

Epiphany of Our Lord Church

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Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil

5 p.m.

Daily

Monday to Saturday
8:30 a.m.

Sunday

8 a.m.
10 a.m.

Holydays

7 p.m. Vigil, 8:30 a.m.
& 12:05 p.m.

Confessions

Saturday
3:30-4:30 p.m. & by appointment

Parish Office Hours

Monday-Friday

8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. & by appointment
Closed for lunch: 12 p.m.-1 p.m.

Saturday: By appointment only
Sunday: By appointment only

*A mail slot is located in the
front door of the rectory.*

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 17, 2022



Rev. Thomas D. O'Donald, Parochial Administrator
frodonald@epiphanyofourlord.com

Permanent Deacons

Michael Pascarella, Jr.
Emil J. Wernert (Retired)

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World Grandparents Day

Sunday, July 24 marks the second annual World Grandparents Day.

Natural Family Planning

The annual Natural Family Planning Awareness Week will take place **July 24-30**. This year's theme is *Called to the Joy of Love*.

Metanoia Young Adults

Save the date! Metanoia will be celebrating 10 years of ministry with Young Adults on **Saturday, Aug. 6**, 11 a.m.– 7 p.m. at Plains Park, Hatfield.

Email metanoiayoungadults@gmail.com for details.

Bishop Kenrick Class of 1970

A large event is planned for **Saturday, September 10**, 1-5 p.m., at Pope John Paul High School, Royersford.

Contact bishopkenrick1970@gmail.com with your email to receive updated information. Visit the Class of 70 website for more information: www.bkhs-1970.net.

Day at the Bay

The Roman Catholic High School Alumni and the Hallahan Catholic Girls High School Alumnae are excited to announce the 29th annual Day at the Bay alumni(ae) fundraiser.

This year's event will be held on **Saturday, Aug. 13**, 2-7 p.m., at the Seaport Pier in North Wildwood, NJ.

Visit RomanCatholicHS.com/DayAtTheBay for more information. You may also email Chuck Taylor, ctaylor@romancatholichs.com or office@hallahanalumnae.net.

Sacred Heart Parish Anniversary

Former parishioners and school alumni are invited to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, 1404 S. 3rd St., Philadelphia, on **Sunday, Oct. 16**. Cost is \$75/person.

Call (215) 465-4050 or visit www.sacredheartchurchsp.com for details.

Martha's Choice Marketplace

Martha's Choice Marketplace is most in need of personal items such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, combs, hair brushes, deodorant, etc. Diapers, sanitary goods, toilet paper and paper towels along with canned goods and non-perishable food items are still needed as well.

Please place donations in the green bin located in the church vestibule.



Both Deacon Ken and his late wife Carol became involved in Epiphany of Our Lord Church and School, where they made many of their dearest friends. Ken sang with the choir and served as a Eucharistic Minister, serving at Mass and bringing Communion to the homebound. He began taking classes at Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary, which led him to the Permanent Diaconate program. Ken was ordained in 1987 and served Epiphany parish faithfully for over three decades. His favorite task as a deacon was baptizing new babies into the church, especially his granddaughters, Riley and Hilary. Always eager to learn, Ken went on to earn a Master's Degree in Scripture in 2002. Ken had a special devotion to Saint Francis of Assisi.

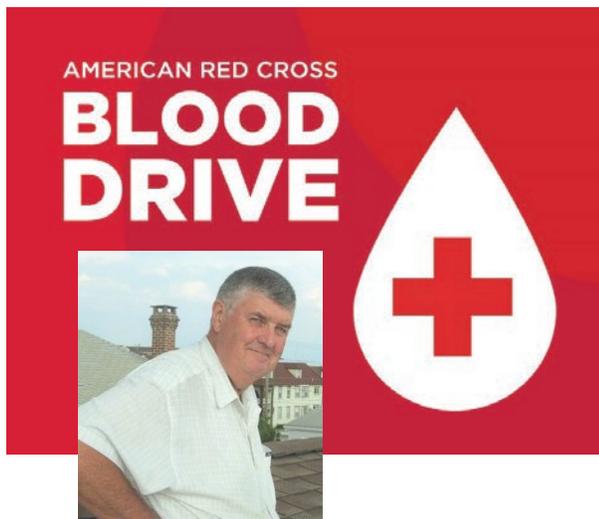
He is survived by his daughters Jeanne, Carolyn, and Rosemarie; his granddaughters Riley and Hilary; his son-in-law Charles Stanley; his sister-in-law Bernadine Clancy; cousins, nieces, and nephews; friends; and the many staff members at Normandy Farms Estates who loved and cared for him.

A Mass of Christian Burial will take place at 11:00 a.m. on **Friday, July 22**, with visitation beginning at 9:30 a.m.; interment will be held privately.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations in Ken's honor to Covenant House, 461 Eighth Avenue, New York, NY 10001 - <https://www.covenanthouse.org/>.

*Thank you, Deacon Ken Clancy, for you dedicated and heartfelt service to our parish.
Rest in peace.*

You can read the full obituary at <https://lifecelebration.tributes.com/obituary/show/Kenneth-P.-Clancy-108544516>



Donate blood at the first ever

**Bernie Toth Memorial
Blood Drive**

on

Wednesday, July 27

2-7 p.m.

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<https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive> (click "Advanced Search", enter our parish zip code - 19462 - and select July 27) or call 1-800-733-2767.

This event is sponsored by the Epiphany Council of the Knights of Columbus (KoC). To learn more about the KoC, email Frank McCreesh at fxmccreesh@gmail.com.



MEETING SCHEDULE

1:30-2:45 p.m.

Wed., July 20

At Epiphany
The Thing About Compassion

Wed., Aug. 17

At Epiphany
*Speak Up! Overcoming
Challenges of Advocacy*

Wed., Sept. 21

At Epiphany
*Roles in Caregiving and
Decisions we Face*

Wed., Oct. 19

At St. Rose of Lima
Realities of Stress Part 1

Wed., Nov. 16

At St. Rose of Lima
Realities of Stress Part 2

Wed., Dec. 21

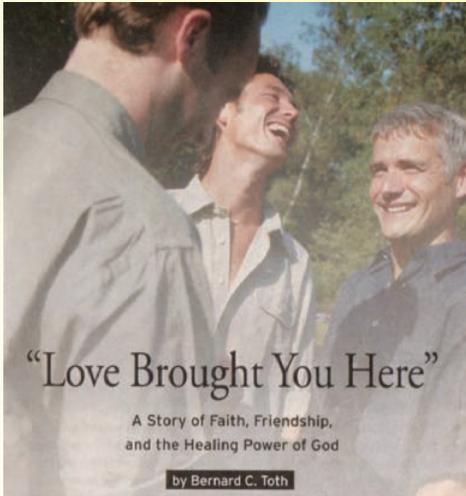
At St. Rose of Lima
Realities of Stress Part 3

For details, contact Mary Sheehan at grandjack01@gmail.com or call the Parish Office.

Love Brought You Here

A Story of Faith, Friendship, and the Healing Power of God

By Bernard C. Toth



Whenever I'm asked to pray for someone or when I hear about people in distress, I turn to God with great confidence. I know that he is near and is ready to do something for them.

But I wasn't always so aware of this. My journey into deeper faith really started in May 1983, when God did something very special for me and my friends Tony and Pete.

A Friend in Need. The three of us met in the early 1960s, when we worked as Boeing engineers and had offices in the same building. We soon became close friends. All of us were Catholics, but Tony had fallen away from the Church.

In February 1983, Pete and his wife went on an island cruise. When they came back, he said they had thoroughly enjoyed themselves but that he had picked up what seemed to be a slight cold or sinus infection. The

problem lingered, so Pete went to see a doctor; he diagnosed a sinus problem and possible inner ear infection.

Despite treatment, Pete did not get better. He began to experience attacks of dizziness—vertigo, along with nausea and vomiting. Soon he was having an attack every forty eight hours, with each one lasting about for hours.

Pete's lifestyle changed drastically. Sometimes he would have an attack while driving to or from work; he had to pull over until it passed. If it happened at work, he would close his office door and tell his secretary not to let anyone disturb him. If it happened at home, all he could do was lie down until it was over. Since the attacks came without warning, Pete could no longer plan ahead for anything—not even family events with his wife and five children.

He consulted a specialist, who gave him a battery of expensive tests and then offered two possibilities; either Pete had an infection, which would clear up with medication, or he had Meniere's disease, and inner ear disorder for which there is no known cure; in this case, his attacks would worsen.

Prayer Partners. Pete was devastated and soon became dejected and depressed. I stopped by his office every day and noticed that, on his desk calendar, he was keeping track of the length and frequency of his attacks. I also noticed that he would share this information readily if it seemed promising but that otherwise, he had a hard time admitting it. "I must have made a mistake recording the time," he would tell me. I think he just didn't want to believe he was getting worse.

One May day, I walked into Pete's office just after one of his attacks. I knew he was discouraged, but he was contemplating suicide. "I can't go on like this. My life is over," he said. I had never heard anybody talk about suicide and mean it, but clearly, Pete was serious.

Shocked and deeply saddened, I went right to Tony and told him how poorly our friend was doing. Though Tony hadn't been receiving the sacraments, he immediately responded with "Let's have a special Mass said for Pete." It would be a way for the three of us to get together and pray for his healing.

Tony started calling parishes to schedule the Mass and was dismayed to learn that the earliest opening was six months away. "But this man has a serious problem now! He needs help now," Tony protested. Finally, someone suggested calling Fr. McFadden, an area pastor who was known to have a healing ministry.

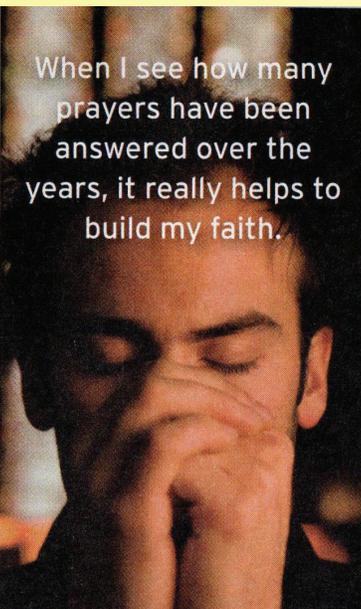
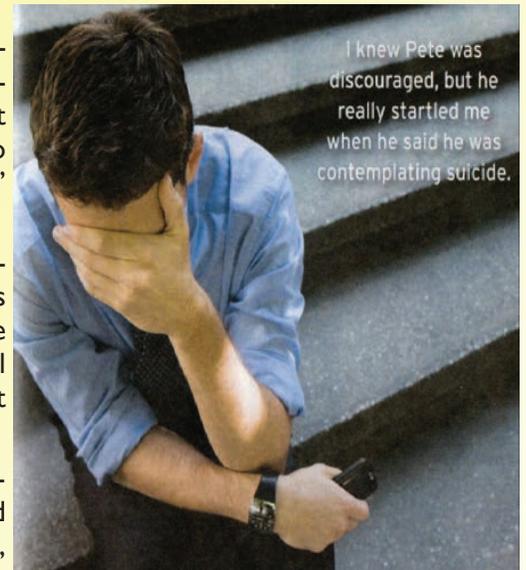
Fr. John said he would be happy to help and told us to meet him at his rectory a few days later. Pete agreed to come. At this point, he was willing to try anything.

Love Brought You. Fr. John welcomed us into the rectory chapel and then chatted with us awhile to learn more about Pete's problem. It was a workday, and I was wondering how long it would be before Mass began, when Father said that he was going to conduct a brief prayer service followed by a "laying on of hands." What was that? We had no idea.

The priest explained that God had given him the gift of healing—not through his own power but through the power of Jesus working through him. And then he said something that struck me profoundly: "I sense the Lord's presence with us. And I know he will work in this situation because it was love for your fellow man that brought you here."

Fr. John went to the altar, read a few passages from Scripture, and then told Tony and me to stand on either side of Pete and place our hands on him. Then calling on the power of the Holy Spirit, he prayed and anointed Pete with holy chrism.

I can't say I had any special sense that the Lord was healing Pete. Still, I returned to the office feeling good about our time of prayer. It was the right thing to do.



When I see how many prayers have been answered over the years, it really helps to build my faith.

Graces for all. In different ways, the healing service turned out to be life-changing for all three of us. It brought Tony back to the Lord and the Church. Even before we went to the rectory chapel to pray for Pete, he went to Confession and got right with God.

It brought Pete the healing we had prayed for. He walked out of the rectory and never had another attack of vertigo again.

Tony and I took a "wait and see" attitude for six months, just to make sure he was truly healed. After that, we took Fr. John to lunch to thank him and to let him know what the Lord had done.

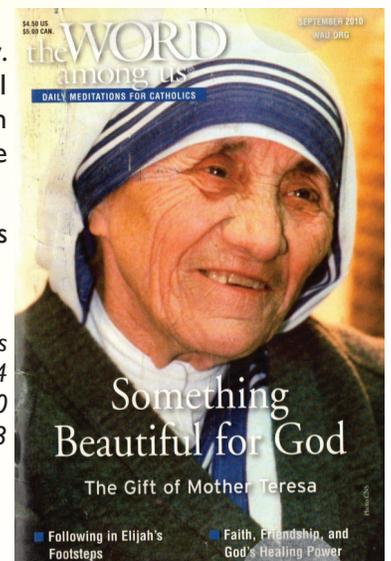
"Are you involved in any prayer groups? Fr. John asked me at lunch.

I had never heard of those, either. And so began my discovery and involvement with charismatic prayer groups, as well as the pro-life vigils, pilgrimages, and other prayer events that Fr. John has led through the years. All these things have brought me closer to God and have deepened my faith beyond what I ever thought possible.

And so, I am quick to intercede for people now. I write down each name, with the date right next to it, and pray for them daily. I even bring that long list with me each time I go into the adoration chapel. When I look back over my list and see how many prayers have been answered over the years, it really helps to build my faith.

And at the head of it all is what our good and gracious God did for us three friends in May 1983.

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In memory of Bernard "Bernie" Toth
1939-2019

**Holy Rosary Regional
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New Student Registration for 2022-23

Pre-K: Age 4 by Sept. 1
K: Age 5 by Sept. 1
First: Age 6 by Sept. 1

To complete the application process, the parent/guardian will need to provide copies of the following:

Birth Certificate, Certificate of Baptism (if your child has received additional sacraments, we must have their complete dates), Immunization Record, Letter of Subsidy payment from your pastor (if applicable), Custody Papers (if applicable), if your child has an IEP submit the Evaluation Report and most recent IEP, and, the non-refundable Registration Fee (K-8 Registration Fee – \$125/student and Pre-K4 Registration Fee - \$125/student which includes supplies and snacks for the year).

Contact Sue Johnston, secretary, at sjohnston@holyroaryregional.com or by phone at (610) 825-0160.

Tuition Grants for New Students

Welcome Grant—Holy Rosary will offer a Welcome Grant of \$1,000 to any student who is presently in our kindergarten and attending first grade or any new incoming first grader for the 2022-2023 school year.

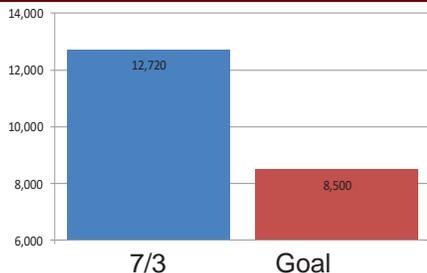
Transfer Grant—Any student who transfers to Holy Rosary in grades two-seven from a non-Catholic school for the 2022-2023 school year will be eligible for a Transfer Grant of \$1,000.

Collection 7/3

Sunday
\$ 12,720

Weekly Goal
(for this fiscal quarter)
\$8,500

Children's
\$ n/a



From the Children
I was patient. I was an altar server.

Parish Bulletin Submission Deadline

Parish bulletin announcements are to be submitted by the Tuesday 7 days prior to the desired publication date. Announcements are to include day, date, time, place, and contact person with phone number and/or email address.

Parish bulletin announcements are to be emailed to bulletin@epiphanyofourlord.com.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, July 18
8:30 a.m.
Louisa Nicole Ahfeld

Tuesday, July 19
8:30 a.m.
Jim Gallagher

Wednesday, July 20
8:30 a.m.
Theresa Rogers

Thursday, July 21
8:30 a.m.
Thomas Rogers

Friday, July 22
8:30 a.m.
*Megan McLaughlin
Patterson*

Saturday, July 23
8:30 a.m.
Robert Lemon

*Adoration Chapel Votive
Candles are Dedicated for:*
*Anthony Vigna
Caroline Kyle*



Please Remember in Prayer

In Loving Memory

Deacon Kenneth Clancy, Who died July 1
*Husband of the late Carol. Father of Jeanne,
Carolyn and Rosie.*

Robert Gubicza, Who died July 5
*Husband of the late Florence. Father of
Karen, Denise and Lauren.*

Caroline Kyle, Who died July 9
*Daughter of Robert and Beth.
Sister of Rory and Grace.*



From Father:

This week I was able to get away with a some priest friends, including a few who flew in from Lincoln, Nebraska! We drove down to North Carolina to enjoy some time at the beach in Wilmington. It was great to relax with friends I haven't see in a while.

As we continue through the summer, let us take advantage of the opportunities to relax and enjoy the gifts God has given us.

Oremus pro invicem (*Let us pray for each other*),
Fr. O'Donald

Pregnancy Hotline

Pregnant and need help? Call or text the hotline at (610) 626-4006 or text (484) 451-8104, 24/7, for assistance with pro-life options, supportive counseling and other resources.

Please Pray for the Sick

Parishioners listed in bold.

Frank Campolongo	Chad Caparo
Betsy Curran	David Dougherty
Evelyn Douglass	Nicholas Esposito
Marion Fair	Mary Fox
Susan Grodanz	Bernadette Harwick
Kelly Hixson	Mary Kane
Norene Miller	Mary Keating
Josephine Paoella	Catherine Rush
Bill & Theresa Sherwin	Albert Sinopoli
Beverly Taylor	Josie Vardakas

Contact the Parish Office to update the list.

USCCB Prayer for an end to the Pandemic

Almighty and merciful God, source of all life, health and healing, look with compassion on our world, brought low by disease; protect us in the midst of the grave challenges that assail us and in your fatherly providence grant recovery to the stricken, strength to those who care for them, and success to those working to eradicate this scourge. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Parish Office Requests

To register in the parish, arrange for a baptism, or request a Certificate of Eligibility for sponsorship at Baptism or Confirmation, contact the Parish Office during office hours at eol@epiphanyofourlord.com. Also, please advise our office staff of any change of address, telephone number or family status.

Anointing of the Sick

First Saturday of the month after 8:30 a.m. Mass or by request. Please notify the Parish Office as soon as possible when any parishioner becomes seriously ill or is admitted to the hospital.

Baptism

Baptisms are celebrated after the 10 a.m. Mass on Sundays upon request. Both first-time parents need to attend a Pre-Jordan class, which is held the first Wednesday of every month.

Pre-Registration for the class is required by contacting the Parish Office. Sponsors not from Epiphany are required to submit a Certificate of Eligibility from their parish two weeks prior to the Baptism.

Matrimony

Notify the Parish Office of your intention to marry at least six months before the date of the wedding to assure sufficient preparation and to arrange for Pre-Cana sessions.

Miraculous Medal—Perpetual Novena

After 8:30 a.m. Mass every Saturday.

Holy Communion for the Sick and Homebound

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are available to bring Communion to the sick and homebound. Call the Parish Office at (610) 828-8634 to provide the office staff with the name, address and phone number of the sick or homebound parishioner.

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