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May 10/11, 2025

Fourth Sunday of Easter

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY...

**...to all our Mothers,
Grandmothers, Adopted Mothers,
Godmothers, Mothers-to-Be
and Our Heavenly Mother!**

Legacy of Life Campaign P. 8

***Maternity of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
Our Parish Patroness,
Please Pray for Us and for Peace!***



Worship/Liturgical Schedule

MASS/SACRAMENT SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil Mass, Upper Church: 4:30 PM

Sunday Masses, Upper Church: 8, 9:30, 11 AM;
12:30, 7 PM

Old Church: 10:30 AM, First Sunday of the month
in May and October

Holy Days, Upper Church: 6:30, 8, 10 AM; 7 PM

Weekday Masses, Lower Chapel

Monday-Friday: 6:30, 8 AM; **Saturday:** 8 AM

Baptisms: First and Third Sundays of the month

Reconciliation (Sacrament of Penance): Every
Saturday from 3 to 4 PM in the Upper Church and
any time by calling the Rectory

Anointing of the Sick: The Sacrament is given to
seriously ill Catholics by calling the Rectory and
arranging for this by appointment or whenever
there is an emergency.

Parish Registration: Welcome all new members
to our Parish. Register at the Rectory; please call
for an appointment during Office Hours, 8 AM to 4
PM, Monday through Friday.

PRAYER DEVOTIONS

Exposition/Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:
Every Monday after 8 AM Mass, with Closing
Benediction after 6:30 PM Rosary, Lower Chapel

Miraculous Medal Novena:
Every Monday after 8 AM Mass, Lower Chapel

Recitation of the Rosary:
Before the daily 8 AM Weekday Mass, every
Monday at 6:30 PM

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Pre-Cana Class:

All engaged couples are required to attend a Pre-
Cana Program of Marriage Preparation. Our Parish
offers this Program in the Spring. Call the Rectory
Office for details and to register.

Pre-Jordan Class:

After meeting with a priest and prior to their child's
Baptism, parents are required (God-parents are en-
couraged) to attend this Program, held in the Lower
Level Rectory Meeting Room on the first Wednes-
day of the month at 7 PM.

Father Maloney Pastor's Corner

Good Shepherd Sunday

Near the end of last Sunday's Gospel Jesus asked Peter three times: "Do you love me." Each time that Peter answered, Jesus responded by saying either "Feed my sheep," or "Tend my lambs," and finally by saying, "Follow me." He was calling Peter to follow Him out of a deep profound love and to lead His people in the same way that Jesus had done while He was on the earth. This call of Jesus to Peter very nicely sets the stage for us this week, on this Good Shepherd Sunday. To reflect upon the image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd that Jesus gives us the metaphor of the relationship that exists between Him and us. In Jesus' time, sheep were the people's main source of meat, milk and cheese. They provided wool for clothing and were used for sacrifice in their liturgy. The relationship of a shepherd to his sheep resembles that of a mother to her several small children. Just as toddlers depend on their mother's care, the sheep depend on the care of their shepherd. And the shepherd, who usually had dozens of sheep, is kept busy all hours of every day. Each night, a number of shepherds would come together with their sheep and put them in a common pen. As they slept, one shepherd would stay awake to guard the sheep. In the morning, each shepherd would call out for his own sheep to follow him to pasture. The sheep knew the voice of their own shepherd and would follow only his voice when they were called. They would ignore the calls of the other shepherds. Remember, Jesus says, "My sheep hear my voice; I know them and they follow me. We may not like to admit this, but we are like sheep. We need God's constant care at all times and not just when we are aware of our great need for Him. Meanwhile, we live in a society in which it seems like everyone is trying to get our attention. We are constantly bombarded with commercials on radio, social media, TV, etc., as well with all kinds of signs, posters and billboards all over highways, streets and buildings trying to catch our eyes and ears. Sometimes, we have a tendency to simply follow the latest message we've heard, or, because we hear so many, we might just follow the crowd. But, if we want to follow Jesus, we have to be able to hear and to recognize His voice, from among the many others. We have to make a conscious effort to shut out all kinds of noise so that we can listen to Him. If we don't, we can easily lose touch with Him. We need to take time to be quiet, to be still, and to pray, so that we can stay in touch with our Good Shepherd. Our Lord does not want to lose any of us. He wants us to be with Him forever. He leads us through the Mass. He speaks to us in the Scriptures and feeds us with His own body and blood. Sheep may not be the most intelligent of creatures, but they are smart enough to know that they need their shepherd and that they need to recognize his voice. May we also be intelligent enough to know that we need Jesus and smart enough to recognize His voice so that He might lead us to the eternal pasture of Heaven.

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Mass Intentions for the Week



Saturday, May 10: St. Damien de Veuster

8:00 AM +Beatrice Quinter
4:30 PM +Mary Zollner

May 11: Fourth Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM +Connie Horbury and
+Tony Klancic
9:30 AM Mother's Day Spiritual Bouquet
11:00 AM +Mary Drazul
12:30 PM +Carol Caristo
7:00 PM +Nicolena Succi

Monday, May 12: Sts. Nereus and Achilles; St. Pancras

6:30 AM +Steven D. Elgart, 12th Anniv.
8:00 AM +David McCarthy, 18th Anniv.

Tuesday, May 13: Our Lady of Fatima

6:30 AM +Elizabeth Daley
8:00 AM +Beatrice Quinter

Wednesday, May 14: St. Matthias

6:30 AM Mother's Day Spiritual Bouquet
8:00 AM +Robert Woodward

Thursday, May 15: St. Isidore

6:30 AM +Fr. Paul S. Quinter, 43rd Anniv.
of Ordination
8:00 AM +John Venditti, 59th Anniversary

Friday, May 16

6:30 AM +Raymond Kenny
8:30 AM +Dennis Hanna and
+Thomas J. Walsh

Saturday, May 17

8:00 AM +Bishop Joseph A. Galante
4:30 PM +Msgr. John Miller

May 18: Fifth Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM +Thomas J. Mercurio, Sr.
9:30 AM +Rita Amico
11:00 AM +Doris McIntyre
12:30 PM +Catherine "Dolores" Palmer
7:00 PM +Virginia Mack

+Denotes Deceased



Sanctuary Candles Bread and Wine Offerings Week of May 11, 2025

Sanctuary Candle, Upper Church:
*In Loving Memory of
Mary Drazul*

Sanctuary Candle, Lower Chapel:
*In Loving Memory of
Peggy Smith Brown*

Sanctuary Candle, Rectory Chapel:
*For the Healing of All
Children in Need*

Bread and Wine Offerings:
*In Thanksgiving for the
Healing of Mila Forster*

To participate in our Candles and Gifts
Programs, please call the
Rectory at 215-673-8127.

Weekly Events Calendar

Monday, May 12

8:30 AM: Adoration, Lower Chapel, with
Benediction after 6:30 PM Rosary

Tuesday, May 13

Wednesday, May 14

6:30 PM: School Band Concert, Parish Hall

6:30 PM: Daisy Troop, Cafeteria

Thursday, May 15

1:30 PM: Legion of Mary, Rectory Meeting
Room 1

7 PM: Scouts, Cafeteria

Friday, May 16

School Talent Show, Parish Hall

7 PM: HASA-sponsored Dance, Parish Hall

Saturday, May 17

3-4 PM: Confessions, Upper Church

May 18, Fourth Sunday of Easter

1:30 PM: Baptisms, Upper Church

Please pray for all our deceased
Mothers and Parishioners, espe-
cially Rev. Charles Sullivan,
Patricia Rifkin, Phyllis Brummett
and Annunziata Di Francesco that
they may know God's eternal
love of Heaven.



**Congratulations to our middle
school Reading Olympics
team, the "B.V.M.
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in the Archdiocese of
Philadelphia Reading
Olympics Competition.**



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received
red
ribbons,
earning
Second
Place.*

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EASTER TRIDUUM CELEBRATIONS

Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper



Liturgy of the Word



Washing of the Feet

*Fr. Maloney
invited the
congregation
to come up and
have their feet
washed.*



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Blessing Of the Oils

These oils
were blessed
at the Chrism
Mass.
They are used
for some
Sacraments.



The RCIA Candidates and Catechumens presented the Oils.

The Transfer of the Most Blessed Sacrament

*A Procession followed Mass, outside and down to
the Lower Chapel for Reposition and Adoration.*



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GOOD FRIDAY

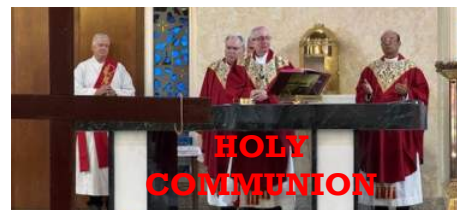
THE LITURGY OF THE WORD



THE READING OF THE PASSION OF OUR LORD, JESUS CHRIST



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HOLY COMMUNION

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Your Good Stewardship Is Most Appreciated!

A special 'thank you' to all who are keeping
current with your contributions.
Your goodness is truly appreciated!

And know you can also contribute on line via our
Website: www.maternitybvmchurch.net.

Weekend of May 3/4, 2025

Regular Collection	\$ 11,542.00
Second Collection	\$ 2,021.00
E-Giving Collection	\$ 1,012.73
Total Collection	\$ 14,575.73

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Collection Total on 5/4/2024:
\$14,404.65

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FATIMA HOLY HOUR FOR WORLD PEACE

The World Apostolate of Fatima is sponsoring a Fatima Holy Hour for World Peace. Come join us on Tuesday, May 13, at Our Lady of Consolation Church, 7056 Tulip Street, at 7 PM. All are welcome!



**Devotions include procession with the
Fatima Statue, rosary and benediction.**

2025 B.V.M. RAFFLE TICKETS

**Tickets are available
for only \$10.**

**THE BIG DRAWINGS WILL
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4:30 PM MASS,
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**Tickets are still
Available!**

***Sellers, please make
your returns to
the Rectory!***

CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

*SCRIP is sold in
Rectory Meeting Room 1.*



Sunday: 8:45 AM-12:30 PM;
Monday & Tuesday: closed;
Wednesday: 9:00-11 AM;
Thursday: 9-11 AM; 6:30-8 PM;
Friday: 9-11 AM;
Saturday: 9:30-11:30 AM.
**SCRIP Office is closed on
Mother's Day, May 11.**

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LEGACY OF LIFE CAMPAIGN
Sponsored by Our Respect Life
Committee

Beginning Mother's Day Weekend, our Respect-Life Committee invites you to participate in contributing to the *Legacy of Life Campaign*. There will be a bassinet at Mary's Altar with envelopes for your offering.

The Legacy of Life Foundation works to fund three crisis pregnancy centers, located in: Bristol, Philadelphia and Warminster. Every year, hundreds of women walk through their doors seeking an abortion. They are scared, confused, and they have no support. Because of caring supporters like you, **over 3,800 babies got a chance at life since Legacy of Life began!** Their advocacy program empowers women by teaching life skills and job coaching throughout their pregnancy; and **for at least three years after** their babies are born.

Parishioners can drop their donation envelopes in the Church Collection Basket or Rectory at any time from Mother's Day to Father's Day. Please make checks payable to the Legacy of Life Foundation. Write your information on the envelope for tax purposes and bring it back to Church or just mail it in: 25 S. Main Street, #217, Yardley, PA 19067. Or you can donate online at www.legacyoflifefoundation.org.

For more information, visit legacyoflife.org.

The work they do to save babies
is amazing.

Thank you for your generosity!

Maternity B.V.M. Students Excel

Our Parish recently received notification of the performance of our high school students on their Third Quarter Report. We are most proud of the following student-parishioners who have demonstrated academic excellence.

Archbishop Ryan High School

First Honors: *Seniors* — Isabella Baron, Frank Guckin, Anna Keno; *Junior* — Kevin Goodwin.

Second Honors: *Senior* — Paul Jarzemski; *Junior:* Solomon Riju; *Sophomore* — Isabella Falkowski, Michael Torres.

Father Judge High School

First Honors: *Seniors* — Julian Cancelliere-Mongiello, Juan Ceciliano, Aidan Schafer; *Junior* — Jeremiah Domingo; *Freshmen* — Vincent Rossi, Ryan Sperry.

Second Honors: *Seniors* — Michael D' Aloia, Adam Krajci, Cristiano Mariquinhos, Robert Sherman, Shane Szychulski; *Junior* — Shawn Brooks; *Sophomore* — Matthew Hoppe; *Freshmen* — Daniel Maloney, Ramon Potter, Armando Sellecchia.

Congratulations!

Fr. Mark Kunigonis Served our Parish from June 2019 - August 2020.

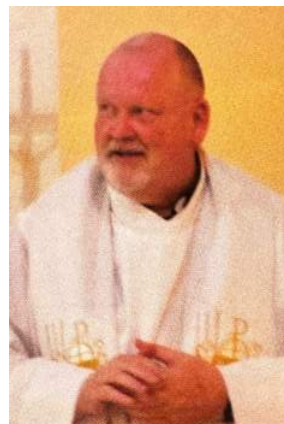
Father was a blessing to our Parish. He used his technology skills to keep us spiritually connected during the COVID-19 pandemic. In March 2020, he brought Liturgies into our homes via live-streaming using his iPhone then posting to Facebook and our website.

He is marking his 25th Jubilee. Our Parishioners have been invited to his celebrations.

We are thrilled to announce that we here at St. John Cantius Church, 4415 Almond St. Phila PA 19137, will be celebrating an extraordinary milestone, and we would be so honored if you would consider joining us.

Father Mark Kunigonis has labored faithfully for 25 years throughout the Archdiocese, at your Church and ours. He is a consistent witness of the love of Jesus Christ here in this community and region. For that, we are so thankful.

On Sunday, June 1 at 11am, we will be hosting a special Mass in his honor with a fully catered luncheon to follow from 12:15 to 4:30 pm to say "thank you" to Father Mark for serving us and this area so well. It's not often a church can celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the ministry of a Priest and our Pastor, but we can, and we will! Everyone is invited to attend this Special Mass and tickets for his luncheon are available for \$25 each at St. Johns rectory, 4415 Almond St or online using the QR code to get your tickets. Deadline to purchase tickets is May 20, 2025





*Please pray for all our sick parishioners
and benefactors, especially:*

Alessa Abruzzo	James Griffith	Joan Oetzel
Katelyn Allen	Peggy Guckin	Michael Pence
Mary Beth Bareis	Sherry Hanlon	Patricia Pence
Greg Bentz	Raymond Harrison	Pat & Tom Pilkington
Joseph Brown	Margaret Horbury	Cynthia Pinto
Shirley Callahan	Bill Hughes	Jane Pinto
Bruce Carbone	Mary Humphries	Veronica Reichardt
Linda Carman	Albert Iannacone	Elizabeth Richards
Petrina Ciaccia	Thomas Kelly	Marisa Rimshaw
Edward Colfer, Jr.	Baby Claire G. Kessler	Claire Ritzheimer
Jane Marie Coyle	Tylor Kilgallen	Regina Ryan
Merry Derham	Matt Kimbrell, Sr.	Thomas Ryan
Lisa Dillon	Fran Kowalski	Bill Ruch
Lorraine Dimeo	Frank Kowalski	Regina Sands
Nancy Diaz	Alice Loglisci	Jeff Scott
Lisette Giron Erace	Doris Londer	Margaret Sheedy
Gina Feldman	Robert Londer	William Slater
Peter Fischer	Patricia Longenecker	Mark Snow
Trish Fisher	Marie Mauro	Armondo Suarez
Bernard Gerasimas, Jr.	Gary McElvaney	Pamala Suarez
Gerry Glasgow	Raymond McGrath, Jr.	Debora Szafran
Linda Glasgow	Raymond McGrath, III	Rita Talotta
Frank Gmaz	Joan Morris	William Weir
Shirley Gmaz	Charlotte Mroz	Mary Wood

CONTACT PARISH CLERGY OR OUR RECTORY OFFICE

To leave a message for Rectory Staff:

Call 215-673-8127, 110#; or

VIA E-MAIL: www.church@maternitybvm.net.

Visit our Parish Website:

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Join us on Facebook: [maternitybvmphilly](https://www.facebook.com/maternitybvmphilly).

KEEP IN TOUCH WITH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

School Website: www.maternitybvm.net;

Facebook: Maternity BVM School;

Twitter: [Maternitybvm1](https://twitter.com/Maternitybvm1).

LIVESTREAMING SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday, 4:30 PM;

Sunday, 8 AM and 9:30 AM Masses

**On our website: maternitybvmchurch.net; facebook page: Maternity
B.V.M Catholic Church and on YouTube: @MaternityPhilly**

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

**Monday-Friday: 8 AM-4 PM
(Closed for lunch: Noon-1 PM)**

SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday: 7:30 AM-3:30 PM

Check out Father Maloney's

Daily Reflection:

**www.maternitybvmchurch.net;
[maternitybvmphilly](https://www.facebook.com/maternitybvmphilly); www.maternitybvm.net;
[Maternity BVM School](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMaternityPhilly).**

PARISH CLERGY

Fr. Joseph L. Maloney, Pastor

Fr. Edward T. Kearns, Senior Priest

Fr. Dominic Ishaq, Parochial Vicar

Fr. Michael Shea, C.M., Weekend Assistant

Deacon Charles R. Lindsay

Deacon Raymond Scipioni

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

Rectory: 215-673-8127

School: 215-673-0235

**Please contact the Rectory during Office
Hours if you need to get in touch with
any of the organizations listed below:**

Adoration Society: Jemina Oniate

Altar Servers: Lisette Erace

Alumni Association: Cathy Boyle

Bereavement Group: Eileen Keenan,

Connie Terzyk, Joanne Peak

C.Y.O. H.S. (Gr. 9-12): Pending

C.Y.O. Jr. (Gr. 5-8): Mike Gozzi

Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors:

Eileen Costantino

Home & School: Maura Collins

Hospitality: Peggy Blank

Legion of Mary: Bridget DeVito

Liturgy Committee: Eileen Costantino

Music Director: Ron Coles

Parish Rectory/Organizations Coordinator:

Colleen Du Beck

Parish Religious Education Director:

Sister Mary Beth Geraghty, R.S.M.

Pre-Cana: Deacon Joseph & Marianne Bernauer

Respect-Life Committee: Ana Carvalho

St. Vincent de Paul Society: Linda Freeman

School Principal: Sally Unger

Scouts (Boys, Troop 174): Steve Thomson

Scouts (Cub Pack 174): Pete Luca

Scouts (Girls): Nancy Smith

SCRIP: Nancy Smith and Leanne Goodwin

Senior Citizen's Group: Jackie Kubacki

Traveling Madonna: Peggy Blank

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Welcoming Committee: Nancy Toland

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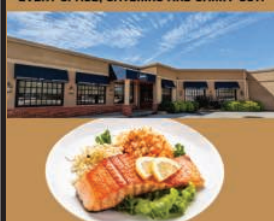
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