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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.

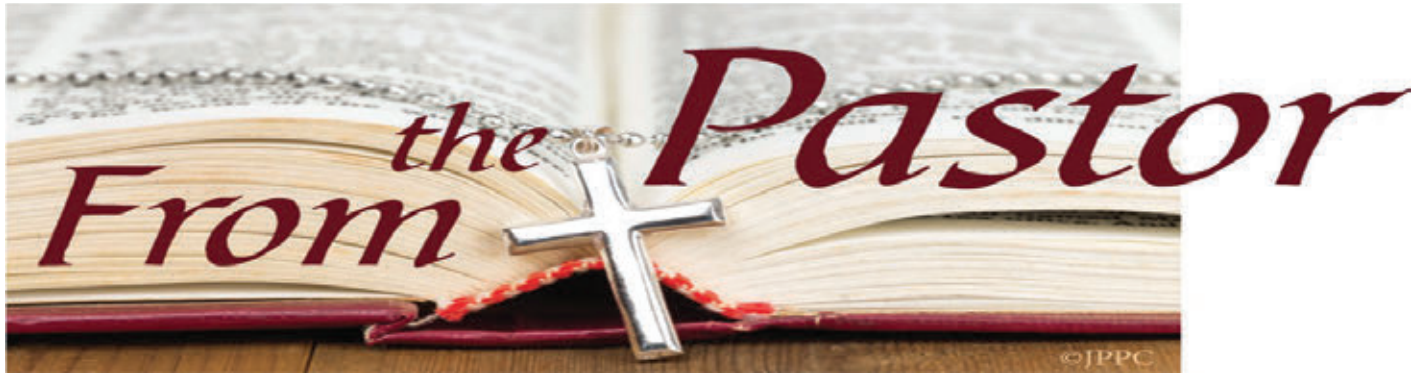
First time parents and godparents are required to attend a Baptism Preparation Session which is held on the 1st Monday of the month at 7:00 PM. Please call the Parish Office for more information.

## 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.



There was just a wee bit of snow in the Philadelphia area and all throughout the region this past week. Schools were closed because of this. I recall as a kid, as many of us do, yearning for, praying for, and looking forward to some “snow days” in the course of winter. It meant a day off from school and schoolwork. Once being informed of a “snow day,” usually early in the morning, I could never simply “go back to bed” as my father would tell me. No way! It was snowing in my head! I couldn’t wait to get out in the snow and start making snowmen, snow forts, snowballs for defending said fort, and then it was off to the hills for sledding. Hot chocolate breaks punctuated the events of the day. A bit later in life, I would look forward to earning some money by shoveling the sidewalks and front steps of some elderly neighbors. Today “snow days” are morphing into something quite different. Although many of us “older folks” looked forward to a day off from school because of snow, today something has noticeably changed and it continues to change. “Snow days” are quickly becoming and perhaps are already, a thing of the past. In our COVID world of today with its lock-downs and quarantines, we have learned how to make due and gets things done while remaining at home. Businesses, committees, and even congress now “Zoom.” Families “FaceBook” and “FaceTime” with one another. We live now in the Internet Age. Who even thought that there would be the words “FaceBook” or “FaceTime” and that they could be verbs? Schools at every level have had to adapt as well. “Virtual” learning has now become a norm in our virus-plagued world. I would suggest that not only is the virtual classroom here to stay, but that it is vastly improving by the minute. All those involved in virtual education have already learned much by their trials and errors. Just ask our own teachers here at Holy Cross School. I am quite certain that there are those in the fields of education and digital technology conspiring right now on projects to vastly improve education that takes place virtually. It is a technology that’s here to stay. Perhaps in the near future, it is not school classroom schedules and rosters themselves that will require as much careful attention as they do now, but rather the planning for times of social interactions not virtual that will. At any rate, perhaps because of all of this, the “snow day” is at its end. Welcome to the 21<sup>st</sup> Century! Change and transition always present some challenges to say the least. Because we drive automobiles, the majority of young people today don’t have the privilege and pleasure of tending horses. Although hard work, still it must have been fun back in the day. If one thinks that the transition into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century is challenging, try to imagine the transition into the 1<sup>st</sup>! The early Christians were not accepted and were the butt of jokes. The Christian child would never experience that rite of passage making his or her first sacrifice to Caesar or some local Roman god or goddess. Then the jokes ended and the persecutions began. To their eternal credit and ours, those early Christian endured the transition and the “technology” of early Christianity vastly improved. Soon it would be an ever-increasing number of converted pagans making sacrifice to the True God. His birth among us would be celebrated each year at Christmas and His rising from the dead would come to be known as the annual Easter celebration. Though the “snow days” of old had ended, a brand New Day began and continues to our own today. So enjoy the snow, but prepare for the transition to the reality, not virtual, that is Christ Himself!

Peace!

Fr. Wilson

# Masses For The Week



<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 8</b>
8:30 AM	Tom Bunting
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 9</b>
8:30 AM	Jack & Maureen Egan
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 10</b>
8:30 AM	Rita Granato
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 11</b>
8:30 AM	No Mass

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

<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 12</b>
12:15 PM	Tom Bunting

## NEXT WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS

<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 13</b>
8:30 AM	Sarah Abate
4:30 PM	DiLorenzo & Paoli families
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 14</b>
8:30 AM	People of Holy Cross
11:00 AM	Living & Deceased Members of the Casciano Family

## On-Line Giving

Join the growing number of Holy Cross Parishioners who contribute to the Sunday offertory by electronic means. It is convenient and easy. Please visit our website and click on "Our Parish" and then the "Parish Giving" tab or contact the business office for assistance.



*Sunday Collection, January 31*  
*Due to the inclement weather this past week, the Sunday collection numbers were not available at time of bulletin submission.*

## 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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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## **The Corner**

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Pope Francis declared the Church year of December 8, 2020 to December 8, 2021 as The Year of Saint Joseph, marking the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Proclamation of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. Although Saint Joseph never spoke a quoted word in Scripture, we recognize his holiness and righteousness, since he was entrusted by God to be the earthly father of His only begotten Son. So let's follow Pope Francis' invitation (in his Apostolic letter, *Patris Corde*) "to increase our love for this great saint, to encourage us to implore his intercession and to imitate his virtues and his zeal."

### **Collection for the Care of Aging and Infirm Priests**

The annual collection for the Care of Aging and Infirm Priests will be held the weekend of February 13-14, 2021. This collection is an opportunity for the faithful to express their gratitude for the many blessings received through the ministry of priests.

### **2020 Tax Contribution Statements**

If you would like a tax contribution statement for 2020, please email the office at [contact-us@holycrosscatholics.org](mailto: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. We will receive Roast Beef and Cheese on Feb. 10 from this effort.

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

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.



## Part-time cook at Our Lady of Perpetual Help

**OLPH is seeking a part-time cook, 3 days a week to prepare meals for 4-5 nights for at least 2 people. Weekly grocery shopping for the Rectory plus items needed for planned meals. Availability for special occasions. Total 8-12 hours/week, time of day is flexible. Interested candidates can send a letter of interest to Rev. James E. Goerner, Pastor at [pastor19070@gmail.com](mailto:pastor19070@gmail.com)**



## 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](mailto:joyvanberg@gmail.com)

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

April: The Power of Silence by Robert Cardinal Sarah

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT DELAWARE COUNTY PREGNANCY CENTER

Delaware County Pregnancy Center, located at 2508 Edgmont 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](mailto: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](http://dcpcchester.org).

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# Reflection

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Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

Poor little February! Even in its better leap years, it still has fewer days than its calendar mates. Besides that, at least in the Northern hemisphere, it comes at that time of year when the weather offers a tiresome repeat of its neighbor January. Gone is the charm of that first snowfall when others arrive.

There is no significant holiday to prepare for as the previous three months offered. That is, unless one gives an extraordinary rating to Valentine's Day right in February's middle. Consequently, nobody rushes around the mall for gifts to liven its days. Speaking of gifts, it's now the bills for same arrive. No special decorating for most houses. There is no list of favorite songs for February. And, unless you or a loved one celebrates a birthday or an anniversary this month, there are no large gatherings for a special meal. Add to all this the somewhat unwelcome news that Lent soon arrives, with all its purple weeks of fasting and other penances.

But wait! Isn't a convinced Christian an automatic optimist, no matter the season? Theologically, yes. Psychologically, I am not so sure. Whatever problem Life doles out, it just seems that we're less likely to handle it well in February. This Sunday's First Reading from the Book of Job makes explicit what we might be thinking about in February. We get little comfort.

Along comes the timeless "Good News" in today's Gospel passage. It can lift us up from any "downer" we may experience this month. The Holy Word offers not just a palliative but a pain killer. That's because it highlights how a certain Jesus, the same we met as a mere babe two short months ago, comes to us with the very reason for our optimism. We re-learn that He is the cure for all our ills.

The demons at this point have a temporary advantage over the good people around Jesus who are seeking cures from various maladies. But Jesus orders their silence. He prefers a gradual realization among His newfound followers.

As a result, "little February" is not as forlorn as it may have seemed at first. For here, only seven days in, she presents a Gospel passage that gives us the whole reason for our main Christian claim. Bishop Robert Barron explains it this way:

"Christianity is, first and foremost, a religion of the concrete and not the abstract. It takes its power not from a general religious consciousness, not from an ethical conviction, not from a comfortable abstraction, but from the person Jesus Christ. It is Christ...that moves the believer to change of life and gift of self."

Of course, pessimists are always to be found. Usually, they have a hard time believing in anything, much less Jesus. When someone is convinced that things can't be done, he will cling to that conviction in the face of the most obvious contradiction. The story is told of the time when Robert Fulton gave the first public demonstration of his steamboat. One of those "can't be done" fellows stood in the crowd along the shore repeating, "He can't start it."

Suddenly, there was a belch of steam and the big boat began to move. Startled, the man stared for a moment and then began to chant, "He can't stop it!"

God love you and give you His peace!





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