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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.

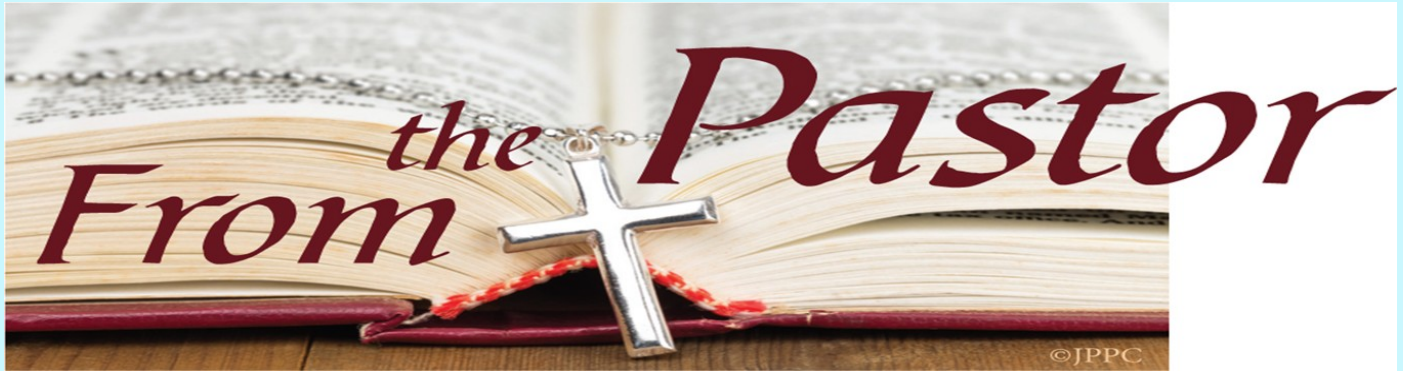
First time parents and godparents are required to attend a Baptism Preparation Session which is held on the 1st Monday of the month at 7:00 PM. Please call the Parish Office for more information.

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.



Today we begin our annual observance of Catholic Schools Week. This week has been observed since 1974 to spotlight the value that Catholic Education provides to young people and the contributions our schools make to the Church, our communities, and the nation. The theme for National Catholic Schools Week 2022 is “Catholic Schools: Faith. Excellence. Service.”

Holy Cross Parish is proud to sponsor its own Catholic School, and we are proud that our school models well those virtues of faith, excellence and service. In addition to religious instruction, our school models a lived faith by the practice of daily prayer and monthly attendance at Mass. The excellence of our academic program and student achievement has been noted as our school was again named an Archdiocesan School of Distinction this year. Throughout the year opportunities for service within the school and to the larger community are integrated into the school routine.

All that doesn't happen without hard work and dedication. I am grateful to Dr. Mary Rose WorriLOW for her leadership of the whole school. Working hard with her to keep the office going is Ellen Spurrier, whose title of school secretary doesn't begin to describe all the hats she wears. Stella Carmen and Terry Carey in the parish office ensure that tuition is collected and that bills (and teachers!) get paid. Alexandra Leicht, Shannon Whalen, Deirdre Hines, Meghan Haney, Daniele McGuigan, Stephanie Price, Michelle Ronayne, Rebecca Woodland, Kelly McWilliams, Stephanie Fuller, Morgan DiChiachhio, Winnie Daciw, Nicole McNichol, Lori Williams, Mark Hager, and Alexis O'Toole are here every day to welcome our children and find fun and creative ways to teach all the core subjects in their classrooms. The curriculum is rounded out by our specials teachers Bill Ciavarelli, Evan Campbell, Sage Favuzzi, and Stephanie Eisenman. Briget O'Leary is here to provide extra help to kids who need it as our resource teacher. Of course our invaluable aides Sue Ottaviano, Sue Reitano, McKinnon Coleman, Diana Oropeza, and Sheila Moeller help out with our littlest children—and jump in to do a million other things when needed. Finally, Mike Thompson and Ron Gardner are invaluable in all they do to keep the place clean and well-maintained. These are the people who make Holy Cross School a place of faith, excellence, and service. On behalf of the parish, I thank them for coming to work each day and doing their jobs with such zeal and enthusiasm (and for not a lot in the way of compensation).

The tuition that families pay does not cover all the expenses of the school. That's a reality in just about every parish school in the Archdiocese. We rely on parishioners to recognize the value of Catholic Education and help support our critical mission. There are several ways you can help, and over the next few weeks, I'll try to use this space to describe some of them.

In the meantime, some good news. We've been notified that we have been selected as recipients of a local grant to help increase school security! With the money, we are planning to upgrade our access control system (that's a fancy way of saying “the locks on the doors”) to an electronic system that will provide greater security. Student safety is a top priority, and this will be a big help. We continue to make security and technology upgrades throughout the building as time and funding allow.

So, Happy Catholic Schools Week, everyone! If you see a teacher this week, thank him or her for his or her commitment and service. And pray that our schools continue to be beacons of faith, excellence, and service for generations to come!

Fr. Kiernan

Masses For The Week



MONDAY JANUARY 31

8:30 AM No Mass

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 1

8:30 AM Family Victims of Tigray, Ethiopia

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 2

8:30 AM Charles DiLorezo

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 3

8:30 AM Ed Anderson

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 4

8:30 AM Mary Ann Purcell

NEXT WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 5

8:30 AM Thomas Edward Albany

4:30 PM People of Holy Cross

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 6

8:30 AM Dorothy & Thomas Cassidy and Dorothy Cassidy Ruane

11:00 AM Robert A. Kling

ARE YOU CALLED TO BE A DEACON?

Why not find out! On Thursday, February 17, 2022 at 7 pm in the Meehan Center at Saints Simon and Jude parish, 8 Cavanagh Court, West Chester, there will be an opportunity for men (with their wives) to consider a vocation to the permanent diaconate. This information session will present details of the current formation program, give an opportunity for those present to ask questions and to consider an application to the next academic year of the formation process. You (and your wife if married) are most welcome to attend. Potential candidates should be between the ages of 29 and 55 (some exceptions to the maximum age can be made) and, if married, in a sacramental marriage for at least five years. There will be ample opportunity for fellowship and the evening presentations will conclude no later than 8:15 pm. If you are able to attend, please RSVP by email to deacon.jim.owens@gmail.com.

SANTUARY LAMP



This week's Sanctuary Lamp intention is for:

Church:

Chapel: William P. & Marguerite H. McAvinue



Sunday Collection, January 23

Total Collection \$8,637

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The Corner

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"God works wonders in our failure if we're humble enough to let Him in. He is already with you. He's with you at every step. From the moment you let Him in even the smallest crack He's working in ways you never could have imagined and may never fully know. Are you ready to begin? He's just waiting on you to say yes. Do you trust the One who made you? Then say yes."

---Matthew Warner "Messy & Foolish"

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!

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 or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

Saint James Alumni Scholarship

The Saint James Alumni Association is now accepting requests for applications in their annual Scholarship Program for the school year 2022-2023. Our scholarships are awarded to students who **are graduating from 8th grade and to students already in high school.**

In order to qualify for a Saint James Alumni Scholarship, you must be a practicing Catholic, and belong to a parish in Delaware County. The student must continue their education in a high school in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. You must also meet the financial requirements set by the EITC (Educational Income Tax Credit) program.

If interested in requesting an application please send request to scholarships@stjbulldogs.org. We will send a response within 24 hours. If for some reason you do not see the response in your inbox please check your Junk/Spam folder. If it is not there please call 610-876-2006 and ask for Jim Connor or Lou Robinson.

The Alumni Association will hold an Open House on February 22, 2022 starting at 7:00pm and we will explain our Scholarship Program and field any questions or concerns about the program. ALL ARE WELCOME. If planning to attend please RSVP to scholarships@stjbulldogs.org. All who attend will be required to wear a mask. Thank you and God Bless.

Saint James Alumni Scholarship Committee

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.*

We like to thank Marshall's for the big donation they gave us.



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



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/>.

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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FORMED

What to Watch

You've probably already found a few favorite programs on FORMED, but as promised, here are some suggestions for what to watch in February! There are so many categories, we've chosen just a few to get you started. Enjoy!

For Kids: This is under the "Kids" banner; the entire "Brother Francis" series is fun, with catchy tunes and messages. A good episode to start with is "Let's Pray! A Lesson on Prayer."

For Teens: the "Real + True" banner; "Real + True (English)". 3 Seasons (or Units, as they call them), start with Unit 1.

For Families: "The Search" banner. 7 episodes, all are great. "Movie Night" banner: "St Bernadette of Lourdes", "The Adventures of Ocjee Nash", any of "The Bible Collection", which are each dedicated to a particular Book of the Bible

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.



Holy Cross Development Fundraiser



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

We have winners—Congratulations!

Jan. 6—#8642—Bob & Marge Kelly

Jan. 19 #6581—Bettina Walls

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 hcdevelopment-fund@gmail.com.

Blood Drive—St. Charles Church

3422 Dennison Avenue, Drexel Hill, PA

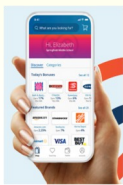
Thursday, Feb. 10, 2022, 1:00—6:00PM.

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Holy Cross School Principal's Corner

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!



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!

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 applecart 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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