

Church of the Holy Family

Parish Rectory

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Rev. John P. Collins

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Mr. James Browne

Day Care & Summer Camp

Ages: Infant (6 weeks) through PreK-4

Hours: 6:00am to 6:00pm,
year round care

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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

MAY 3, 2020

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



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.



Monsignor Sweeney wants to stay in touch with you through this Pandemic by either text messages or email. If you have not been receiving either the text message or email please call Teresa at the rectory Monday through Friday at 215-482-0450.



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

MONDAY, MAY 4th - 8:00am

Lawrence Brecht, requested by Paul and Jamie Torna

TUESDAY, MAY 5th - 8:00am

Mary Elizabeth Posatko, requested by Robert Posatko

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6th - 8:00am

Aloysius P.J. O’Harra

THURSDAY, MAY 7th - 8:00am

Ray and Marge Monaghan, requested by Marge Walsh

FRIDAY, MAY 8th - 8:00am

Special Intention

SATURDAY, MAY 9th - 4:00pm

Frances Dougherty, requested by the John Lewis

SUNDAY, APRIL May 10th

8:00am

Our Parishioners

11:00am

Mother’s Day

MASS BOOK – OPEN for 2020

The Mass Book for 2020 is now open. If you would like Masses please mail a list with the Names and Dates attached. Mark envelope attention: Teresa. Please add your phone number in case the date you request is not available. The Masses are \$10.00 each, please make check out to Holy Family Church.



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 paid.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

Easter (16)	\$ 1,400.00
April 12 th (26)	\$ 610.00
Holy Land (3)	\$ 55.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 5.00
TOTAL	\$ 2,070.00
April 19 th (42)	\$ 1,603.00
Easter (18)	\$ 1,280.00
Holy Thursday (2)	\$ 25.00
2 nd Collection (1)	\$ 20.00
Rice Bowl (2)	\$ 20.00
Holy Land (2)	\$ 15.00
Catholic Home Missions (2)	\$ 10.00
Easter Flowers (1)	\$ 10.00
TOTAL	\$ 2,983.00



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, Edward Lawnton, Lisa Long, Erin McFarlane, Kristin McFarlane, Megan McHugh, Helen Nagle, Jim Parrella, Ronald Rigler, John David Smeltzer, 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 Chase Dixon, PFC Tyler Manigly, Sr. Master Sergeant Jason Otto, Captain Zach Schwatka, Col. Scott Shore, and Cpl. Christopher Starrett.



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.



The Parishes of Manayunk and East Falls will present the Pre-Canan 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.

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.



Archbishop Pérez of Philadelphia: We are still a people of hope!

Recently, Christians throughout the world proclaimed, “Jesus is Risen, Alleluia!” The resurrection of our Savior is the defining event of our faith. It is the wellspring of our eternal hope that the purity of God’s love flowing through us will overcome all things. Given the grip of the **Covid-19 pandemic** on our global society, that message of hope could not have arrived at a better time.

The arrival of **Easter** this year found us all living in a surreal landscape. The worldwide outbreak of the coronavirus has dramatically and suddenly impacted the normal course of our lives over the past several weeks. As the number of cases, the danger to our health and the death toll have all grown, we have been starkly reminded that every life is truly a precious gift from God.

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Our Lenten experience this year was far from typical. Living out isolation, quarantine, social distancing and the suspension of public Masses were unimaginable concepts on Ash Wednesday. While necessary for the preservation of public health, these measures have negatively affected people financially, mentally, emotionally and spiritually. In these times of uncertainty, I know there is a temptation to sink into despair.

[Explore all of America’s in-depth coverage of the coronavirus pandemic]

When Lent began, I asked Catholics across the Archdiocese of Philadelphia to keep their eyes fixed on Christ the crucified and Christ the merciful as a means of inspiration to encounter the world with charity and good will. Now that Easter has arrived, we must keep our eyes fixed on the outstretched arms of Christ the resurrected. He inspires us to receive and to give a love that is boundless. This love is pure. It does not discriminate. It is invincible. Neither contagion nor death can conquer it.

It has been a painful, confusing and trying time, but in Christ and his triumph on the cross, God's great love for us prevails. That love transcends our human understanding and is more powerful than we can comprehend. It will never fail us regardless of where life finds us. Right now, life finds us in a particularly difficult time that has slowed our world to a near stop. Yet it has also given us an opportunity to rediscover those things that are truly important.

These ominous days will pass. We shall overcome them as a united Christian family.

So, during this Easter season, let us look to God with renewed hearts and minds more so than ever before. May his love flow through us and inspire us to encounter one another with tenderness and mercy. May that same love also strengthen us each day with the resolve to see value in ourselves and in one another. A new day will dawn and we can rebuild through him who makes all things possible.

Please join me in praying for those who have died. May they rest in peace. Please join me in praying for those in mourning. May they find comfort. Please join me in praying for those who are sick. May they be healed. Please join me in praying for our first responders and health care providers who are on the front lines every day battling this virus, along with our government officials who have been working diligently to ensure our safety. May they be strengthened and protected in the course of their daily work to overcome the current national health crisis.

All of us owe a debt of gratitude to those working to impede the spread of the coronavirus and eliminate the threat it poses. I extend my personal thanks to them and ask you to join me in that sentiment.

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Easter brings hope to our lives and inspires us to take actions that build a better community and a better world through our interactions with one another. May this Easter season bring you peace and joy. Most importantly, may it strengthen our mutual resolve as a people of hope.

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