Holy Family Parish

Est. February 14, 2010

PO Box 405 - 5 Main Street
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OCTOBER 11, 2026
28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Our Faith in Action

ARTHUR LINDBERG
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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16

Collections:

October 11 **1st for parish support**
October 18 **1st for parish support**
World Mission Sunday
and St. Thomas Cemetery envelopes in 1st collection)
2nd for Maintenance
October 25 **1st for parish support**

MASS Intentions

OCTOBER 10 *to OCTOBER 18*

SATURDAY, October 10 Vigil	
5:00 p.m.	For People of God
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 11	
8:15 am	Lucy and Louis Garlo offered by Mary and son Louis Garlo
11:00 am	Rev. Eugene Plasse (8th anniversary)offered by parish
DAILY MASS IN PARISH HALL	
Monday, October 12	
8:00 am	**NO MASS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**
Friday, October 16	
8:00 am	**NO MASS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**
Saturday, October 17 Vigil	
5:00 pm	Harold and Helen Sandman offered by Lucardi family
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 18	
8:15 am	Roland Collins offered by daughter Barbara Leja
11:00 am	Edward Manley offered by granddaughters Chris and Deb

DATE	MASS	LECTOR	USHERS
Oct 10	5:00 pm	Ellen Vidal	
Oct 11	8:15 am	Christine Lindberg	Steve Morawski
	11:00 am	Jo-Anne Auclair	Dave Norton
Oct 17	5:00 pm	Pegg Dragon	
Oct 18	8:15 am	Bill Lucardi	Mel Scuderi
	11:00 am	Janet Smith	Dave Norton

Pastor: Fr. Ron Sadlowski
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Faith Formation Director:
Deb Bogoff 413-888-7412

St. Thomas Cemetery
Please contact the Parish Office

Office Hours
No Set Times
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Baptisms and Marriages:
Please call the office at 413-862-4418 to schedule.

To request a Mass Intention, please call or email the parish office.

New Parishioners: Welcome!
Please see Fr. Ron or contact the Parish office to register.

WEEKEND Mass Schedule:

Saturday Vigil: 5 p.m.

Sunday Masses:
8:15 am and 11:00 am

Daily MORNING Mass on DAYS LISTED
If a holiday occurs on either day, no Mass that day

Monday and Friday: 8 am
(Daily Mass suspended for the time)

Confessions

Saturday 4:15 pm to 4:45 pm
Sunday 7:30 am to 8:00 am

Appointments may be made for confession if the above times are not convenient. Please call.
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Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

One of the most pitiful characters found in several movie versions is a fellow called "The Father of the Bride." His story first appeared in a 1950 film, followed by a 1991 version and the latest in a 2023 version. This last added a Latino setting. The title character was first portrayed by the late Spencer Tracy, followed by Steve Martin and ending with Andy Garcia.

All the versions let us watch how a perplexed father has to cope with the overly elaborate plans and some pre-nuptial silliness that can come with a family wedding. The fun is watching how the poor man does it all as tension mounts. It is all innocent comedy. But as a former pastor who got involved with leading some wedding rehearsals with intended features more like Hollywood than holy rule, I can identify a little bit with the movie dad.

Today we read from Isaiah his use of a wedding banquet to illustrate heaven and God, the all-knowing "Father of the Bride," who sends generous invitations to a list of all kinds of people, including Gentiles.

Then comes Our Lord's masterful use of a royal wedding to teach His ideas and to illustrate how ungrateful invitees cause the king to expand his guest list. The original invitees—representing the chief priests and the Pharisees—lose their place at the royal buffet. The king then sends his servants to invite anyone. The servants do just that, and Matthew notes that the newly invited guests are a motley crew, made up of "both bad and good."

We present-day disciples have to remember that we are invited to a heavenly banquet. This despite our faults. We also have to follow a certain dress code. Jesus issues a warning that we "clothe" ourselves with a sincere transformation of life from bad to good. Only then will we be honored some future day with a smiling greeting from the real and heavenly "Father of the Bride."

Speaking of clothing ourselves, someone has likened adjustment in marriage to two porcupines that lived in Alaska. When the deep and heavy snows came, they felt the cold and began to draw close to one another. However, when they drew close, they began to stick one another with their quills. But when they drew apart, they felt the cold once again. To keep warm, they had to learn how to adjust to one another—very carefully.

God love you and give you His peace.

LEWIS EDWARD RIPLEY will be welcomed into our parish family on Sunday, November 8th at 12:15 pm.

Our annual parish financial report, from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026, will be given by Bill Lucardi on the weekend of October 17/18.

FUND RAISING FOR SIDING AND UPGRADE WINDOWS OF THE RECTORY

On Sunday, September 27th after the 8:15 am Mass the full Finance Committee met to review the report to be given to the parishioners and to discuss other matters.

WOOD SHAKES/WINDOWS REPLACE

A proposal that met with full acceptance was to prepare the parishioners and others to raise funds to not only side the rectory but also to upgrade the windows in the rectory.

We will be getting quotes as to the actual cost of the total project. Once approved by the diocese and monies to carry through the project, then we will proceed with the project. As of now through the Beacon of Faith we have some $18,000 that will be used to upgrade windows.

We are looking for ideas how to raise the funds quickly. If you have suggestions please let Fr. Ron know.

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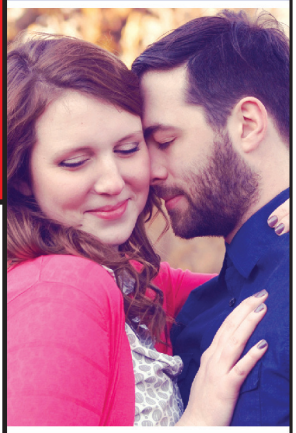
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