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DECEMBER 19, 2021 • THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Evening 4:30 PM
Sunday, Upper Church 8:30 and 11:00 AM
Holy Day As announced
Tuesday through Saturday 8:30 AM
No Mass Monday

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, 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.

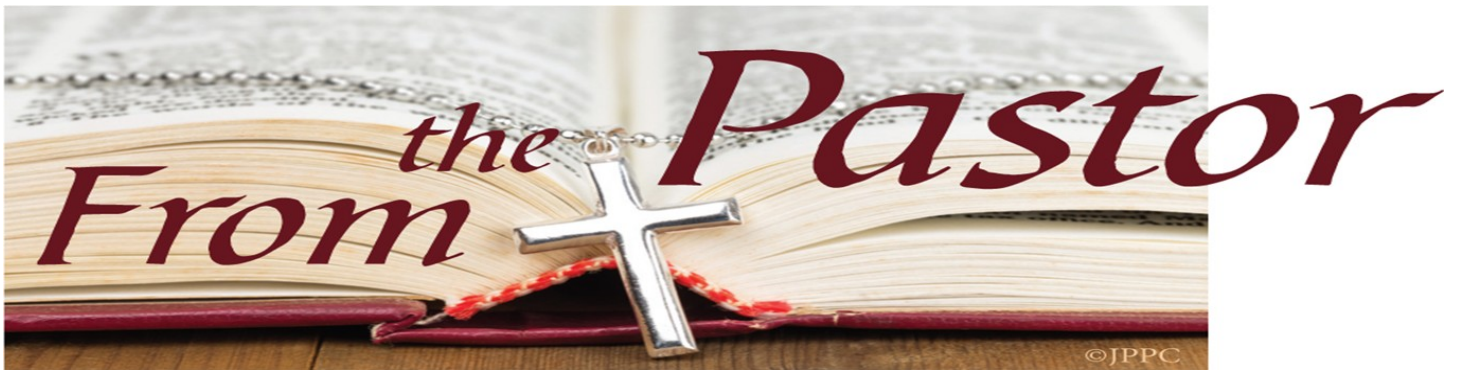
First time parents and godparents are required to attend a Baptism Preparation Session which is held on the 1st Monday of the month at 7:00 PM. Please call the Parish Office for more information.

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

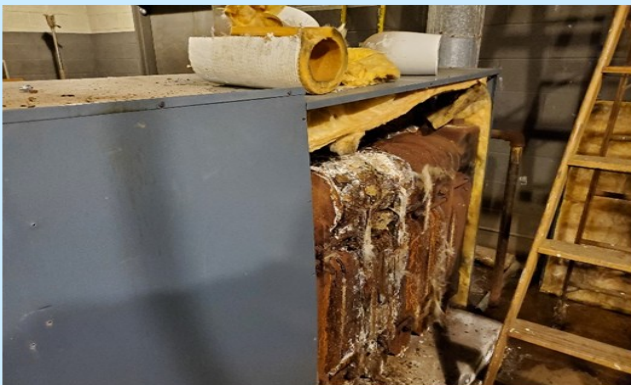
Please call Deacon Thomas Taylor or the Parish Office when a parishioner is hospitalized or home bound.



This week, an update on where we are with our various heating and air conditioning projects in the church. First, we are assessing the pneumatic thermostat controls to see what needs to be done to fix them. This has required the purchase of an air compressor and dryer, which were recently delivered. A technician will be on-site for a few days to install the parts, check where there are problems, and make recommendations for needed repairs. There is a lot of unknown with this, but it will be nice when we don't have to wonder if it'll be 55 or 80 when we come to Mass. The second project is the replacement of one of the boilers and its gas burner. God has been good to us with this project. We found a company that offered us a competitive price and had the boiler and burner in stock! Other companies were saying it could be 3-4 months before they could source one. Thank you, Divine Providence! We accepted the bid, and they started working within a few days. The old boiler has been removed, and the new one is in the process of being installed. The third project is the replacement of a number of large valves that control the flow of water in the pipes around the boilers. These valves, some of which are the size of a steering wheel, allow us to isolate areas of the system for service or repair. The current valves were corroded and rusted, and some were leaking. The screw snapped in one of them as the installer was turning the handle while replacing it. Needless to say, it was time to replace them. Just for fun, while all these things are going on, one of the circulating pumps failed as well and had to be replaced. Why not, right?

While all this is going on, we may find ourselves with big temperature swings in the church for a while yet. I appreciate your patience and understanding. We are working to get things fixed, but it does take time. To be honest, I'm amazed at how quickly things are happening. And in case you're wondering, here's a picture of the decay in the old boiler and the deterioration of one of the valves that had to be replaced. You can see why these projects are necessary!

Finally, on behalf of Fr. Kelly, our deacons, and the parish and school staff, MERRY CHRISTMAS to all! Safe travels for those who are going away, and for those who are staying, see you in church!



Masses For The Week



MONDAY	DECEMBER 20
8:30 AM	No Mass
TUESDAY	DECEMBER 21
8:30 AM	Robinson & Sidebottom Families
WEDNESDAY	DECEMBER 22
8:30 AM	Frances & Catherine Armstrong
THURSDAY	DECEMBER 23
8:30 AM	Canice Lackstrom
FRIDAY	DECEMBER 24
8:30 AM	Employees of Holy Cross
4:30 PM	Priests' Intentions
8:00 PM	Priests' Intentions
NEXT WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS	
SATURDAY	DECEMBER 25
8:30 AM	Priests' Intentions
11:00 AM	Priests' Intentions
SUNDAY	DECEMBER 26
8:30 AM	Tony Torelli
11:00 AM	People of Holy Cross

FORMED

In case you missed it.....

In last week's bulletin, Father told us that the Parish has purchased an awesome gift for all of us, a subscription to FORMED. It is an online platform filled with Catholic movies, kids programs, bible studies, podcasts, daily reflections and more. And this beautiful gift is FREE to all of us! Watch the bulletin for more information, and some parish-wide events that will happen in the new year. In the meantime, please go to <https://signup.formed.org> and sign up to begin exploring. Just enter "Holy Cross Parish, Springfield PA", it will appear in the drop-down menu; select it and press "Next", no password needed, and you will have full access to the site. Thank you, Father Kiernan!

SANTUARY LAMP



This week's Sanctuary lamp intention is for:

**Church: Ted Rudolph and
Lorri Rudoph**

Chapel: Ronnie Sidebottom



Sunday Collection, December 12

Due to the Christmas Holiday the numbers for the Sunday collection were not available at the time of bulletin submission.

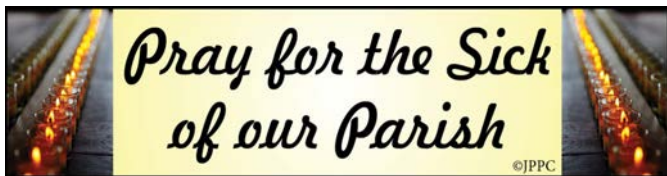
TAX SAVINGS FOR YOU / GIFT TO HOLY CROSS

If you are age 70 ½ or older, the best way to make a charitable contribution can be through a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) from a traditional IRA. A QCD can satisfy your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) for the year and reduce your income taxes.

The tax benefit of giving from an IRA is greater than writing a check and taking a tax-deduction. Such gifts are also well-suited if you are subject to the RMD, but no longer itemize deductions for income tax purposes.

Suppose your RMD for the year is \$10,000-. Make at least \$10,000 of QCDs and you have satisfied your RMD and avoided income tax on the distribution. The money is out of your traditional IRA, but there is no gross income on your tax return. **For a charitable distribution from an IRA to qualify as a QCD, the contribution must be made directly from the IRA custodian or trustee to the charity.**





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Paige O'Leary
Alexander Ott
Mary Rafferty
Joseph Sindoni
Adeline Sulpizio
Jean Super
Valerie Thompson
Helen Torelli
Amanda Trerotola
George Vrettos



Sunday, December 19, after the 11:00 AM Mass, members of Holy Cross Parish will be assembling the Nativity scene in the Church. Anyone who is interested in helping is welcome to come. Please arrive after the 11:00 Mass. Thank You!

Three Parish Book Club

The Three Parish Book Club's next meeting will take place on Wednesday, December 29, at 7:00 p.m. at Holy Cross Parish Center. The Club meets on the last Wednesday of the month from September through June to discuss the chosen book and to share other reading suggestions. We welcome new members. You do not need to have read the chosen book to attend the meeting. For more information, please contact Joy Van Berg at 610 32-2095 or joyvanberg@gmail.com.

December

The Infancy Narratives: Jesus of Nazareth
 by Pope Benedict XVI
 Joseph Ratzinger

January

The Shepherds' Prayer by Richard M. Barry

The Corner

Brought to you by your Evangelization Team

Advent is a journey toward Bethlehem, for Wise Men, for shepherds, and for us. May we let ourselves be drawn by the Light of God made man.

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve
 4:30PM and 8:00 PM

Christmas Day
 8:30AM and 11:00AM

Sunday, December 26 (Holy Family)
 8:30Am and 11:00AM

No Evening Mass or Confessions on Sat, Dec 25

Saturday, January 1, (Mary, Mother of God)
 8:30AM

Not a Holy Day of Obligation

Sunday, January 2 (Epiphany)
 Confessions, Saturday, Jan 1, 3:30-4:15PM
 Vigil Mass, Saturday, 4:30PM
 Sunday Mass: 8:30AM and 11:00AM

PREPARE YOURSELF FOR THE COMING OF OUR

Lord Jesus Christ!

Stewardship Promotion

Take a minute to check out the new faith-filled material for the season on the shelves near the entrance doors. There are many booklets about the saints and good ideas for children's gifts to consider.

FOOD PANTRY

Food Pantry Update

Christmas time is almost here. The Food Pantry will be open December 22 (Wednesday) from 3:30 to 5:30PM.

The Pantry will be closed on Wednesday, December 29 and we will reopen on January 5, 2022.

If you know of anyone in need of food in Delco, please let them know our pantry hours and that we are here to help. Our Pantry will be open on our regular schedule of Wednesdays from 3:30 to 5:30 in January.

Thanksgiving final count: *Over 150 families received turkeys / chickens and all the fixings for their family dinners.* Thanks to the generosity of so many. This number is so significant that it's worth repeating all of our contributors to this annual event.

Our Holy Cross school children led the effort with classroom collections with their "Turkey Trot" campaign. St. Kevins KofC, St. Francis SVDP, their CYO and soccer teams, our Holy Cross KofC (who help us all year), the Clifton Hgts. Acme (who have helped us numerous times throughout the year and provided a large donation of turkeys and fixings), Springfield Staples, the Springfield Ice Hockey Club, Boy Scout Troop 512 and Springfield Cub Scout Pack 240 and Boy Scout Troop 111 ensured that we should have staple supplies for a long time. There were also many individual donations and the list goes on...

Our volunteers have worked tirelessly and we are humbled and grateful for your prayers and generosity all year, *without our parishioners' support all year... we would not be able to do what we do every week.*

From our homes to yours, God Bless All of You.
Your friends from the St. Vincent dePaul Holy Cross Food Pantry

BE THANKFUL!

"COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS,
NAME THEM ONE BY ONE,
AND YOU WILL BE SUR-



PRISED WHAT THE LORD HAS DONE", yes we sometimes forget all that Jesus has done for us! Take some time and be thankful. H would like to hear it from you. Our Adoration Chapel is open, 9AM to 7PM, Monday thru Friday.

St. James Alumni Choir The "Blue and Gray Voices"

St. James Alumni Association's Men's Choir (the "Blue & Gray Voices") with a 28-year tradition is in search of an experienced accompanist (organ & keyboard). This is a paying position. The Choir has an approximate active membership of 30-35 members which sings with primary focus on religious and patriotic music. The choir performs at various parishes throughout the Delaware Valley area; usually 2 performances per month. In addition, the choir performs some community service events upon request, and an occasional funeral service. The choir practices weekly at the St. James Alumni Association Headquarters (the "Doghouse") located in Eddystone, PA. The choir's year runs from September through May. If interested or want more information please contact:

Lou Robinson, VP Choir at 610-812-4806 or email stjro-bi68@hotmail.com

In addition, the Choir is always interested in NEW members! Members do not need to be STJ Grads, they just need to have a joy for singing.

MARRIED COUPLES

Resolve to "Live your best life in love" in 2022: Why not give yourselves some time together by making a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend? In-person experiences in the new year are: February 11-13 and April 22-24 at Our Lady of Czestochowa, Doylestown. For more info visit: <https://www.wwme-philly.org/>.

Assistance Needed

Grandmother needs assistance during the week caring for her 4 grandchildren. If interested, please call Monica Dougherty at



Home Care Needed - Home Care needed 4 days a week for 94 year-old. Please call Vicky at 610-623-7729.



Holy Cross Development Fundraiser



\$\$ 365 Chances to Win \$\$

Purchase a Calendar for \$50.00. Each calendar has a 4-digit number. Each day (365) has a cash prize.

Daily	\$50.00
Weekends	\$100.00
Holidays	\$150.00

If your assigned number matches the PA nightly Pick 4 daily number (straight match) you win the cash prize on the calendar for that day. Fill out a calendar fundraiser form and return to the Business Office or place in the Sunday collection basket. For any questions, please contact hcdevelopment-fund@gmail.com. Can be a great Christmas gift for a family member or friend!



Principal's Corner

We are still in need of people to work in our CARES program. The children are there from dismissal until 6:00PM. It is a nice little position. You do not have to work all five days. CARES is not open on half-days. Please call Dr. Worriow at 610-626-1709 if you are interested.



DON'T MISS
THE DEADLINE!

Parish Bulletin

Due to the Christmas and New Year Holidays, the Parish Bulletin submission deadlines have been changed. Please note that all materials for the Parish bulletin must be submitted to the Business Office as follows:

Publication date	Deadline
Dec. 19/20	Dec. 8
Dec. 26/27	Dec. 14
Jan. 2/3	Dec. 21



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To register for any event, please call [610-581-0120](tel:610-581-0120) or email ihmconferencecenter@gmail.com. God bless you!

Spirituality Day: Carmelite Spirituality

Thursday, January 13, 2022

9:30 a.m.- 11:30 a.m.

Presenter: Michael Wicks, MA

Stipend: \$20 (includes refreshment break only)

Conference Day: "Hildegard of Bingen: Practical Mystic"

Tuesday, January 18, 2022

9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Presenter: Michelle Franci-Donnay

Stipend: \$40 (includes Continental Breakfast, lunch and Mass)

Movie With Meaning: "First Dog"

Wednesday, January 26, 2022

10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

Stipend: "\$25 (includes lunch)

*Lunch will be served at noon for both groups



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