

HOLY CROSS CHURCH

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AUGUST 30, 2020 • TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Mr. Timothy Reilly Music Director

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

*when to send you
exactly what you need.* ©IPTC

Father! Father! Excuse me, Father! Mass was over that Sunday evening, but I was yet in the sanctuary over by the Blessed Mother statue. I turned to see a man standing there. He looked to be about in his late thirties or early forties. He was wearing a bluish gray suit, white collared shirt and a tie. The jacket was just a little too big for him and slightly wrinkled. His pants were too short; well above the beige color shoes that didn't quite match with the suit. It looked like his wardrobe may have come from the Salvation Army. He was clean-shaven with short, yellow brown hair neatly combed to the side. He stood there and smiled. *Do you remember me, Father?* Honestly, I didn't. Then, I stared just a little bit more intently at his face. It was the eyes. It is always the eyes. They were a deep and dark blue; rather penetrating. I opened my mouth raising my hand pointing to him, but as I started to speak, he interrupted. *Yes, Father, it's John.* The last time that I saw John, he had longer hair hanging down and a rather unkempt beard. He hadn't been dressed in a blazer either, but a bright orange jumpsuit. That's how he faithfully served Mass with me at the correctional facility, otherwise known as prison. I don't remember the details of his incarceration that he shared with me, but I do remember his admitting that he had made mistakes in his life. Haven't we all? Prison ministry is interesting, though I have to admit that I don't think that I would want to do it full time. The portrayal of prisons that one might see on TV is pretty much accurate. There are concrete and cinderblock walls; heavy, clanging metal doors; barred cells, and crude language. One has to be "buzzed in" or "buzzed out" of everything and the noise level is constant and can be deafening at times. There is zero privacy. One time I was stuck in a secured stairwell for about fifteen minutes because the officer on watch had his back to me and he couldn't hear my voice. *Hello! Hey! Hello!* Another time I was on lock-down for about thirty minutes, because of some facility incident. When responders fully decked out in riot gear and drawn weapons literally come charging towards you, trust me, you hug a wall and stay put until the "all clear" is given. I had a captive audience in the prison chapel (poor pun, I know) and they were well-behaved for the most part. Ever present guards tend to make that happen. John, I recall, was always the gentleman and unlike many of the inmates that professed their innocence, he admitted his guilt. Even though he was not a parishioner at the parish where I was at the time, he went to the trouble of looking me up. He came to Mass that evening to tell me that he had been released and simply to say, "thank you!" I was amazed – and humbled. The change in John's appearance on the outside served to reflect his greater change on the inside and he admitted as much as he beamed happily. He wanted to "dress-up" for this occasion and make a good impression before me. I, in turn, thanked him. I sent him off with a handshake and hug with the offer of my prayers. John said that he hoped that he would make it with his second chance in life. I told him that in reality, he already had. It all began with his admission of wrongdoing and the desire to change all while determined to be a man of Faith – one with enough courage and the humility to return and say "thanks."

Peace!

Fr. Wilson

Masses For The Week



MONDAY **AUGUST 31**
8:30 AM *Francis Joseph Del Viscio II, Francis Joseph Del Viscio III, Elizabeth Del Viscio*

TUESDAY **SEPTEMBER 1**

8:30 AM *Edward Convery*

WEDNESDAY **SEPTEMBER 2**

8:30 AM *Daniel Carbonetti*

THURSDAY **SEPTEMBER 3**

NO MASS

FRIDAY - *Public Mass suspended during the green phase. Mass available online.*

FRIDAY **SEPTEMBER 4**

12:15 PM *Anna DiLorenzo*

NEXT WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY **SEPTEMBER 5**

8:30 AM *Poor Souls in Purgatory*

4:30 PM *Ralph D'Orazio*

SUNDAY **SEPTEMBER 6**

8:30 AM *Anthony, Pauline and William Fiscella*

11:00 AM *Matthew Humphreys*

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.

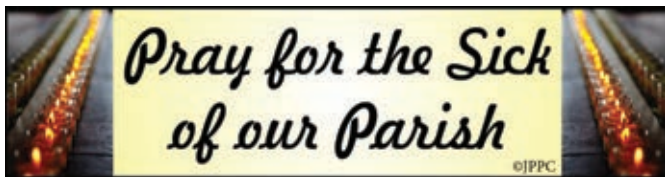


Sunday Collection, August 23

Due to vacations and the deadline for the bulletin, the collection numbers for last Sunday were not available at the time of submission.

Mass Book Opening

Due to the passing of our beloved Parish Secretary, the opening of the book of Mass Intentions has been delayed. The opening of the Mass book will take place on Monday, September 14, 2020, after the 8:30 am Mass. Masses will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. On the first day, September 16, we will be limiting the number of Masses for each individual request to a maximum of three (3). Each Mass intention is \$10.00. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic there are still restrictions in place for health and safety. Please wear a mask and maintain 6 feet of distance while waiting in line.



Sharon Burr	Joanne Marks
Lyndi Butler	Barbara McCusker
Margaret Cook	Lee Anne McGough
Stephen Collins	Dan Murphy
Samuel Dephillippo	Connie Myers
Nancy DeSanctis	Frances O'Callaghan
Janet Doherty	Charlotte O'Leary
Terrence (Terry) Gibson	Paige O'Leary
Nella Giordano	Mary Ann Purcell
Nicola Giordano	Mary Rafferty
Donna Girogio	Rose Marie Santos
Carolyn Henderson	Michael Sargent III
Steven Henderson	Joseph Sindoni
Stefanos Karas	Adele Sulpizio
Carole Kime	George Vrettos
Mary and Ken Kull	Lily Walker
Kendall Lambert	Nadia Waltanski
Rose Leto	Carter Walton
Patricia Lyons	
Helen Lyons	

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

Thank you, Tim!

Some bittersweet news: Mr. Tim Reilly has been the Director of Music and Organist here with our Holy Cross family for the last six years. He is taking on a new position and will be leaving us. We are grateful for his musical leadership and always friendly demeanor. We wish him well in his new endeavor and want him to know that he is always welcome here at Holy Cross!

The Corner

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"Even the hairs of your head have all been counted."

---Luke 12:7

In contrast to the de-personalization of the world, Jesus affirms God's personal interest in you, even to the numbering of the hairs on your head. Jesus wants to raise you up. And more than anything else, He affirms that your value is not derived from what you do, but from who you are --- a child of God.

--- Matthew Kelly "Rediscover Jesus"

You are needed!

To visit with Jesus

Monday thru Friday 9:00 AM – 7:00 PM

In our Adoration Chapel.

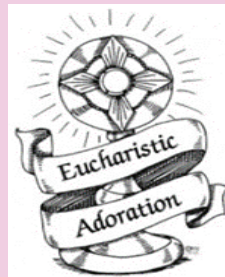
Could you stay for an hour?

There are many hours He is alone.

Need information, please call

Ronnie 610.623.8412

Maryann 610.328.5924, Eileen 610.394.6596



Masks are required. Bring your own prayer book, rosary.



The Garden Committee

The Garden Committee is a group of parishioners who volunteer their time freely. We take pride and responsibility for planting and maintaining flower pots at the entrances of the Church as well as the gravesites and rose garden. Please do not remove or relocate any of these plants without consulting Father Wilson or a member of the Garden Committee. Thank you for your cooperation and remember "Flowers may beckon toward us but they speak toward heaven and God".



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



WE ARE BACK!

Please join us after the 8:30 AM daily Mass to recite Our Lady's Rosary starting Monday, August 31. We will gather in front of Our Lady's Altar. Thank you.

Questions call Ronnie
610.623.8412

Mission Coop Plan Appeal

The Community of St. Paul Missionaries brings Good News of Jesus and much needed material and humanitarian help to far corners of our world. Due to the current pandemic, a missionary priest was not able to be with us this year. Please visit our website for a link to the Missionary homepage. Envelopes are available in the vestibules of the Church.

Black & Indian Missions

The collection for the Black and Indian Missions will be held on the weekend of Sept. 5 and 6. This collection has changed the landscape of evangelization and education efforts for Native Americans, Alaskan Americans and African Americans throughout the United States.

Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land

The Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land was suspended due to the Coronavirus. The collection will be held the weekend of September 12 and 13. We thank you for your generosity.

**Exciting News from the
Mission Societies**

Join us on **THURSDAYS** for the
Archdiocesan Rosary to pray for an **End to the Coronavirus**



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 Thursday
8:00 PM**

through OCTOBER

For more details and a link to the rosary, visit

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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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