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JULY 24, 2022 • SEVENTEENTH 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
 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.



FROM THE PASTOR

On behalf of the parish, I want to thank Fr. Celestine Madubuko for joining us last week as part of the Church's Missionary Cooperative Plan and speaking to us about the needs of the Church in his home diocese of Nigeria. If you wish to make a contribution to the Missionary Co-op Appeal, envelopes are available at the entrances to the church and can be placed in the collection on Sundays over the next few Sundays.

I feel like I have to share something that happened this past week. We received a four-digit invoice for some repair work that had to be done around here. The same day, we opened a Maintenance Fund envelope, and one of the envelopes contained a check that happened to be for the amount of the invoice! What are the odds that you would get a bill for \$x and a random check for \$x on the exact same day? I'm reminded of when Mother Angelica was starting up the TV network that would become EWTN, she had ordered a satellite dish for the network without having the money in the bank to pay for it. She and the nuns prayed and trusted, and on the day of delivery (which was evidently COD), someone called the convent and wanted to make a huge donation that just happened to be what the satellite dish would cost.

These things aren't just coincidences. They are signs that God's providence is at work. We have a lot of capital improvements to undertake here at the parish. Finding a way to afford them is a challenge. But I'm trusting in God. If He wants it done, if He thinks it's worth doing, then He will find a way to make it happen. That's Divine Providence at work.

On the subject of capital projects, we are still working on our heating and air conditioning in the church. I hope you're not tired of me continually talking about the topic in this space, but I feel some sense of transparency is important here. We had an engineer come in to look at the entire A/C system and all its different components to assess how the system works and why it isn't working as it should. The good news is that he identified the causes of many of the issues and came up with a series of recommendations. The bad news is that there is no simple (or inexpensive) fix. But if we don't make some of those fixes, the result could be the failure of the whole system—not something we want during all this summer heat!

So, we trust in Divine Providence to help us make the right decisions and to provide the financial resources necessary to move forward. And we continue to thank the parishioners who have responded to our needs by their contributions to the Tame our Temp envelopes. Some generous souls have been very kind in making a number of gifts over the past few months. That is a blessing.

As we approach the end of July, we're finalizing the parish and school calendars for the upcoming year. We have a few big events planned in the Fall, and I can't wait. It'll be nice to spend some time and effort planning things that more directly focus on the spiritual, sacramental, and social life of the parish. More info to follow!

Have a great week!
--Fr. Kiernan

17th
Sunday in
Ordinary
Time

Reading I: Genesis 18: 20-32

After God announces His plan, a dialogue follows between Him and Abraham, in which Abraham is a bargainer. He makes daring proposals to God, but along the way he models persistence in prayer.

Reading II: Colossians 2: 12-14

Paul instructs the community of the fact that by their union with Christ, there is forgiveness of sin. This in turn is connected with their baptism, in which they died and rose with Christ.

The Gospel: Luke 11: 1-13

Jesus provides a catechism on prayer which stresses persistence as an essential component. This is particularly difficult for First World citizens, surrounded by a glut of "time saving" gadgets.



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, JULY 25

8:30 AM - No Mass

TUESDAY, JULY 26

8:30 AM - Tom Bunting

WEDNESDAY, JULY 27

8:30 AM - Bob & Carol O'Hare

THURSDAY, JULY 28

8:30 AM - Judy & Tony Niewinski

FRIDAY, JULY 29

8:30 AM - Thomas Greiner

SATURDAY, JULY 30

8:30 AM - Rose Brydges

4:30 PM - Jennifer Duffy

SUNDAY, JULY 31

8:30 AM - Mary Rita Ryan

11:00 AM - The People of Holy Cross

SANCTUARY LAMP



This week's Sanctuary Lamp intention is for:

Church: **Jeffrey Scolis**

Chapel: **Jim McFadden**

COLLECTION INFORMATION

Weekly Need **\$12,820**

Weekly Collection, July 17

Total **\$7,932**

Electronic **\$2,525**

Basket & Main-Ins **\$5,407**

PRAY FOR THE SICK



Steve Austin

Consiglia Borrelli

Lyndi Butler

Mary Ann Carroll

Maryann Convery

Bill DeVuono

George Dickinson

Bob Frankenberger

Dawn Gibbons

Ryan Hearne

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

Katherine Patrone

Mary Rafferty

Ronnie Sidebottom

Joseph Sindoni

Adeline Sulpizio

Jean Super

Valerie Thompson

Betty Tomczyk



TAME OUR TEMP!

As of July 17, 2022 we have received **\$11,982** in donations. We thank you for your generosity!

Casserole Drop-Off Date

The next drop-off is Wednesday, July 27th between 6:00 and 7:00 PM at the gym annex. The casseroles are appreciated by the homeless who visit St. John's Hospice at 12th and Race St., Philadelphia. You can make any casserole that you like. Please mark the casserole with the date prepared. Call Connie Labowitz at 610-328-0599 with any questions. Thank you!

Scrip Program

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Have questions about getting started? Call the ShopWithScrip Customer Support team at 1-800-727-4715 option 3.

150th Anniversary of Sacred Heart of Jesus Church

Sacred Heart of Jesus Church in Philadelphia, PA is celebrating their 150th Parish Anniversary with a Mass and dinner on Sunday, October 16, 2022. The ticket price is \$75 per person. Please call our rectory at 215-465-4050 or visit our website, sacredheartchurchsp.com for more information.

Home Care Needed

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

The Corner

Brought to you by your Evangelization Team
On Friday we celebrate the Feast of Saints Martha, Mary, and Lazarus. Pope Francis officially changed it last year from the Feast of St Martha to this feast honoring all 3 of the siblings.

Jesus told Martha "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in Me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die. Do you believe this?"

--John 11:25-26

Look at His last 4 words, "Do you believe this?" It's a good question for all of us.

Formed

This summer, take the opportunity to become familiar with all that FORMED has to offer. There are movies for the whole family, children's series and cartoons, lectures, Bible Studies, tours, books... so much to explore and learn, all with a Catholic perspective.

Remember this is a **FREE GIFT** to you from your parish! If you haven't already done so, go to <https://signup.formed.org> to begin exploring. Enter ZIP code "19064" and select "Holy Cross Parish" from the drop-down menu, 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. Enjoy!

Cardinal O'Hara Class of 1982

SAVE THE DATE!! Our 40th reunion will be held on November 25, 2022 at The Streetlight Café in Drexel Hill, PA. Tickets will be \$75. Purchasing information to follow. If you have any questions please email Margie Ettorre-Harper/Chuck Martino at oharaclass1982@gmail.com

Food Pantry Update

As we have shared before, with the increased cost of food and personal items, our pantry continues to be busy. Our parishioners have supported our St. Vincent dePaul Conference with your contributions in the "Help the Needy" church envelopes and food donations. Not sure if we tell you enough... we appreciate all of your generosity and prayerful support.

If you are able, we are always in need of cereal, pancakes and syrup, pasta and pasta sauce, peanut butter, jelly, veggies, mac & cheese, canned meats, spaghetti, juice, kiddie treats, paper towels and toilet paper.

If you know any Delco residents in need of food, please let them know our pantry is open on Wednesdays from 3:30 to 5:30PM.

God Bless All of You,
Your Friends from the St. Vincent dePaul Society Holy Cross Food Pantry

Life in the Spirit Seminar 2022

You who are dispirited due to the challenges in this world, come and receive the Spirit of Hope to witness.

Fridays only, July 15 to August 26, 2022, 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM. St. Raymond of Penafort Church, 1350 Vernon Road, Philadelphia, PA. For more information and to register visit www.PhillySpirit.com

Summer Study of the Psalms

Please join us for a summer short course on the book of Psalms, 5 weeks, Wednesdays 9:15 – 10:30 am, June 29 to July 27 in the parish center. We will be using Psalm Basics for Catholics by John Bergsma. For more information and to reserve a book contact Elizabeth Austin at elizabethaustin@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 August 19 - 21 and October 14 - 16 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, visit HelpOurMarriage.org or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

Three Parish Book Club Summer Reading Suggestions

1. Ready for a road trip with Pope Francis and the Dalai Lama?

The Delight of Being Ordinary by Roland Marullo

2. Want to solve a puzzle or two? Try one or more of these vintage mysteries.

A Novena for Murder by Sister Carol Anne O'Marie - introducing Sister Mary Helen and her "side kick" Sister Eileen, Bad Faith by Aimee and David Thurlo – whose sleuth is Sister Agatha, an exturn nun in a Southwest Monastery, The Father Brown Stories by G. K. Chesterton – oldies but still goodies.

3. Up for something different? Take the Miss Rumphius challenge. Read Miss Rumphius by Barbara Cooney (to a child or another adult.) Then decide together on a "third thing" and make it happen.

Book club meetings resume on September 28. For more information contact Joy Van Berg at 610 328-2095 or at joyvanberg@gmail.com

Students From Holy Cross Excel

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

Cardinal O'Hara High School

First Honors:

Natalie DiMario '22, Caitlin Henzel '23, Elizabeth Simpson '23, William Donnelly '24, Abigail Henzel '25, Amber-Joyce Pensyl '25

Second Honors:

Brian Young '22, Ava Devenney '23, Mia Macciocca '23, Victor Madu '23, Peter Vu '23, Anthony Yost '23, Grace Beurket '25, Kayleigh Kelly '25

Msgr. Bonner Archbishop Prendergast High School

First Honors:

Domenica Brunetti '22, Zachary Maiorano '23

Second Honors:

Sherlyn DeLaRosa '22, Alyssa Gannon '22, Brielle Terinoni '22

Adventure Island Vacation Bible Camp

OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL
31 Pennswood Road, Bryn Mawr, PA
August 15-19
9:00 AM to Noon

All children ages 4-9 are invited to join us for a week of discovering more about God in our Vacation Bible Camp August 15-19, 2022. Join us on Adventure Island to discover the Light of God in our lives! The cost of the camp is \$50. Scholarships are available. Contact Karen Carey at 610-525-0147 for information. To register go to www.omgcp parish.org and follow the prompts for VBC!

Registration for PREP

PREP 2022-2023 Registration is NOW OPEN!
For forms and information please see the PREP Information tab on the website at holycrosscatholics.org.

Parish Business Manager – Help Wanted

Partnering Parishes of Sacred Heart (Clifton Heights) and St Charles (Drexel Hill) need a person who is proficient in QuickBooks, or at least familiar with bookkeeping. Person would be in charge of 2 Parish staffs, reporting to the Pastor. Responsibilities would also include upkeep for Parish grounds, with a rented School Building and a Cemetery at St. Charles, and with a Convent at Sacred Heart. Person should be faith-filled. Inquiries should be sent to Msgr. Majoros (mmajoros@scbdh.org) and Marty Kelly (mkelly@scbdh.org).

The IHM Center for Literacy

An educational mission of the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary (IHM) - is seeking volunteers to help teach English to immigrant adult learners at its new location in Juniata Park (Holy Innocents Parish). Volunteers are especially needed for evening classes (6:45pm to 8:15pm). Classes begin in late September 2022. No previous teaching experience is required. Teacher training is provided. For more information or to volunteer contact: jennifer@ihmcenterforliteracy.com

Mass of Giving Thanks to God for the Gift of Human Life

Cathedral Basilica of SS Peter & Paul
18th Street & Benjamin Franklin Parkway,
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Sunday, July 31 at 11:00 PM
Celebrant: Archbishop Nelson J. Perez



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