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DECEMBER 6, 2020 • SECOND 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
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.

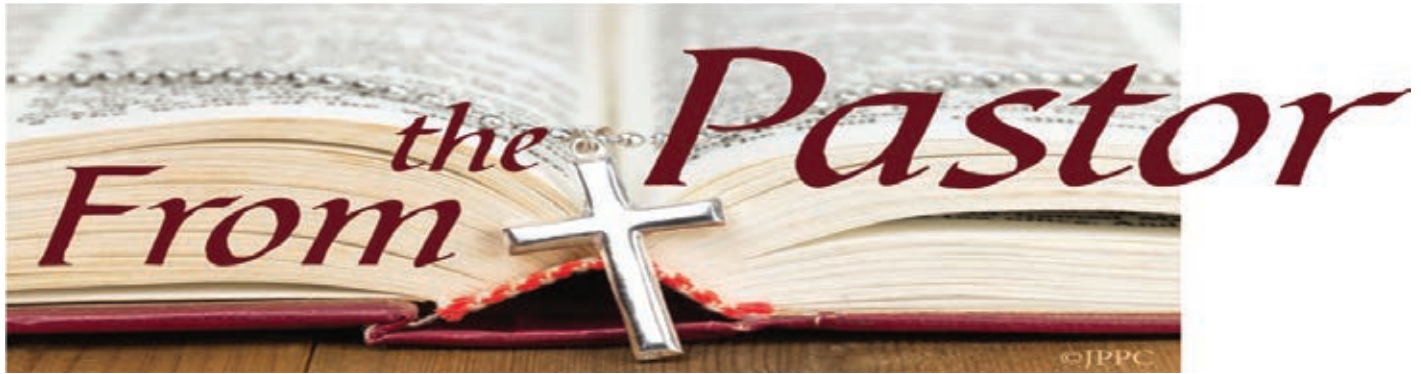
First time parents and godparents are required to attend a Baptism Preparation Session which is held on the 1st Monday of the month at 7:00 PM. Please call the Parish Office for more information.

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.



Somewhere around, there is an old photograph of a lanky sixteen year old, attired in cuffed blue jeans with a rolled-sleeve blue flannel shirt, sporting an Afro stylish for the time, and standing in front of the most perfect Christmas tree. It was shortly after his mother's death in Advent of that year and it was the first real Christmas tree that he ever had. The artificial tree of his childhood certainly held many beautiful memories from Christmases past, but they all involved memories of his mother – and she was now gone. He decided that it was time to start a new Christmas tradition: a real tree. The tree would not come from some temporary shop set up on the far end of a supermarket parking lot, but would come from an actual tree farm. He, together with his best friend, commandeered the super cab, super-sized, new used pick-up truck that his father had so recently acquired. It was really too much truck for city dwellers and would soon enough be resold as the father's mid-life crisis peaked and was quelled. That truck however, served a most high and noble purpose for the relatively short time had. It would be the sleigh to transport that most perfect tree. The two recently-licensed drivers climbed into that massive sleigh and set out for a tree farm discovered in the upper regions of Bucks County. Traversing for miles on a nearly empty tank and after a few wrong turns, they finally arrived. There was a beautiful sea of evergreen trees for about as far as the eye could see. Setting out they meandered row after row sizing up trees. It was a most sunny day and it was the sun shining perfectly upon a particular evergreen that caused the one young man to say, "Here! This is it!" It *was* perfect. The other teen soon found his tree as well. Tree saws in the hands of youth make for quick work and soon they were atop a wagon making the trek back to the barn for purchase of said trees - and for some hot chocolate so kindly offered. The return trip was celebratory. The city dwellers turned arborists had grand success and had conquered, what was for them, a whole new world. Back home the commandeering of the truck by two young drivers of so little experience was quickly forgiven. The beauty of a tree outshone that and overcame it. Even the other teen remarked with a bit of jealousy of just how beautiful *that* tree was. Soon decorated, it continued to shine throughout that Christmas season and beyond. Its beauty miraculously helped overcome a tremendous amount of pain and sorrow experienced between a father and his son that Christmas of so long ago. The beauty of that most perfect tree still shines to this day. You may have noticed that the decorations and lawn inflatables were out early this year. Some went up right up after Halloween. I suppose that for many, even the Christmas tree is up and decorated. Our world has been filled with much distress. There is confusion and concern to say the least. There is fear for what the future holds. Everyone knows this. Christmas decorations and beautiful trees adorned betray our deepest longings. Everyone without exception desires happiness and its preceding hope. All of the Christmas decorations that we see proclaim hope and happiness. They proclaim a desire to overcome fear and confusion with their attending sorrow and sadness. The message of Christmas is a message of hope. In fact, the message of Christmas is preceded by a season of hope. That's what Advent is all about. Amidst the darkness of our world, Hope will be born anew lying quietly and barely noticed in a manger. The Child will grow and the Hope that He offers will grow as well enveloping all like a beautiful sea of evergreens. It all begins with that one most perfect and beautiful tree. It is a tree unlike any other. May you find yours this Advent!

Peace!
Fr. Wilson

Masses For The Week



MONDAY	DECEMBER 7
8:30 AM	<i>Pour Souls in Purgatory</i>
7:00 PM	<i>People of Holy Cross</i>
TUESDAY	DECEMBER 8
8:30 AM	<i>John Boyle</i>
WEDNESDAY	DECEMBER 9
8:30 AM	<i>Deceased Members of Carberry & McSwiggan Families</i>
THURSDAY	DECEMBER 10
	NO MASS
FRIDAY - Public Mass suspended during the green phase. Mass available online.	
FRIDAY	DECEMBER 11
12:15 PM	<i>Nicole Gallo</i>

NEXT WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY	DECEMBER 12
8:30 AM	<i>Amato & Felicia and Living & Deceased Members of the Cavalcante Family</i>
4:30 PM	<i>James Gallagher (37th Anniv.)</i>
SUNDAY	DECEMBER 13
8:30 AM	<i>Hazel Boyle</i>
11:00 AM	<i>Senderoff & Pizza Families</i>



Sunday Collection, November 29

<i>Total Collection</i>	\$7,513
<i>Electronic</i>	\$2,610
<i>Basket & Mail-ins</i>	\$ 4,903

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.

Holy Cross Church

Stewardship Restoration Appeal

Thank you for your support!

In September we announced the start of our Parish Stewardship Restoration Appeal. In the weeks that followed, our appeal successfully raised \$55,215. Thank you for your generous support and involvement to carry out our mission as a parish and Catholic community. Your charitable gift allows us to continue our services and ministries, maintain our church and spiritual home, and grow our parish even amidst all the uncertainty brought on by COVID-19. We could not do this without you! Thank you for your support.

(The restoration appeal this year is in place of the annual block collection.)



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	

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

The Corner

Brought to you by your Evangelization Team

"God of hope, I look to You with an open heart and yearning spirit. During this Advent season, I will keep alert and awake listening for Your word and keeping to Your precepts. My hope is in You."

---Matthew Kelly, Founder of Dynamic Catholic

Holy Cross School Help Wanted

After School C.A.R.E.S Program

Part-time position, 15 to 20 hours per week, 2:30 to 6:00 PM, Monday thru Friday. If interested, please call Mary Rose Worrilow, Principal, at 610-626-1709. Any questions, please call Holy Cross School 610-626-1709.



Retirement Fund for Religious

The collection for the Retired Religious is taking place this weekend, December 5 and 6. This appeal benefits 30,000 elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests-women and men who have consecrated their lives to serving God and the Church. We are blessed to have 70 religious congregations present and serving within the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Of this number, over 900 are retired. We thank you for your generosity.

Reaching out to the Homebound

Pandemic restrictions and social distancing have had an impact on families, including our parish family here at Holy Cross. In many cases, quarantine has brought families together but it has pulled apart our parish family. We have lost touch with each other and are trying to reunite with those who have been unable to join us. If you know of anyone in the parish who is homebound, high-risk or has a strong need to be socially distant, please contact the parish office with the name, address and phone number, so that we can reconnect with our parish family.

Our Lady of the Holy Cross, pray for us.



Knights of Columbus

Annual Cemetery Blanket/Wreath Sale

The Holy Cross Knights of Columbus #15482 will be holding their Annual Cemetery Blanket/Door Wreath Sale beginning on Sunday, 11/22/20, and ending this Sunday, 12/6/20. There was an increase from our supplier, so the price this year will be \$25.00 per Blanket as well as \$25.00 per Door Wreath. To place an order you can call, text or e-mail Andy Grajek at 610-761-9020 or gfrandy@juno.com and leave your name, phone number & the amount of blankets/wreaths that you wish to order. Please leave your contact information in case we need to contact you. If you contact by e-mail, a form can be sent to you electronically. Checks/orders can be sent by mail. Make checks payable to: Holy Cross K.O.C. #15482. Checks can be mailed to: Cemetery Blankets, c/o Andy Grajek, 492 Indian Rock Dr., Springfield PA 19064. Cemetery blankets will be available for "Contactless" pick up in the Holy Cross School Parking Lot on Saturday, 12/12/20 from 8:30 am until 11:00 am.

Immaculate Conception

Tuesday, December 8, 2020

Holy Day of Obligation

Tuesday, December 8, is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be celebrated at:

Monday, December 7 7:00PM

Tuesday, December 8 8:30 AM

All are welcome!

Our Lady of Guadalupe Dinner

On Saturday, December 12, 2020 the annual Our Lady of Guadalupe Dinner will be held at the Lamb Tavern after the 5:15 Mass at St. Pius X Church. Pat Stanton will be the guest speaker. This dinner is sponsored by St. Pius X Respect Life Committee. The doors will open at 6:15 PM to allow people to attend the 5:15 Mass prior to the dinner. Tickets are priced at \$40.00. A table of 8 will be at \$35.00 a person. Please call John Williamson at 610-446-5600 or email him at jpw0077@gmail.com for tickets, reservations and other information. All profits will be used to save the lives of the unborn. All checks should be made payable to SPX RL and mailed to John Williamson at 720 N. Eagle Road, Havertown, PA 19083. Priests, Sisters and children, as always, are free.

Food Pantry Update

Our volunteers and Neighbors in-need have no words to express our immense gratitude and sincere appreciation to all of you.

Thanks to all of you (our parishioners), our volunteers, Holy Cross Knights of Columbus (KofC), our school children, the Springfield Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, St. Kevin, St. Francis, Our Lady of Fatima, First Presbyterian Church of Springfield, Clifton Heights, Acme and SVDP Delco Food Bank. We were able to distribute essential food items and Thanksgiving trimmings.

During the month of November, our little pantry provided turkeys or chickens to over 200 families.

If you know any Delco residents, who are in need of food, please let them know that we are open every Wednesday from 3:30 to 6 PM directly behind Holy Cross school.

God Bless All of you. We have so much to be thankful for....

Your Friends from the St. Vincent dePaul Society Food Pantry Team

St. Augustine Parish, Philadelphia

Presents:

Everything You Always Wanted To Know About The Sacraments But Were Afraid To Ask

Event: Zoom discussion on “Everything You Always Wanted To Know About The Sacraments But Were Afraid To Ask!” Please join St. Augustine Parish (Philadelphia) as we host three virtual discussions during Advent on the

Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. Did you ever wonder if babies who die without Baptism go to Limbo/Hell? What does it mean to receive the Holy Spirit in Confirmation? What is meant that Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist? We will discuss and answer these and other questions you might have regarding the three “Sacraments of Initiation.” Join us and our special guest participants via Zoom on the dates and times listed!

12/1 – Baptism – Fr. Chris Walsh, Pastor, St. Raymond Parish (Philadelphia)

12/15 – Confirmation – Meghan Cokeley, Director of the Office for the New Evangelization, Archdiocese of Philadelphia

12/22 – Eucharist – Fr. G. Dennis Gill, Director, Office for Divine Worship and Pastor of the Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul in Philadelphia

Location: St. Augustine Parish (Philadelphia) via Zoom

More info: Please email Jacob Marquart, O.F.S. at staugustineparish09@gmail.com or call (215) 627-1838 to submit your questions.

To register for the December 1 meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0tf-uqrzMjEtf5GokVv90IVkRNoUa56E2m>

To register for the December 15 meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEkd-6hqz4pG9OCrVBB11V5xCcvxHAuPQga>

To register for the December 22 meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUtfu6srzkrGdVUekSeWWBTTBr-SkMCIXv8>



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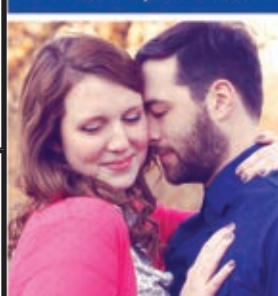


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