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FEBRUARY 2, 2020 • THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

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Mrs. Judy Vacca Pastoral Minister
Dr. Mary Rose Worriow..... Principal
Mrs. Kelly Meliti Director of Religious Education
Mr. Timothy Reilly Music Director

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

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 the Parish office or Mrs. Judy Vacca, Pastoral Minister, when a parishioner is hospitalized or home bound.



It was a rather jarring phone call from his father. He called simply to ask for prayers for his son of just fifteen. I had just seen the boy at Mass over the weekend. All had been fine. Life usually is at fifteen. Vince was a freshman in high school and still yet an altar server as he had been throughout grade school, always present for special events at church. Vince was also a young man imbued with faith. Overall, he did well with his studies. It was in the locker room following swim team practice that teammates recognized that he needed help. Something wasn't right. Speech was slurred and movement became difficult. An ambulance was called as were his parents. I arrived at CHOP, parked the car, and made my way through the hospital labyrinth to his room. There were a couple of high school buddies present and his mother seated over in the corner. Vince himself, was propped up slightly in the hospital bed. I said, "Hey!" and greeted his mother first. She smiled saying, "Oh, Father !" as she thanked me for my unannounced coming. Then, she began to cry. Stand back, everyone! The Grim Reaper had arrived! I hope that she was just emotional for her son and I know for certain that she was happy that I had come to visit. Vince was not in any mortal danger. The stroke, so unusual for a teen, had had minimal effect and, to this day, it remains unexplained, but it did warrant my going to visit him at the hospital. Vince explained to me what had happened as best that he could recall. He explained to me that weird tingling sensation that he had had followed by numbness down one side of his body. He still did not have full use of his arm, but mobility and feeling were returning. He had youth on his side. This was all good news. I said that on hearing about what had happened from his dad, that I simply had to come visit and that I would like to anoint him, if that was okay. Both he and his mother assured me that it was. This was not a time of reaping grimly, but sowing happily and harvesting just a little fruit besides. It was an emotional anointing. This Sacrament is so often mistakenly connected with death, but today, it would be Life that literally oozed forth. Friends watched captivated by the mystery of the moment, while mom continued to cry. The Sacred Oil was inexplicably especially "oily" that day. Touching his forehead while making the Sign of the Cross with my thumb, the Oil ran down Vince's forehead, a bit on his nose, and then down his cheek. It looked like now, that he too, had tears from crying while I had to hold back my own. His hands, likewise, became rather slathered and shimmery covered in the holy hand cream that was this Holy Oil. I apologized for the "mess," but there was no need. Vince was soaking in that soothing balm in more ways than one. So was everyone else. I left that room dripping with Oil and immersed in an experience unlike any other. Vince would later begin to discern a call and religious vocation. The truth be told, it has not been easy for him. There have been many ups and downs, but he is still discerning. I can readily identify with him. I've been there. Paralyzed and provoked, still it seems, unable to move. I pray for him yet every day and now, maybe your prayers will help him as well. It seems to me that it all goes back, perhaps, to that day of anointing in that hospital bed, a day which both he and I will never forget. Priests do many different things, but the work of the Sacraments, I believe, is the greatest. Pray for vocations and pray for priests. Pray that a New Life of Faith might miraculously ooze forth for us all!

Peace!
Fr. Wilson



MONDAY	FEBRUARY 3
8:30 AM	JOSEPH GUY
TUESDAY	FEBRUARY 4
8:30 AM	EDWARD H. RYAN
WEDNESDAY	FEBRUARY 5
8:30 AM	ANNUNZIO SINDONI
THURSDAY	FEBRUARY 6
	NO MASS
FRIDAY	FEBRUARY 7
12:15 PM	CATHERINE MC AVINUE
SATURDAY	FEBRUARY 8
8:30 AM	CASSIDY FAMILY
NEXT WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS	
SATURDAY	FEBRUARY 8
4:30 PM	LIVING & DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE GALLAGHER FAMILY
SUNDAY	FEBRUARY 9
8:30 AM	PEOPLE OF HOLY CROSS
11:00 AM	LIVING AND DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE CASCIANO FAMILY

The Corner

Brought to you by your Evangelization Team

"Then call on Me on the day of distress; I will rescue you, and you shall honor Me." (Psalm 50:15)

We think of God's mercy in a personal way — that He is merciful to us flawed human believers — but His mercy shines brightly each time He asks His people to spread the good news. With each new believer, God's love multiplies.



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The Holy Cross Knights of Columbus will be hosting their Annual Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, February 15, in the Parish Hall following the 4:30 PM Mass. Prices for tickets are \$10 for Adults and \$5 for Children. This is a BYOB event. Tickets will be sold after the Masses this weekend and February 8 and 9. You can also get tickets from any of the Knights before the event. An added bonus! Our Parish Social Committee will again be hosting a "Trivia Night" immediately following the dinner in the Parish Hall. Please tick around after the dinner to match your wits with your fellow parishioners and guests!





2020-2021 School Registration Information!!!

REGISTRATION FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR BEGAN ON JANUARY 26, 2020 FOR NEW STUDENTS IN ALL GRADES . PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION. WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE YOU JOIN OUR HOLY CROSS FAMILY!

REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION:

*Birth Certificate * Baptismal Certificate
 *Full Immunization record given to school prior to
Sept. 1, 2020. Children will not be admitted to school without immunization records. * Social Security Card
 * **A non-refundable registration fee of \$100 for one child and \$150 for two or more children** * Kindergarten students must be 5 years old by **Sept. 1, 2020** * Pre-K 4 students must be 4 years old by **Sept.1, 2020** *Pre-K 3 students must be 3 years old and potty trained by **Sept. 1, 2020**

Thank You

SUNDAY COLLECTION	JANUARY 19
AMOUNT RECEIVED	\$7,334

SUNDAY COLLECTION	JANUARY 26
AMOUNT RECEIVED	\$9,687

Catholic Schools Week *Learn, Serve, Lead, Succeed.*

Dear Parishioners,

As we conclude Catholic Schools Week, we continue to embrace the theme: To Learn, Serve, Lead and Succeed.

The Home and School Association has begun its next fundraiser, Gertrude Hawke candies. If you would like to purchase anything from the brochure, there will be some brochures in the church vestibules. You can drop your order off at school and we will get it to the right person.

As you may know from my previous news, we are in need of a new PA system. The system that we want to get consists of telephones in every classroom. The announcements come through on the telephone. At this time, teachers cannot reach the office with the system we currently have, but with this new one, they will be able to. The new PA would also provide a layer of security to our school.

Have a great week! God bless you!

Dr. Worrilow

Support Holy Cross Church and School Development Fundraiser

* Each Calendar has a 4-Digit Number * Each Calendar costs \$50 * Each Day (366) has a Cash Prize

Daily — \$25

Weekends — \$50

Holidays — \$100

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. Prize winnings will be distributed weekly to all winners. Checks will be mailed to name and address that is registered for that calendar. For questions, contact: hcdevelopmentfund@gmail.com

**It's almost here!!
FOLLOWING CHRIST**

Starts on February 20

Hello to all of our Discovering Christ participants. We want to remind you that the second part of our journey, Following Christ, is starting soon.

Here are some reminders:

* Sessions are held at Holy Cross Parish, again in the Parish Center where we held Discovering Christ. We are meeting on the second floor and there is elevator access. Refreshments will be provided.

* There is no dinner for this series, but snacks and refreshments will be provided.

* Doors open at 6:15 PM. Come early to meet your fellow participants.

* Sessions start promptly at 6:45 PM each evening, and end promptly by 8:45 PM.

*** If you have already said YES to our email invitation, thank you! The easiest way to register is to send your YES to: discoveringchristinspringfield@gmail.com and you can also text your name to 484-868-8571. Pray for God's blessings on all who attend.

The Discovering Christ Team

Catholic Charities Appeal

Catholic Charities Appeal Night with the Philadelphia 76ers!

Thursday, February 20, 2020

8:00 PM

Philadelphia 76ers vs. Brooklyn Nets

The Wells Fargo Center

3601 South Broad Street

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Plan a night out with family and friends and head down to the Wells Fargo Center for CCA Night with the Sixers. Enjoy a great night while benefitting CCA, the Archdiocese of Philadelphia's largest annual fundraising initiative.

A portion of the proceeds of all tickets sold through this dedicated link: <https://evo.me/cc76> will directly benefit CCA programs which provide support to those experiencing homelessness, special needs students, food cupboards, after school programs and so much more.

If 150 tickets are sold, Mr. James Amato, Secretary for Catholic Human Services, will receive on-court recognition.



HOLY CROSS DEVELOPMENT FUNDRAISER

AN EXCITING SWEEPSTAKES BASED ON COLLEGE BASKETBALL!

How the sweepstakes works:

- ⇒ **Each card contains 8 random teams, seeded #1 through #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**
- ⇒ **If your total score is in the top 70 you win a prize!**
- ⇒ **The 5 lowest scoring cards also win, which means 75 total prizes are awarded at the end of the tournament**
- ⇒ **Questions contact: hcdevelopmentfund@gmail.com**

Ticket Cost—\$20.

KICK-OFF WEEKEND

This weekend marks the kick-off of the 2020 Catholic Charities Appeal. 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.

Archdiocese of Philadelphia
Office of the Archbishop
222 North 17th Street
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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

At this time of year we're asked to remember the priests who have offered their lives in the service to the Church in Philadelphia. Through their pastoral service and sacramental ministry, our priests have mediated Christ's presence to us and our world. In parish communities, schools, and institutions, they've served so that we might experience the enduring kindness of our God.

Many retired priests continue to help parishes with their pastoral ministry. Others, due to advanced age and declining health, have had to withdraw from active ministry. Many of our retired priests reside at Villa Saint Joseph, Darby and Regina Coeli, Warminster, where they continue to carry a message of hope to others by their lives of prayer and sacrifice. These priests now need care themselves. Your financial support is urgently requested at this time of their life.

The annual Collection for the Care of the Aging and Infirm Priests of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia will be taken in all parishes on the weekend of February 15-16, 2020. This annual collection is an opportunity for the faithful to express their gratitude for the many blessings received through the lives of these good priests.

Your kindness will be remembered daily in my prayers. May God bless you and your loved ones for your generous response to this annual appeal.

Gratefully and with continued prayers for you,

Most Reverend Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap.
Archbishop of Philadelphia

Catholic Charities Appeal Giving Hope to All

Beneficiaries

Gifts made to the Catholic Charities Appeal will provide necessary support to tens of thousands of people. These individuals are served by a myriad of organizations, programs and ministries throughout the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. The beneficiaries of the Catholic Charities Appeal are grouped into five key areas:

- *Education
- *Social Services
- *Evangelization, Parish and Spiritual Life
- *Clergy * Local Mission Activities

For more information about any of the ways you can support the 2020 Catholic Charities Appeal, please call The Catholic Foundation of Greater Philadelphia at 215-587-5650 or email "cca@catholicfoundationphila.org."

Food Pantry Update

Our Knights of Columbus team had a food drive "Super Bowl Saturday" and our Food Pantry was the grateful recipient of this Awesome effort. As a result, there is no church food collection next weekend.

If you know anyone in need of food in Delco, please let them know that our Food Pantry is open on Wednesdays from 3:30 to 6:00 PM.

Also, we just wanted to let you know that the SVDP Society is now 175 years old with helping the poor and most in need throughout the world. As for Holy Cross, we have been in operation for almost 10 years. Please keep our members in your prayers as we serve our community. If you are interest in joining our team, please reach out to the Business Office 610-626-3321.

God bless you for ALL you do for our most in need. It takes a village to complete this work.

Sincerely,



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