

# Holy Family Parish

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PO Box 405 - 5 Main Street  
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**May 11, 2025**  
**4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**

## Our Faith in Action



### Collections:

**May 11** 1<sup>st</sup> for parish support  
**May 18** 1<sup>st</sup> for parish support  
 2<sup>nd</sup> for Maintenance...  
**May 25** 1<sup>st</sup> for parish support  
**May 29** Ascension Thursday  
 (Holy Day of Obligation)

## MASS Intentions

May 10 to May 18, 2025

### SATURDAY, May 10 Vigil

5:00 pm	For Mothers Living and Deceased
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### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter, May 11

8:15 am	Rev. Al Dagnoli (5 <sup>th</sup> anniversary) offered by parish
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11:00 am	Ladislava Nowak (6 <sup>th</sup> anniversary) offered by son Paul and Elena
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### DAILY MORNING MASS IN PARISH HALL

#### Monday, May 12

8:00 am	<b>NO MASS</b>
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#### Friday, May 16

8:00 am	For Healing
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#### Saturday, May 17 Vigil

5:00 pm	William Carney offered by Lucardi Family
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#### 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter, May 18

8:15 am	Walter Skibel (10 <sup>th</sup> anniversary) offered by daughter Christine and Art Lindberg
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11:00 am	Virginia Denis (9 <sup>th</sup> anniversary) offered by daughter Ruth Fennell
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DATE	MASS	LECTOR	USHERS
May 10	5:00 pm	Diane DeMoss	

May 11	8:15 am	Barbara Leja	Steve Morawski
	11:00 am	Lisa Edinger	Dave Norton

May 17	5:00 pm	Ginny Hardie	
May 18	8:15 am	Christine Lindberg	Mel Scuderi
	11:00 am	Jo-Anne Auclair	Dave Norton

**Pastor:** Fr. Ron Sadlowski  
413-862-4418

**Faith Formation Director:**  
Deb Bogoff 413-888-7412

**St. Thomas Cemetery**  
Please contact the Parish Office

**Office Hours**  
No Set Times

Please call, leave a voice message or e-mail

**Holy Family Parish Contact Info**

**Phone:** 413-862-4418 (leave message)

**NEW email:** parish@holymfamilyrussell.org

**Parish Website:** holymfamilyrussell.org

**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

**Confessions**

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

**Appointments made be made for  
confession if the above times are not  
convenient. Please call.**

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**Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson**

World Day of Prayer for Vocations, and Mother's  
Day.

There has been a lot of media chatter these days  
about our country's enemies and their threats to our  
country's defenses. We are the envy of many other  
people who share this earth with us.

More important for us as believers in Christ is the  
defensive position we must take to preserve  
religious freedom. That comes about by our  
steadfast fidelity to the Creed we pray at every  
Sunday Mass dating back to the Council of Nicaea  
in 325 A.D.

But long before that Council, St. Paul, our greatest  
missionary, made it abundantly clear to his  
audiences that Jesus Christ is our surest defense  
against the main enemy of our souls: Satan the  
father of lies.

In the present secular culture that dominates our  
country, where the mere mention of the word "God"  
makes a lot of people uncomfortable, we need to  
have a more robust Christian faith. I daresay it was  
easier some n fifty or so years ago. (I took comfort  
recently when I saw some television news personnel  
proudly wearing their forehead crosses on Ash  
Wednesday evening. A tiny breakthrough.)

These thoughts prompt me to remind you of one of  
best "tools" for a muscular maintenance of our faith  
life, namely the Sacrament of Reconciliation, or  
Penance. There is nothing like the feeling of relief  
one gets after a good sacramental confession.

On two other matters, the first is that today our  
Church marks the "World Day of Prayer for

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Vocations. Specifically, we're asked to pray for young men and women to consider either a vocation to the permanent diaconate, or the priesthood or the consecrated life as the case may be. Prayer is a major component, but so is your encouragement to a young man or woman who mentions their attraction to one or the other. You're helping the Holy Spirit do His work!

The second matter also on our minds today is our country's "Mother's Day." We honor that very special person in our lives. Allow me to close these reflections with the tribute of an imperfect but still very great man to his mother:

"My mother was the most beautiful woman I ever saw. All I am I owe to my mother. I attribute all my success in life to the moral, intellectual and physical education I received from her." – George Washington

God love you and give you His peace.

### **ALL FAMILIES WHO HAVE AND WILL HAVE CHILDREN IN OUR FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM**

YOUR PRESENCE IS IMPORTANT. AS WE CONCLUDE OUR FAITH FORMATION HOME SCHOOLING, we ask that all who are involved with this formation process, please bring all materials whether completed or not with you to be given to our director. WE ARE ASKING YOUR FAMILY (ALL FAMILIES) TO GATHER FOR MASS, MAY 18<sup>TH</sup> AT 11:00 AM. FOLLOWING THE MASS A RECEPTION WILL BE HELD IN THE PARISH HALL FOR ALL WHO GATHERED FOR MASS.

If you have a child entering Kindergarten, please let our director know so that you will be informed as to how our Faith formation home schooling is done.

You will be greeted with snacks, pizza and engaged with others in strengthening the

program. Deb Bogoff, Director of Faith Formation will be present.

### **The 2025 Annual Catholic Appeal campaign hopes to exceed \$3 million.**

**Our parish goal is \$8,500.** The goal is certainly attainable. Information to parishioners will be forthcoming. As in the past please support this most worthy and needy cause.



(L to R) Marguerite with infant Clark, Gloria, Steve, Jo-Ann, Mary, Kevin, Bill, Jo-Anne and Chris

Thank you to our volunteers who enabled the cemetery to be very presentable to those who visit with their loved ones. Thank you for allowing the message of need to be carried out in deed.

### **MASSDOT**

**In front of the church there will be some needed improvements. This work will start soon. Be prepared to make some adjustments for the work that will be done.**





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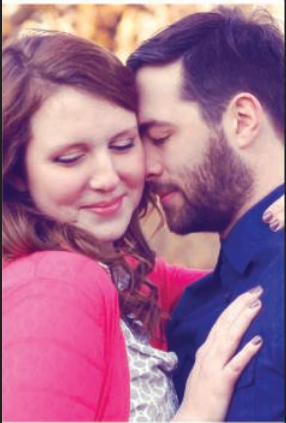
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