicolas and David Myers, requested by Sylvia Myers

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24th - 8:00am

Robert Brecht, Sr., requested by his family

VIGIL MASS - CHRISTMAS EVE

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24th - 4:00pm

Our Parishioner

CHRISTMAS DAY

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25th - 10:00am

Our Parishioner

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26th - 8:00am

For the Intention of Bishop Daniel E. Thomas, requested by Amanda Gerten

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27th - 8:00am

Special Intention

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28th - 4:00 PM

Warren Mullen, requested by Harry and Eileen Mullen

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29th

8:00am

Joseph Prechtel, requested by the Prechtel Family

11:00am

Jay Thomas Long, requested by the Long Family



CONFESSIONS

Monday, December 23rd

7:00pm - 8:00pm

Tuesday, December 24th

12:00pm - 1:00pm

CHRISTMAS VIGIL MASS

4:00pm

CHRISTMAS DAY MASS

10:00am



BULLETIN DEADLINE

Our bulletin publisher required our bulletins for December 22nd to be submitted to them by December 13th. The bulletin for December 29th be submitted to them by December 19th and the bulletin for January 5th be submitted by December 26th. The weekly collections for December 15th, December 22nd and December 29th will be in the January 5, 2020 bulletin.



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, Megan McHugh, Helen Nagle, Ronald Rigler, Ava Snick, Ed Speece, Frances Sprengle, Eileen and Joe Szewczak, Fran Thomas and Roy (Toysie) Turvey, Jr..



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



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



ALTAR SERVERS

SATURDAY – DECEMBER 21st – 4:00pm

Makayla Serbin – Makenzie Serbin

SUNDAY – DECEMBER 22nd

8:00am

Michael Torna – Charlotte Welsh

11:00am

Grace Welsh – Jocelyn Welsh

ORGANIST

4:00pm - Joseph O'Brien

8:00 – 11:00am Isaac Young



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21st - 4:00pm

Grace Torna

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22nd

8:00am - 11:00am

Julia Bokunewicz



SATURDAY – DECEMBER 21st - 4:00pm

Marie Jennings – Kathy Duffy

SUNDAY – DECEMBER 22nd

8:00am

Jay Feinschil

11:00am

Michael Sweeney



Lectors

SATURDAY – DECEMBER 21st - 4:00pm

Jim Parella

SUNDAY – DECEMBER 22nd

8:00am

Lolita Bennett

11:00am

John Naab



CHRISTMAS EVE and CHRISTMAS DAY

ALTAR SERVERS

CHRISTMAS EVE VIGIL MASS – 4:00pm

Grace Welsh - Charlotte Welsh - Jocelyn Welsh

CHRISTMAS DAY MASS - 10:00am

Makayla Serbin – Makenzie Serbin – Kylie Graff

ORGANIST

CHRISTMAS EVE VIGIL MASS – 4:00pm

Isaac Young

CHRISTMAS DAY MASS - 10:00am

Joseph O'Brien

CANTORS

CHRISTMAS EVE VIGIL MASS – 4:00pm

Grace Torna

CHRISTMAS DAY MASS - 10:00am

Julia Bokunewicz

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

CHRISTMAS EVE VIGIL MASS – 4:00pm

Harry Mullen – Mary Alice Missimer

Marie Jennings – Mark Jennings

Catherine Moore

CHRISTMAS DAY MASS - 10:00am

Betty McGahey

LECTORS

CHRISTMAS EVE VIGIL MASS – 4:00pm

Kathy Duffy

CHRISTMAS DAY MASS - 10:00am

John Naab



There will be a Christmas Concert on Christmas Eve before the 4:00pm Vigil Mass. It will start at 3:00.



The distribution day is the Fourth Sunday of the month. The Distribution day for December is today (Sunday) after the 11:00 am Mass. Food can be picked up at the convent. Now that the Summer is over our Food Cupboard needs to be stocked. Some suggestions for donations : boxes of cereal, pancake mix/syrup, cake mixes/frostings, crackers, jellies/jam, peanut butter, cookies, tune fish or canned meats, rice, noodles, cans of juice or juice packs, tea bags, salt/pepper. **NO BABY FOOD IS NEEDED.** We hope this action will help someone in need.

CRECHE (MANGER)



Volunteers are needed to help erect the Manger for Christmas today (Sunday) after the 11:00am Mass. Your help will be greatly appreciated.



VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO DISTRIBUTE THE GIFTS AT NOON TODAY (following Mass) in the Rectory. This work of mercy only takes 15-20 minutes and is a powerful reminder of the joy of giving and the true meaning of Christmas. Thank you in advance for this very tangible way to bring Christ to our parishioners and neighbors in need.



Monday, December 23rd

7:00 to 8:00pm

Advent is a season of vigilance and watchfulness before the celebration of Christmas. Don't miss the opportunity to be reconciled to God and be at peace with all mankind.



CONFESSIONS

Monday, December 23rd

7:00pm – 8:00pm

Tuesday, December 24th

12:00pm – 1:00pm

CHRISTMAS VIGIL MASS

4:00pm

CHRISTMAS DAY MASS

10:00am

CONFESSIONS

Tuesday, December 31st

3:00pm – 3:45pm

NEW YEAR'S EVE MASS

4:00pm

NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS

10:00am



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#WHATSMYNAME
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