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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.*

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 26, 2022



*Welcome,
Father
Thomas D.
O'Donald!*

Rev. Thomas D. O'Donald, Parochial Administrator

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WISDOM FROM POPE FRANCIS

“The preacher...needs to keep his ear to the people and to discover what it is that the faithful need to hear. A preacher has to contemplate the word, but he also has to contemplate his people. In this way, he learns ‘of the aspirations, of riches and limitations, of ways of praying, of loving, of looking at life and the world which distinguish this or that human gathering,’ while paying attention ‘to actual people, to using their language, their signs and symbols, to answering the questions they ask.’ He needs to be able to link the message of a biblical text to a human situation, to an experience which cries out for the light of God’s word.”

Evangelii Gaudium, 154

A PRAYER FOR FATHER O'DONALD

Heavenly Father, pour out your grace upon your priest, Father O'Donald, as he begins this new assignment.

Relying on Your almighty power and believing in Christ who called him to the priesthood, may he devote himself to his ministry with complete trust in You.

Strengthen him with the gifts of the Holy Spirit. May Your word be truly proclaimed through Father O'Donald and may the sacraments, especially the Holy Eucharist, be faithfully administered.

Amen.

Parish Office and Chapel Closed

In observance of Independence Day, the Parish Office and Adoration Chapel will be closed **Monday, July 4.**

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Live your best life in love in 2022! Why not give yourselves some time together by making a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend? The Summer 2022 in-person experience is **July 8-10**, at Our Lady of Czestochowa, Doylestown.

For more info visit: <https://www.wmme-philly.org/>.

Bernie Toth Memorial Blood Drive

The Red Cross Blood Drive, sponsored by our Knights of Columbus Council, is returning to Epiphany!

Save the date for the first Bernie Toth Memorial Blood Drive on **Wednesday, July 27**, 2-7 p.m. in Grady Hall.

Details to follow as date nears.

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.

St. Joseph Villa

St. Joseph Villa, Flourtown, has a wonderful opportunity for the right candidate to serve our retired Sisters and lay residents. We are looking for a Pastoral Care Team member. Applicants who possess a Master's Degree, some CPE and health care experience are welcome to apply. Being familiar with Microsoft Office products is also necessary.

If interested, please contact Emily Goodman at goodmane@stjosephvilla.org or (215) 774-7714.



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June 2022

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Pope Francis recently commended the good work of the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD), “which is celebrating 50 years of helping poor communities in the U.S. to live more worthily by promoting their participation in decisions that affect them.” The Holy Father explains that the mission of CCHD is to “accompany people in their struggle for 'la tierra, el techo y el trabajo' [land, work and housing], and to stand by them when they encounter attitudes of opposition and contempt.” Francis notes that the economic impact of the pandemic have made this work “that much more urgent and necessary.”

These words from our Holy Father call us to genuine concern for and relationship with the poor and marginalized members of our larger society and local communities. As faithful Catholics, we follow in the footsteps of Jesus, who demonstrated a deep love for the poor and forgotten people of his day. Like Christ, we too must have a heart for those who lack the basic necessities of life which everyone deserves.

With this in mind, I invite your ongoing support of our annual CCHD collection, which will occur at Masses next weekend, **July 2-3**.

The annual CCHD Collection next weekend is an opportunity for you to help your neighbors near and far. God bless you for your generous response to this year’s CCHD appeal.

Gratefully and with best wishes in Jesus Christ,

Most Reverend Nelson J. Pérez, D.D.
Archbishop of Philadelphia



Religious Education Program (REP) Registration

REP Registration for the Academic year 2022-2023, grades 1 through 7, is now OPEN.

Registration is to be completed online and payment should be made online at the time of registration. Visit www.epiphanyofourlord.com/religious-ed, scroll down to “click here” to register. Once you have completed and submitted the form, it will be emailed directly to the Religious Education Office.

A discount for early registration is available until Friday, June 10. All registrations are due by Thursday, June 30.

Scrip is a program that assists families with Catholic Education costs. Gift Card purchases (Giant, ShopRite, Kohl’s) can be made at the Parish Office during business hours. Receipts can be turned into the Parish Office for a 5% credit towards REP fees and tuition.

Families must be registered in Epiphany of Our Lord Parish or have permission from the parish where they are registered to participate in REP. A Baptismal Certificate is required for all new students.

New Parents Meeting: A new parent meeting will be scheduled for early September. Please continue to check the website in late summer for the calendar and more up to date information.

Contact Linda DiCampi, Coordinator of Religious Education, by email at rep@epiphanyrep.com or by phone at (215) 367-5853 with any questions or visit the website listed above.

Excerpts from *How Catholic Families Can Make It a Faith-Filled Summer*

June 21, 2021

By Deacon Matthew Halbach, PhD

The Challenges of Summer Break for Catholic Families

During summertime the Son of God and the sun in the sky are in fierce competition with each other. Sunday Mass is up against a new set of enjoyable and meaningful extra-curriculars. Unless we prepare our own hearts and our families, summer can quickly pass us by, and so can our relationship with God.

3 Strategies That Will Help Catholic Families Keep Faith a Priority This Summer

While Catholic families spend their summertime basking in the sun and the Son of God, they can:

Practice and Cultivate Gratitude

Share Personal Stories of Faith

Celebrate the Sacraments Together

When we focus on gratitude, God takes first place, as everything good comes from him. Attending Sunday Mass becomes important for different reasons. With gratitude in our hearts and mind, church is where we will naturally gravitate to worship and thank God. Practicing gratitude by being mindful of our blessings is a great way to stay connected with God throughout the summer!

Parents can and should be their children's first and primary religious educators. Through my travels and speaking engagements, I often come across well-intentioned Catholic parents who are, to put it mildly, frightened about "teaching" their children the Catholic faith. But the truth is that every parent is already equipped to share their faith in transformative ways. It all begins with getting in touch with and sharing your own experience of God in your life.

As primary faith sharers, parents have the ability to do three things:

Listen carefully to children's stories and experiences to help them identify those "God moments".

Reflect on their own life journey and the role God and faith have played in it.

Share their reflections with their children.

To learn how to articulate faith experiences more fully and authentically, read my full-length article here.

Whether a family has one child, or six children (like me!), they can utilize strategies for worship that help minimize the challenges and distractions that parents often face when bringing children to Mass and the sacraments. Worshiping well as a family takes some planning and some effort, but the payoff is worth it. I've seen my kids slowly evolve from not liking Sunday Mass, to not minding it, to sort of liking it. It's not perfect, but it's progress!

Here are three things that our family has discovered out of necessity and experience that can help your family celebrate the Mass and sacraments together:

Focus on Others

First, it helps to remember that sacraments are celebrations of God's love for his entire people, not just you. A good mantra to have before and during Mass is, "I am here to receive the grace I need to serve my family and my Church."

Take Time to Prepare

Second, celebrating the sacraments well means taking time to prepare for the celebration. If you know it will be difficult to pay attention during Mass, take time to read the Sunday readings before Mass. Remind children that they can listen for these readings during Mass, which will help them pay attention to the words being spoken and read. When you pray as a family throughout the week, add the intention of "paying attention at Mass" to your list of intentions. Share with each other what would help you get the most out of Mass.

Provide Kid-Friendly Resources

Make the small investment in a children's Bible and a children's Mass guide. Being able to look at pictures of the Scripture stories they are hearing, or following along with the order of the Mass and praying along will help them actively engage and participate at Mass, which means less "shh-ing" from parents.

Holy Rosary Review

When we regionalized and became Holy Rosary Regional Catholic School in 2012, I was excited to teach Physical Education, but I was even happier when I chose to move back into a classroom a few years later. I especially loved teaching first grade. It is still a subject of debate whether I jumped out of the first grade window or fell out after my first graders met a testing challenge.

When I was appointed principal of Holy Rosary, I eagerly embraced the new challenge. Despite some difficult days during these last four years, there was rarely a day I didn't look forward to coming to school. I am a firm believer that the Lord leads us where we need to be at a particular time. Along with our staff, parents, and members of the community, we have elevated Holy Rosary to a respected status. I am pleased with what was accomplished during my tenure. Our children are happy and are eager to learn. When people visit Holy Rosary they remark how warm and friendly the school atmosphere is. We truly are: One Faith, One Family, One School.

This will be my last letter for the parish bulletins. To all who have been or are associated with Holy Rosary, I want to thank you for your support and care during my years of service as principal. I look forward to what God has planned for me and my family. I will miss my Holy Rosary family tremendously. Holy Rosary will always be in my heart.

For Good from Wicked (Excerpt)

I've heard it said that people come into our lives for a reason, bringing something we must learn, and we are led to those who help us most to grow if we let them, and we help them in return. It well may be that we will never meet again, so let me say before we part, so much of me is made of what I learned from you. You'll be with me like a handprint on my heart, and now whatever way our stories end, I know you have rewritten mine, because I knew you I have changed for good.

Mary Ann Gilman



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, June 27

8:30 a.m.

Alfred Wysocki

Tuesday, June 28

8:30 a.m.

Robert Auch

Wednesday, June 29

8:30 a.m.

Rose Teti

1st Anniversary

Thursday, June 30

8:30 a.m.

Harry Johnson

Friday, July 1

8:30 a.m.

Josephine Puia

Saturday, July 2

8:30 a.m.

James Harper

*Adoration Chapel Votive
Candles are Dedicated for:*

Anthony Vigna
Armand Pantano



Please Remember in Prayer

Susan Bergan, Who died June 9

Wife of Charles. Mother of Suzanne, Brian, Sean and Matthew.

Mary Carbo, Who died June 13

Mother of Christie, Jamie and Kimberly.

Margaret Zimmer, Who died June 15

Wife of the late H. James. Mother of James and John.

In Loving Memory



From Father:

I often try to reflect and be grateful to God for the many blessings which He has bestowed upon me. The most recent blessing is my appointment by Archbishop Pérez as Parochial Administrator of Epiphany. I am acutely aware of my shortcomings and inadequacies in this role but, I know that with God's grace and your help, I may lead this wonderful parish. I don't come with a big program nor do I have all the answers but I trust that in small ways we may assist one another to grow in our relationship in Christ; and, that through Him we may lead others to know God, who is Love.

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

Betsy Curran

Evelyn Douglass

Mary Fox

Bernadette Harwick

Norene Miller

Josephine Paoella

Bill & Theresa Sherwin

Beverly Taylor

Chad Caparo

David Dougherty

Nicholas Esposito

Susan Grodanz

Mary Kane

Mary Keating

Catherine Rush

Albert Sinopoli

Josie Vardakas

Contact the Parish Office to update the list.

Collection 6/12

Sunday

\$ 10,862

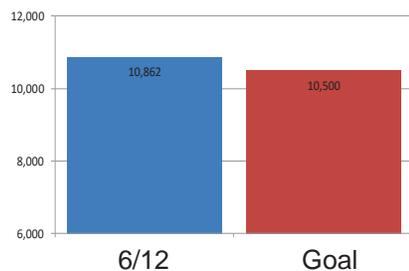
Weekly Goal

(for this fiscal quarter)

\$10,500

Children's

\$ 4



Parish Bulletin Submission Deadline

Parish bulletin announcements are to be submitted by the Tuesday 12 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.

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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