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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.

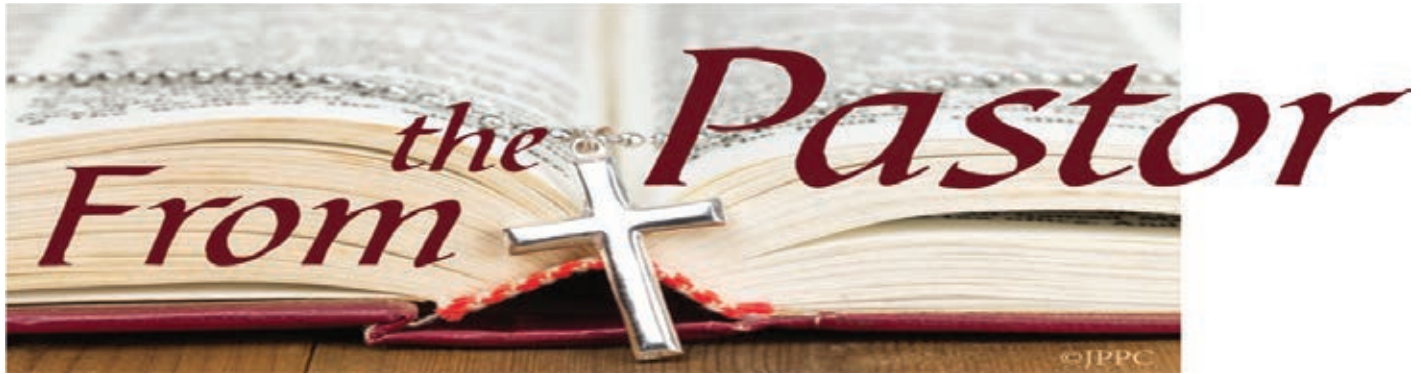
First time parents and godparents are required to attend a Baptism Preparation Session which is held on the 1st Monday of the month at 7:00 PM. Please call the Parish Office for more information.

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.



One of the things that I have discovered more recently is *YouTube* screensavers. I'm not sure what else to call them. They are still scenes in a video format running anywhere from a half hour in length to maybe even ten hours or more. The scenes that I have found are computer-generated: a quaint cottage in winter, a rustic log cabin with roaring fireplace, or a most comfortable-looking bedroom with a grand ocean view. These images come with soft background music or gentle natural sounds such as winter winds whipping upon a house that's all nice and warm on the inside. The effect is one of comfort and consolation. With HD flat screen TV monitors, television, of course, is not just for watching your favorite movie or mindless sitcom anymore. Gosh, one doesn't even really need a real fireplace anymore when it can be displayed brilliantly on the 72-inch Samsung! Cozy scenes, paired with an actual candle lighted, and a bit of wine or tea while lights are turned down low, do offer quite a break from the daily rush of life. When Deacon Steve Javie visited our parish in November for our *24 Hours with Jesus* event, he mentioned the need for prayer space. It is a good idea for everyone to have a special "prayer chair" or "prayer corner," he said. How true! Even Archie Bunker had his favorite chair and throughout all the seasons of *All in the Family*, good old Archie pondered quite a bit of life for all of us as he sat upon it. I understand that chair now sits in the *National Museum of American History* in Washington. This Christmas, gift yourself with some space. Find the place that will be your "prayer space." Locate your favorite chair or rocker. It might be in the basement or even the garage. It can be the place where you escape, without escaping, to ponder life, love, and Lord. Most all people enjoy cozy scenes of comfort. Everyone, at times, needs to relax and reflect. It's quite different from merely sleeping. There is one most cozy scene of comfort that attracts all of us. You probably have one in your house. You've certainly seen it in church and there is an image of it in one of our church's stained glass windows. It is a scene that draws us in with its stillness and beauty. The focal point is not a comfy chair, but a little straw bed and the One lying upon it. The Manger is the ultimate cozy scene of comfort for each one of us. The stillness of a most holy night captivates us. Mother and father gaze upon a newborn Infant Savior and even the barn animals are in quiet rapt attention. It is this very scene in which we need to place ourselves once again this Christmas and beyond into the New Year. So, relax! Draw up a chair, light a little candle, and find yourself anew in this most cozy scene of comfort this Christmas!

Peace!
Fr. Wilson

Masses For The Week



MONDAY	DECEMBER 21
8:30 AM	Robinson & Sidebottom Families
TUESDAY	DECEMBER 22
8:30 AM	Teresa Nero Lawrence
WEDNESDAY	DECEMBER 23
8:30 AM	Steven Flynn
THURSDAY	DECEMBER 24
8:30 AM	No 8:30 AM Mass
4:00 PM	Shelia Flaherty McGinley
7:00 PM	Anna May Boyle
FRIDAY	DECEMBER 25
8:30 AM	Lorri Rudolph
11:00 AM	Deceased Members of the Rainieri & DiLorenzo Families

NEXT WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY	DECEMBER 26
8:30 AM	Stephen Flynn
4:30 PM	Kenneth Murphy
SUNDAY	DECEMBER 27
8:30 AM	Lorri Rudolph
11:00 AM	Living and Deceased Members of the Casciano Family



Sunday Collection, December 13

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

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.

Christmas Mass and Confession Schedule

Confessions

Saturday, December 19 3:15—4:15 PM

Christmas Eve Masses

4:00 PM and 7:00 PM

Christmas Day Masses

8:30 AM and 11:00 AM

New Year's Eve

4:30 PM Vigil Mass

New Year's Day Mass

8:30 AM



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

The Corner

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“Mary sustains our journey toward Christmas for she teaches us how to live this Advent Season in expectation of the Lord. For this time of Advent is a time of waiting for the Lord, who will visit us all on the feast, but also, each one, in our own hearts. The Lord is Coming! Let us wait for him!”

---Pope Francis

Deadline for 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. 26/27	Dec. 14
Jan. 2/3	Dec. 21



Sunday, December 20, 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!





Holy Cross Development Fundraiser

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

Support Holy Cross Church and School

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 hcdevelopmentfund@gmail.com. Can be a great Christmas gift for a family member or friend!



**Visit with Jesus in our
Adoration Chapel
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Ronnie 610.623.8412 or Office 610.626.3321**

Food Pantry Update

**The Food Pantry will be open on December 23 and closed on December 30.
We will reopen on January 6, 2021.**

Our volunteers and Neighbors in Need have no words to express our immense gratitude and sincere appreciation. Thanks to all of you (Holy Cross parishioners), our volunteers, Holy Cross Knights of Columbus, our school children, Springfield Boy Scout Troop 512 and Cub Scout Pack 240, Sisters of Mercy at Merion, Erie Insurance for your generosity during this holiday season.

The pantry is providing Christmas food fixings and desserts to our Most in Need Neighbors on December 16 and 23.

If you know any Delco residents, who require food, please let them know we are open every Wednesday from 3:30 to 6:00 PM directly behind Holy Cross School.

**God's Blessings to All, wishing you a Safe and Healthy Merry Christmas.
Your Friends from the St. Vincent de Paul Society Food Pantry Team**





Live-Streaming Mass

The Archdiocese of Philadelphia continues to stream the 11:00 AM Mass live from the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul every Sunday. The Archdiocese will also stream the 5:00 PM Christmas Eve Mass, Solemn Midnight Mass on Christmas Day and the 12:00 PM Christmas Day Mass. All Masses will be streamed via <https://vimeo.com/event/17522>.

The faithful continue to be dispensed by the Archbishop from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation until further notice.

For comprehensive information about the pastoral and temporal response of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia to the COVID-19 pandemic, visit <http://archphila.org/covid19/>.



Three Parish Book Club



The Three Parish Book Club will meet on Wednesday, December 30, at 7:00 PM via Zoom. Members will discuss *Rediscover the Saints* by Matthew Kelly.

The book for January is *The Worn Out Woman* by Steve Stephens and Alice Gray.

The book for February is *The Hiding Place* by Corrie Ten Boom.

For more information, please contact Joy Van Berg at 610-328-2095 or joyvanberg@gmail.com



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