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AUGUST 25, 2019 • TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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 Mrs. Theresa Carey..... Business Manager
 Mrs. Judy Vacca Pastoral Minister
 Mrs. Mary Rose Worrilow Principal
 Mrs. Kelly Meliti Director of Religious Education
 Mr. Timothy Reilly Music Director

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Evening 4:30 PM
 Sunday, Upper Church 8:30 and 11:00 AM
 Holy Day Vigil (night before Holy Day) 7:00 PM
 Holy Day 8:30 AM
 Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Saturday 8:30 AM
 Thursday..... No Mass
 Friday..... 12:15 PM

NEW PARISHIONERS

All Catholics living in the parish should register. Our Welcome Center 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)
 Saturday & Sunday..... Closed

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday, Lower Church: 3:30 to 4:15 PM

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.

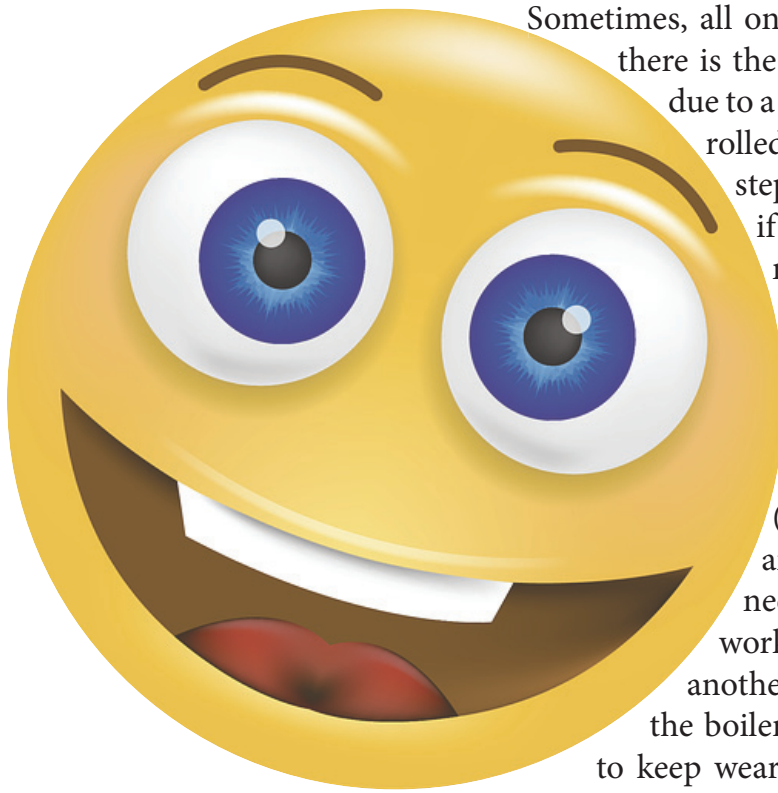
SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

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 Rectory of Mrs. Judy Vacca, Pastoral Minister, when a parishioner is hospitalized or home bound.

Sometimes, all one can do is laugh. Although not recorded in Scripture, I can imagine the Lord's laughing. I can hear His laughing. The Lord's "maintenance issues" weren't quite the same, but it was Peter who wanted to build and pitch a tent up on the mountain and have a hootenanny with Moses and Elijah. Sure, Peter. Then, there was the group of men who tore a hole in the roof in order to lower down their paralytic friend. I hope that it didn't rain later that afternoon. It was the British comedians of "Monty Python" that had quite the humorous skit concerning the non-existent sound system during the Sermon on the Mount. Some of the listeners thought that they heard the Lord say "Blessed are the Greeks" and wondered what was so special about the Greeks. Well, they make great Gyros for starters. Over the course of the summer, there have been a number of "maintenance issues" here at Holy Cross. Our air-conditioning saga has been ongoing. Waiting most of the summer for a part that finally arrived from the distant land of Conshohocken, now, that same part needs to be "programmed" by a "very busy" technician who, as of this writing, has yet to appear - but maybe today I'm told. The AC has been running steadily for the last month and a half. Lord knows what the electric bill will be like!



Sometimes, all one can do is laugh – and wear a sweater. Then, there is the flood that occurred in my room in the rectory due to a leaky roof previously repaired - or so I thought. I rolled up the saturated carpet and dragged it down the steps enveloped in two large trash bags. It looked as if I were disposing of a cadaver in some mobster movie. The rectory roof needs to be repaired as does the roof of the balcony of the church. A large chunk of cement (pillow-sized) fell from the balcony ceiling. Thank the Good Lord that no one was standing underneath it! An inspection was in order and it was determined that the roof (underneath the statues of the church façade) and the surrounding flashing need repairs. This needs to be done before any reparative cement work. Then, there are the steps. We'll save that for another writing. I mentioned the AC. Did I mention the boiler? It, too, needs to be repaired if we don't want to keep wearing sweaters along with coats, hats, and gloves during the winter. This will be a rather expensive repair. Sometimes,

all one can do is laugh. Oh, and then, there are the trees. Holy Cross used to be a cedar tree farm. So, we have a number of trees on the property. I love trees, but apparently, some are past their prime and need to be cut down before they fall down on you, me, or our cars. As I said, sometimes, all one can do is laugh. There is a bit of good news too. We've had a number of personnel changes over the summer: a new school principal, a new business manager, and several new teachers in our school. This doesn't make me laugh, but rather, **SMILE BROADLY**. I ask you to join me in welcoming Mrs. Mary Rose WorriLOW, Mrs. Theresa ("Terry") Carey, and all of our new teachers. They are all very enthusiastic and are already embracing the Holy Cross Parish Spirit. In the unrecorded laughter of Jesus, something very serious is taking place: a New Faith; a Good News is taking root and blossoming. A New Church is being born and maturing, causing God, Himself, to laugh for joy. Together, join me in maintaining our campus and in welcoming all newcomers. Let's make God, Himself, laugh anew for joy as we demonstrate our Holy Cross Spirit and join Him in a genuinely Good Laugh ourselves!

Peace!

Fr. Wilson

Weekly **MASS** Intentions

Monday August 26

8:30 AM John Poppert and
Poppert Family

Tuesday August 27

8:30 AM Maria Gallen

Wednesday August 28

8:30 AM Fr. Cahill and the
People of Holy Cross

Thursday August 29

8:30 AM NO MASS

Friday August 30

12:15 PM Catherine Gatto

Saturday August 31

8:30 AM Jack Labow

NEXT WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday August 31

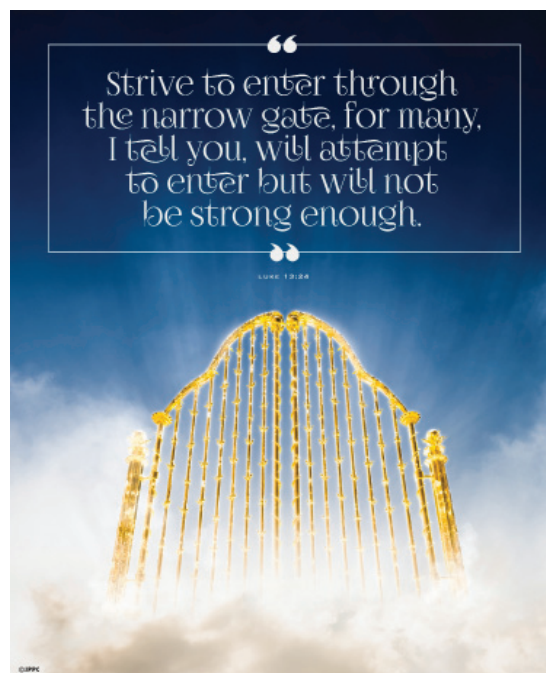
4:30 PM Eleanor Schweitzer

Sunday September 1

8:30 AM Edward Convery
11:00 AM People of Holy Cross

PRAY REMEMBER *the sick of our parish*

John Boyle	Barbara Mc Cusker
Lyndi Butler	Lee Anne Mc Gough
Margaret Cook	Catherine Mc Nulty
Stephen Collins	Thomas Miller
Samuel Dephillipo	Dan Murphy
Sharon Diemer	Francis O'Callaghan
Kathleen Dixon	Charlotte O'Leary
Lillian Donahue	Paige O'Leary
Mary Ann Farrell	Lauren Palermo
Nicola Giordano	Francis Romano
Donna Giorgio	Jim Sandusky
Stephen Henderson	Rose Marie Santos
Stefanos Karas	Joseph Sindoni
Carole Kime	Adeline Sulpizio
Mary Kull	Anthony Torelli
Kendall Lambert	George Vrettos
Rose Leto	Lily Walker
Patricia Lyons	Nadia Waltanski
Helen Lyons	Carter Walton
Joanne Marks	



THANK YOU!

Sunday Collection	August 18
Amount Received	\$7,049

IMPORTANT NOTICE

THE 2020 MASS BOOK WILL OPEN ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 AFTER THE 8:30 AM MASS.



Reading I: Isaiah 66: 18-21

The central assertion here is that “foreigners will be at home in God’s house.” Tarshish (southern Spain), “Put and Lud” (Africa), Mosoth, Tubal and Javan (Greek islands) are all included in the list of Gentile lands.

Reading II: Hebrews 12: 5-7, 11-13

Pain and suffering are a part of the human condition. The writer urges us to persevere in light of the triumphant end of the race. Also, he reminds us that discipline brings the “peaceful fruit of righteousness.”



The Gospel: Luke 13: 22-30

En route to Jerusalem, as Luke plots Jesus’ course, He teaches about the kingdom. He tells one group that people from faraway places will share in the banquet at heaven’s table.

POT OF GOLD RAFFLE

The Little Sisters of the Poor are having their “Pot of Gold” raffle to benefit the residents of Holy Family Home (5300 Chester Avenue, Philadelphia, PA). This will help them to provide a home, food, and quality nursing care to the elderly! Over \$40,000, in prizes! 3 Lucky Winners! First prize is \$25,000. Tickets are \$150 celebrating 150 YEARS in Philadelphia for the Sisters. There is a maximum of 2000 tickets to be sold. Drawing is September 8, at Drexelbrook, Drezel Hill, PA at a reception to be held from 12:30-4:00 PM. Ticket holders and guests are invited to the buffet dinner. Please call Connie or Gary Labowitz at 610-328-0599 to purchase a ticket.

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6:30 PM Recitation of the Holy Rosary

7:00 PM Holy Mass followed by the Healing Service

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DISCOVERING CHRIST STARTS IN A MONTH!!!

Hello to all of our Friends in Christ!

The 3 Parish Discovering Christ Team from Holy Cross, St. Francis of Assisi and St. Kevin is proud to announce that a new revised Discovering Christ series begins on September 12TH at Holy Cross.

Here are some details:

- 7 consecutive Thursdays, September 12 through October 24, plus a Retreat Day, Sunday, October 13
- Holy Cross Parish Center, 2nd floor-elevator access
- Doors open at 6:15 PM, free dinner at 6:30, ending promptly at 9:00 PM
- Retreat Day, same location-doors open at 12 noon, ending promptly at 5:00 PM

*Please mark your calendars and
join us on this inspiring journey.*

REGISTRATION

Email your Name, Phone Number, and Parish to siscoveringchristinspringfield@gmail.com

OR: Leave a message or text your name, phone number, and Parish to 484.868.8571

Please invite your family and friends to join us as we explore our identity in Jesus Christ.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Watch for additional emails as we get closer to the date. We pray that we'll see you soon.

May God bless you abundantly with His Grace & Love.
~ The Discovering Christ Team

Religious Education



HOLY CROSS PARISH

Religious Education Program (P.R.E.P.)

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As we look forward to another PREP year we would like to thank you for considering Holy Cross for your family! Our children learn and experience the Catholic faith through the message of Jesus Christ with our PREP program.

We welcome our new parents and students to our PREP program! We hope you will be with us for the coming PREP year and beyond. To those of you who have been around for a while, thank you for your family participation.

Please fill out your registration form and return to PREP office to ensure your early registration. If you have a new incoming PREP student please go to the website www.holycrosscatholics.org to download the New Student Registration form.

PREP is on Mondays from 4:30 PM- 5:45 PM. Please consider being a catechist, aide, or a hall monitor. If you are interested, please contact Kelly Meliti at 610-626-1057.

A supporting parishioner, in financial terms, is one who contributes at least \$10 weekly to the support of the parish. If the financial obligation is not met to the Church there will be an additional non-supporting parishioner cost of \$100 due by December 31 of every year. These guidelines are necessary to be fair to the majority of parents who are contributing members of Holy Cross Parish.

If you are having financial difficulties and are not able to meet the above guidelines please contact Kelly Meliti at 610-626-1057 or email her at her NEW email address PREPHolyCross@gmail.com. We will try to set up a payment schedule which suits your situation.



“Monopoly” the board game was created first by one Elizabeth Magie and later by Charles Darren way back in 1935. Most people are aware that the goal is to drive one’s opponent into bankruptcy. All told, “Monopoly” has become part of international pop culture, having been licensed in 103 countries and in more than 37 languages! So much for the game.

As for the concept “monopoly,” it is firstly defined as “the exclusive control of a commodity or service in a particular market that makes the manipulation of prices possible.” There’s much evil in most manipulation. Simply put, monopoly is “the exclusive possession or control of something.” So monopoly is a negative. Exclusivity nearly always is.

Turning to this weekend’s Scriptural excerpts, we learn once again how Israel was God’s chosen people. That can never change. Yet we also learn that God’s choice was never meant to be exclusive. With the coming of Israel’s true Messiah, Our Lord Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, that truth was revealed in all its fullness. He clearly taught that the invitation to live in the kingdom of God goes to everyone who recognizes Him as “the Way, the Truth and the Life.” Even those who through no fault of their own never heard the invitation but lived a good life according to their consciences. Israel had to learn that nobody is excluded from God’s love because of ethnicity or religion. Their great prophet Isaiah taught this as God’s prophet centuries before Jesus’ coming, as we read today in the Scriptures.



A good and practical follow-up to this truth is a question we can pose to ourselves regarding our own hearts. After all, we are not exempt from self-examination on this point. Are we, are you, as magnanimous as God? Or are certain people excluded from your list of God’s loved ones? Are they barred from enjoying your Christian love? And, is your decision, however undeclared to the external world, final? If that is so, you need a real conversion. It’s urgent, of course, for no greater reason than your appointment and mine with our divine Judge draws closer each day. That’s not a threat but a promise. Great wisdom abounds in one’s decision to see things God’s way.

Mohandas K. Gandhi was the leader of the Indian nationalist movement against British rule and considered the father of his country. He is internationally esteemed for his doctrine of nonviolence to achieve political and social progress.

Gandhi says in his autobiography that in his student days he was truly interested in the Bible. Deeply touched by reading the Gospels, he seriously considered becoming a convert, since Christianity seemed to offer the real solution to the caste system that was dividing the people of India. One Sunday, he went to a nearby church to attend services. He decided to see the minister and ask for instruction in the way of salvation and enlightenment on other doctrines. But when he entered the church, the ushers refused to give him a seat and suggested that he go and worship with his own people. Gandhi left and never came back. “If Christians have caste systems also,” he said to himself, “I might as well remain a Hindu.”

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