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FEBRUARY 21, 2021 • FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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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.

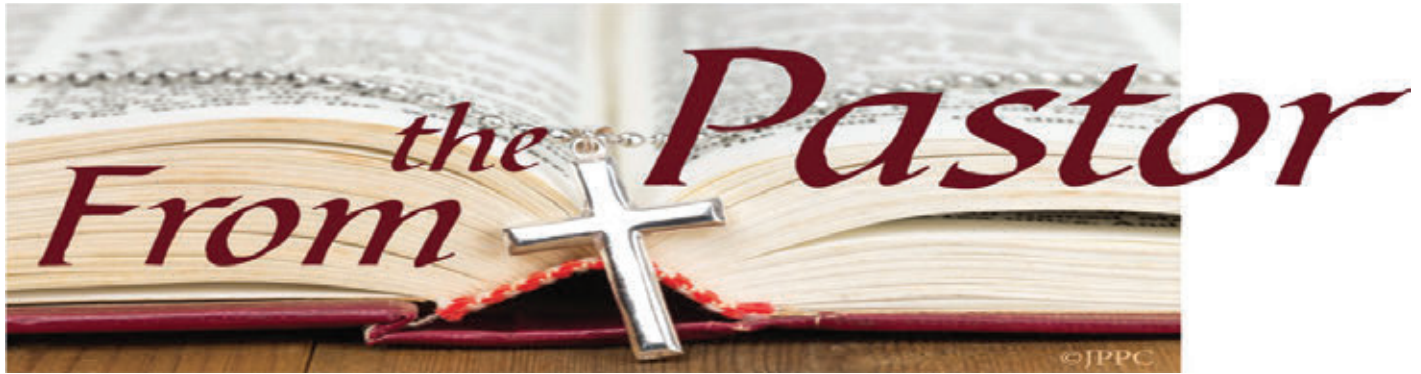
First time parents and godparents are required to attend a Baptism Preparation Session which is held on the 1st Monday of the month at 7:00 PM. Please call the Parish Office for more information.

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.



And so we begin our Lenten Journey of forty days. The number forty is so symbolic. There were the Chosen People wandering for forty years in the desert. There was the temptation of Our Lord for forty days and forty nights in the desert wilderness. Then, there was my fortieth birthday when I was amusingly given black balloons and declared officially “over-the-hill!” (In my naiveté, at first, I thought that those balloons had to do with the fact that I wore priestly black clerics! “No, Father! You’re just old!”) Birthdays aside, forty is a special number and, scripturally speaking, forty is a sacred number. Today, I heard the number forty mentioned in Sacred Scripture once again. The context was the story of Noah and the Ark, which also speaks to our annual Lenten Journey as well. Noah was the just man and would lay the foundation of a whole new world. It is a story of creation, re-creation, Covenant, and promise. The Flood Story is one of hope for those who survive the perilous waters. For me, the story of Noah

takes me back to my childhood and my *Children’s Bible* (which I still have) from *Golden Press*. I remember my parents reading to me and I remember the pictures: old Noah (he had to have been at least forty) and all those animals being herded into the Ark. As a kid, I wanted to be Noah, zookeeper extraordinaire. I would wonder what it must have been like. On the one hand, there were all those exotic animals (cool!) and, on the other, there were all those friends and neighbors that thought Noah was nuts (not so cool!). My childhood fixation with Noah became cemented at bit later because of *Arco*. Remember *Arco*? Now, I am really showing my age. The *Atlantic Richfield Company* had a promotion at their gas stations back in the seventies. The promotion had to do with Noah and there was an *Arco Station* right around the corner from our house where my father would regularly gas up. The company would be giving out a miniature Noah’s Ark and little figurines of Noah, Mrs. Noah, and all of the animals to go with it. “Collect them all!” All that was required was a fill-up. “Dad, don’t forget to get gas!” I was ever so conscientious as a little guy – just like Noah. I remember missing the zebras or gators or some other animal and making my father go into the station office to talk with the manager. Eventually, I wound up with a complete set, ready to set sail and ride out the Flood! I also remember using that Ark later in grade school for a project. The Ark would be re-fashioned into a canal boat of the 1800s. Much, much later, I would learn of an Ark’s being built, literally, to biblical proportions in the State of Kentucky. It would serve as a museum with the purpose of evangelization. Although I was never there, I do know some folks that were and they were fascinated by the exhibit. If I’m ever in Williamstown, KY, I’ll be sure to visit. The word “ark” has to do with protection and safety. In his Ark, Noah, his family, and all the animals survived the Great Flood and having survived, they would re-populate the earth and re-create it fulfilling God’s Covenantal Promise in the process. As we begin our Lenten Journey, you and I are called to be the Noahs of our day: faithful, righteous, and surviving in order to re-populate and re-create a world gone wicked and wild. In so many ways, it is a matter of returning to our childhood; re-turning to our innocence, and thanking God that he has chosen us for such a promotion, though it’s not a matter of selling gas, but “selling” God. Make sure that you get a complete set this Lent!

Peace!

Fr. Wilson





MONDAY **FEBRUARY 22**
8:30 AM **Peter Cellucci (living)**

TUESDAY **FEBRUARY 23**

8:30 AM **Edward O'Reilly**

WEDNESDAY **FEBRUARY 24**

8:30 AM **Larry & Kay Garvey**

THURSDAY **FEBRUARY 25**

8:30 AM **No Mass**

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

FRIDAY **FEBRUARY 26**

12:15 PM **Rita Creato, Kathryn Gregorio, and Anne Creato**

NEXT WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY **FEBRUARY 27**

8:30 AM **Jack & Maureen Egan**

4:30 PM **Geraldine M. Marcone**

SUNDAY **FEBRUARY 28**

8:30 AM **People of Holy Cross**

11:00 AM **Deceased members of the Mattia & Panetta Families**



Sunday Collection, February 14

Total Collection **\$4,737**

Electronic **\$2,690**

Basket and Mail-ins **\$2,047**



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.

Second Collection

Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa

The second collection for the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa will be held the weekend of February 27-28. Africa faces the economic and social hurdles of enormous debt, epidemics, severe poverty and political unrest. Your support assists in the delivery of basic pastoral care which includes religious education, seminary formation, youth ministry and pastoral care for the sick. Thank you for your generosity.



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Under the new tax law, those taking Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs) can get a tax break giving to Holy Cross. For more information, contact the Business Office at 610-626-3321.



Visit with Jesus in our
Adoration Chapel

9:00 AM—7:00 PM Monday thru Friday

If you need info, call

Ronnie 610-623-8412 or Office 610-626-3321

The Corner

Brought to you by your Evangelization Team

As we prepare our hearts for Lent, let's ask Jesus to help us seek reconciliation in our lives, not just with family members and acquaintances, but most of all with God our Father. And we have the Sacrament of Reconciliation to help restore us through His mercy.

"Jesus, grant me the grace I need to seek reconciliation and healing in all my relationships."

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 catholiccharities-appeal.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 6:00. 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



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.

Holy Cross Development Fundraiser

HOOPS MANIA



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.



Cardinal O'Hara High School

7th Grade Practice Scholarship Exam!

When: Saturday, March 6

Time: 8:30 AM—11:30 AM

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Contact: admissions@cohhs.com or 610-544-3800

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

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.

Holy Cross Students Excel at Msgr. Bonner Archbishop Prendergast High School

Our parish recently received notification of the performance of our high school students for the 2nd quarter of the 2020-2021 school year. We are particularly proud of those students who have demonstrated academic excellence.

The following students received first honors:

Zachary Maiorano, class of 2023

Joslyn Dilbeck, class of 2024

The following students received second honors:

Cassandra Henderson, class of 2021

Alyssa Gannon, class of 2022





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