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JANUARY 26, 2020 • THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Dr. Mary Rose WorriLOW..... Principal
Mrs. Kelly Meliti Director of Religious Education
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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 & 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.



Killing wasn't my intention really, though maiming was. At nine or ten, I certainly would have been no match for a sixteen or seventeen-year-old who was tormenting the daylights out of me. Perhaps, it would be better to say that he was tormenting the devil out of me. It was summer. We were staying at the hotel in Wildwood Crest where my mother, father, aunt, and two cousins always stayed in my early grade school years. It was a beautiful, warm, and sunny day in late July and we were all outside and by the small hotel pool. I don't remember exactly what the torment was, though it was inflicted by the same cousin who would dangle me upside down by my ankles over the stairway banister from the second floor of the house while I struggled and screamed. He would say, "Don't worry! I won't drop you!" Gee, thanks. That day, I had had enough. It was hot on the outside; I was hot on the inside. My Irish blood was boiling over and my German blood began to plot and plan revenge. It was my Scottish blood that determined to exact a price that was to be paid with *his* blood. On the table was a shiny, new, and full Heinz Ketchup bottle. Its 57 Varieties would pack the perfect punch and the bottle was the perfect size for my hand. It wasn't a 21st century plastic bottle, but the good old-fashioned heavy glass bottle of the 20th. I snapped. Whatever it was that he said; whatever it was that he did, I snapped. He laughed and took one step back when I approached, upside-down bottle in hand. "Ha, big tough guy, yeah, I'm scared," he snorted. I took one hard swing and came, I guess, within an inch or so of that thing on his shoulders that supposedly contained a brain. Then, he ran. I followed. Not paying attention, he got tripped up in some pool side shrubbery. If it wasn't for the swift intervention of a screaming mother of mine and my father raging at both me and my cousin while wresting the bottle out of my hand, then there would now be some other priest writing, I'm sure, a very lovely, sweet, and non-violent story about friendship, family, and faith. All I know is that back then, I was seething with rage and anger. All I could see was a bloody ketchup bottle in a police evidence bag and a whole lot of years in juvenile detention. Well, I guess that it would have been a seminary of sorts. To this day, glass ketchup bottles carry me back to that day of torment and anger on which a devil was unleashed. A little respect would have gone such a long way. Sure, boys will be boys, but couldn't we have just made more of an effort to get along. It was vacation time for crying out loud! It still is vacation time for all of us in the sense that we are all away from our True Homeland. With MLK Day, this past week was a time to consider injustices in our country both past and present and especially, the injustice of abortion, which is a fundamental disrespect for human life. It's time to put down the ketchup bottles of our rage and anger. It's time for an intervention and it's time to grow up. The respect that's owed to one another; the respect for life isn't because of anything that any one of us has done. It's because of what God did – and still does. Respect need not be earned. It's something inherent to human life made in God's Image and Likeness. My cousin and I grew up. We matured. I still have my doubts, at times, about that thing on his shoulders and the brain it supposedly contains, but we respect each other and love each other to this day – even if he does yet flinch every time that I reach for a ketchup bottle!

Peace!

Fr. Wilson

Mass Intentions

MONDAY	JANUARY 27
8:30 AM	LORRI RUDOLPH
TUESDAY	JANUARY 28
8:30 AM	JOSEPH MURATORE, JR.
WEDNESDAY	JANUARY 29
8:30 AM	MARGARET BASE
THURSDAY	JANUARY 30
	No Mass
FRIDAY	JANUARY 31
12:15 PM	TOM BUNTING
	(For the Living)
SATURDAY	FEBRUARY 1
8:30 AM	MAE CUSHIN
NEXT WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS	
SATURDAY	FEBRUARY 1
4:30 PM	JOSEPH MC COLLIAN
SUNDAY	FEBRUARY 2
8:30 AM	GOTTLOB & EMILIE RUDOLPH
11:00 AM	STEPHANO GIORDANO

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.



Lyndi Butler	Joanne Marks
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Mary and Ken Kull	Adeline Sulpizio
Kendall Lambert	George Vrettos
Rose Leto	Lily Walker
Patricia Lyons	Nadia Waltanski
Helen Lyons	Carter Walton

Sunday Collections

Thank You!

December 22	\$9,435
December 29	\$16,425
CHRISTMAS	\$32,983
January 5	\$10,684
January 12	\$9,473

BOOK CLUB

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

THANK YOU!

At Delaware County Pregnancy Center's annual tree lighting ceremony, we received welcoming party bags with items and toys reminding us to celebrate Jesus's birthday. Each new and expectant mom received a gift set of newborn baby necessities. Every child received books, dolls, plush toys and trucks. Parents were able to put warm clothes and baby toys under their trees. DCPC did all of this for us because of YOU!

THANK YOU!

From your friends and our families at Delaware County Pregnancy Center!

Let your
Light So Shine
before men, that
they may see your **GOOD WORKS,**
AND *Glorify* your **FATHER**
which is in Heaven.

Imagine
with all
Believe
your mind.
with all
Achieve
your heart.
with all
your might.

Principal's Corner

Dear Parishioners,

The children were off for Dr. Martin Luther King's birthday. We honored Dr. King for the peaceful way that he accomplished his goals.

Catholic Schools Week will begin on Monday, January 27. On Tuesday and Wednesday, we have Grandparents/Special Persons day. It is a time when students can have a good time with their special person(s) and enjoy some light refreshments. We will have Student Appreciation Day on Monday and Teacher Appreciation Day on Friday.

Registration for our school will take place this week. If your child(ren) are ready for school, please consider Holy Cross. We would love to have your children become part of our school family. If you have any questions, please call Mrs. Spurrier in the school office at 610-626-1709.

I thank you for the support that you give to our school.

Have a great week! God bless you!

Dr. WorriLOW



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Dear Friends in Christ,

This year we have the privilege of celebrating World Day of Consecrated Life on Sunday, February 2, 2020, on the actual Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord. Christ Jesus comes as the Light of the World, sent by the Father. Consecrated Life is also a gift of God the Father to His Church, a light that shines through the many men and women who have consecrated themselves to the service of the Church. Consecrated men and women have served the Archdiocese of Philadelphia as members of religious congregations, secular institutes, and consecrated virgins and hermits from the early 1900's to the present day. Let us give thanks to God for their vocations and dedicated service.

As we celebrate World Day of Consecrated Life, we are given the opportunity to remember that we are privileged to have more than two thousand men and women religious active in our Archdiocese as well as those who are retired and the many who are members of our contemplative monasteries. Our Consecrated Virgins and hermits are also an active presence in the Archdiocese through their gift of prayer and service.

On this day of World Day of Consecrated Life I invite all consecrated men and women to participate in the 11:00 AM Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul. Following the Mass, there will be a reception in Drexel Hall. Please join us in celebrating this day.

May St. John Neumann and St. Katharine Drexel continue to intercede for vocations to the Archdiocese of Philadelphia and be the source of inspiration for all Catholics to pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life.

Sincerely yours in Christ Jesus,

*Most Reverend Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap.
Archbishop of Philadelphia*

Brought to you by your Evangelization Team

As we celebrate “Sunday of the Word of God” remember that studying the Bible isn’t just for saints and mystics. You and I get to hear God’s speaking to us, too, every time we read the Bible. What is He saying to YOU today?



It's almost here!!

FOLLOWING CHRIST

STARTS ON FEBRUARY 20

Hello to all of our Discovering Christ participants. We want to remind you that the second part of our journey, Following Christ, is starting soon.

Here are some reminders:

- * Sessions are held at **Holy Cross Parish**, again in the Parish Center where we held Discovering Christ . We are meeting on the second floor and there is elevator access. Refreshments will be provided.

- * There is **no dinner** for this series, but snacks and refreshments will be provided.

- * Doors open at 6:15 PM. Come early to meet your fellow participants.

- * Sessions start promptly at 6:45 PM each evening, and end promptly by 8:45 PM.

*** If you have already said YES to our email invitation, thank you! The easiest way to register is to send your YES to:

www.discoveringchristinspringfield.org
but you can also text your name to 484-868-8571.

- * And pray for God's blessings on all who attend.

The Discovering Christ Team

Support Holy Cross Church and School Development Fundraiser

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