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FEBRUARY 13, 2022 • SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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.

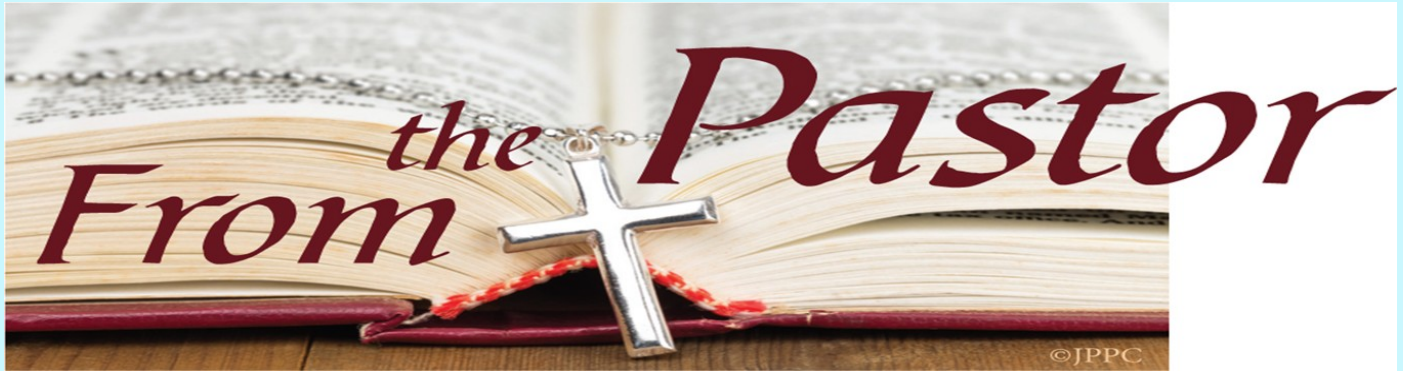
First time parents and godparents are required to attend a Baptism Preparation Session which is held on the 1st Monday of the month at 7:00 PM. Please call the Parish Office for more information.

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.



A few years ago, a man came to the rectory first thing in the morning. He said he lived a couple streets over and had fallen on hard times and needed some help. The pastor met with him, and a few minutes later the gentleman left with an envelope in hand, courtesy of the good people of the parish and their generous support of the poor box. As it turns out, I went that day to visit a friend for lunch at another parish around 40 minutes away. While I was there, the same man shows up at the rectory to ask the parish for some financial assistance? He told the same story: lived a couple streets over and fell on some hard times and needed some help. I guess he managed to move in the five hours since I saw him? Of course, in spinning his yarn, he conveniently left out the check he got from my parish. Suffice it to say, he didn't walk out of that rectory with an envelope, and he didn't seem too happy that he got caught in his lie.

But it gets better. A few months later, I'd been transferred. One morning, guess who comes knocking on the door? Yep. He must've moved again, because he yet again was living a few streets over from the church, and lo and behold, the exact same misfortune befell him. Amazing. I guess he spent his days going from church to church, telling stories to get free money. Getting caught certainly didn't stop him.

That same year, we had a family that would show up periodically and stand outside the church door with a sign saying they needed money for food and rent. Any time a priest or deacon approached them, they didn't want to talk or accept any information on programs that might help them meet their needs. All they wanted was for people to open their wallets and hand over cash.

The sad reality is that there are many people out there who need financial assistance. They are sincere, they are struggling, and they appreciate anything that can be done to help them. On the other hand, there are also a number of scam artists and swindlers out there, who prey on the good will of kind-hearted people. They're good at what they do, and they're good at trying to pressure you or make you feel guilty if you say no. They look for opportunities and easy targets—like a church full of people leaving Mass on a Sunday.

Obviously, I can't tell you what to do with your own money, but I do encourage you to be prudent, especially if someone approaches you here at the church. If that happens, don't feel obliged to open your wallet. You can always recommend they call the office, and I would suggest you also notify a priest, deacon, or staff member if you see someone asking for help on campus so we can assess and address the situation.

Here at the parish, we are fortunate to have an active Society of St. Vincent de Paul, to whom we refer anyone who comes to us asking for financial help. Your support of our monthly collections for the needy and your donations to the food pantry allow them to do their work. In turn, they practice good stewardship of your gifts by vetting those who are sent to them and providing help when it is warranted.

It is sad—actually, infuriating—that the liars and the cheats have made us so suspicious, but they are out there, and we don't want to fund their fraud if we can help it. Helping the poor is an essential aspect of our Christian life, and we all have an obligation to do so. Let's just be careful that we're actually helping those who really need it.

Fr. Kiernan



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| MONDAY | FEBRUARY 14 |
| 8:30 AM | No Mass |
| TUESDAY | FEBRUARY 15 |
| 8:30 AM | Jean & Walt Christians |
| WEDNESDAY | FEBRUARY 16 |
| 8:30 AM | The Polec Family |
| THURSDAY | FEBRUARY 17 |
| 8:30 AM | Eleanor Hoban |
| FRIDAY | FEBRUARY 18 |
| 8:30 AM | Pauline, Anthony & William Fiscella |

NEXT WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS

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| SATURDAY | FEBRUARY 19 |
| 8:30 AM | Jeff Scolis |
| 4:30 PM | Gabriel DeFelice |
| SUNDAY | FEBRUARY 20 |
| 8:30 AM | People of Holy Cross |
| 11:00 AM | Angela M. Organek |

Lenten Program – “Forgiven”

Instead of “giving something up,” DO SOMETHING for Lent. Holy Cross Parish will offer a Lenten study of the *Sacrament of Reconciliation*, “Forgiven.” Re-imagine this beautiful Sacrament as a gift, not a burden. The study will be offered at 3 different times in the Holy Cross Parish Center:

Monday evenings (March 7, 14, 21) @ 7:00-8:30PM

Wednesday mornings (March 9, 16, 23) @ 9:15-10:45AM

Wednesday evenings (March 9, 16, 23) @ 7:00- 8:30PM

For more information, contact Pattie Stevens at pattiejstevens@comcast.net or 484.868.8571

For those who cannot attend in person, this series is also on FORMED. We will watch a video and have valuable group discussion afterward. All are welcome. Please join us!

SANTUARY LAMP



This week’s Sanctuary Lamp intention is for:

Church: The Pelosi Family

Chapel: Ray Lucas



Sunday Collection, February 6

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| Total Collection | \$8,897 |
| Electronic | \$2,928 |
| Basket & Main-Ins | \$5,969 |

Holy Cross will be participating in a parish-wide survey!

Holy Cross will be participating in a parish survey about discipleship conducted by the Catholic Leadership Institute! We need your help!

Please help us by participating in a 10-15 minute survey online. The survey can be accessed through an online link from **March 2 thru April 4, 2022** and will ask you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and enable you to provide feedback on our parish’s efforts to help you grow. All responses will be confidential and the parish will only receive information about the community as whole. We will share the link with you a bit closer to the launch of the survey.

We are trying to get the highest response rate possible. This information will be invaluable to **Father Kiernan** and our various ministries as we plan for the future and strive to be the best disciples we can be. We will receive the results this spring/summer at which time we will share what we have learned with the entire parish.

If you prefer a paper copy you may pick up a paper copy of the survey after daily and Sunday Masses. They will be located **in the Church side entrances**. Printable version of the survey is also available to at: [Insert Link to Download Paper Survey on Website]. To submit the completed paper survey, please drop off **at the Church Business Office**. To make special arrangements for getting a paper copy, please contact Terry Carey at 610-626-3321.

Thank you for helping with this important project!

Pray for the Sick of our Parish

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George Dickinson
Dawn Gibbons
Ryan Hearne
Carolyn Henderson
Steven Henderson
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Ken Kull
Mary Kull
Kendall Lambert
Joann Marks
Maryanne McCauley
Richard McCullough

Barbara McCusker
Larry McCusker
Francis Murray
Frances O'Callaghan
Carol O'Leary
Charlotte O'Leary
Paige O'Leary
Alexander Ott
Mary Rafferty
Ronnie Sidebottom
Joseph Sindoni
Adeline Sulpizio
Jean Super
Valerie Thompson
Helen Torelli
Amanda Trerotola

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!

Love is patient,
 kind, endearing, beautiful,
 hopeful, joyful, exciting and
 ultimately...given by God.

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The Corner

Brought to you by your Evangelization Team

Try listening to a Christian music station for inspiration; there are some great lyrics there!

"I'm just a nobody, trying to tell everybody,

All about somebody, who saved my soul.

Ever since You rescued me, You gave my heart a song to sing,

I'm living for the world to see, nobody but Jesus."

---from the song "Nobody" by Casting Crowns

14th Annual Man Up Philly

**Men's Spirituality Conference-March
19, 2022**

"COME BACK TO ME"

The men of our parish are invited to join Catholic Men from throughout the Archdiocese for the **14th Annual Man Up Philly Men's Conference on March 19th at Immaculata University**. Speakers include **Deacon Harold Sivers**, acclaimed speaker and author of **Behold the Man: A Catholic Vision of Male Spirituality**, **Pat Chambers**, former NCAA Head Basketball Coach, **Keith Nester**, a dynamic youth minister and author of **The Convert's Guide to Roman Catholicism**, and back by popular demand, **Mark Forrest**, internationally recognized Irish tenor, who will lead our **Eucharistic Adoration**. The **Sacrament of Reconciliation** will be available, and the Conference will conclude with **Mass** celebrated by our **Archbishop Most Reverend Archbishop Nelson Perez**.

For more information and to register go to the website:
www.manupphilly.com

FOOD PANTRY

Food Pantry Update

Business has been brisk and so has the weather at our little Food Pantry. We have received numerous donations from Marshalls, Wawa, and the Haverford Hawks Ice Hockey team. The generosity of these groups has helped in our efforts to feed our Most in Need Neighbors. How fortunate we are to live in such a wonderful and supportive community.

If you are able, we are in need of the following items including: oatmeal, rice, beans (dried or canned), mac & cheese, cereal, peanut butter, pasta sauce, canned meats, toilet paper and paper towels.

Just a reminder, if you know anyone in need of food in Delco, please remind them that our Pantry is open on Wednesdays from 3:30 to 5:30PM.

God Bless All of you for your prayers and generosity. Please know that you are very much appreciated.

Your Friends from the St. Vincent dePaul Holy Cross Food Pantry Team

Three Parish Book Club

The Three Parish Book Club's next meeting will take place on Wednesday, February 23, 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 610 328-2095 or joyvanberg@gmail.com.

February:

Let Nothing Disturb You by St. Teresa of Avila

March: Life Is Messy by Matthew Kelly

PRO-LIFE GROUP MEETING

Please join us for our monthly pro-life group meeting on Wednesday, February 16, from 7 to 8 PM at the Holy Cross Parish Center in Springfield. The Parish Center is located behind the school and is accessed from the parking lot. Your prayers and suggestions are most welcome.

Jesus, protect and save the unborn.

Home Care Needed - Home Care needed 4 or 5 nights per week for elderly woman. Please call 484-343-6610.

FORMED

What to Watch

You've probably already found a few favorite programs on FORMED, but as promised, here are some suggestions for what to watch in February! There are so many categories, we've chosen just a few to get you started. Enjoy!

For Kids: This is under the "Kids" banner; the entire "Brother Francis" series is fun, with catchy tunes and messages. A good episode to start with is "Let's Pray! A Lesson on Prayer."

For Teens: the "Real + True" banner; "Real + True (English)". 3 Seasons (or Units, as they call them), start with Unit 1.

For Families: "The Search" banner. 7 episodes, all are great. "Movie Night" banner: "St Bernadette of Lourdes", "The Adventures of Ocjee Nash", any of "The Bible Collection", which are each dedicated to a particular Book of the Bible

St. Francis Nursing Home Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to assist residents to daily Mass in the late morning and to devotions on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons at St. Francis Nursing Home in Darby. Volunteers must be fully vaccinated. If interested, please call Fr. John Gabin at 484-493-7173. If no answer, please leave a message.



Come keep me company in the chapel.
Any time between 9:00am and 7:00pm.
Monday ~ Friday
Love, Jesus

Mothers Home, a Delaware County shelter for homeless pregnant women and their infants, is soliciting applications for its Board of Directors. Mothers' Home is now 30 years young, and is the only local comprehensive shelter for pregnant women and babies, and is a magnificent comprehensive program providing shelter, instruction, and support for women and children 365 days per year. Interested individuals may contact Board Chair, Dennis McAndrews at dmcandrews@mcandrewslaw.com.



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<http://www.charitymania.com/give/YC02B> OR Mail/Drop off the form to the Church Office OR in person after Masses.



Holy Cross School Principal's Corner

We want to wish you a Happy Valentine's Day!

The students enjoyed Catholic Schools Week. We held our annual book fair and Special Persons' Day. Students were treated to ice cream and a dress down day for Student Appreciation Day. Items were collected for the Little Sisters of the Poor and cards were made for First Responders. The Home and School provided lunch for the faculty and staff on Friday for Teacher Appreciation Day.

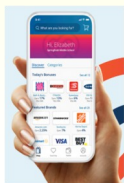
If you are interested in the Pre-K 3, Pre-K 4 and K, you have to register early. Those grades fill up quickly. We will be happy to accept your registration for all other grades as well. Registration is taking place now. Come take a look at your parish school. Our school has been named a School of Distinguished Instruction 2019 and 2021. This is based on the results of the Terra Nova Standardized tests. The children did not take the test in 2020 due to COVID. Our teachers work very hard to instruct the students in a variety of ways. They are truly dedicated to our children.

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*IHM Conference Center
401 S. Bryn Mawr Avenue
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Spirituality Day: Celtic Spirituality Tuesday, March 1, 2022

9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Presenter: Sister Megan Brown, RSM

Stipend: \$20 (includes refreshment break only)

The Celtic world view is filled with imagination, poetry and storytelling. The Christian Celtic world view sees the mystery of God in everyday life. Our time together will explore some characteristics of Celtic spirituality. The rhythm of the morning will include prayer, input and sharing.

Conference Day: "God's Power in Forgiveness" Tuesday, March 8, 2022

9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Presenter: Sister Beth Woodward, IHM

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

Today, more than ever, forgiveness is needed in our world. What is forgiveness? How does one forgive? What are obstacles to forgiveness? These questions will be explored on this conference day. In addition, modern day examples of people who have shown forgiveness will be presented, reflecting the power of God in such actions.

To register call 610-581-0120 or email ihmconferencecenter@gmail.com



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