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JANUARY 31, 2021 • FOURTH 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 As announced
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Saturday 8:30 AM
Friday* 12:15 PM

*Currently suspended - view online only

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, Lower Church: 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.

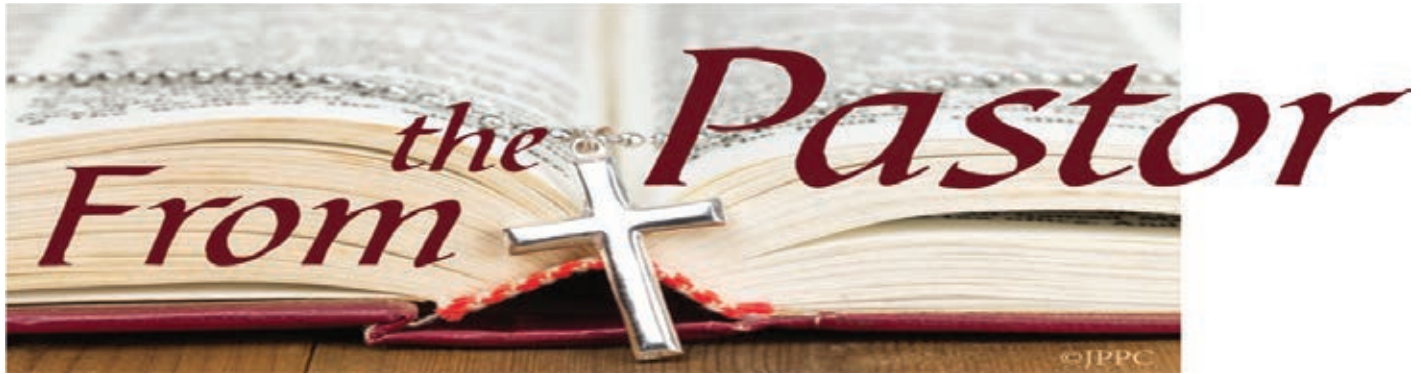
First time parents and godparents are required to attend a Baptism Preparation Session which is held on the 1st Monday of the month at 7:00 PM. Please call the Parish Office for more information.

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.



Hello? “Hey, Gene! Connie said that the parameters for the panel cover on 3351 were incorrect and the overlay was off also.” Huh? What? “Oh, is this Little Gene?” Yeah (sigh). “Ohhhh, okay. Hey, it’s Eddie. Is your Dad there? Boy, you guys sound just alike!” Hold on (sigh again). I’ll get him (third sigh). Holding my head just a bit higher since my voice had been confused with that of my father, I would go find my Dad to let him know that the phone call was for him. At the same time, I was just a little bit ruffled that I was still “Little Gene,” i.e., still a boy. I was eager to be a part of the adult world of panel covers, overlays, and 3351s – whatever they were. Now looking back, I very much miss those days of mistaken identity. Boys often go through a period of having their voices confused with that of their fathers. It falls usually somewhere between eighth grade through the sophomore year of high school. It is a time of transition and maturing with a few girly squeaks interspersed. There is a certain pride in boys as their voices change and deepen. The accompanying facial fuzz speaks to a boy slowing becoming a man. One’s voice **is** becoming confused with that of the father. I remember having a conversation with my mother for a couple of minutes about something or other. I was listening and answering although I had no idea about what she was talking. This was, perhaps, a typical conversation between boys and their mothers. Maybe it speaks to the larger conversations between men and women in general. I’ll leave that up to you. All I know is that when my mother entered from the other room, she appeared just a bit flustered realizing that she had been speaking not with her husband, but her freshman son. My mother’s cheeks were rosy and aglow! All boys go through a period when their voices change. The process of maturing causes their voices to deepen. Before the change is complete, there are usually just a few squeaks in the voice as well. Others might snicker and laugh. When the change is complete however, a growing child’s voice sounds like that of his father. There is a certain pride in the sound of that voice and certain displeasure if one is seen as still being immature and “little.” The mature Christian is called to echo the Voice of the Father. This includes both men and women. As Christians mature there will definitely be moments of squeaks and a cracking voice. The laughter and snicker of others might ensue. There will definitely be moments of fluster and embarrassment. There will be moments of confusion as to who is really speaking, but the goal of every Christian need be to speak with the very Voice of the Father. We need that Voice of the Father spoken in our world today more so than ever. So, clear your throat and say a prayer. Hold your head high and pray that in **your** voice all might hear the Voice of the Father!

Peace!
Fr. Wilson

Masses For The Week



MONDAY **FEBRUARY 1**
8:30 AM Joseph Muratore, Jr.

TUESDAY **FEBRUARY 2**
8:30 AM Annunzio Sindoni

WEDNESDAY **FEBRUARY 3**
8:30 AM Edward H. Ryan

THURSDAY **FEBRUARY 4**
8:30 AM No Mass

Friday—Public Mass suspended during the green phase. Mass available online.

FRIDAY **FEBRUARY 5**
12:15 PM Tom Bunting

NEXT WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY **FEBRUARY 6**
8:30 AM Dorothy Cassidy
4:30 PM Stefano Giordano

SUNDAY **FEBRUARY 7**
8:30 AM People of Holy Cross
11:00 AM Living & Deceased Members of the Casciano Family

The Feast of St. Blaise

Throats are traditionally blessed on the feast of St. Blaise, February 3. Following guidelines issued by the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, candles will not be placed on the throat. A general blessing of the throats will take place at all Masses on Sunday, January 31, and Sunday, February 7, as well as the 8:30 am Mass on the feast day.

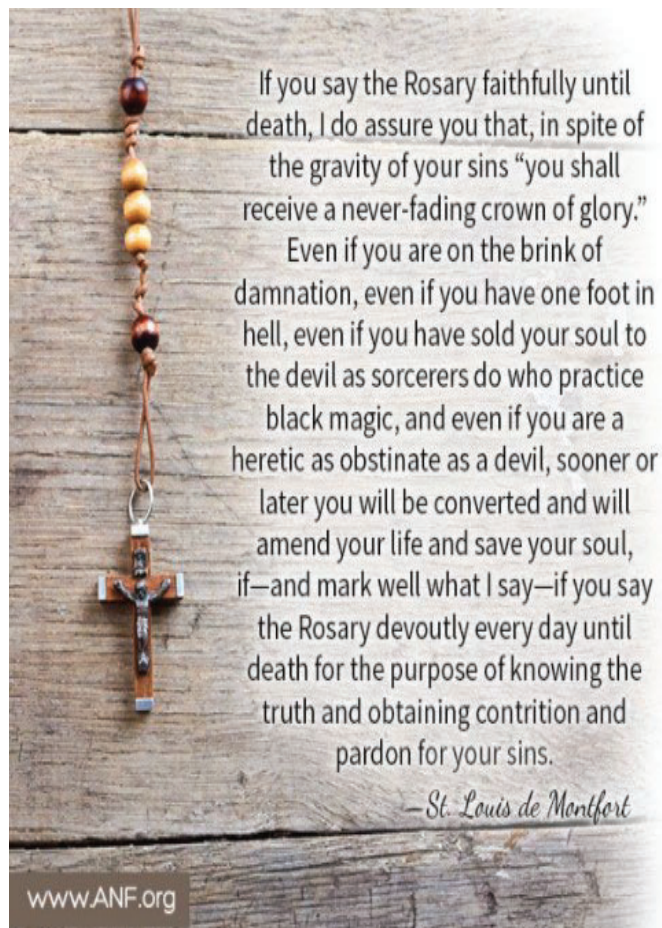


Sunday Collection, January 31

Total Collection \$6,093

Electronic \$3,115

Basket and Mail-ins \$2,978





Bill Burke
Sharon Burr
Lyndi Butler
Margaret Cook
Stephen Collins
Maryanne Convery
Samuel DePhillippo
Nancy DeSanctis
George Dickinson
Janet Doherty
Terrence (Terry) Gibson
Nella Giordano
Nicola Giordano
Donna Giorgio
Carolyn Henderson
Steven Henderson
Stefanos Karas
Carole Kime
Mary and Ken Kull
Kendall Lambert
Rose Leto

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Paige O'Leary
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Rose Marie Santos
Michael Sargent III
Theresa Sherwin
Joseph Sindoni
Fr. Paul Stenson
Jean Super
George Vrettos
Lily Walker
Nadia Waltanski
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TAX SAVINGS RELATED TO YOUR REQUIRED MINIMUM DISTRIBUTION

Under the new tax law, those taking Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs) can get a tax break giving to Holy Cross. For more information, contact the Business Office at 610-626-3321.



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The Corner

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"One amazing way we can advocate for life is by cherishing each person who comes into our presence. A kind word to a stranger, a helping hand to those in need, and prayers for people who don't even realize they are in our intentions are all ways to be pro-life."

---Chris Padgett "I'm not OK, You're Not OK, But It's OK!"

Collection for the Care of Aging and Infirm Priests

The annual collection for the Care of Aging and Infirm Priests will be held the weekend of February 13-14, 2021. This collection is an opportunity for the faithful to express their gratitude for the many blessings received through the ministry of priests.

2020 Tax Contribution Statements

If you would like a tax contribution statement for 2020, please email the office at contact-us@holycrosscatholics.org or call the Business Office at 610-626-3321. Thank you for your continued generosity, especially during this past year.



Holy Cross 2021 Development Fundraiser

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

Support Holy Cross Church and School

Purchase a Calendar for \$50.00. Each calendar has a 4-digit number. Each day of the year there is a chance to win 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 or visit our website holycrosscatholics.org to print out the form and pay online using Parish Giving. For any questions, please contact hcdevelopmentfund@gmail.com.



Congratulations!

Calendar Fundraiser

We had a winner on January 1, 2021, New Year's Day. Calendar #5249 won \$150.00. Thank you for your support.



Part-time cook at Our Lady of Perpetual Help

OLPH is seeking a part-time cook, 3 days a week to prepare meals for 4-5 nights for at least 2 people. Weekly grocery shopping for the Rectory plus items needed for planned meals. Availability for special occasions. Total 8-12 hours/week, time of day is flexible. Interested candidates can send a letter of interest to Rev. James E. Goerner, Pastor at pastor19070@gmail.com

Retrouvaille: Rediscover the Love in your Marriage

Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. 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 12-14, 2021 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT DELAWARE COUNTY PREGNANCY CENTER

Delaware County Pregnancy Center, located at 2508 Edgmont Ave. in Chester, is in need of volunteers, especially advocates to counsel and minister to our clients, ultrasound technicians, nurses and doctors. Through their services, DCPC offers hope and life to women and families with unplanned pregnancies free of charge. If you can help at any time, please contact Destiny Diggs, Exec. Director, for further details by email at ddiggs@dcpcchester.org or by phone at 610-872-2229. The Center is open Tuesday through Thursday, 10 AM to 4 PM. For more information about DCPC, see dcpcchester.org.



Ways to receive an indulgence in the Year of St. Joseph

Participate in a spiritual retreat for at least one day that includes a meditation on St. Joseph.

Pray for St. Joseph's intercession for the unemployed that they might find dignifying work.

Entrust one's daily work and activity to the protection of St. Joseph the Worker.

Follow St. Joseph's example in performing a corporal work of mercy. These include feeding the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, clothing the naked, sheltering the homeless, visiting the imprisoned, visiting the sick and burying the dead.

Perform one of the spiritual works of mercy, such as comforting the sorrowful, counseling the doubtful, instructing the ignorant, admonishing the sinner, bearing wrongs patiently, forgiving injuries, and praying for the living and the dead.

Pray the rosary together with one's family in order that "all Christian families may be stimulated to recreate the same atmosphere of intimate communion, love and prayer that was in the Holy Family".

Celebrate the feast of St. Joseph on March 19 with an act of piety in honor of St. Joseph.



Principal's Corner

This week, we celebrate Catholic Schools Week. Our theme this year is:



We are currently taking registrations for the 2021-2022 school year. If you have a child(ren) who are ready to come to school, please consider your parish school. Our grades consist of Pre-K3 to 8th grade.

Our students learn in an environment where Jesus is the reason we exist. In addition to spiritual development, we provide a challenging curriculum along with social and emotional growth.

We have a dedicated faculty who have been able to provide in-person instruction as well as virtual instruction. Students are taught in a loving and caring environment.

We recently added more Chromebooks to our current number, so at some point soon, the students will be one-on-one. We have added more access points to enhance the Internet. We continue to upgrade or update our school to enhance student learning.

If you have any questions, please call Mrs. Spurrer in the school office at 610-626-1709. We would love to provide you with the information you need to make an informed decision.

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