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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

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 the Parish office or Mrs. Judy Vacca, Pastoral Minister, when a parishioner is hospitalized or home bound.

G O D K N O W S

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Well, baseball is back...kind of...sort of...I guess. I mean, it's just not quite the same with umpires wearing masks under their masks and the Phanatic playfully plying his antics on cardboard cutouts of fans in the seats. Remember our pre-corona world when we could cheer or jeer players in person? I remember some baseball of my youth and one game in particular for its jeers and cheers. I was in the midst of my grade school career and on one of our school intramural teams. I was the catcher. I wasn't exactly a slugger and the outfield generally moved in when I was at bat. This particular game was rather uneventful for the most part. It was late in the game and we were down by one. It was "do or die" time. We had a man on base with one out. The batter after me had glasses so thick that we called him "Batman" and it wasn't because he was like a crime-fighting superhero. His hearing was great though. As I said, I wasn't exactly a slugger. I could hear the cheers and then the jeers as I took a hard swing at the first pitch and caught air. *Take your time; watch the ball*, barked the coach. The next pitch was high and way outside as the pitcher tried to get fancy. The runner advanced as their catcher struggled to find the ball. *I got him*, I thought. The next pitch I tipped foul. Then, he decided to throw it straight and hard. Silly boy! I tagged it. It was a line drive into the outfield skipping, hopping, and bouncing over every divot and tuft of grass. Their centerfielder, Booger, distracted while picking his nose, watched the ball skip by. Withdrawing his digit from his nasal cavity and wiping it on his jersey, he gave chase to the still bouncing ball. He fumbled it once and then fumbled it twice getting off a poor throw to the short stop that came tearing out toward him. Before throwing, short decided to berate his nose-picking teammate with some choice, unprintable words. Their coach was absolutely livid. His face was bright red as he screamed. I thought that his head might explode right there. Boom! While all this was going on, I was doing my thing. Our base runner was already home before I even got to first. In fact, I think he had already drunk a soda and finished a pretzel having put mustard on it first. As I was never really a slugger; nor was I a sprinter. I was more the distance runner...slow and steady. I waddled along like I was carrying two ten pound dumbbells. I guess it was my build. As a kid, I was always "husky." That was my size for clothing and pants. How embarrassing is that? "Husky" didn't have anything to do with those beautiful, strong dogs that can brave winter's worst. It was a term that meant "well, not quite fat, but certainly not thin." One was just "husky." By the way, it was only boys that were "husky." I don't know what animal they used to describe girls of such build (and there were a few in my class). I could now hear my coach screaming along with my teammates. It was one simple word: *Ruuuuun!* It was then that I heard the voice of my own father who was present at the game. A rather quiet man who would never use untoward language especially at a Catholic elementary school intramural baseball game, he stood up and screamed at his husky offspring, *Move your ***!!!* Not one other parent objected. No one was offended. All concurred. I got the message and kicked it up to full tugboat speed. Rounding second, short flubbed his throw having almost gotten into a fight right there on the field with his center. He tossed to two and then two would make a throw to the plate. The tug was on its way like a loose barge in a storm about to slam into a Schuykill bridge abutment. Two made his throw. I was almost there. Time stood still for just a second. Two's throw was way over their catcher's head and I ran through home, knocked over the catcher and crashed into the fence that was the backstop. The cheers were deafening. My father was ecstatic. My teammates rushed me and knocked me to the ground. You don't lift the "husky" kid. We would win that game and there would be ice cream for everyone. Jeers and cheers - it's all part of the game. I think the same is true for that most important "game" - the one concerning our Faith. Sometimes I picture God like a coach screaming as we waddle around the bases of life and sometimes I picture Him like my own father yelling, *Move your ***!* It all has to do with the cheers that come in the end after we've hit that run that wins the game and crossed the plate of our heavenly home. Then there will be ice cream for all - even Booger and Batman!

Peace!

Fr. Wilson

Masses For The Week



MONDAY	AUGUST 17
8:30 AM	Joseph Muratore, Jr.
TUESDAY	AUGUST 18
8:30 AM	John A. Poppert & Family
WEDNESDAY	AUGUST 19
8:30 AM	Shelia Flaherty McGinley
THURSDAY	AUGUST 20
	NO MASS
FRIDAY - Public Mass suspended during the green phase. Mass available online.	
FRIDAY	AUGUST 21
12:15 PM	Fred Senderoff
NEXT WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS	
SATURDAY	AUGUST 22
8:30 AM	Tom & Martina Prendergast
4:30 PM	Battaglia Family
SUNDAY	AUGUST 23
8:30 AM	People of Holy Cross
11:00 AM	Tom & Kitty McCormick

Mass Book

Please Note - Due to the passing of our beloved Parish Secretary, Gerry Canterino, the book of Mass Intentions will be delayed and open a little later this year. We will announce the date as soon as it is determined.



Sunday Collection, August 9

<i>Total Collection</i>	\$9,939
<i>Electronic</i>	\$3,080
<i>Basket & Mail-ins</i>	\$6,859

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.





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Did you know.....

Although the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary was a beloved tradition of the church for centuries, it wasn't until 1950 that Pope Pius XII declared it to be an official teaching of the Church.

Adoration Chapel

Our Adoration Chapel is OPEN!

The Chapel will be open from 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM, Monday thru Friday.

The Maximum Capacity Allowed is 4 people. Please wear a mask and please maintain social distancing.

U.S.C.C.B WEBSITE

Readings for daily and Sunday Mass can be found at usccb.org/bible/readings. Click on the calendar on the right to get the readings for the day.

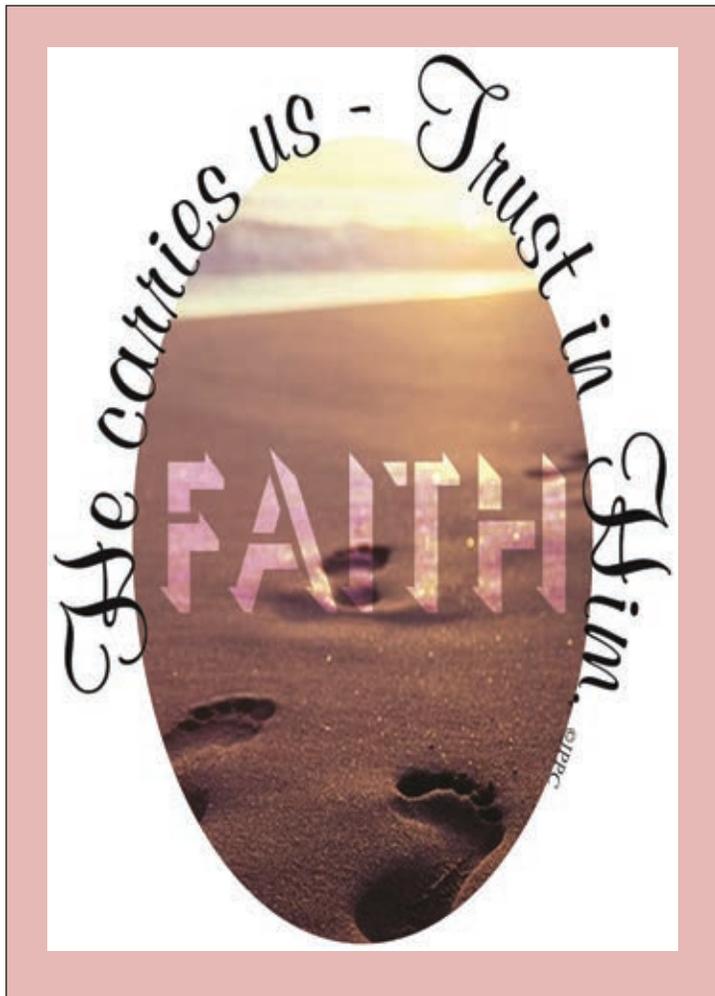
For those attending Mass

At this time during the green restricted phase there will be no Altar Servers, Ushers taking up the collection or Children's Liturgy.



EUCHARISTIC ADORATION





Wow! Thanks to all of you....our pantry continues to assist our most in-need neighbors in our community. Donations are up (and words cannot express our gratitude for these) and so are our volunteers. God Bless All of You!

If you are able, we are in need of baked beans, veggies, pasta and sauce, cereal, apple juice, kiddie treats, peanut butter and jelly, mac & cheese, mayo, ketchup, toilet paper and paper towels.

Just a reminder: we are open every Wednesday from 3:30 to 6:00 PM, and we are open to all Delco residents (with ID).

Please keep cool and know you are making a difference.

Love and Prayers,

Your Friends from the SVDP Food Pantry



National Collection for The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C.

Our national university is educating an important generation of lay and ordained leaders within the United States. Catholic University serves the Church by engaging its students to discover knowledge and truth through excellence in teaching and research. With its 12 schools and 23 research centers, the University provides an exceptional Catholic education to almost 7,000 students annually. The Collection for the Catholic University of America will be held in parishes of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia on the weekend of August 15 and 16, 2020. Thank you and God bless you for supporting America's Catholic university and the countless number of students who will experience an education grounded in Catholic tradition.

Casserole Drop-Off Date

The next drop-off is Wednesday, August 19, 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 and stay safe!

Looking for a Pen Pal

Inmate David Johnson of the Federal Correctional Complex-Allenwood is in search of someone willing to correspond with him as a pen pal. His incarceration limits his access to those who can share inspirational, uplifting conversations. Anyone wishing to correspond with David can write to him at:

David Johnson #10019-043
 U.S.P. Allenwood
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**Exciting News from the
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Join us on **THURSDAYS** for the
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A couple thousand people have regularly been praying the ROSARY *LIVE!* in the Archdiocese. United in this most powerful prayer, we ask for the miraculous intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary to end the Coronavirus **ESPECIALLY NOW, on THURSDAYS**, as we pray in unity for our Brothers and Sisters in Mission lands worldwide. Each decade, praying for each of five Mission areas, including the Americas.

Visit our Website: www.phillymissions.org to learn more about the World Mission Rosary and how to pray it with us on Thursdays.

SCHEDULE:

Every week, starting this

**Thursday August 6
8:00 PM**

through OCTOBER

For more details and a link to the rosary, visit

www.phillyevang.org/rosary/

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"Let us pray to feel like Church and to defeat the Pandemic." Pope Francis

54-Day Rosary Novena

To stave off violence and civil unrest, you are encouraged to join the 54-day Rosary Novena for God's peace and blessing surrounding the coming election. Pray one Rosary each day from August 15 through October 7. For the first 27 days, pray for the intention of peace and blessing around the November election. During the last 27 days, thank God in faith with the belief that the favor has already been granted. For more information, visit WWW.QUEENOFPEACEMEDIA.COM.





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#WHATSMYNAME

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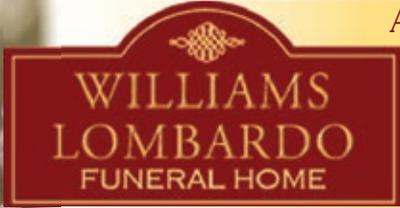


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