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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.

# *Renew Reflect Prayer Community Growth Renew Reflect* **REFLECTION** *Community Growth Renew Reflect Prayer Community*

*Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson*

A well-known stage actor commenting on the cast jitters present on the opening night of a new Broadway show would say: “You can cut the tension with a knife.” Well, Jesus Our Lord certainly had no such problem as He took His turn at the lectern of the tiny synagogue in Nazareth. The audience at least at the beginning had to have a special enthusiasm for what this “hometown boy who had made good” would say. He read in a confident voice words from great Isaiah. Centuries later we can note that here the very Word of God in person was reading the Word of God in writing.

Luke wants us, his readers, to recognize that this was the opening Day of one very special Man’s ministry. Jesus, reverently rolled up the scroll and speaks boldly but calmly, being both resolute and self-assured. Then He drops what I might call a verbal bomb: “Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.”

Our reading ends there. Unless you go to your bible when you get home to discover for yourself, you’ll have to wait until next weekend to learn what followed. Spoiler alert: it wasn’t pretty. That is because Our Lord cited the fact that Yahweh did not always hold Israel in such high esteem as to neglect other nations. He illustrated for them how good things often came from God to the so-called “lowly ones” instead of the elect.

That brings forth some ways of reacting to truth. Most of the time we find truth enlightening, attractive and beautiful. But every now and then the truth can be inconvenient, especially when it contradicts a common conviction of ours. It then quickly deteriorates into something ugly, unwelcome and enraging. The alcoholic at first denies he or she has a problem with drink. The fashion plate denies that a certain clothing ensemble is unflattering. The professor resents a student’s correction. The bishop turns vindictive at a pastor’s suggestion that a diocesan policy is flawed.

The townspeople of Nazareth resented what Jesus told them. That will happen frequently in other groups Jesus would have to chide. We well know what the power brokers of their day eventually did to silence Him. All of us at various times can be quite uncomfortable around the truth. Under pressure we reach into our imaginary bag of euphemisms to disguise the matter, or soften its impact. Look how the cancel culture handles matters. In the end, holding back on the truth is a real disservice to others as well as ourselves. Jesus came to serve others, and not Himself.

Sometimes it’s good to have a wag around when the discussion gets too heavy-handed. His humor lowers the temperature. One such person opined thus: “The first thing you’ll notice in the glove compartment of your new car is a little booklet telling you how to lie about your gas mileage.”

God love you and give you His peace!



<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>JANUARY 24</b>
8:30 AM	No Mass
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>JANUARY 25</b>
8:30 AM	Charles Sage
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>JANUARY 26</b>
8:30 AM	The Stick Family
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>JANUARY 27</b>
8:30 AM	Mary Cushin
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>JANUARY 28</b>
8:30 AM	Joseph Muratore, Jr.

#### NEXT WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS

<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>JANUARY 29</b>
8:30 AM	Dorothy Cassidy-Ruane
4:30 PM	Kevin J. & Kevin M. Conway
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>JANUARY 30</b>
8:30 AM	Ellen Linehan
11:00 AM	People of Holy Cross

### Casserole Drop-Off Date

The next drop-off is Wednesday, January 26, between 6:00 and 7:00 PM at the gym annex. The casseroles are appreciated by the homeless who visit St. John's Hospice at 12<sup>th</sup> and Race St., Philadelphia. You can make any casserole that you like. Please mark the casserole with the date prepared. Call Connie Labowitz at 610-328---0599 with any questions. Thank you!



### SANTUARY LAMP



This week's Sanctuary Lamp intention is for:

**Church: Jeffrey Scolis**

**Chapel:**



### Sunday Collection, January 16

<i>Total Collection</i>	<b>\$9,923</b>
<i>Electronic</i>	<b>\$2,178</b>
<i>Basket &amp; Main-Ins</i>	<b>\$7,745</b>
<i>Christmas Collection</i>	<b>\$27,763</b>



*Come, keep me company in the chapel. Anytime between 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM Monday - Friday*

*Love Jesus*

### 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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**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

Brought to you by your Evangelization Team

We celebrate the conversion of St Paul on Tuesday January 25. In his own words, **"...a great light from the sky suddenly shone around me. I fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to me, 'Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?' I replied 'Who are you, sir?' And he said to me 'I am Jesus the Nazorean whom you are persecuting.'" Acts 22:6-8**

Paul was blinded by this light, and after 3 days when the prophet Ananias was sent by the Lord to heal him and help him regain his sight, Ananias told him **"The God of our ancestors designated you to know his will, to see the Righteous One, and to hear the sound of his voice; for you will be his witness before all to what you have seen and heard." Acts 22:14-15**

And was he ever!! St Paul is one of the most zealous of all God's witnesses. Read more about this conversion experience and all of his exploits in the New Testament and you will be amazed at this great, courageous, tireless saint. St Paul, pray for us!

### Three Parish Book Club

The Three Parish Book Club's next meeting will take place on Wednesday, January 26, 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 32-2095 or [joyvanberg@gmail.com](mailto:joyvanberg@gmail.com).

#### January

The Shepherds' Prayer by Richard M. Barry

#### February

Let Nothing Disturb You by St. Teresa of Avila

# FOOD PANTRY

## Food Pantry Update

If you know of anyone in need of food in Delco, please let them know our Pantry Hours (Wednesdays from 3:30 to 5:30) and that we are here to help.

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



## 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](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org) or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

## 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 Czeszochowa, 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.



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## 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](mailto:dmcandrews@mcandrewslaw.com).



## Holy Cross Development Fundraiser



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

**We have a winner—Congratulations!**

Jan. 6—#8642—Bob & Marge Kelly

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 [hcdevelopmentfund@gmail.com](mailto:hcdevelopmentfund@gmail.com).

### Blood Drive—St. Charles Church

3422 Dennison Avenue, Drexel Hill, PA  
Thursday, Feb. 10, 2022, 1:00—6:00PM.

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter: Saint Charles RC Church to schedule an appointment.

## Holy Cross School Principal's Corner

The children are now working on the second trimester requirements. We are back from vacation and ready to go!

Catholic Schools Week begins on Monday, January 31st. The children will be working on some special projects. Our service project is for the Little Sister of the Poor. They are in need of Clorox Wipes and Cottonelle Wipes. Our Book Fair will take place that week as well as Student Appreciation Day and Teacher Appreciation Day. We are celebrating Catholic Education.

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!

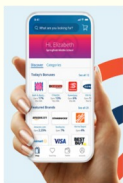


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**Conference Day: "Get Used to Different: Another Look at the Parables"**  
Tuesday, February 8, 2022  
9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.  
Presenter: Sister Marie Gippich, IHM  
Stipend: \$40 (included Continental Breakfast, lunch and Mass)

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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