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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

#### 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.

# G O D K N O W S

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exactly what you need.* ©JPPC

WWJD? Last Sunday, the President took a lap around Daytona before the world famous race. Some say that it was perhaps too political. Maybe. Was it cool? Definitely! Would you pass up an opportunity to take a lap around the famed Daytona 500 Speedway in a big, black armored vehicle nicknamed “the Beast?” I’d hop in just to take it across the street to gas up at the Sunoco—using the Presidential credit card, of course! This gets us back to WWJD. **What Would Jesus Do** in a given situation is certainly a question worth pondering and answering, but for us today as well, we might consider this: **What would Jesus Drive?** The marketing professionals of the automobile industry know that cars often reflect their owners’ personalities and so, they market and advertise accordingly. The 2020 Lockheed F-35Fighter Jet and the 2020 Ford F-150 Raptor Supercab Truck sound remarkably similar. It likely won’t be grandmom purchasing such a truck in order to run to church and the supermarket. Grandpa on the other hand... Minivans will speak to soccer moms and dads. LEV’s appeal to those trying to save the planet and the SUV has become the all-purpose vehicle and station wagon of the 21st Century. It is to the middle class what “the Beast” is to presidents. So, what would Jesus drive? Although we might like to place Our Dear Lord in an impressive, well appointed, luxury limousine, it certainly wouldn’t seem becoming for Him to be riding around in a 1.5 million dollar armored behemoth nicknamed, of all things, “the Beast.” To me, Jesus seems like He would be more of a Fiat 500 type of guy, though I’m not sure of the color. Resurrection white, perhaps? There is just one problem. What about the boys—all twelve of them? Jesus would need a very practical vehicle for the whole gang. It would have to be one for rough terrain able to deal readily with a few bumps and scratches. I figure that Jesus and the Twelve would be tooling around in a slightly used airport shuttle van donated by one Joseph of Arimathea, who, in fact, worked for a time in ground transportation at PHL. He even lived in Delco at the time, I understand. Anyway, the Lord was ever grateful for the donation, but the van, nicknamed of all things, “the Beast,” died somewhere between the shores of Galilee and Nazareth Speedway where they had been invited to take a ceremonial lap on race day. Left on the side of the road, whereabouts unknown, word had it that Tibetan traders later found it, stripped it for parts, and scrapped the rest outside the Walls of Jerusalem near Calvary Hill and “the Beast” was forever buried where would stand the Holy Cross. The Lord and the Twelve from that point on simply hoofed it around the Promised Land not driving in a vehicle, but being one from that point on simply hoofed it around the Promised Land not driving in a vehicle, but being one causing others to be driven to Jerusalem—and beyond. So then, *What Would Jesus Drive?* Why, you and me, of course—and a little humor besides!

Peace!  
Fr, Wilson

*Congratulations*

*Archbishop Nelson J. Perez  
10th Archbishop of Philadelphia*

## Masses For The Week



<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 24</b>
8:30 AM	LARRY & KAY GARVEY
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 25</b>
8:30 AM	DOLORES DI PROSPERO
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 26</b> <b><u>ASH WEDNESDAY</u></b>
8:30 AM	MARIO & PHILOMENA ZULLI
7:00 PM	RITA CREATO, KATHRYN GREGORIO & ANNE CREATO
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 27</b>  <b>NO MASS</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 28</b>
12:15 PM	ANTHONY TORELLI
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 29</b>
8:30 AM	DOMINIC DUPLA
<b>NEXT WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS</b>	
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 29</b>
4:30 PM	PAUL E. MARKIEWICZ
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>MARCH 1</b>
8:30 AM	MAREN KANIEWSKI
11:00 AM	PEOPLE OF HOLY CROSS



*The next drop-off is Wednesday, February 26 (Ash Wednesday) between 6:00 and 7:00 PM at the Parish Hall Annex. Anyone wishing to join us can go to [saintjohnshospice.org](http://saintjohnshospice.org) for recipes, or just make a cas-*

*serole that you like. Please mark the casserole with the date prepared. Call Connie Labowitz at 610-328-0599 with any questions. Thank you!*



## Ashes To The Homebound

*All Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist who can take ashes to their homebound, please pick up the prayer and packet of ashes anytime on Wednesday, February 26, outside the sacristy. Anyone who is not an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist and would like to take ashes to someone who is sick/homebound/or institutionalized may also pick up the ashes outside the sacristy on the 26th. Thank you.*



Lyndi Butler	Joanne Marks
Margaret Cook	Barbara McCusker
Stephen Collins	Lee Anne McGough
Samuel Dephillippo	Thomas Miller
Sharon Diemer	Dan Murphy
Kathleen Dixon	Connie Myers
Janet Doherty	Frances O'Callaghan
Lillian Donahue	Charlotte O'Leary
Janet Doherty	Paige O'Leary
Lillian Donahue	Laura Palermo
Mary Ann Farrell	Francis Romano
Nicola Giorgio	Ted Rudolph
Donna Giorgio	Jim Sandusky
Carolyn Henderson	Rose Marie Santos
Steven Henderson	Michael Sargent III
Stefanos Karas	Joseph Sindoni
Carole Kime	Adeline Sulpizio
Mary and Ken Kull	George Vrettos
Kendall Lambert	Lily Walker
Rose Leto	Nadia Waltanski
Patricia Lyons	Carter Walton
Helen Lyons	



## *The Corner*

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*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."*

*Ash Wednesday*

*February 26*

*Masses - 8:30 AM and 7:00 PM*

*Ashes will be distributed  
during Mass.*

### **FAST AND ABSTINENCE AND OTHER ACTS OF PENANCE FOR LENT**

**Ash Wednesday—February 26**

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, and on all Fridays of Lent and Good Friday. 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.

All are encouraged to participate in Operation Rice Bowl which has aided countless hungry persons here in the Archdiocese as well as throughout our nation and our world.



*Experience God's "Amazing Grace" is more powerful than anything we can imagine. Sign up today to hear men, women, and children share their personal stories about God's grace touching their lives. Join us daily on this journey of faith, and discover how you can experience God's "Amazing Grace." The series begins on Ash Wednesday, 2-26, and ends on Easter Sunday.*

*Sign up online: [www.VincentiansUSA.org/ParishLent](http://www.VincentiansUSA.org/ParishLent)*


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### 40 DAYS FOR LIFE PRAYER VIGIL

The 40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil begins on Ash Wednesday. We will be focusing our prayers on the Delaware County Women's Center located at the Crozer-Chester Medical Center. This facility provides medical abortions up to 10 weeks of pregnancy. We will be a prayerful presence there on the Fridays during Lent from 11:00 AM to 12 noon. Please join us to pray for an end to abortion, this killing of the innocent preborn. We will be carpooling from the parking lot behind St. Francis of Assisi Rectory every Friday during Lent at 10:15 AM.

If you cannot physically join us, please join us in prayer. For more information, please call Regina Scheerer at 610-328-2463 or Lori Cotterall at 610-328-6054.

### CARDINAL O'HARA HIGH SCHOOL

Our parish recently received notification of the performance of our high school students on the end of the 2nd quarter/1st semester report. We are particularly proud of those who demonstrated academic excellence.

Students who achieved first honors include: Kyleigh Devenney '20, Paige Donnelly '21, Maria McNicholas '21, Xavier Tran '23.

Among those earning second honors were the following students from our parish: Olivia Riley '20, Kerry O'Reilly '21, Mary Kate Sansone '21, Marissa Glick '23, Aminata Gogra '23, Caitlin Henzel '23, Mia Macciocca '23, Rebecca McVeigh '23, Peter Vu '23.

Archdiocese of Philadelphia

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February 2020

The Archdiocese for the Military Services was established by Saint John Paul II in 1985 to provide a full range of Catholic pastoral ministries to those in the United States Armed Forces.

The mission of the Archdiocese is to "serve those who serve: by offering pastoral care to Catholics serving in the U.S. military, enrolled in the nation's service academies, undergoing treatment at any of the 153 Department of Veterans Affairs' Medical Centers in the United States, Puerto Rico and Guam, working in civilian jobs for the federal government beyond U.S. borders, and the families of these populations. The Archdiocese and its priests and deacons are responsible for pastoral service to approximately 1.8 million Catholics. However, unlike a conventional diocese, the Archdiocese has no parishes or parish registries and no weekly collections. It relies solely on the generosity of private donations to support its programs and services.

Last year, Pope Francis told military ordinaries from around the world that "The role of military chaplains is to accompany and support [those in need] on the journey, to be a comforting and brotherly presence for them all." Your support of the Archdiocese for the Military Services will bring the Gospel, the sacraments and other forms of spiritual support to men and women who serve our country and defend our freedoms, including many individuals and families who hail from our own Greater Philadelphia region.

The collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services will be conducted in your parish on a weekend during Lent as determined by your Pastor. I ask your continued prayers and generous financial support for this important collection

Gratefully and with best wishes in Jesus Christ,

Most Reverend Nelson J. Perez

one word  
can change  
someone's  
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## *Catholic Charities Appeal*

### *Partners in Hope*

When you support the Catholic Charities Appeal you are helping:

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Students in the 4 Schools of Special Education within the Archdiocese of Philadelphia that receive tuition assistance and support.

The 18 Programs and Offices that are providing Evangelization, Parish and Spiritual Life to our community.

154 Priests who need care and support.

16 Mission Parishes in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia revitalize and sustain their parishes.



#### PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Dear Parishioners,

I hope you had a great St. Valentine's Day!

Our Gertrude Hawk candy sale is still going on. There are some books in the church vestibules if you choose to buy any candy. You can drop your order off at school.

Our first grade celebrated their 100th day of school last week. They had a great time dressing up for the occasion. Pre-K also celebrated their 100th day.

We are continuing to work on our technology. Our new Smartboards are in place and we are working on funding our network project. E-rate is a government program that provides financial help to schools and libraries with technological updates. I am preparing all of the necessary forms to obtain our discount. We are hoping to have all of this in place in the summer.

Have a great week! God bless you!

Dr. Worrilow

#### CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES (CRS)

As Lent 2020 quickly approaches and we begin to look for ways to increase our prayer, almsgiving and sacrifice throughout our Lenten journey. We would like to suggest a wholehearted participation in Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl this year.

Catholic Relief Services is the official relief and development agency of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. Through Rice Bowl faith communities in every diocese throughout the United States put their faith into action through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Lenten alms donated through the Rice Bowl this year will be sent to over 100 countries where CRS works. Three countries will be highlighted in this year's effort: Honduras, Vietnam and Kenya. Additionally, 25% of all donations stay within the United States to offer help locally in our Archdiocese, the 25% is shared with Nutritional Development Services which supports a network of 50 food cupboards and soup kitchens.

This year during Lent, we are challenging families to pay attention to Global Solidarity Week which occurs the week of March 22-28. Listen and look for ways you and your family may enter more fully into solidarity with our food deprived brothers and sisters around the world. Thank you!



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