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FEBRUARY 6, 2022 • FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Evening 4:30 PM
Sunday, Upper Church 8:30 and 11:00 AM
Holy Day As announced
Tuesday through Saturday 8:30 AM
No Mass Monday

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, 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.

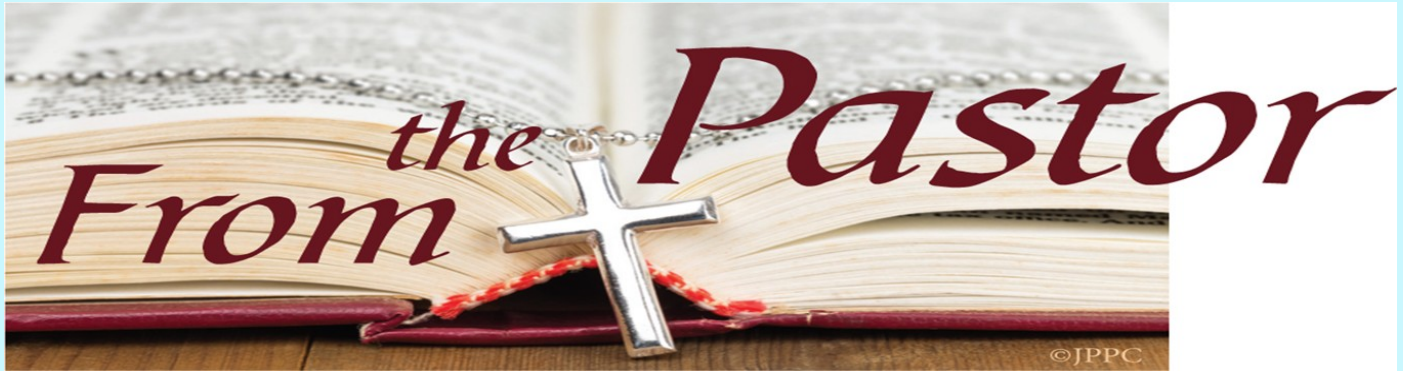
First time parents and godparents are required to attend a Baptism Preparation Session which is held on the 1st Monday of the month at 7:00 PM. Please call the Parish Office for more information.

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.



A couple weeks ago, we celebrated four funeral Masses in one week here at Holy Cross. That was intense! Funerals are a sad part of the life of every parish. They are certain and yet unpredictable: while you know that they *will* happen, you don't know too far in advance *when* they will be or for whom. Sometimes you get streaks where you have several in a short span; other times you can go for a while without one. It'd be really nice if the Angel of Death were more consistent and regular when he goes out to do his job, but that's not how it works—and I for one don't want to try to meet him in order to lodge a complaint!

The funeral rites are an important work of mercy. As a Church we pray for the repose of the soul of the deceased and find comfort and hope in our communal worship of God in difficult times. I am very grateful to the staff and volunteers of the parish who help plan and celebrate these important Masses. A lot of moving parts have to come together in a short period of time to make it all happen, and thankfully, it does!

Having said that, there is an area where we need some help. **We need a few adults to assist as altar servers for funeral Masses.** Having servers at the Masses not only adds to the beauty of the celebration, but it's very helpful on a practical level too. Ideally, we'd have a crew of people we can call on in rotation to help as funerals get scheduled.

I'm sure some people reading this are saying "I'd be happy to help, but I don't have the first clue what I'd be doing" or "I'd love to do it, but having to carry that whole incense thing scares the heck out of me." That's okay. We'll train you. And the incense stuff isn't really scary once you get the hang of it. I promise.

So, if you're someone who generally is available during the week or on Saturdays between 10 and noon and you would be interested in helping in this important work of mercy, please give the office a call and let us know. You would be helping us give a fitting final celebration to our deceased parishioners.

This Saturday, 36 of our parish children will be celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the First Time. Please pray for them as they prepare for this experience of God's mercy in their lives, and continue to pray for them as they continue to prepare to receive their First Holy Communion in May.

Also, one month from today, we will welcome Bishop Senior to Holy Cross Church to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation. That will take place at the 11:00 Mass on Sunday, March 6. Please pray for our seventh-graders who are preparing for this beautiful sacrament.

With our celebration of Catholic Schools Week concluded, don't forget there are two *easy* ways you can help support Holy Cross School financially *without spending any extra money*. If you sign up for **Amazon Smile**, the school gets a small rebate on every purchase you make. And our **Scrip Program** helps provide tuition assistance for our school children. We're looking to expand scrip to allow for convenient ordering of gift cards through the parish office in the near future. More information to follow in the weeks to come.

Fr. Kiernan



MONDAY FEBRUARY 7

8:30 AM No Mass

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 8

8:30 AM Mary Ann Purcell

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 9

8:30 AM David Weston

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 10

8:30 AM Marge Conley

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 11

8:30 AM Joseph Nero III

NEXT WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 12

8:30 AM Margaret (Peggy) Hackett

4:30 PM Tom Bunting

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 13

8:30 AM People of Holy Cross

11:00 AM Living & Deceased Members of the Casciano Families

ARE YOU CALLED TO BE A DEACON?

Why not find out! On Thursday, February 17, 2022 at 7 pm in the Meehan Center at Saints Simon and Jude parish, 8 Cavanagh Court, West Chester, there will be an opportunity for men (with their wives) to consider a vocation to the permanent diaconate. This information session will present details of the current formation program, give an opportunity for those present to ask questions and to consider an application to the next academic year of the formation process. You (and your wife if married) are most welcome to attend. Potential candidates should be between the ages of 29 and 55 (some exceptions to the maximum age can be made) and, if married, in a sacramental marriage for at least five years. There will be ample opportunity for fellowship and the evening presentations will conclude no later than 8:15 pm. If you are able to attend, please RSVP by email to deacon.jim.owens@gmail.com.



Come keep me company in the chapel.
Any time between 9:00am and 7:00pm.
Monday ~ Friday
Love, Jesus

SANTUARY LAMP



This week's Sanctuary Lamp intention is for:

Church: Ray Lucas

Chapel: Philip DeFelice



Sunday Collection, January 30

Total Collection \$5,154

Electronic \$2,563

Basket & Main-Ins \$2,591

Lenten Program – "Forgiven"

Instead of "giving something up," DO SOMETHING for Lent. Holy Cross Parish will offer a Lenten study of the *Sacrament of Reconciliation*, "Forgiven." Re-imagine this beautiful Sacrament as a gift, not a burden. The study will be offered at 3 different times in the Holy Cross Parish Center:

Monday evenings (March 7, 14, 21) @ 7:00-8:30PM

Wednesday mornings (March 9, 16, 23) @ 9:15-10:45AM

Wednesday evenings (March 9, 16, 23) @ 7:00- 8:30PM

For more information, contact Pattie Stevens at pattiejstevens@comcast.net or 484.868.8571

For those who cannot attend in person, this series is also on FORMED. We will watch a video and have valuable group discussion afterward. All are welcome. Please join us!

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. Thank you to all those who give electronically!

Pray for the Sick of our Parish

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Charlotte O'Leary
Paige O'Leary
Alexander Ott
Mary Rafferty
Ronnie Sidebottom
Joseph Sindoni
Adeline Sulpizio
Jean Super
Valerie Thompson
Helen Torelli
Amanda Trerotola
George Vrettos

The Corner

Brought to you by your Evangelization Team

Are you still trying to figure out a good to-do list for the New Year? Here's one:

1. Seek first the kingdom of God
2. Everything else.



The 14th Annual Archdiocesan Catholic Men's Conference will be held on Saturday March 19, 2022 at Immaculata University! Don't miss this opportunity to hear more inspiring speakers like Deacon Burke at Man Up Philly! Visit manupphilly.com for more information.

Winter Bible Study – The Chosen!!

We have a real treat for you for our 3-Parish Winter Bible Study. We will be showing Season 1 (all 8 episodes) of The Chosen! If you haven't heard of it, this is a beautiful series about Jesus' ministry on Earth. The actual biblical quotes are true, but the other scenes attempt to fill in the blanks about His everyday life. There will be group discussions after the videos.

When: Wednesdays, January 12 thru March 2 - 9:15 am - in the Holy Cross Parish Center

The Bible Study is free! A workbook is NOT necessary, but if you'd like to have one, you can order that on Amazon for \$13.30. Just search for "The Chosen", the teal-colored book is called "What Does It Mean to Be Chosen?: An Interactive Bible Study (Volume 1)". Please join us!

Retrouvaille

Rediscover the Love in Your Marriage

Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next program begins the weekend of February 11-13, 2022 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. Visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

Saint James Alumni Scholarship

The Saint James Alumni Association is now accepting requests for applications in their annual Scholarship Program for the school year 2022-2023. Our scholarships are awarded to students who **are graduating from 8th grade and to students already in high school.**

In order to qualify for a Saint James Alumni Scholarship, you must be a practicing Catholic, and belong to a parish in Delaware County. The student must continue their education in a high school in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. You must also meet the financial requirements set by the EITC (Educational Income Tax Credit) program.

If interested in requesting an application please send request to scholarships@stjbulldogs.org. We will send a response within 24 hours. If for some reason you do not see the response in your inbox please check your Junk/Spam folder. If it is not there please call 610-876-2006 and ask for Jim Connor or Lou Robinson.

The Alumni Association will hold an Open House on February 22, 2022 starting at 7:00pm and we will explain our Scholarship Program and field any questions or concerns about the program. ALL ARE WELCOME. If planning to attend please RSVP to scholarships@stjbulldogs.org. All who attend will be required to wear a mask. Thank you and God Bless.

Saint James Alumni Scholarship Committee



Food Pantry Update

Business has been brisk and so has the weather at our little Food Pantry. We have received numerous donations from Marshalls, Wawa, and the Haverford Hawks Ice Hockey team. The generosity of these groups has helped in our efforts to feed our Most in Need Neighbors. How fortunate we are to live in such a wonderful and supportive community.

If you are able, we are in need of the following items including: oatmeal, rice, beans (dried or canned), mac & cheese, cereal, peanut butter, pasta sauce, canned meats, toilet paper and paper towels.

Just a reminder, if you know anyone in need of food in Delco, please remind them that our Pantry is open on Wednesdays from 3:30 to 5:30PM.

God Bless All of you for your prayers and generosity. Please know that you are very much appreciated.

Your Friends from the St. Vincent dePaul Holy Cross Food Pantry Team

Three Parish Book Club

The Three Parish Book Club's next meeting will take place on Wednesday, February 23, at 7:00 p.m. at Holy Cross Parish Center. The Club meets on the last Wednesday of the month from September through June to discuss the chosen book and to share other reading suggestions. We welcome new members. You do not need to have read the chosen book to attend the meeting. For more information, please contact Joy Van Berg at 610 328-2095 or joyvanberg@gmail.com.

February:

Let Nothing Disturb You by St. Teresa of Avila

March: Life Is Messy by Matthew Kelly

MARRIED COUPLES

Resolve to "Live your best life in love" in 2022: Why not give yourselves some time together by making a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend? In-person experiences in the new year are: February 11-13 and April 22-24 at Our Lady of Czestochowa, Doylestown. For more info visit: <https://www.wwme-philly.org/>.

Home Care Needed - Home Care needed 4 days a week for 94 year-old. Please call Vicky at 610-623-7729.

FORMED

****What to Watch****

You've probably already found a few favorite programs on FORMED, but as promised, here are some suggestions for what to watch in February! There are so many categories, we've chosen just a few to get you started. Enjoy!

For Kids: This is under the "Kids" banner; the entire "Brother Francis" series is fun, with catchy tunes and messages. A good episode to start with is "Let's Pray! A Lesson on Prayer."

For Teens: the "Real + True" banner; "Real + True (English)". 3 Seasons (or Units, as they call them), start with Unit 1.

For Families: "The Search" banner. 7 episodes, all are great. "Movie Night" banner: "St Bernadette of Lourdes", "The Adventures of Ocjee Nash", any of "The Bible Collection", which are each dedicated to a particular Book of the Bible

St. Francis Nursing Home Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to assist residents to daily Mass in the late morning and to devotions on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons at St. Francis Nursing Home in Darby. Volunteers must be fully vaccinated. If interested, please call Fr. John Gabin at 484-493-7173. If no answer, please leave a message.

Assistance Needed

Grandmother needs assistance during the week caring for her 4 grandchildren. If interested, please call Monica Dougherty at 610-745-5840.

Mothers Home, a Delaware County shelter for homeless pregnant women and their infants, is soliciting applications for its Board of Directors. Mothers' Home is now 30 years young, and is the only local comprehensive shelter for pregnant women and babies, and is a magnificent comprehensive program providing shelter, instruction, and support for women and children 365 days per year. Interested individuals may contact Board Chair, Dennis McAndrews at dmcandrews@mcandrewslaw.com.



Holy Cross Development Fundraiser



\$\$ 365 Chances to Win \$\$

2022 Calendars are still available. There are still many more chances to win. Fill out a calendar fundraiser form and return to the Business Office or place in the Sunday collection basket. For any questions, please contact hcdevelopment-fund@gmail.com.



Blood Drive—St. Charles Church

3422 Dennison Avenue, Drexel Hill, PA

Thursday, Feb. 10, 2022, 1:00—6:00PM.

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Holy Cross School Principal's Corner

If you are interested in the Pre-K 3, Pre-K 4 and K, you have to register early. Those grades fill up quickly. We will be happy to accept your registration for all other grades as well. Registration will begin the end of January and continue through February. Come take a look at your parish school. Our school has been named a School of Distinguished Instruction. Our teachers work very hard to instruct the students in a variety of ways. They are truly dedicated to their assigned grades.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish school.

God bless you!



IHM Conference Center
401 S. Bryn Mawr Avenue
Bryn Mawr, PA 19010

To register for any event, please call [610-581-0120](tel:610-581-0120) or email ihmconferencecenter@gmail.com. God bless you!

Conference Day: "Get Used to Different: Another Look at the Parables"

Tuesday, February 8, 2022

9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Presenter: Sister Marie Gippich, IHM

Stipend: \$40 (included Continental Breakfast, lunch and Mass)

In the popular movie, "The Chosen," Jesus tells one of his disciples that, if he is to follow Jesus, he better "get used to different." Jesus spent his ministry presenting to others the way to live and love as God would have us. In many instances, Jesus' words and deeds upset the apperception of traditional Jewish thinking. The parables of Jesus are examples of this. His listeners were invited to look at situations as God would, not as humans would. Join us as we remove the layers of meaning in some well-known parables that present a "different" viewpoint on life in God's world, and perhaps "see" them through the eyes of the "players."

Movie With Meaning: "The King's Speech"

Wednesday, February 16, 2022

10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

Stipend: \$25 (includes lunch)

*Lunch will be served at noon for both groups

England's Prince Albert must ascend the throne as King George VI, but he has a speech impediment. Knowing that the country needs her husband to be able to communicate effectively, Elizabeth hires Lionel Logue, an Australian actor and speech therapist, to help him overcome his stammer. An extraordinary friendship develops between the two men, as Logue uses unconventional means to teach the monarch how to speak with confidence. Starring Colin Firth, Helena Bonham Carter and Geoffrey Rush.



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