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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.

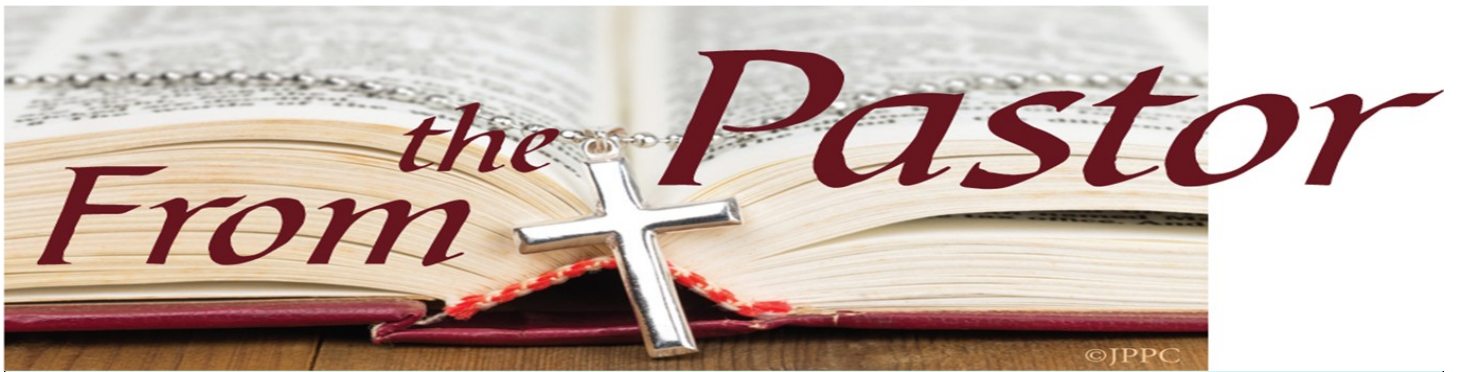
First time parents and godparents are required to attend a Baptism Preparation Session which is held on the 1st Monday of the month at 7:00 PM. Please call the Parish Office for more information.

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.



Happy Feast of the Epiphany! And Happy New Year! With the change of the calendar, it's time to make those New Year's resolutions—the chance to find areas for improvement in our lives and attempt to make some changes to better ourselves. Some things might be quick fixes; others take long-term planning, commitment, and dedication.

While we do that on a personal level, it's also good for us to consider this at a parish level. Like every parish, there are things we do well and things we can improve. Chances are you would agree with that statement. Where we would probably see disagreement is in deciding what area of parish life goes into which category. We have different perspectives, priorities, and styles, but that unity in diversity is a beautiful characteristic of the Church.

In the Spring, we will be participating in an Archdiocesan-wide initiative to help analyze where we are as a parish. You will be asked to take a survey, which will then help me and the Pastoral and Finance Councils identify strengths and weaknesses and discern where we go from there. The survey will give us a portrait of who you are and what your experience of the parish and the faith is. We can take that information and run with it to maintain what is already great and plan ways to grow/amend what is still needed. There is, of course, much more information to come, but I wanted to give you a heads-up now of what is coming up in the months ahead. Personally, I am happy that we will have this opportunity. We are a great parish with a bright future, and the more we can take advantage of tools to help us plan for that future, the better!

So that's a long-term project. Now for a quick fix. There are some weeks where there is a second collection and some weeks there is not. Sometimes we have additional envelopes (poor and needy, maintenance fund) that just go into the regular collection while other times there is an envelope for a special collection (missions) that does end up as a second collection. Sometimes the second collection gets forgotten; sometimes people are handing in envelopes after Mass they thought would be in the second collection. Bottom line: it's confusing. On top of that, taking up a second collection can be a bit cumbersome and time-consuming, especially when we don't have a full complement of ushers to help. The collection shouldn't take more time than the homily or the Eucharistic Prayer!

To make life easier all around, there will only be one collection at Mass. Any envelopes you have for a particular week should be placed in the basket when the collection is taken up. I've seen this practice in a number of parish and it seems to work well. Having said that, there may be occasions where we do have an actual second collection for some particular reason (thinking something like disaster relief when we don't have an actual envelope), but that will be announced and publicized.

Finally, a collective note of thanks from me and on behalf of Fr. Kelly, the deacons, and the parish and school staff to everyone who sent cards, notes, or gifts for Christmas. Your kindness and support is very much appreciated. God bless you all in this new year!

Fr. Kiernan

Masses For The Week



MONDAY	JANUARY 3
8:30 AM	No Mass
TUESDAY	JANUARY 4
8:30 AM	Memorial Fund Mass
WEDNESDAY	JANUARY 5
8:30 AM	Caroline & Joseph Sindoni, Vivian & George Amoroso
THURSDAY	JANUARY 6
8:30 AM	John James Radomile, Sr.
FRIDAY	JANUARY 7
8:30 AM	Francis Allegrini
NEXT WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS	
SATURDAY	JANUARY 8
8:30 AM	Deceased Priests of the Archdiocese
4:30 PM	Nancy Seafino DeLizzio
SUNDAY	JANUARY 9
8:30 AM	People of Holy Cross
11:00 AM	Living & Deceased Members of the Casciano Family

FORMED

In case you missed it.....

In last week's bulletin, Father told us that the Parish has purchased an awesome gift for all of us, a subscription to FORMED. It is an online platform filled with Catholic movies, kids programs, bible studies, podcasts, daily reflections and more. And this beautiful gift is FREE to all of us! Watch the bulletin for more information, and some parish-wide events that will happen in the new year. In the meantime, please go to <https://signup.formed.org> and sign up to begin exploring. Just enter "Holy Cross Parish, Springfield PA", it will appear in the drop-down menu; select it and press "Next", no password needed, and you will have full access to the site. Thank you, Father Kiernan!

SANTUARY LAMP



Memorial Donations

With the establishment of a new memorial opportunity donors have the opportunity to have the sanctuary lamps in either the church or chapel lit in honor of their particular intention for one week. The donation for the sanctuary lamp in the church is \$10; the donation for the chapel is \$15 (two candles burn in the chapel).



Sunday Collection, December 26

Due to the Christmas Holiday the numbers for the Sunday collection were not available at the time of bulletin submission.

TAX SAVINGS FOR YOU / GIFT TO HOLY CROSS

If you are age 70 ½ or older, the best way to make a charitable contribution can be through a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) from a traditional IRA. A QCD can satisfy your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) for the year and reduce your income taxes.

The tax benefit of giving from an IRA is greater than writing a check and taking a tax-deduction. Such gifts are also well-suited if you are subject to the RMD, but no longer itemize deductions for income tax purposes.

Suppose your RMD for the year is \$10,000-. Make at least \$10,000 of QCDs and you have satisfied your RMD and avoided income tax on the distribution. The money is out of your traditional IRA, but there is no gross income on your tax return. **For a charitable distribution from an IRA to qualify as a QCD, the contribution must be made directly from the IRA custodian or trustee to the charity.**

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!



Lyndi Butler
Gerald Curran
George Dickinson
Dawn Gibbons
Carolyn Henderson
Steven Henderson
Jimmy Keating
Carole Kime
Natalie Giorgio Kitts
Ken Kull
Mary Kull
Kendall Lambert
Joann Marks
Maryanne McCauley
Richard McCullough

Barbara McCusker
Larry McCusker
Francis Murray
Frances O'Callaghan
Charlotte O'Leary
Paige O'Leary
Alexander Ott
Mary Rafferty
Joseph Sindoni
Adeline Sulpizio
Jean Super
Valerie Thompson
Helen Torelli
Amanda Trerotola
George Vrettos

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!



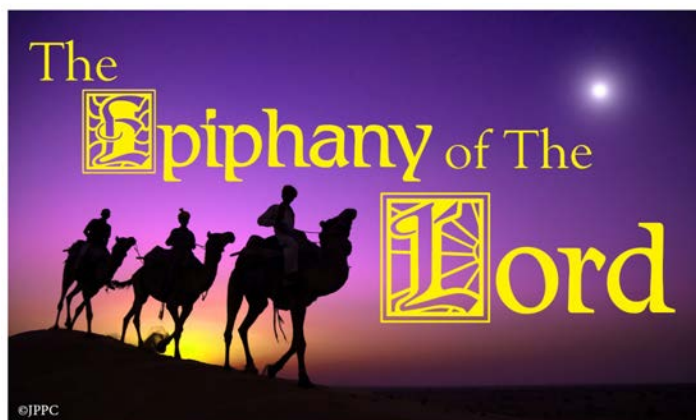
The Corner

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A New Year's Prayer

Lord, You make all things new. You bring hope alive in our hearts. And cause our Spirits to be born again. Thank you for this new year, for all the potential it holds. Come and kindle in us a mighty flame, so that in our time, many will see the wonders of God and live forever to praise Your glorious name."

---Author Unknown



Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Mother Celine and Sister Veronica of the Little Sisters of the Poor were so excited to see your beautiful gift packages for their residents. They will be distributed at their Christmas party on Dec. 23.

Thank you also for your lovely, thoughtful gifts for Delaware County Pregnancy Center. They will be distributed to the expectant parents and their families at their Christmas party on Dec. 14.

God bless you and your family!

Stewardship Promotion

Take a minute to check out the new faith-filled material for the season on the shelves near the entrance doors. There are many booklets about the saints and good ideas for children's gifts to consider.

Food Pantry Update

The Pantry will reopen on January 5, 2022.

Our volunteers have worked tirelessly and we are humbled and grateful for your prayers and generosity all year, *without our parishioners' support all year... we would not be able to do what we do every week.*

From our homes to yours, God Bless All of You.
Your friends from the St. Vincent dePaul Holy Cross Food Pantry

BE THANKFUL!

“COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS,
NAME THEM ONE BY ONE,
AND YOU WILL BE SUR-
PRISED WHAT THE LORD HAS DONE”, yes we some-
times forget all that Jesus has done for us! Take some time
and be thankful. I would like to hear it from you. Our Ado-
ration Chapel is open, 9AM to 7PM, Monday thru Friday.



Welcome to our Newly Baptized in 2021

*Jaxson Alexander
Ramondo Alexander
Emmanuel Bangura
Eva Bangura
Ronan Hugh Boudwin
Kinley Mary Carlson
Cara Kathleen Cerulli
Jackson Reid Cunningham
Maxwell John Curran
Francesco June DeNoble
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Ayden Miller
Brynn Moore
Carson Noel Muldoon
Ivana Roberts
Makayla Roberts
Micah Roberts
Hailey Lynn Sacca
Evelyn Patricia Seltzer
Abigail Rose Smyth
Ishmeal Isaac Soloku
Mariam Mary Soloku
Martha Fatmata Soloku
Harper Rae Stauffer
Ariel Sterling
Devin Michael Thomas
Owen Matthew Thomas*

St. James Alumni Choir The “Blue and Gray Voices”

St. James Alumni Association’s Men’s Choir (the “Blue & Gray Voices”) with a 28-year tradition is in search of an experienced accompanist (organ & keyboard). This is a paying position. The Choir has an approximate active membership of 30-35 members which sings with primary focus on religious and patriotic music. The choir performs at various parishes throughout the Delaware Valley area; usually 2 performances per month. In addition, the choir performs some community service events upon request, and an occasional funeral service. The choir practices weekly at the St. James Alumni Association Headquarters (the “Doghouse”) located in Eddystone, PA. The choir’s year runs from September through May. If interested or want more information please contact:

Lou Robinson, VP Choir at 610-812-4806 or email stjro-bi68@hotmail.com

In addition, the Choir is always interested in NEW members! Members do not need to be STJ Grads, they just need to have a joy for singing.

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/>.

Casserole Makers

A big “Thank You!” to our wonderful, faithful casserole makers! They make delicious dinners each month, all year long, for the homeless. We donate approximately 25 casseroles each month to St. John’s Hospice at 1221 Race Street in Philadelphia. God Bless You!

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



Holy Cross Development Fundraiser



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

Purchase a Calendar for \$50.00. Each calendar has a 4-digit number. Each day (365) has 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. For any questions, please contact hcdevelopment-fund@gmail.com. Can be a great Christmas gift for a family member or friend!



Holy Cross School Principal's Corner

We hope you had a Blessed Christmas and we wish you a Happy New Year!

We have received a grant from the Connolly Foundation and we were able to purchase 3 new charging carts for our Chromebooks. We are waiting for the Emergency Connectivity Fund to approve 27 new laptops. It takes a while for their approval. The fund usually takes a few months to approve our requests. In addition, we are looking to purchase tablets for the Pre-K. Our old iPads are becoming obsolete and need to be replaced.

Registration will take place in January. More information will be coming out very soon. Children have to be 3 by September 1 for Pre-K 3, 4 by September 1 for Pre-K 4, 5 by September 1 for Kindergarten. We follow the Springfield School District entrance requirements.

We are looking forward to Catholic Schools Week, the Book Fair and hopefully the spring show.
Have a great week and God Bless you!

Knights of Columbus

Free Throw Championship



The Holy Cross K of C will have a Free Throw Championship on Sunday, January 23, 2022 at the Holy Cross Gym from 1pm to 3 pm. All boys and girls ages 9 to 14 are welcome to attend. The age deadline as of January, 1, 2022. All winners will advance to the District Championship in February (date and time to be announced). It is "FREE TO ENTER".

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!

Spirituality Day: Carmelite Spirituality

Thursday, January 13, 2022

9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Presenter: Michael Wicks, MA

Stipend: \$20 (includes refreshment break only)

Conference Day: "Hildegard of Bingen: Practical Mystic"

Tuesday, January 18, 2022

9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Presenter: Michelle Franci-Donnay

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

Movie With Meaning: "First Dog"

Wednesday, January 26, 2022

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

Stipend: "\$25 (includes lunch)

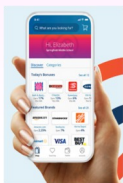
*Lunch will be served at noon for both groups



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