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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Evening 4:30 PM
 Sunday, Upper Church 8:30 and 11:00 AM
 Holy Day Vigil (night before Holy Day) 7:00 PM
 Holy Day 8:30 AM
 Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Saturday 8:30 AM
 Friday..... 12:15 PM

NEW PARISHIONERS

All Catholics living in the parish should register. Our Welcome Center 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)
 Saturday & Sunday..... Closed

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday, Lower Church: 3:30 to 4:15 PM

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 Rectory of Mrs. Judy Vacca, Pastoral Minister, when a parishioner is hospitalized or home bound.

FROM THE PASTOR

E-A-G-L-E-S...EAGLES! Wow! What a season! With all the injuries and bad luck that the Birds have had, who would have thought that they would have gotten as far as they did? Carson Wentz's being hit hard with a helmet-to-helmet targeting tackle on a call that *absolutely (!!!)* should have been flagged; his leaving the play-off game early and his not returning to the game due to concussion protocols only served to highlight exactly the type of season that it has been. Yet, despite injuries and awful officiating, the Eagles still did better than that unmentionable team from Texas! (You know - the one with the new Jerry Jones BFF head coach. Check out the hilarious memes!) It was great to see their grit and determination right up until the end. The emotion shown by Zach Ertz and Josh McCown spoke to that. When all was said and done, it was the Philadelphia Eagles who were the NFC East Champions for 2019. Fly, Eagles fly! It's now 2020. It's now some two thousand and some years since that first Christmas: the Nativity of Our Lord. With all of the injuries throughout the Old Testament and the plethora of injuries since the New, gosh, who would have thought that we would have made it this far? Eagles' fans and Christians, indeed, have much in common. Eagles' fans and Roman Catholic Christians have even more in common. Despite injuries galore (many self-inflicted), many unknown players from unheard of places around the world taking the field as cardinals and bishops; despite the bad calls and missed calls with the, yes, definitely bad officiating at times – despite all this, we still don our Championship T-shirts and celebrate the grit and determination of a people imbued with the Grace of a Savior and Son of God sent to redeem us. It *is* now 2020. A whole new season awaits us. With heads held high and hope undiminished, we set out to proclaim a Kingdom and a Redeemer in this brand New Season as we bleed green and cry out as always, *Fly, Eagles fly!*

THANK YOU!

I am most grateful for the many cards and gifts received at Christmas! Most heartfelt and sincere thanks you to all of you!

May God bless you greatly in the new year of 2020.

Fr. Wilson

Mass Intentions

MONDAY	JANUARY 13
8:30 AM	MARGARET GIACOBELLO
TUESDAY	JANUARY 14
8:30 AM	BOB JUNCK
WEDNESDAY	JANUARY 15
8:30 AM	ROBERT & EDNA MAC DONALD
THURSDAY	JANUARY 16
	NO MASS
FRIDAY	JANUARY 17
12:15 PM	MICHAEL HAINES
SATURDAY	JANUARY 18
8:30 AM	JOHN NATALE
NEXT WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS	
SATURDAY	JANUARY 18
4:30 PM	NEIL MC CROSSEN (For the Living)
SUNDAY	JANUARY 12
8:30 AM	PEOPLE OF HOLY CROSS
11:00 AM	FRANK J. PARR



Archbishop Chaput has assigned Deacon Thomas L. Taylor to Full-Time Ministry here at Holy Cross. We are most grateful! Welcome, Deacon Tom!



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

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED PARISHIONERS WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY AND THE COMFORT OF THEIR FAMILY AND FRIENDS.

CATHERINE SHIVETTS	12-02-2019
JOHN BOYLE	12-08-2019
FLORENCE M. SHAW	12-14-2019
THOMAS T. MARIOTTI	12-22-2019
ANGELA MARIE ORGANEK	12-23-2019
STEPHEN T. FLYNN	12-26-2019
ANDREW J. ERMILIO	12-27-2019

THE CORNER

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"Try to be open to the surprising ways Jesus may want to speak to you., not just through His word, but through the gentle voice of the Spirit or through the actions and words of the people around you. As you go through your day, be open to the interruptions that come. Those unexpected requests from relatives, friends or co-workers may be Jesus giving you an opportunity to serve Him. "

****The Word Among Us*



There is a need for additional volunteers to assist with the counting of the Sunday collection. Each counter works with two others and is scheduled about once every four or five weeks. For additional information, please contact the Business Office at 610-626-3321. Thank you very much for considering this request.

IMPORTANT

The Knights of Columbus DeLaSalle Council #590 will be hosting the Icon of Our Lady Help of Persecuted Christians for a Prayer Service on Wednesday, January 22. Service will begin at 7:00 PM at St. Eugene Church with the assistance of the Ladies Auxiliary. All are welcome. For information—Andy Grajek — Holy Cross Knights

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Movie with Meaning: "The Soloist" - Wednesday, 1-22-20
10:00 AM and 1:00 PM (if necessary) - Stipend: \$20
(includes lunch). Lunch is served for both groups at 12 Noon.

Columnist Steve Lopez is at a dead end. The newspaper business is in an uproar, his marriage has fallen apart, and he can't entirely remember what he loved about his job in the first place. While walking through Los Angeles' Skid Row, he sees the bedraggled figure of Nathaniel Ayers, pouring his world into a two-stringed violin. This sets Steve on an unexpected quest to change the life of this young artist. But as he fights to save Ayers' life, he begins to realize that it is Ayers who is profoundly changing his own. Starring Jamie Fox and Robert Downey, Jr.



PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Dear Parishioners,

Happy New Year! Well, we are into the New Year and preparing for Catholic Schools Week that takes place at the end of the month. This year's theme is: Catholic Schools: Learn, Serve, Lead, Succeed..

We are waiting for the other 2 Smartboards to arrive and we will have replaced five old models. The new ones are like having a television. We will no longer need projectors. We have applied for e-rate which is a government funded program that helps schools and libraries financially with technology. We are in need of a network and enhanced drop points for our internet. We are hoping to have the e-rate decision by April and then we can begin putting in the new network.

The Home and School has worked very hard in their fundraising to pay for the additional cost of the network. We are thankful for their hard work and the generosity of our parents in supporting this endeavor.

Have a great week . God bless you.

Dr. WorriLOW

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- * 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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP

Holy Cross K of C will have a Free Throw Championship on Sunday, January 19, in the Holy Cross Gym from 1:00 to 3:00 PM. All boys and girls ages 9 to 14 are welcome to attend. The age deadline is as of January 1, 2020. All winners will advance to the District Championship on February 16, at the same location and same time. It is "FREE TO ENTER".

PARISH GIVING

Please consider signing up for electronic giving. Electronic Giving makes life easier for you and yields very significant benefits for our parish. To sign up, visit our website www.holycrosscatholics.org. Our parish needs your consistent support. Thank you for your generosity.



Church Cleaning

Tuesday,

01-14 at 9:15 AM

Volunteers Welcome

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

The Food Pantry was very busy during the Thanksgiving and Christmas Seasons. For Thanksgiving, we supplied over 130 turkey's/chickens with all the fixings to our neighbors in need. During Christmas, we provided lasagna dinners and we will be providing ham dinners while supplies last.

There are so many to thank for all of these successful campaigns. First, let me thank you (our parishioners) who provide food and monetary donations all year, through the Help the Needy envelopes and your food donations.

Marshalls, Cub Scouts Pack 240 and Boy Scouts Troop 512, Holy Cross School, St. Kevin Church, Holy Cross Alumni, Acme, Giant and Brinker Financial were key contributors.

Our Food Pantry Volunteers worked overtime to ensure we were ready to serve our community and over the 2019 year more than 2000 hours were provided by this dedicated team.

Please know that all of you are in our prayers and our gratitude is difficult to express in this short article.

God Bless All of You and know that you are helping our most-in-need in our community. Our hours are Wednesdays from 3:30 to 6:00 PM. If you know anyone in need of food in DELCO, please let them know we are here for them.

Sincerely,

The SVDP Holy Cross Food Pantry Team

January 12—The Baptism of the Lord

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

Last November my Alma Mater, St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in Overbrook PA issued its glossy journal simply called "The Brook." it featured several profiles of the new priests ordained from there the previous spring. Reading through them offered proof positive that each young man had a pivotal moment when a person or event in his life ultimately led to his decision to be a priest. I believe that most of us have experienced such moments in our own lives whatever our calling is.

It is fair to say that Jesus had one of these at His baptism in the Jordan that fateful day. It was pivotal for Him. We cannot know just how His divine nature intermingled with His human nature. But if Jesus truly was "like us in all things but sin" then He could not have known His future any more than we do. So it took a great amount of trust for Him to approach the Baptist and ask for baptism. What would happen to Him? What would follow?

We could say that for John the Baptist to accede to Jesus' request also took a certain trust, because he intuitively knew that Jesus did not need any baptism meant to wash away sin. In Him there is no sin. So Jesus had to convince John that the ritual was necessary in order to fulfill what He called "righteousness." we could take that word to mean "the proper order of things."

The occasion also offered up a "theophany," or manifestation of the Divine. So Jesus heard the heavenly "Voice" of His Father and the descent of the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove over Him. Pivotal event indeed! So we rightly celebrate this happening not only as a milestone in Our Lord's life and the launch of His unique mission as an adult, but also as the "closing of the curtain" on yet another Christmas season in our lives, where we focused on Jesus as a Babe in a manger.

This then becomes an opportune time for us to ponder the great gift our parents gave us in our own baptism. No matter how far we have journeyed in faith from that long ago day, or how we just began to travel from the 2019 Easter Vigil, this was the true sacramental beginning of that journey.

Our parents believed this to be true, and they fulfilled their duty in passing on the treasure of the faith to us. How well we have lived it, however, is a fit subject for review. As much as they loved us, neither our parents nor anybody else will be with us when our face to Face appointment with our just judge comes due. By then we will have built our profile. That is why we should not only celebrate our own baptism by which we became part of Christ, but also today renew those promises our god parents once made for us.

I was deeply impressed by the decision of my close bishop friend who chose to add the date of his baptism on the reverse side of his ordination commemorative card. You don't often see that, but it was a bit of evangelization done right at the start of his new high calling. Certainly a pivotal moment for him.

Jim Eliot, a dedicated missionary in Ecuador who was killed by the Auca Indians in 1956, said of his baptismal calling: "Father, make me a crisis man. Bring those I contact to a decision. Let me not be a milepost on a single road; make me a fork, that men must turn one way or another on facing Christ in me." I might add that would be a pivotal moment.



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