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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.

Merry Christmas
and Happy New Year
from the Clergy and Staff of
Holy Cross Parish and School!

Dr. Mary Rose Worraloo

Bill Corvelli Father Kelly

Deacon Robert Frankenberg

Winnie Davis

Terry Carey

Sue Guitara

Alexandrina Jett

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Fr. P. Kenna

Lois Williams

Martin McLean

Michael Myers

Evan Campbell

Bruce O'Leary

Mark

McKinnon Coleman

Shirley Maeller



MONDAY DECEMBER 27

8:30 AM No Mass

TUESDAY DECEMBER 28

8:30 AM Anthony, Pauline & William Fiscella

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 29

8:30 AM Dr. Thomas & Carol Jacob

THURSDAY DECEMBER 30

8:30 AM Ellen Linehan

FRIDAY DECEMBER 31

8:30 AM Walter Babicki, Jr.

NEXT WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY JANUARY 1

8:30 AM Bill Poppert

4:30 PM Michael O'Kane

SUNDAY JANUARY 2

8:30 AM Ellen Linehan

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: Jim Flannery

Chapel: Eleanor & Charles Hoban



Sunday Collection, December 19

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.**

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. Thank you to all those who give electronically!



Lyndi Butler
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Mary Kull
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Adeline Sulpizio
Jean Super
Valerie Thompson
Helen Torelli
Amanda Trerotola
George Vrettos

Winter Bible Study – The Chosen!!

We have a real treat for you for our 3-Parish Winter Bible Study. We will be showing Season 1 (all 8 episodes) of The Chosen! If you haven't heard of it, this is a beautiful series about Jesus' ministry on Earth. The actual biblical quotes are true, but the other scenes attempt to fill in the blanks about His everyday life. There will be group discussions after the videos.

When: Wednesdays, January 12 thru March 2 - 9:15 am - in the Holy Cross Parish Center
The Bible Study is free! A workbook is NOT necessary, but if you'd like to have one, you can order that on Amazon for \$13.30. Just search for "The Chosen", the teal-colored book is called "What Does It Mean to Be Chosen?: An Interactive Bible Study (Volume 1)". Please join us!



The Corner

Brought to you by your Evangelization Team

We joyously read these words from Pope Francis...

"Dear children, may you feel wonder when you gather in your homes in prayer before the Nativity, gazing at Baby Jesus." To see God is to feel amazement, "wonder at the great mystery of God made man. And the Holy Spirit will put humility, tenderness and the goodness of Jesus in your hearts. Jesus is good, Jesus is tender, Jesus is humble. This is the real Christmas!"

Amen!

Mass Schedule

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

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Mother Celine and Sister Veronica of the Little Sisters of the Poor were so excited to see your beautiful gift packages for their residents. They will be distributed at their Christmas party on Dec. 23.

Thank you also for your lovely, thoughtful gifts for Delaware County Pregnancy Center. They will be distributed to the expectant parents and their families at their Christmas party on Dec. 14.

God bless you and your family!

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

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

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/>.

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

Assistance Needed

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

BE THANKFUL!

"COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS, NAME THEM ONE BY ONE, AND YOU WILL BE SURPRISED 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.

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





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:

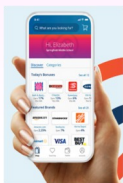
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To register for any event, please call [610-581-0120](tel:610-581-0120) or email ihmconferencecenter@gmail.com. God bless you!

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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