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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.

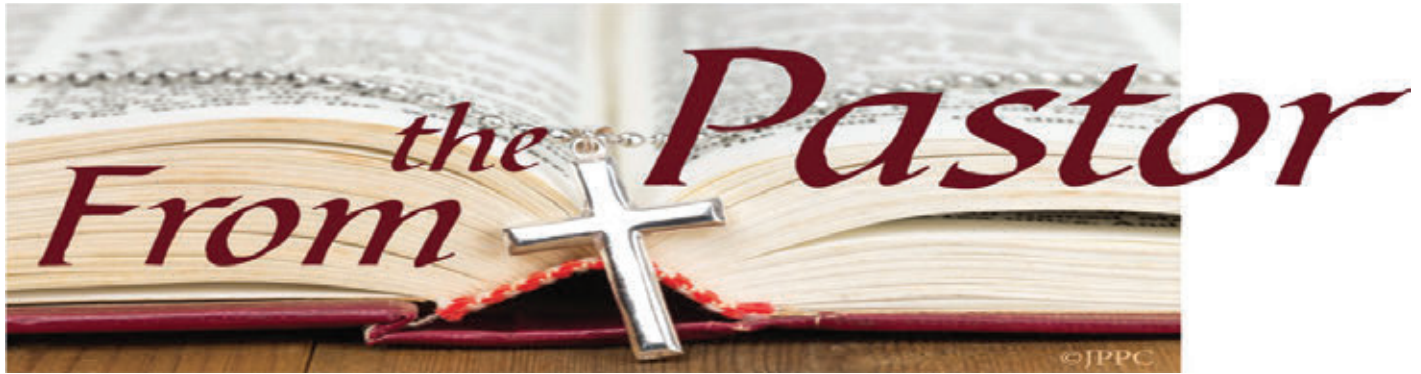
First time parents and godparents are required to attend a Baptism Preparation Session which is held on the 1st Monday of the month at 7:00 PM. Please call the Parish Office for more information.

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.



It was a number of years ago now that I was in Germany on Ash Wednesday. Ordinarily, I would be working at home, but I managed to get some coverage and time off. As I was preparing for Mass, I asked the sacristan, who was my good friend besides, to mix some water into the ashes in order to moisten them. “You want me to pour *water* into the ashes,” he asked. “Yes,” I said, “in order to moisten them.” He gave me a strange look, but didn’t question me any further, since priests are supposed to know what they’re doing, especially on Ash Wednesday. Distributing ashes that day, I got more strange looks from the faithful that came to Mass. Afterwards, my buddy simply couldn’t help but question why I had placed somewhat sticky, wet ashes on people’s foreheads creating a little bit of a mess in the process – both literally and figuratively as some parishioners questioned what the heck I was doing. After a bit of confused conversation, we realized that there was more than one custom for the distribution of ashes and it was the American custom that was the exception. Most of the world receives dry ashes placed upon the crown of the head on Ash Wednesday. How our American custom started, I have no idea. My friend and I had a good laugh over the whole event and we both learned something new. I tell this story, because this Wednesday is Ash Wednesday and the beginning of our Lenten Season. It is also almost a year since our whole COVID drama began – and, unfortunately, the drama continues. As I write this, the upper grades of our school are in quarantine per the health and safety guidelines when a case of the virus is reported. Also, I was just informed that the archdiocesan priest convocation is cancelled once again due to limitations on the size of gatherings. I am not even certain that I would have been able to attend anyway, since parish help is hard to find. I sure miss Father Furey. On Ash Wednesday, there will be Mass with the distribution of ashes at 8:30 am and Deacon Tom will lead a Prayer Service with the distribution of ashes at 7:00 pm. The guidelines from the Archdiocese offered several options, but I decided that the “old world” custom would work best, meaning that a bit of dry ashes will simply be placed on the crown of the head. This avoids the touching of each individual’s forehead and the need for hand sanitizing in between, which would not be practical. Also, as we begin Lent, we recall that the Stations of the Cross have been a traditional devotion. Although individuals can always pray the Stations on their own (either at home or in church before/after Mass), I thought that it would be prudent to offer virtual Stations of the Cross, since devotional booklets ordinarily used in communal celebrations cannot be distributed. Our Virtual Stations will be available on the parish website. Finally, as we begin Lent, it is of note that there will be a very slight change in words of Mass regarding the concluding doxology of the Collects. The official English translation of the *Roman Missal* has been revised. “This change to the concluding doxology of orations is to be implemented on Ash Wednesday, February 17, 2021. The words ‘one God, for ever and ever’ are simply replaced with ‘God, for ever and ever.’” Although this change seems very slight, it has to do with rendering an accurate English translation of the Latin and “the importance of affirming this Christological truth amid the religious pluralism of today’s world.” I think that I have to ponder this point just a little bit more myself. Well, now I have all of Lent to do so – as do you! Have a good Lent!

Peace!

Fr. Wilson

Masses For The Week



MONDAY **FEBRUARY 15**
8:30 AM Walt & Jean Christians

TUESDAY **FEBRUARY 16**
8:30 AM Tom Bunting

WEDNESDAY **FEBRUARY 17**
8:30 AM Rev. Thomas Furey

THURSDAY **FEBRUARY 18**
8:30 AM No Mass

Friday—Public Mass suspended during the green phase. Mass available online.

FRIDAY **FEBRUARY 19**
12:15 PM Pauline, Anthony & William Fiscella

NEXT WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY **FEBRUARY 20**
8:30 AM Mary Ann Purcell
4:30 PM Donald & Veronica Reaves
SUNDAY **FEBRUARY 21**
8:30 AM Gottlob & Emilie Rudolph
11:00 AM People of Holy Cross



Wednesday, February 17, 2021, is Ash Wednesday. Ashes will be distributed during the 8:30 AM Mass and during a 7:00 PM Prayer Service with Deacon Tom Taylor. Due to COVID-19, ashes will be distributed by sprinkling on the head.



Sunday Collection, February 7

<i>Total Collection</i>	\$7,797
<i>Electronic</i>	\$2,980
<i>Basket and Mail-ins</i>	\$4,817



Fast and Abstinence and Other Acts of Penance for Lent 2021

The Bishops of the United States prescribe, as minimal obligation, that all persons who are fourteen years of age and older are bound to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday, February 17, 2021, on all the Fridays of Lent and Good Friday (with the exception of Friday, March 19, The Solemnity of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary). Further, all persons eighteen years of age and older, up to and including their fifty-ninth birthday, are bound to fast by limiting themselves to a single full meal on Ash Wednesday and on Good Friday, while the other two meals on those days are to be light. All the faithful are encouraged, when possible, to participate at Mass and to receive the Holy Eucharist daily, to celebrate frequently the Sacrament of Penance, to undertake spiritual reading, especially the study of the Sacred Scriptures, and to participate in parish Lenten devotions as well as Lenten education programs. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is especially recommended.



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Carole Kime
Mary and Ken Kull
Kendall Lambert
Rose Leto

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Helen Lyons
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Lucy Mashura, S.F.O.
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Lee Anne McGough
Dan Murphy
Connie Myers
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Paige O'Leary
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The Corner

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On this feast of St. Valentine, it's appropriate to read this section of St. Paul's letter to the Corinthians:

"Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, it is not pompous, it is not inflated, it is not rude, it does not seek its own interest, it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury, it does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails...."

---1 Corinthians 13:4-8

Catholic Charities Appeal



The 2021 Catholic Charities Appeal has begun. Please join us in supporting the Appeal as it continues to impact those in need all over the Greater Philadelphia area. Visit catholiccharitiesappeal.org to make your donation today!

2020 Tax Contribution Statements

If you would like a tax contribution statement for 2020, please email the office at contact-us@holycrosscatholics.org or call the Business Office at 610-626-3321. Thank you for your continued generosity, especially during this past year.

FOOD PANTRY

The Food Pantry continues to provide food and supplies to our most in need using a drive-thru behind our school every Wednesday from 3:30 to 6. If you know anyone in need of food in Delco, please share this info.

Our client volume is still high and thanks to all of you, we are able to meet their needs.

Our Knights of Columbus did a "Souper Bowl" collection, which helped fill our shelves and the Clifton Heights Acme is providing their "Feed Our Community" Super Bowl collection exclusively to our pantry.

If you are able, we are in need of pasta sauce, peanut butter, cereal, oatmeal, beans, canned fruit, paper towels and toilet paper. You can either leave your donations in the church or drop off in the silver trash cans (please ensure the lids are on tight after you fill them) outside the pantry.

Please stay warm and safe and Thank You for all your prayers and support.

God Bless all of you,
Your Friends from the SVDP Food Pantry



Three Parish Book Club

The Three parish Book Club's next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 24, at 7:00 PM, via Zoom. Members will discuss The Hiding Place by Corrie Ten Boom. You need not have read the book in order to join in the meeting. For more information, please contact Joy Van Berg at 610-632-2095 or joyvanberg@gmail.com

March: The Truth About Saint Joseph by Fr. Maurice Meschler S.J.

April: The Power of Silence by Robert Cardinal Sarah

Holy Cross Development Fundraiser

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The Development Committee is running an exciting sweepstakes based on college basketball! Each card contains 8 random teams, seeded #1 thru #8, in college basketball's championship tournament. The teams for each seed # are announced a week before the tournament begins. To play, simply add up the points your teams score throughout the entire tournament. The scores are tracked automatically and you will be notified if you win! Prizes range from \$30 to \$1,000. Tickets will be sold after Masses. Each ticket is \$20.00.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT DELAWARE COUNTY PREGNANCY CENTER

Delaware County Pregnancy Center, located at 2508 Edgemont Ave. in Chester, is in need of volunteers, especially advocates to counsel and minister to our clients, ultrasound technicians, nurses and doctors. Through their services, DCPC offers hope and life to women and families with unplanned pregnancies free of charge. If you can help at any time, please contact Destiny Diggs, Exec. Director, for further details by email at ddiggs@dcpcchester.org or by phone at 610-872-2229. The Center is open Tuesday through Thursday, 10 AM to 4 PM. For more information about DCPC, see dcpcchester.org.

MAN UP PHILLY

2021 VIRTUAL CONFERENCE

Saturday, March 6, 2021

Man Up Philly 2021 invites the men of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia to the 13th Annual Men's Spirituality Conference. The Man Up Philly volunteer team has made the decision to change the format to a Virtual Event out of an abundance of caution given the COVID-19 status. The virtual conference will be available via a webcast and tickets will be available for a reduced cost of \$10. All men - fathers, sons, brothers, friends—are encouraged to join for an inspiring day of faith and fellowship. Become the man God is calling you to be! Rediscover the power and meaning of your faith! For more information and to register, visit MANUPPHILLY.COM

"Everything You Wanted to Know About the Sacraments but Were Afraid to Ask!" (Part 2)

Tuesdays, Feb. 23, March 2, 9, 16 and 23

7:00 to 8:30 PM via Zoom.

Please join St. Augustine Parish as we host five virtual discussions during LENT on the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Anointing of the Sick, Matrimony & Holy Orders. Why confession? Can't I just tell God I'm sorry? Why are Last Rites now called Anointing of the Sick? We will discuss and answer these and other questions you may have.

2/23 Reconciliation—Most Rev. Nelson J. Perez, D.D.

3/2 Anointing of the Sick—Rev. Zachary Navit, JD, MA, MDiv

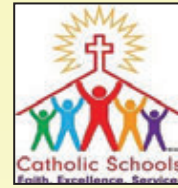
3/9 Matrimony—Deacon Mike and Cathy Kubiak

3/16 Holy Orders—Rev. Don Reilly, OSA, MA, MDiv

3/23 "How Does It All Come Together" - Rev. Msgr. Michael Magee, STD, SLL, MA, MDiv

For details, visit www.st-augustinechurch.com

Principal's Corner



We are currently taking registrations for the 2021-2022 school year. If you have a child(ren) who are ready to come to school, please consider your parish school. Our grades consist of Pre-K3 to 8th grade.

Our students learn in an environment where Jesus is the reason we exist. In addition to spiritual development, we provide a challenging curriculum along with social and emotional growth.

We have a dedicated faculty who have been able to provide in-person instruction as well as virtual instruction. Students are taught in a loving and caring environment.

We recently added more Chromebooks to our current number, so at some point soon, the students will be one-on-one. We have added more access points to enhance the Internet. We continue to upgrade or update our school to enhance student learning.

If you have any questions, please call Mrs. Spurrier in the school office at 610-626-1709. We would love to provide you with the information you need to make an informed decision.





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