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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

## 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.

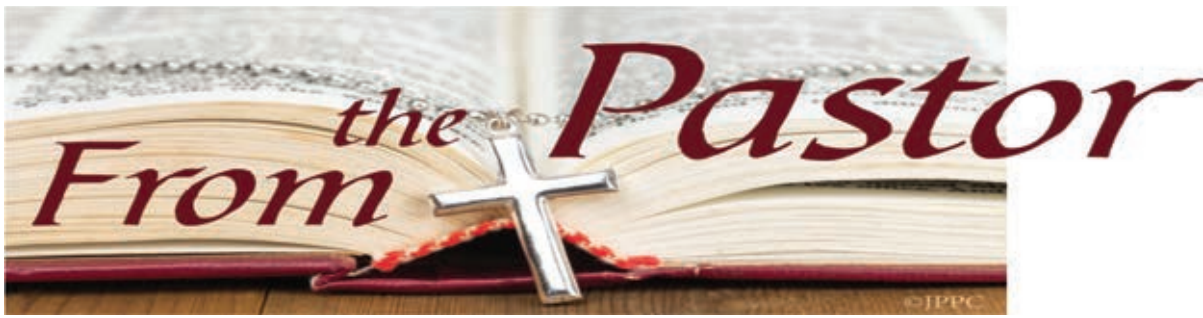
First time parents and godparents are required to attend a Baptism Preparation Session which is held on the 1st Monday of the month at 7:00 PM. Please call the Parish Office for more information.

## 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 the Parish office or Mrs. Judy Vacca, Pastoral Minister, when a parishioner is hospitalized or home bound.



It was entitled *Coal in Our Energy Future* and I suppose that in today's world our Swedish friend, Greta, would not recommend it for any recognitions or ribbons. I devoted a great deal of time to working on my Science Fair Project in Eighth Grade. Following the given format and guidelines, I came up with an idea. I ran it past my parents and sought their input. It was my father who drove me to an old North Philly coal yard one day to do some "research" and obtain some samples. I interviewed the owner who was delighted, yet amused by a young person's interest in coal. He knew already that his yard's days were numbered and that he wouldn't be much longer in business. Coal furnaces in the home were fewer and fewer almost every day. The future for the coal industry though, held promise he thought, as more efficient and cleaner burn methods became available and since coal was rather abundant. I actually enjoyed the whole learning experience of my project. And it was *my* project. I only sought some advice and necessary input from my parents (for instance, I didn't have a driver's license or know where the coal yard was). I was especially proud on the day that our projects were judged and *Coal* received a ribbon and honorary mention. My hard work paid off. A picture was taken as Sister Joan awarded me the ribbon to be placed on the display. It was that picture that would wind-up in our Eighth Grade Yearbook much to my consternation and indignation. Unbeknownst to me, as I was looking at Sister as the ribbon was being given, my classmate, Greg, photo-bombed the take long before there was even such a term. The faux photo appeared in the yearbook with the caption, *Greg receiving his ribbon at the Science Fair*. Needless to say, I was upset. This is an understatement really. It was an injustice. I worked hard on that project on my own and photo-bombing Greg's project involving some kind of mouse maze thing seemed to be designed and built by his "just-so-happens-to-be-an-engineer" father. Greg's smirking face in the photo didn't help matters. I think that he sort of made a half-hearted apology later, treating it really as "no big deal," but it was a "big deal" for me at the time and to this day, when I crack open the old yearbook to that page, I can still feel just a slight tinge like salt dropped into an old wound. That's the nature of injustice even from an Eighth Grade Science Fair photo of long ago. Injustice always wounds in some way and thus, the need to always work towards its remedy. I remedied my situation, at the time, by recognizing my classmate's immaturity and always pointing out to yearbook viewers that it was really me behind Greg that was receiving a ribbon and recognition for work well done. I suppose that this is sort of what Jesus did upon the Cross – that greatest and gravest Act of Injustice. Jesus recognized our immaturity then (and our immaturity at times now) and He continues to constantly point out exactly what He did for us upon the Cross redeeming us and allowing us to "photo-bomb" the picture receiving the ribbon and recognition which truly He alone deserves. Knowing all the injustices thrust upon Our Lord and His remedy for them, we need to bring our own wounds of injustice before Him for healing. To do so will certainly be a learning experience fair and provide a great deal of "energy" for our faith future.

Peace!

Fr. Wilson

# Masses For The Week



**MONDAY JULY 20**  
8:30 AM Poor Souls in Purgatory

**TUESDAY JULY 21**

8:30 AM Steck Family

**WEDNESDAY JULY 22**

8:30 AM Special Intention

**THURSDAY JULY 23**

NO MASS

**FRIDAY - Public Mass suspended during the green phase. Mass Available online.**

**FRIDAY JULY 24**

12:15 PM Special Intention

## NEXT WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS

**SATURDAY JULY 25**

8:30 AM William & Rachel McCauley

4:30 PM Marilyn Murphy

**SUNDAY JULY 26**

8:30 AM Julia Noreik

11:00 AM People of Holy Cross



## Sunday Collection, July 12

Total Collection \$7,733

Electronic \$2,425

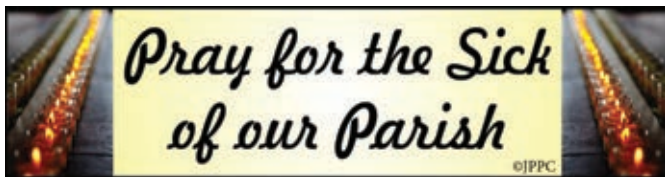
Basket & Mail-ins \$5,308

## Pro-Life Mass With Archbishop Perez

On Saturday, July 25<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m., a Pro-Life Mass will be celebrated by Philadelphia Archbishop Nelson Perez at the Saints Peter & Paul Cathedral Chapel, 1723 Race Street, Phila., PA 19103. Following Mass, there will be a procession to Planned Parenthood at 12<sup>th</sup> and Locust Streets where a Vigil will be held in memory of the lives lost to abortion from 9:15 to 10:30 a.m. All parishioners are welcome to attend one or both events. Masks are required and social distancing guidelines will be in effect. For more information, call the Pro-Life Union at 215-885-8150.







Sharon Burr  
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 Samuel Dephillippo  
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 Sharon Diemer  
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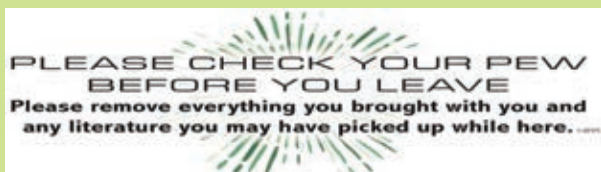
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 Joseph Sindoni  
 Adele Sulpizio  
 George Vrettos  
 Lily Walker  
 Nadia Waltanski  
 Carter Walton

## U.S.C.C.B WEBSITE

**Readings for daily and Sunday Mass can be found at [usccb.org/bible/readings](http://usccb.org/bible/readings). Click on the calendar on the right to get the readings for the day.**

## For those attending Mass

At this time during the green restricted phase there will be no Altar Servers, Ushers taking up the collection or Children's Liturgy.



## The Corner

*Brought to you by your Evangelization Team*

"Do you know The Jesus Prayer? It is an ancient prayer form that has been rediscovered in recent times. The traditional wording of the prayer is this: "Lord Jesus, have mercy on me, a sinner." It is based on Luke 18:14 and 18:39. Some people shorten it to "Jesus, have mercy on me," or simply "Jesus." It has always been linked with breathing because breath symbolizes the Spirit or life of God within us. As we inhale and say "Lord Jesus," we can imagine ourselves taking in the love and presence of Jesus and all that is good and beautiful. As we exhale and say "Have mercy on me, a sinner" we can imagine ourselves breathing out of our systems everything that is destructive to our well-being and growth."

---Father Eamon Tobin (13 Powerful Ways to Pray)

## Adoration Chapel

Our Adoration Chapel is OPEN!

The Chapel will be open from 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM Monday thru Friday.

The Maximum Capacity Allowed is 4 people.

Please wear a mask and please maintain social distancing.



### *St. John's Hospice casseroles*

Thank you to all the new cooks! St. John's really appreciates the increase in casseroles! The next drop-off is Wednesday, July 22nd, between 6:00 and 7:00 PM at the gym annex. Anyone wishing to join us can go to [saintjohnshospice.org](http://saintjohnshospice.org) for recipes. Or just make a casserole that you like. Please mark the casserole with the date prepared. Call Connie Labowitz at 610-328-0599 with any questions. Thank you and Have a safe and happy summer!

Our Food Pantry has been busy helping our Neighbors in Need in our community. If you are able, we are getting low on the following items: cereal, pasta sauce (no glass please), veggies, baked beans, canned fruit, beefaroni, canned raviolis, juice boxes, kiddie treats, and paper towels. Drop-off locations include: in the church, in our bins outside the pantry (please be sure to put the lids on the cans after you insert your donation) or drop off during our pantry hours.

If you know anyone in need of food in Delco, please let them know that the pantry is open on Wednesdays from 3:30 to 6:00 PM.

God Bless All of You,  
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### STUDENTS EXCEL AT

#### CARDINAL O'HARA HIGH SCHOOL

Our Parish recently received notification of the performance of our high school students on the End of the 4th quarter report. We are particularly proud of those who demonstrated academic excellence.

Students who achieved first honors include:

Kyleigh Devenney '20, Mia Macciocca '23,  
Peter Vu '23, Anthony Yost '23

Students who achieved second honors include:

Olivia Riley '20, Paige Donnelly '21, Maria McNicholas '21, Mary-Kate Sansone '21, Marissa Glick '23, Aminata Gogra '23, Rebecca McVeigh '23.

### *Congratulations*



reflect - pray - renew  
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# Reflection

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*Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson*

Oh, to think my morning bowl of Wheaties is filled with something grown on a field! I marvel when I think of all the steps involved in the notion of “farm to table.” I should never forget, first of all, the labor of farmers that is involved. Same goes for the railroad personnel, and the truckers and the grocery workers that link farm and my breakfast table. Our enemy the Covid 19 virus brought that home.

Jesus’ parable got me thinking about all this. I got to wondering just what Jesus intended in telling it. Certainly He is issuing a call to be patient in a world, indeed in His earthbound kingdom, where both saints and sinners are allowed to flourish between now and Judgment Day. His leniency balances His justice.

That mustard seed which comes next and the yeast after that in Matthew’s compilation both teach us something more. When God’s plan is behind some effort, however small, there is a surprising effect on the whole world. May I suggest that there is comfort and peace in this fact?

There is still more, albeit a side effect in all three parables. We get to learn that God is present and active in even the little everyday events in our everyday lives. Poets seem to have a lock on this kind of perception, because they can look at ordinary things with a sense of wonder. That patch of wildflowers spread over the highway median gets missed so easily as we zoom past it over the legal speed limit. Yet we know the poets are right. Somewhere deep inside us is the truth that now and then we all have to stop, literally, and “smell the roses.”

One positive effect of the Covid 19 lockdown is that we are now compelled to stop or at least slow down long enough to take genuine notice of the people, places and things that make up the content of our lives. That’s what’s real. Any hectic self-imposed agenda is artificial.

There is a parallel here with the subtle spread of God’s peaceable kingdom in the world. His quiet power is always at work, fulfilling His plan for us as well as His whole Church. We just have to notice and marvel. That in turn energizes our hope and maximizes our love. Then we become that “good wheat” that He will gather into His barn.

Michael E. DeBakey, a heart surgeon, once observed: “For me, the solitude of early morning is the most precious time of day. There is a quiet serenity that disappears a few hours later with the hustle and bustle of the multitude. God has granted another day of life, another chance for me to do something worthwhile for humanity.” May I humbly suggest that you follow up such lofty thoughts as his while eating a healthy bowl of Wheaties?





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