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# JAHUARY 19, 2020 • SECOND 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 Vigil (night before Holy Day). | 7:00 PM           |
| Holy Day                                | (As announced)    |
| Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Satur      | day 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

# 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

I thought, at first, that we were stuck in traffic. DC is always heavy with traffic, but even more so on the day of the March for Life. I could see now that our bus was pulled curbside. All of the buses were in our three bus caravan. I was with our eighth graders that year along with their teachers, chaperones, and others in the parish interested in participating in the annual march. I soon learned that someone was having a medical emergency in the lead bus. Nancy was quite an active parish member as a lector and member of the Respect Life Committee. She was alert, conscious, and very sorry over all the fuss being made, but she was experiencing heart palpitations and lightheadedness. Not wanting to take any chances, someone called for an ambulance. I thought that someone should really accompany her. That someone was I. With sirens blaring, the ride to George Washington, University Hospital was brief. The waiting was not. They took Nancy immediately into the ER and I used her cell phone to call her husband while handing the receptionist the medical card that Nancy had fished from her purse. Tom would begin to make the trek to Washington, but it would probably be some four hours before he actually arrived, so I did some praying and reading as best that I could in a busy and noisy waiting area. Eventually, I was bedside with Nancy. She was stabilized and okay, but we would have to wait some time before her husband would arrive. I don't remember exactly what our conversation was, but I know that she was ever so apologetic for causing me to miss the march and miss being with the young people, having just to sit with her all day in the ER. She even encouraged me to go to catch up with our kids. The walk would be only a couple of blocks that I could surely handle and she would be just fine by herself while waiting for her husband. I said, "No, I'll wait also." Nancy never forgot that. She was also grateful thereafter, staying in touch even after she moved to Western Pennsylvania to be near her children after her husband's death. Eventually, Tom would arrive and although I could have gone home with them, I managed miraculously to find our kids among the thousands after I was dropped off at Union Station. The march itself, was over. Now, the bus journey home would begin with the requisite stop at Cactus Willies Buffet. The March for Life is just as important now as it was when it began after the Supreme Court decision of 1973 legalizing abortion. Since that time it seems that the inherent dignity of human life has become only more darkly shadowed. Life, it would seem, is cheap. Violence, killings, terror, and caustic political rhetoric dominate news headlines. Having a Pro-Life attitude counters such things and shines light where shadows lurk, because it recognizes that all human life is sacred, unique, and bears a dignity that remains even when choices are made that are an affront to it. Rekindle a Pro-Life attitude in yourself and among those whom you love. It is a sure and certain way to begin to affect change in all the negative headlines. It might even involve spending a day in a hospital with a woman named Nancy and the making of a "headline" that one won't forget.

> Peace! Fr. Wilson

# Mass Intentions

MONDAY JANUARY 20

8:30 AM Joe Nero

TUESDAY JANUARY 21

8:30 AM John Baselice

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 22

8:30 AM Betty Mc Garvey

THURSDAY JANUARY 23

No Mass

FRIDAY JANUARY 24

12:15 PM Nancy Yankoski

SATURDAY JANUARY 25

8:30 AM Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Lacy

Mr. & Mrs. Harold Austin

**NEXT WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS** 

SATURDAY JANUARY 25

4:30 PM John A. Govanncci

SUNDAY JANUARY 26

8:30 AM Charles F. Hoban

11:00 AM Cass & Bob Kling

#### **BEQUEST TO THE PARISH**

You can make a bequest to Holy Cross Parish having the following statement in your will: "I leave to Holy Cross Parish, Springfield, PA, the sum of (whatever it may be) for its religious, charitable and educational works." This is one way of insuring that Holy Cross will be able to continue to do in the future the good it has done in the past.



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# PRAYER FOR REVERENCE OF LIFE

Almighty God, giver of all that is good, we thank You for the precious gift of human life.

For life in the womb, coming from Your creative power. For the life of the handicapped and disabled, teaching us humility.

For the life of the elderly, witnessing the ageless values of patience and wisdom. Like Blessed Mary, may we always say yes to Your gift. May we defend it and promote it from conception to its natural end and bring us at last, O Father, to eternal life, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

# THE CORNER

# Brought to you by your Evangelization Team

"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 coworkers may be Jesus giving you an opportunity to serve Him."



The Book Club will meet in the Parish Center of Holy Cross Church on Wednesday, January 29, at 7:00 PM. You need not have read the selected book(s) to attend our meetings.

January
Read one book or both books
"Left to Tell"
by Immaculee Ilibagiza
"The Boy Who Met Jesus"
by Immaculee Ilibagiza

February
"Nudging Conversions"
by Carrie Gress

We invite you to join us for conversation and refreshments. For more information, please contact Joy Van Berg at 610-328-2095 or at joyvanberg@gmail.com



# Casserole Drop-Off Date

The next drop-off is Wednesday, January 22, between 6:00 and 7:00 PM at the Parish Annex. Anyone wishing to join us can go to saintjohnshospice.org for recipes, or just make a casserole that you like. Please mark the casserole with the date prepared. Call Connie Labowitz at 610-328-0599 with any questions. Thank you!

Stop being afraid of what could go wrong and think of what could go right

# Principal's Corner

Dear Parishioners,

The second half of the year is in full swing. The children are getting back into the school routine after the holiday break.

As we draw closer to Catholic Schools Week, the students will be collecting socks and scarves. During the week of Catholic Schools Week, we have two Special Persons Days, where either grandparents or any special person will come to school and enjoy some quality time with the children. Our week culminates with a sock hop.

If your child(ren) will be of school age, please consider your parish school. I know that academically, your child can get a good education in the area public schools, but the missing component is their religious training. The children attend Mass once a month, go to confession, participate in religious programs and they are able to pray as a class. We are academically strong and our technology is being updated on a consistent basis. We review our textbooks and curriculum yearly and we are able to purchase new texts when they are needed. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Spurrier in the school office at 610-626-1709.

Thank you for your support of our school. Have a great week! God bless you! Dr. Worrílow

# CATHOLIC SCHOOLS Faith Knowledge

# A Note of Gratitude

The Social Committee would like to thank all Parishioners for supporting our events. Your free will offerings are greatly appreciated and are helping us fulfill our mission which is stated below.

The Holy Cross Social Committee is a group of Parishioners who volunteer their time throughout the year organizing activities and social events for the enjoyment of all Parish members and their families.

We strive to build Church and Community through these events by bringing people of all ages together.



# 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."

# Holy Cross Development Fundraiser

Support Holy Cross Church and School

- \* Each Calendar has a 4 Digit
   Number
- \* Each Calendar costs \$50
- \* Each Day (366) has a Cash Príze

Daily — \$25 Weekends — \$50 Holidays — \$100

- \* 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.
- \* 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



# IHM CONFERENCE CENTER 401 S. BRYN MAWR AVENUE BRYN MAWR, PA 19101

#### A SPECIAL EVENT

Conference Day: "Self-Care for Body, Mind, Heart and Spirit" — Tuesday, 02-04-2020 9::30 AM—2:30 PM

Presenter: Sister Anne Philip, IHM
Stipend: \$40 (includes breakfast, lunch and Mass)

What might an individual self-care plan look like? Join Sister Anne Philip who will lead us in prayer, provide a hand massage experience, and challenge us to make resolutions that support good self-care. Sister will share her understanding of the role of aromatherapy and massage in maintaining a healthy lifestyle.

#### **Announcement**

Please join us for a Day of Recollection and Conference on "You Are Called to Holiness" on Saturday, April 4, from 9:00 AM to 6:15 PM, at the Cathedral Basilica of S.S. Peter and Paul in Philadelphia with the following speakers: His Eminence Raymond Cardinal Burke, D.D., J.C.D., Member and Prefect Emeritus, Supreme Tribunal of the Apostolic Signatura; the Most Reverend Joseph E. Strickland, J.C.L., Bishop of Tyler, Texas; and Rev. Gerald Dennis Gill, S.L.L., Director of the Office for Divine Worship and Rector and Pastor, Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul. We will have Eucharistic Adoration and recitation of the Rosary and the presence of the National Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima. His Eminence Raymond Cardinal Burke will be the principal celebrant at the 5:15 PM Palm Sunday Vigil Mass in the Cathedral Basilica. The Cathedral Basilica Choir will sing at the Mass. Reservations are required. To download a flyer and registration form, please go to our website: www.stjohnneumannchapter.org. For more information, call 215-247-2585.



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