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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Evening 4:30 PM
Sunday, Upper Church 8:30 and 11:00 AM
Holy Day As announced
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Saturday 8:30 AM
Friday* 12:15 PM

*Currently suspended - view online only

NEW PARISHIONERS

All Catholics living in the parish should register. Our Welcome Center located in the hallway behind the sanctuary is open on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month. Please call the Parish Office for more information.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

(Entrance through the middle, rear door of the Church)
Monday-Thursday only ... 8:00 AM-4:00 PM
Friday..... 8:00 AM-2:30 PM
(Closed for lunch 12:00-1:00 PM)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday, Lower Church: 3:30 to 4:15 PM or by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptisms are celebrated the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month at 12:00 PM.

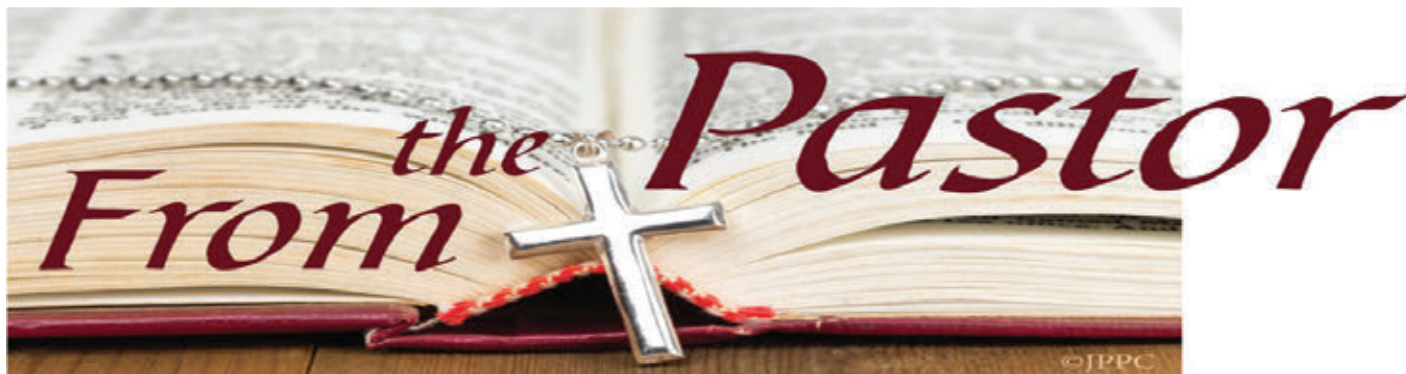
First time parents and godparents are required to attend a Baptism Preparation Session which is held on the 1st Monday of the month at 7:00 PM. Please call the Parish Office for more information.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Arrangements are to be made at least six months before the intended wedding date. Weddings are reserved for active parishioners. Pre-Cana Session is required. Please call Parish Office for more information.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Please call Deacon Thomas Taylor or the Parish Office when a parishioner is hospitalized or home bound.



It doesn't seem that models and modeling are in vogue anymore. I'm not talking about the models and modeling of the *Vogue Magazine* variety. They still *are* in *Vogue*. I'm talking about the models and modeling that involve following diagrams, some glue, paint, and assorted plastic parts. It was this sort of modeling that I dabbled in a bit as a kid. I certainly was no pro, but it was great fun to build and make a model in the days well before Internet or cable TV. Among my favorite models were a particular stock car, the Apollo 13 lunar module, a World War II Messerschmitt, and my overall favorite, a funky halftrack German military vehicle known as *Rommel's Rod*. Halftracks are cool. I would picture myself trekking over hill and dale in my vintage vehicle. Mud, creeks, and crevices would pose ne'er a problem, but my Sherman tank model would. Modeling involved a whole creative process. There was the selection of the model and the un-boxing at home. There was the review of the diagram and the careful separation of the plastic parts. It involved learning to use a sharp tool for cutting and shaving. There were paint brushes and painting as well as some hobby glue that was quite sticky. I would usually work at a table in the basement, although, at times, much to my mother's ire, I would set up shop on the dining room table covering the table with an old cloth with old newspapers on top of that. Still, she liked to see me being creative. There was a feeling of accomplishment with the finished work. It didn't necessarily look like the picture on the model box. In fact, it never looked like the picture on the model box, but that is exactly what made it mine. It was my halftrack. I made it. Even if the color was off more than just a tad and the one side of the engine cover didn't close all the way eventually falling off altogether; nevertheless, it was mine. The early community of believers has left us a model. We need to un-box it, carefully look at the diagram, be creative and then make it our own. Following the Resurrection, Scripture tells us that the community of believers was of one heart and mind. With great power they bore witness to the Resurrection and there was no needy person among them. How does our community today compare with that early one? Oh, we may not be perfect, but perfection comes with the effort involved. Our model may look a wee bit shabby compared with the one on the box cover, but it is ours and we can always work to make it better repainting it or fixing parts that come unglued. That is exactly what I did with that half-track engine cover after it had fallen off. It takes time for all of us to engage in models and modeling. Take a look at the box that is Scripture. Note well the diagram and above all, be creative! Jesus Christ is indeed risen from the dead! He is the Resurrection and the Life! Now, make the Resurrection yours! Happy Modeling!

Peace!

Fr. Wilson



Masses For The Week



MONDAY	APRIL 19
8:30 AM	Dan Morroni & Al Cortez
TUESDAY	APRIL 20
8:30 AM	Catherine Judge
WEDNESDAY	APRIL 21
8:30 AM	McSwiggan & Carberry Families
THURSDAY	APRIL 22
8:30 AM	No Mass

Friday—Public Mass suspended during the green phase. Mass available online.

FRIDAY	APRIL 23
12:15 PM	Kathleen Dixon

NEXT WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY	APRIL 24
8:30 AM	Fortunato & Albanese Families
4:30 PM	Eleanor Schweitzer
SUNDAY	APRIL 25
8:30 AM	People of Holy Cross
11:00 AM	Living & Deceased Members of the Gentile Family

On-Line Giving

Join the growing number of Holy Cross Parishioners who contribute to the Sunday offertory by electronic means. It is convenient and easy. Please visit our website and click on "Our Parish" and then the "Parish Giving" tab or contact the Business Office for assistance.



Sunday Collection, April 11

Total Collection \$8,104

Electronic \$2,605

Basket & Mail-ins \$5,499

Easter Collection \$13,902



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Any Parishioner who is homebound or sick and would like a visit, please contact the Business Office (610-626-3321).



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"The author of life you put to death, but God raised Him from the dead; of this we are witnesses." (Acts 3:15)

Peter had just healed a man by the gate of the temple and was addressing the crowd who marveled at this. He goes on to tell them **"Repent, therefore, and be converted, that the Lord may grant you times of refreshment and send you the Messiah already appointed for you, Jesus." Acts 3:19)**

We are all called to proclaim the Good News of Jesus' death and resurrection. But we don't have to preach to the crowds as Peter did. Every day we have opportunities to pray for/with someone, or reach out to someone in need, either physical or spiritual. Look for the ways that you can be a witness for Christ.



Catholic Home Missions Collection

The collection for Catholic Home Missions will be held the weekend of May 1 and 2. This collection supports the neediest dioceses in the United States. This appeal makes the most basic faith programs possible and shares the Gospel message with our brothers and sisters in dioceses where Church communities are struggling. When you participate in the appeal, you join in the Church's healing mission of mercy to all, including support for inmates reentering society, as well as pastoral ministries for crime victims and their families, justice system personnel, and inmates. We thank you for your generosity.

FOOD PANTRY

Food Pantry Update:

It's hard to believe the food pantry has been operating as a drive-thru for a year. COVID may have slowed us down; however, with the help of our Holy Cross school children with providing huge donations from various food drives (especially around Thanksgiving and Christmas), the support from you (both with food and prayers), our benefactors, surrounding parishes, the Knights, and our dedicated volunteers, we continue to help our neighbors in need.

If you are able, we are in need of peanut butter, canned meats and tuna, mac & cheese, beans, pasta sauce (no glass, please), canned fruit, pancake mix and syrup, cereal, and paper products. There are tin bins outside the food pantry door or you can leave your donations in the vestibule at church.

If you know any Delco residents in need of food, please let them know our pantry is open every Wednesday from 3:30 to 6:00.

God Bless All of You,
Your Friends from the SVDP Food Pantry Team



Casserole Drop-off Date

The next drop-off is Wednesday, April 21, between 6:00 and 7:00 PM at the gym annex. Anyone wishing to join us can go to saintjohnshospice.org for recipes. Or just make a casserole that you like. Please mark the casserole with the date prepared. Call Connie Labowitz at 610-328-0599 with any questions. Thank you!

50th Reunion

Msgr. Bonner and Archbishop Prendergast High School Class of 1970 will gather for a 50th reunion celebration at The Drexelbrook Catering and Event Center, 4700 Drexelbrook Dr., Drexel Hill, PA, on Friday, October 22, 2021, from 6 PM to 10 PM. For additional information, email bonnerprendie1970@gmail.com or contact John Matthews at 215-260-4568 or matthewstown@comcast.net.



Three Parish Book Club

The Three Parish Book Club's next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 28, at 7:00 p.m., via Zoom. Members will discuss The Power of Silence by Robert Cardinal Sarah as well as suggestions for other reading. You need not have read the book to join the meeting. For more information, please contact Joy Van Berg at 610 328-2095 or at joyvanberg@gmail.com.

May: The World's First Love by Fulton J. Sheen

June: One Ordinary Sunday by Paula Huston

Catholic Charities Appeal

The 2021 Catholic Charities Appeal has begun. Please join us in supporting the Appeal as it continues to impact those in need all over the Greater Philadelphia area. Visit catholiccharities-appeal.org to make your donation today!



Saint Joseph Novena

Let us pray.

O Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Foster Father of the Divine Child, Jesus, you were entrusted as the protective guardian of the Holy Family in Nazareth.

Give today this same protection to the family of the Church in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

Intercede with Christ before the Father of us all:

For the clergy and faithful,
For married couples and single men and women,
For all those in the consecrated life,
For families and young people,
For the poor, the lonely and neglected,
For all the sick, suffering and dying.
For a deepening of our spiritual life,
For a strengthening of the moral life,
For a bolder witness to the truth of the Gospel.

For all of us, Saint Joseph, with you as our firm example, may we remain confident in the plan of the Father for us, with lives of faith rooted in the saving death and resurrection of his Son and ever faithful to the demands of the Christian life with the grace of the Holy Spirit.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Saint Joseph, patron and protector of the Universal Church. Pray for us!

Principal's Corner



If you are considering a Catholic Education for your child(ren), Holy Cross School is accepting registrations for Grades Pre-K 3 to 8th grade. We provide students with a strong academic program, spiritual development, social and emotional growth. We have a dedicated staff of teachers who are able to provide in-person and virtual instruction. We educate children in a loving and caring atmosphere and would love to provide an excellent education for your child(ren). Grant money is available through BLOCS, if you meet the criteria.

Holy Cross School will be having a summer camp for children in grades Pre-K to 5th grade. It will run from June 14 until August 13. There will be a variety of activities such as arts and crafts, games, indoor and outdoor activities. The camp will be open to all children not just Holy Cross students. The cost is \$270.00 per week.

If you have any questions regarding enrollment or summer camp, please call Mrs. Spurrier in the school office at 610-626-1709.

Wedding Anniversary Mass

The **Annual Archdiocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass** will be celebrated on Saturday, May 1, 2021, at 5:15 p.m., at the Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul. Archbishop Nelson Perez will be the principal celebrant and homilist. This Mass will commemorate those couples celebrating their 1 year, 5 year, 10 year, 25 year and 50 year wedding anniversary milestones. Wedding vows will be renewed on this very special day. For more details and to RSVP, visit www.phillycatholiclife.org or call the Office for Life and Family at 215-587-0500.



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