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JANUARY 9, 2022 • THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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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.

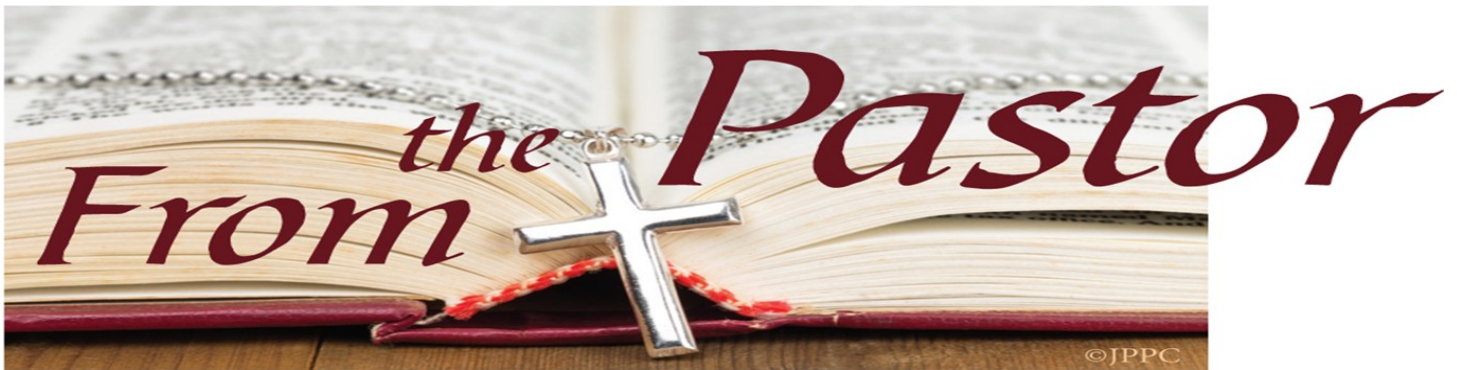
First time parents and godparents are required to attend a Baptism Preparation Session which is held on the 1st Monday of the month at 7:00 PM. Please call the Parish Office for more information.

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.



The liturgical season of Christmas officially comes to a close today with the celebration of the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Fortunately, Ash Wednesday and Easter are later this year, so we have a little more breathing room and planning time than usual before things ramp up again for Lent. That delay is especially helpful when you're a rookie pastor still trying to figure out the routine of the parish, and even more so when that routine has been disrupted for two years by a pandemic. Let the planning begin!

Speaking of the pandemic, I hate to bring it up, but I think I should. We've all seen/heard/read stories about the surge in Covid cases over the past few weeks, especially with the latest variant. As of the day/time I am writing this column, the Archdiocese has not made issued any modifications to the Covid mitigation protocols to be followed in the celebration of the Mass or the Sacraments. (Of course, with my luck, the bulletin will go to print and an e-mail will arrive a few minutes later!)

The obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days is in effect, understanding as always that the obligation does not apply to those who are seriously ill, have a serious health risk, or must care for those who cannot attend Mass in person. In-person celebration of the Mass and Sacraments is so critical for our spiritual and psychological well-being that out of charity and respect for one another, we all should be motivated to ensure a welcoming environment where everyone can feel comfortable joining in worship as a community of faith. The wearing of masks by those who are fully vaccinated is not required but is left to each person's discretion. I've noticed more people are wearing masks in the pews, and if doing so makes you feel more comfortable, please feel free to do so. We do have hand sanitizer located in the entrances, and I encourage everyone to thoroughly wash his hands before coming to Mass and to use the provided hand sanitizer when entering the church. Lastly, we have (happily) a big enough church building and (sadly) a small enough Mass attendance that social distancing should not be a problem. Let us be respectful of one another's comfort zones when it comes to spacing. If someone asks you to sit a little further away, please don't be offended. And if someone sits a little too close, please be polite in expressing your concern. Everyone is processing things and responding in his own way, and we can and should respect that we may have differences in how we do.

Please remember that the exchange of the Sign of Peace between members of the faithful, which is always optional to begin with, remains suspended. After the priest offers the Peace of the Risen Christ to the whole congregation, we proceed directly to singing the *Lamb of God*. I'm noticing that some people are doing their own variant of the Sign of Peace anyway, which can be a bit distracting and confusing for others.

Outside of Mass, we are continuing to have all normal parish activities and events, with similar Covid mitigation measures in place. I'm sure we all dream (and pray) for the time when this will all be over. Until then, let us be prudent and charitable in looking out for our own health and for that of one another.

Fr. Kiernan

Masses For The Week



MONDAY	JANUARY 10
8:30 AM	No Mass
TUESDAY	JANUARY 11
8:30 AM	Robert Carl Phillips
WEDNESDAY	JANUARY 12
8:30 AM	Francis Armstrong (Anniversary)
THURSDAY	JANUARY 13
8:30 AM	Famine Victims of Tigray, Ethiopia
FRIDAY	JANUARY 14
8:30 AM	Geraldine Tirney
NEXT WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS	
SATURDAY	JANUARY 15
8:30 AM	Louis Mostardi
4:30 PM	Leo & Jane Conway
SUNDAY	JANUARY 16
8:30 AM	People of Holy Cross
11:00 AM	Frank J. Parr (13th Anniversary)

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!

SANTUARY LAMP



This week's Sanctuary Lamp intention is for:

Church: The Pelosi Family

Chapel: John J. Cannon III



Sunday Collection, January 2

<i>Total Collection</i>	\$7,909
<i>Electronic</i>	\$4,223
<i>Basket & Main-Ins</i>	\$3,686

Collection for Catholic Relief Services

The collection for Catholic Relief Services will be held the weekend of January 15 and 16, 2022. The funds collected support vital Catholic programs that share in the Catholic mission of promoting the sacredness of human life. In providing humanitarian aid, resettling displaced individuals and families, and advocating on behalf of victims of atrocities, the organizations supported by the CRS collection act from their belief that every individual is an equal heir of Christ's love and care. We thank you for your generosity.



BAPTISM OF THE Lord



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

Brought to you by your Evangelization Team

"Prayer is central to the Christian experience. You don't become a great athlete by training only when you feel like it. You don't become a great writer by writing only when you feel inspired to write. And the saints did not become such fine ambassadors of God on earth by praying only when they felt like praying. In each case, a daily discipline is required."

---Matthew Kelly "Rediscover Catholicism"

Thank You!

The Delaware County Pregnancy Center thanks you for your generosity. Because of your kindness, their families had warm clothes, hats & coats, toys and many other items under their Christmas tree this year

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. Your gift for the residents for Christmas is one of the expressions of 'caring' that so many thoughtfully share of the blessings received in their lives in an effort to provide for those of our elderly who are less fortunate and aging. The Little Sisters of the Poor remember you all in their prayers and monthly Masses offered for their friends and benefactors.

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.

January

The Shepherds' Prayer by Richard M. Barry

February

Let Nothing Disturb You by St. Teresa of Avila

FOOD PANTRY

Food Pantry Update

The Food Pantry will reopen on January 5th. We wish all of you a Safe, Blessed and Healthy New Year.

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.* Also, Special Thanks to Piazza Honda and their employees for their truckful of food and monetary donation, which was delivered right before Christmas.

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

Thank you to Piazza Honda who provided a truckload of food and \$320 in cash to our food pantry.



MULTI-PARISH PRO-LIFE MEETING

Please join us for our monthly pro-life meeting on Wednesday, January 12, from 7 to 8 PM in St. Francis of Assisi School Library, located in the Church basement. Entrance is from the parking lot behind the church. Your prayers and suggestions are most welcome. For more information, please contact Regina Scheerer at 610-328-2463.
Jesus, protect and save the unborn.

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/>.

BE THANKFUL!

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



FORMED

****Using your Christmas Present****

We hope you've had a chance to use the instructions on your Christmas Present Postcard to sign up for your FREE subscription to FORMED. There's so much there for the whole family! It's like a Catholic version of Netflix, with movies, kids' programs, bible studies, podcasts, daily reflections and more. Starting next month, we will publish suggestions for what to watch, and occasionally, we'll have little contests for you to enter. In the meantime, if you haven't already done so, please follow the instructions on your postcard, or go to <https://signup.formed.org> and sign up to begin exploring. Just enter ZIP code "19064" and select our Parish "Holy Cross Parish" from the drop-down menu, and press "Next." Enter your name and email address, and you will receive an email for a link to sign in. No password is needed and you will have full access to the site. Have fun exploring!

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

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 \$\$

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

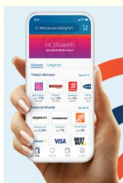
If your assigned number matches the PA nightly Pick 4 daily number (straight match) you win the cash prize on the calendar for that day. Fill out a calendar fundraiser form and return to the Business Office or place in the Sunday collection basket. For any questions, please contact hcdevelopment-fund@gmail.com. Can be a great Christmas gift for a family member or friend!



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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 Connelly 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".

Football Crazr Winner

Congratulations Atlas M! He tied for the lowest score (26) and is our first winner of the year! Holy Cross Council 15482.

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: "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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