

Church of the Holy Family

Parish Rectory

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Rev. John P. Collins

Pastoral Service Director

and

Permanent Deacon

Mr. James Browne

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Director: Cyndi Manley

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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 1, 2019

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30th - 4:00 PM

Wilbert and Margaret Harris (Anniversary),
requested by Mark and Marie Jennings

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1st - 8:00am

Our Parishioners

11:00am

Anna Thomas, requested by Amanda Gerten

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2nd - 8:00am

Sisters of St. Joseph, requested by The Sisters of St. Joseph

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3rd - 8:00am

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

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4th - 8:00am

Edward Nizio, Jr., requested by his family

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5th - 8:00am

Michael and Rose Volack, requested by The Volack Family

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6th - 8:00am

Special Intention

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7th - 4:00 PM

Our Parishioners

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8th - 8:00am

Salvatore and Marie Mattoccia, requested by Louise and John Mancuso

11:00am

John Labrusciano, requested by Al and Rose Augustine

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Our Bulletin publishers request that all information for today's bulletin be submitted by noon on November 22nd. Information usually published weekly (collections) will be published in a later bulletin.

The second collection next weekend will be for the Retirement Fund for the Religious.



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, Mike Gallagher, Jackie Jordan, Anne Marie Kearns, Richard Levering, Lisa Long, Erin McFarlane, Megan McHugh, Helen Nagle, Ronald Rigler, 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.



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.



SATURDAY – NOVEMBER 30th – 4:00pm

Grace Welsh – Jocelyn Welsh – Kylie Graff

SUNDAY – DECEMBER 1st

8:00am

Frances Arturo – Joseph Arturo

11:00am

Makayla Serbin – Makenzie Serbin

ORGANIST

4:00pm - Joseph O'Brien

8:00 – 11:00am Isaac Young



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30th - 4:00pm

Grace Torna

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1st

8:00am - 11:00am

Julia Bokunewicz



SATURDAY – NOVEMBER 30th - 4:00pm

Mary Alice Missimer – Maryann Raudenbush

SUNDAY – DECEMBER 1st

8:00am

Mitch Yanak

11:00am

Betty McGahey – Thomas Siegharter



SATURDAY – NOVEMBER 30th - 4:00pm

Judy Eirich

SUNDAY – DECEMBER 1st

8:00am

Mitch Yanak

11:00am

Mary Reed



The distribution day is the Fourth Sunday of the month. The Distribution day for December is Sunday, December 22nd, 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.

*****CHURCH PARKING LOT*****

If you find that the church parking lot is filled there is additional parking down at the Day Care Center.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Our Eucharistic Adoration will be on the second Sunday of every month after the 11:00 A.M. Mass until 1:00 P.M. We are praying for a holier church despite the scandal. Please make every effort to attend this parish celebration.



The Parishes of Manayunk and East Falls will present the Pre-Cana Marriage Preparation Program on **Saturday, December 14, 2019** in the Holy Family Parish Hall, 236 Hermitage Street. The day begins with registration at 8:00 a.m. and concludes with attendance at the 4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass in Holy Family Church. Certificates are presented after Mass. Registration is \$100.00 per couple, and includes the cost of materials, continental breakfast, lunch and snacks. To register, please call Holy Family Rectory, 215-482-0450 Tuesday through Thursday between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.



The Feast of the Immaculate Conception is always a Holy Day with an obligation to attend mass. This year that Sunday, December 8th is the Second Sunday of Advent. The season of Advent and Lent take president over all other feast days. Monday, December 9th is the replacement date for the Immaculate Conception. You may go to mass at the regular time of 8:00am. There is no obligation to attend this mass unless you want to honor the Virgin Mary.



ROMAN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Scholarship Entrance Exams

9:00 AM- 12:00 PM

Saturday, December 7, 2019



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2019 HOLY FAMILY CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Friday December 6th - 6 pm to 10 pm

Saturday December 7th - 5 pm to 9 pm

WISH LIST

Gift Baskets and items for Tombola Table
Consider donating a themed basket or a large item.
Crafts and homemade items.

Sponsors

Sponsor a wheel or table.

White Elephant Table Items

Clean out those basements and closets!
Questions-contact Kathleen & Wes Saring at 267-738-3920

Women's Club Baked Goods Table

Also:

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Donation Boxes will be in back of church or call for pick up.

Volunteer

Help build a vibrant parish community!
Spread the Word and invite friends and family to the bazaar.

INFO:

Paul 215-380-2768 or paultorna@verizon.net

Jamie 215 380-2769 or Jamietorna@verizon.net

Thank you for your generous support.

Dear Friends in Christ,

Soon our parishes will be conducting the collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious.

This annual appeal benefits 31,000 elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests-women and men who have consecrated their lives to serving God and the Church. We are blessed to have 74 religious congregations present and serving within the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. These 74 religious congregations represent approximately 2400 men and women religious. Of this number, over 800 are retired.

With this in mind, many religious communities struggle to provide for their aging members. During the early and mid-twentieth centuries, the Catholic Church in the United States experienced a surge in vocations to religious life, with numbers peaking in the mid-1960s. Care for elderly members was provided largely by younger ones. Over time, however, the number of vocations decreased while lifespans increased. The result is far fewer younger members available to support the retirement and eldercare needs of senior members. In 2018, 68 percent of the religious communities providing data to the National Religious Retirement Office (NRRO) had a median age of 70 or older.

I recognize this is but one of numerous worthy causes in need of assistance; I ask simply that you give what you can. In thanksgiving for their faithful service, please join me in supporting the Retirement Fund for Religious and in praying for God's blessing on our nation's elderly religious.

The annual Retirement Fund for Religious collection will be held December 7th and 8th in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. The appeal is coordinated by the NRRO.

In addition to sponsoring the annual appeal, the NRRO offers assessment tools, educational programming, services, and resources that promote quality eldercare and help religious communities plan for long-term retirement needs.

I ask prayers for our consecrated religious and encourage support for this national collection schedule for December 7th and 8th in our local parishes. Thank you.

In the peace of Christ,

+Most Reverence Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap.

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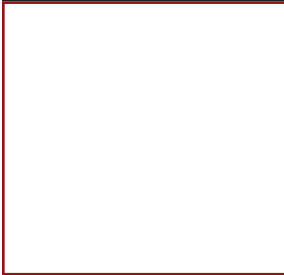
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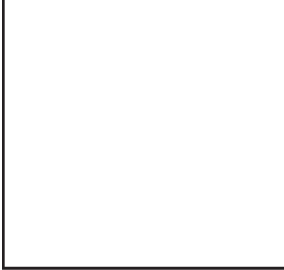



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