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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.

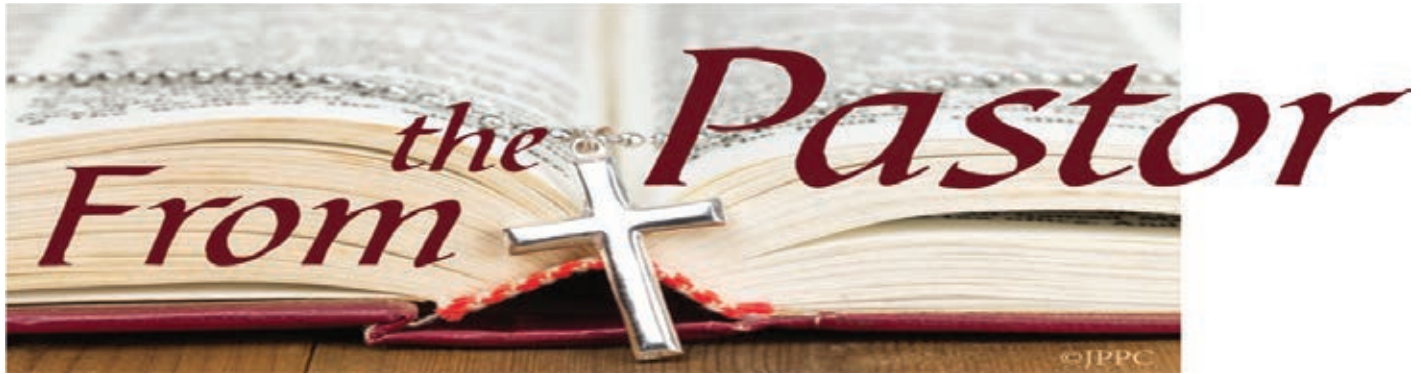
First time parents and godparents are required to attend a Baptism Preparation Session which is held on the 1st Monday of the month at 7:00 PM. Please call the Parish Office for more information.

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.



The Funeral Mass was here at Holy Cross this past Friday. How appropriate and how fitting! Father Furey had his send-off unto Eternal Life from the parish where he last served and ministered as a priest. He truly enjoyed coming here. He told me that himself – more than once. On the one hand, it always saddens me when a brother priest to whom I was close, dies. Yet, it is the priest, more than anyone, whose life on earth proclaims that Life to come. Our ministry here is but a temporary one in preparation for one which is eternal. Priesthood in this life prepares the ordained for priesthood in the next. What that coming priesthood involves is not entirely clear except that it is bound intimately with the ministry of Christ, the High Priest. So, in this sense, it is an assignment to which any priest can look forward and it is in this sense, that I am very happy for Father Furey. We first made contact with each other when he was at Villa Saint Joseph – the retirement community for priests needing varying degrees of nursing care. I was looking for some help here at Holy Cross, since I was by myself. Father was happy to volunteer. He felt grateful that he was needed. At some point early on, I invited Father to consider moving here and living at Holy Cross. He did consider it and would have taken me up on the offer, but he felt it best to stay at the Villa because of the nursing care available. We had some enjoyable dinners here at the parish in our time together and he always remarked how good it was to have a “home cooked” meal here at the parish, instead of the “institutional” food of the Villa. I think that he just enjoyed getting out. I know that he especially enjoyed helping out and saying Mass here at Christmas in 2019. Father had found a new home. He had relatives here, knew people and the principal in our school which he liked to visit, and his brother was nearby. He also had a newer pastor here that liked to bend his ear once in a while. He readily understood that such pastors need to vent occasionally - or simply seek input from a priest with more seniority and experience. He was due to cover Masses for more than an entire week this past May. I would be away with family and friends celebrating my own priestly anniversary. Father was so looking forward to spending this time with all of you, the people of Holy Cross. But, this would not be. This past year and COVID struck everyone hard, but especially all of the priests living at the Villa. Their lockdowns became progressively stricter. For as much as he would have liked, Father Furey could no longer come here to celebrate Mass. I did check in on him now and again with a phone call. One day, it was Father Furey that called me. He called and asked how I was doing and how the parish was doing in the midst of this pandemic. I told him that we were all hanging in there. I then asked how he was. *Okay*, he said, *except for the little car accident*. Car accident! The man was in a car accident, in which the car he was driving was totaled, and here he was asking me how I was doing!?! He said that it wasn't really that bad. I found out later from his brother, that no, in fact, it was pretty bad. Father wasn't terribly injured, so much as terribly shaken and yet, here he was, being a true priest, asking about you and me. I'll never forget that. It was not long after this that Father, unfortunately, had to deal with the virus himself. As with so many people, it took its toll on him. Physically, he would not recover as he began his journey Home. Father died the day after Christmas. We've all lost a good priest and friend here at Holy Cross. A priest's ministry though, does indeed, continue beyond death. As we pray for Father, I'm rather certain that he, in turn, is praying for all of us. Thank you, Father Furey, for ministering to us here at Holy Cross! Thank you for adopting us as we adopted you! And thank you for letting me bend your ear once in a while! In fact, I may still need to do that at times! Please pray for us as we continue to pray for you! *Requiescat in pace!*

Peace! Fr. Wilson

Masses For The Week



MONDAY	JANUARY 18
8:30 AM	Deceased members of the Polec family
TUESDAY	JANUARY 19
8:30 AM	Betty McGarvey
WEDNESDAY	JANUARY 20
8:30 AM	Dorian Thompson
THURSDAY	JANUARY 21
8:30 AM	No Mass

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

FRIDAY	JANUARY 22
12:15 PM	Rev. Thomas Furey

NEXT WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY	JANUARY 23
8:30 AM	Dorothy Ruane
4:30 PM	John Baselice
SUNDAY	JANUARY 24
8:30 AM	Deceased members of the McGrory and Dracup families
11:00 AM	People of Holy Cross

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.



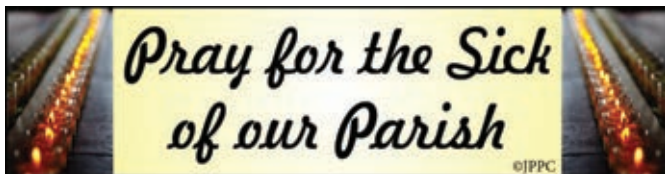
Sunday Collection, January 10

Total Collection	\$6,578
Electronic	\$3,305
Basket and Mail-ins	\$3,273

PHILADELPHIA MARCH FOR LIFE

Please join us at the Philadelphia March for Life, Saturday, January 23, 2021 sponsored by the Archdiocesan Office for Life and Family, the Pro-Life Union of Greater Philadelphia and many other organizations. The event will include a 9:00 AM Mass at the Cathedral celebrated by Archbishop Nelson Perez, followed by a march to the Philadelphia Women's Center at 777 Appletree St. and a closing rally at Independence Mall from 12 to 1 PM. This commemorates the 47th anniversary of the Roe v. Wade Supreme Court ruling that has resulted in over 60 million deaths, thousands of injured women and 500,000 deaths in Southeastern Pennsylvania. Facemasks and social distancing are required at all times, and there is free and paid parking at the Cathedral and paid parking in the vicinity of Independence Mall. See prolifeunion.org for details.





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Stephen Collins
Maryanne Convery
Samuel Dephillippo
Nancy DeSanctis
George Dickinson
Janet Doherty
Terrence (Terry) Gibson
Nella Giordano
Nicola Giordano
Donna Giorgio
Carolyn Henderson
Steven Henderson
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Carole Kime
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Paige O'Leary
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Mary Rafferty
Rose Marie Santos
Michael Sargent III
Theresa Sherwin
Joseph Sindoni
Fr. Paul Stenson
Jean Super
George Vrettos
Lily Walker
Nadia Waltanski
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2021 Mass Book

The 2021 Mass Book is open and there are Mass intentions available. Please stop by the Business Office if you are in need of a Mass for a living or deceased loved one.



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Catholic Relief Services Collection

The annual Catholic Relief Services collection funds Catholic agencies that work for the benefit of our brothers and sisters around the world. This collection supports vital Catholic programs that share in the Catholic mission of promoting the sacredness of human life. The collection will be taken up the weekend of January 16 and 17, 2021. We appreciate your generosity.

Thank You!

Thank you to all those who assisted with taking the Nativity scene and Christmas decorations down last Sunday. We appreciate your help!

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.



Holy Cross 2021 Development Fundraiser

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

Support Holy Cross Church and School

Purchase a Calendar for \$50.00. Each calendar has a 4-digit number. Each day of the year there is a chance to win a cash prize.

Daily	\$50.00
Weekends	\$100.00
Holidays	\$150.00

If your assigned number matches the PA nightly Pick 4 daily number (straight match) you win the cash prize on the calendar for that day. Fill out a calendar fundraiser form and return to the Business Office or place in the Sunday collection basket or visit our website holycrosscatholics.org to print out the form and pay online using Parish Giving. For any questions, please contact hcdevelopmentfund@gmail.com.



Three Parish Book Club

The Three Parish Book Club will meet on Wednesday, January 27, at 7:00 PM via Zoom. We will be discussing The Worn Out Woman by Steven Stephens and Alice Gray.

February: The Hiding Place by Corrie Ten Boom

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

For Information, please call Joy Van Berg at 610-328-2095 or email at joyvanberg@gmail.com

2020 Calendar Fundraiser Update

Thank you to our wonderful Parishioners for your support last year with the Lottery Calendars Fundraising Campaign!

This was a very successful fundraising drive for the school and church thanks to your donations. There were 8 winners in which we paid out a total of \$300.00 in prizes. As previously noted last year, we sold 190 calendars totaling \$9,500.00. An additional donation of \$10.00 was collected when a purchaser did not want change. The cost of printing the calendars was \$295.50.

Total raised was \$8,914.50

The winning numbers were as follows:

Feb 2	3747	\$50
May 17	2666	\$50
May 31	5911	\$50
Oct 16	1529	\$25
Oct 25	1511	\$50
Nov 9	1528	\$25
Nov 10	1536	\$25
Dec 15	1539	\$25

The numbers issued on the calendars were picked randomly in blocks of 20 throughout the possible winning series.

This year the numbers are being picked randomly in blocks of 10 so the numbers are spread out even more.

So far, we have sold 83 calendars for 2021.

If you have not purchased one yet – they are still available.

Thank you again for your continued support and generosity.

We know this has been a difficult time for so many.

Thank you again from the Development Committee. Have a Happy New Year and Good Luck!

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

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Reflection

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Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

Magnetism. On one level, it's that physical phenomenon in which a bar of iron or steel can attract other iron. It can grab onto almost any metallic object from a coin to a car and everything in between. It's the "glue" that holds the photographic memories of a family on the refrigerator door.

On another level, the word refers to those features of a person that makes him or her attractive. In the case of Our Lord Jesus, we have not only attraction but also the fact that He is both human and divine. The gospels give us glimpses of both. Jesus at one time raises a dead man to life but at another time He is caught napping in the stern of St. Peter's boat.

In the gospel passage we read today, John our author gives us all the subjects and verbs of the incident, but none of the adjectives or adverbs. We hear that two former disciples of the Baptist sent them after the Lord. They experienced in turn His magnetism. But how did their faces look? And how did Jesus' own face look? Or with what tone of voice did Jesus have when He asked them "What are you looking for?" John doesn't say.

I surmise a smile and a welcoming arm gesture when Jesus invited them to come and see where He was staying. However, John steps out of character to note the time of day when this happened. Maybe because this incident marked the hour of the first calling of people that Jesus gave.

We find out the name of one of the men was Andrew. He in turn introduces his brother Simon to the Lord. Simon gets a new name, along with a new calling. The magnetic attraction of Jesus usually involves a change in the other's life.

I believe it follows that we have an opportunity this January day to reflect on our own calling from the Lord. While each of us is unique, we also have a common call as Catholic Christians to "introduce" others, so to speak, to Jesus. A sad fact is that the largest group of people in our country in terms of religious affiliation are the "nones." People with no connection to any religion. I believe we have a call to introduce them to Jesus. And we can do that more by our actions than by words. The action of our Christian lifestyle, which has a built-in magnetism of its own.

The story is told of the captain of a Mississippi riverboat who, as his ship passed another vessel, grabbed the first passenger he saw and said, "Look, look over there on the other boat, Look at its captain." The man was somewhat bewildered and asked, "Why do you want me to look at that captain? What makes him so special?"

Then the captain told him the story of how he had collided one night with another boat. His own vessel was floundering and in the process he was thrown overboard. The captain of the other vessel saw his desperate plight and maneuvered close enough that he was able to dive into the water and save his life.

After telling the story, the once-saved captain then turned to the bystander and said, "Ever since that day, I want to point out my rescuer to others." Likewise, as a people who have been magnetically attracted by Jesus, and been saved, secured and loved by Him, we should want to point out to others the God-Man who has rescued us from the consequences of our sins.

God love you, and give you His peace!



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