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MARCH 14, 2021 • FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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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.

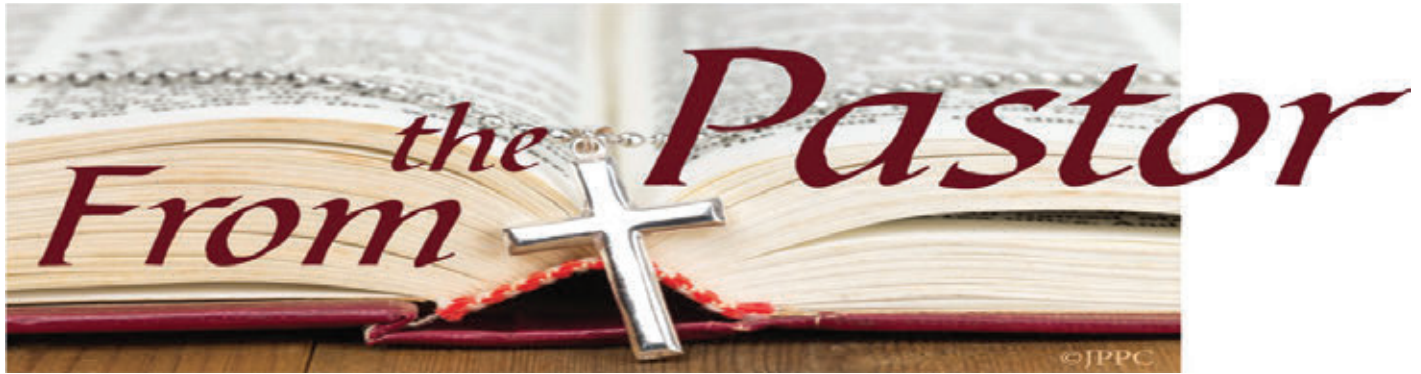
First time parents and godparents are required to attend a Baptism Preparation Session which is held on the 1st Monday of the month at 7:00 PM. Please call the Parish Office for more information.

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.

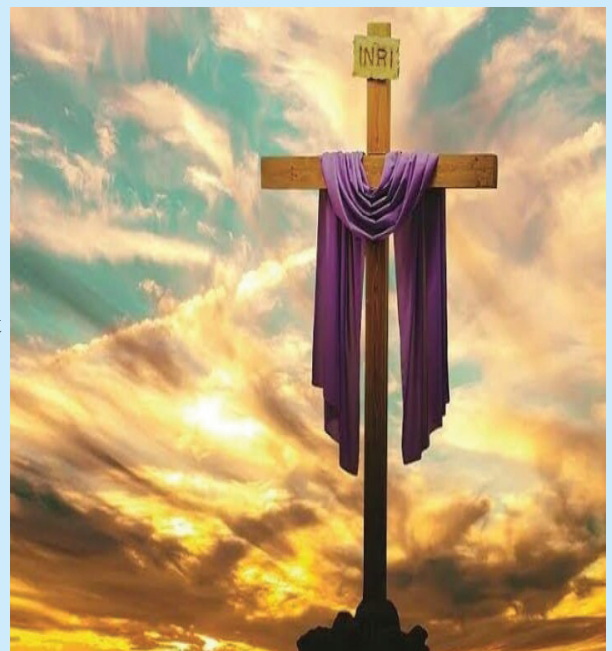


The world of today reveals itself as at once powerful and weak, capable of achieving the best or the worst. There lies open before it the way to freedom or slavery, progress or regression, brotherhood or hatred. In addition, man is becoming aware that it is for himself to give the right direction to forces that he himself has awakened, forces that can be his master or his servant. He therefore puts questions to himself. The tensions disturbing the world of today are in fact related to a more fundamental tension rooted in the human heart. In man himself many elements are in conflict with each other. On one side, he has experience of his many limitations as a creature. On the

other, he knows that there is no limit to his aspirations, and that he is called to a higher kind of life. Many things compete for his attention, but he is always compelled to make a choice among them, and to renounce some. What is more, in his weakness and sinfulness he often does what he does not want to do, and fails to do what he would like to do. In consequence, he suffers from a conflict within himself, and this in turn gives rise to so many great tensions in society. Very many people, infected as they are with a materialistic way of life, cannot see this dramatic state of affairs in all its clarity, or at least are prevented from giving thought to it because of the unhappiness that they themselves experience. Many think that they can find peace in the different philosophies that are proposed. Some look for complete and genuine liberation for man from man's efforts alone. They are convinced that the coming kingdom of man on earth will satisfy all the desires of his heart. There are those who despair of finding any meaning in life: they commend the boldness of those who deny all significance to human existence in itself, and seek to impose a total meaning on it only from within themselves. But in the face of the way the world is developing today, there is an ever increasing number of people who are asking the most fundamental questions or are seeing them with a keener awareness: What is man? What is the meaning of pain, of evil, of death, which still persist in spite of such great progress? What is the use of those successes, achieved at such a cost? What can man contribute to society, what can he expect from society? What will come after this life on earth? The Church believes that Christ died and rose for all, and can give man light and strength through his Spirit to fulfill his highest calling; his is the only name under heaven in which men can be saved. So too the Church believes that the center and goal of all human history is found in her Lord and Master. The Church also affirms that underlying all changes there are many things that do not change; they have their ultimate foundation in Christ, who is the same yesterday, today and forever.

Peace!

Fr. Wilson



-from the Office of Readings, Saturday of the First Week of Lent
(from the Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern
World of the Second Vatican Council (Gaudium et spes, Nn. 9-
10))



MONDAY **MARCH 15**

8:30 AM **Michaela Cox**

TUESDAY **MARCH 16**

8:30 AM **Philip & Therese Baselice**

WEDNESDAY **MARCH 17**

8:30 AM **Frances Maguire**

THURSDAY **MARCH 18**

8:30 AM **No Mass**

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

FRIDAY **MARCH 19**

12:15 PM **Joseph B. Bartivic**

NEXT WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY **MARCH 20**

8:30 AM **Edward O'Reilly**

4:30 PM **Josephine & Frank Castracane**

SUNDAY **MARCH 21**

8:30 AM **Manus Ferry**

11:00 AM **People of Holy Cross**

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!

Sunday Collection, March 7

Total Collection **\$9,357**

Electronic **\$3,505**

Basket and Mail-ins **\$5,852**



Congratulations to the children of our parish who received the Sacrament of Confirmation last Tuesday.

Mylie Lucy Bloxton
Daniel Sebastian Boyd
Emma Katherine Callahan
Austin Michael Chidester
Alexander Peter Cooper
David Christopher Cornett
Michael William Davidson
Ariana Theresa DelValle
Sean David Erickson
Grace Claire Gambino
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Isabella Amelia Murray
Michael Christopher Myro
Jackson Patrick Raum
Erin Monica Saye
Devon Christopher Semerjian
Matthew Michael Semerjian
Conner Anthony Wainwright
Keira Teresa Wainwright

Thank you to those who made the day so special: Kelly Meliti, Linda Ryan, Andrew Ryan, Stella De Los Santos, Grete Ingalls, the Catechists and those who served.



Joseph Borrelli
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The Corner

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You may feel stagnant in your walk with Christ like you are constantly taking two steps toward God and one step back, but His view of things is different. St. Paul reminds us in **Philippians 1:6** that **"He who began a good work in you will carry it to completion until the day of Christ Jesus."** Even if you can't see it or feel it, God promises us that He will bring our transformation to completion. During Lent, let's take this promise to heart and give thanks and praise to God for all the mercies He has shown us, especially the gift of Salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Catholic Charities Appeal

The 2021 Catholic Charities Appeal has begun. Please join us in supporting the Appeal as it continues to impact those in need all over the Greater Philadelphia area. Visit catholiccharities-appeal.org to make your donation today!



FOOD PANTRY

The Food Pantry continues to provide food and supplies to our most in need using a drive-thru behind our school every Wednesday from 3:30 to 6:00. If you know anyone in need of food in Delco, please share this info.

Our client volume is still high and thanks to all of you, we are able to meet their needs.

Our Knights of Columbus did a "Souper Bowl" collection, which helped fill our shelves and the Clifton Heights Acme is providing their "Feed Our Community" Super Bowl collection exclusively to our pantry.

If you are able, we are in need of pasta sauce, peanut butter, cereal, oatmeal, beans, canned fruit, paper towels and toilet paper. You can either leave your donations in the church or drop off in the silver trash cans (please ensure the lids are on tight after you fill them) outside the pantry.

Please stay warm and safe and Thank You for all your prayers and support.

God Bless all of you,
Your Friends from the SVDP Food Pantry



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT DELAWARE COUNTY PREGNANCY CENTER

Delaware County Pregnancy Center, located at 2508 Edgemont 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.

Holy Cross Development Fundraiser

HOOPS MANIA



The Development Committee is running an exciting sweepstakes based on college basketball! Each card contains 8 random teams, seeded #1 thru #8, in college basketball's championship tournament. The teams for each seed # are announced a week before the tournament begins. To play, simply add up the points your teams score throughout the entire tournament. The scores are tracked automatically and you will be notified if you win! Prizes range from \$30 to \$1,000. Tickets will be sold after Masses. Each ticket is \$20.00.

You can also donate/purchase a Hoops ticket online at <https://www.charitymania.com/give/YB006-1>.

Three Parish Book Club

The Three Parish Book Club's next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 31, at 7:00 p.m., via Zoom. Members will discuss The Truth About Saint Joseph by Fr. Maurice Meschler S.J. You need not have read the book in order to join in the meeting. For more information, please contact Joy Van Berg at 610 32-2095 or joyvanberg@gmail.com.

April: The Power of Silence

by Robert Cardinal Sarah

May: The World's First Love

by Fulton J. Sheen

Casserole collection for St. John's Hospice

We are currently able to deliver our casseroles to St. John's Hospice due to the generosity of Mike and Mary Ann O'Shea. We will collect casseroles as usual on Wednesday, March 24. Thank you.

Lenten Events: Two Powerful Nights with Noted
Author, Speaker and Former Jewish Harvard
Professor Roy Schoeman

March 28, 7 PM: *A Personal Journey from Judaism to Atheism to Catholicism: The Remarkable Story of Roy Schoeman*. Hear the amazing account of Roy's supernatural encounters with Christ and the Blessed Virgin Mary which resulted in his enthusiastic entry into the Catholic Church.

March 29, 7 PM: *Why the Last Supper and the Crucifixion took place on Passover: The Transformation of Judaism into the Catholic Church*. In this presentation, Roy Schoeman will explain how God's perfect plan for salvation depended on both Judaism and the Catholic Church, resulting in their convergence on Good Friday.

These are live virtual events. Registration is required to receive the link to attend. To register, go to www.olphmorton.org and look for "Lenten Events with Roy Schoeman".

"Everything You Wanted to Know About the Sacraments but Were Afraid to Ask!" (Part 2)

Tuesdays, March 16 and 23

7:00 to 8:30 PM via Zoom.

Please join St. Augustine Parish as we host five virtual discussions during LENT on the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Anointing of the Sick, Matrimony and Holy Orders. Why confession? Can't I just tell God I'm sorry? Why are Last Rites now called Anointing of the Sick? We will discuss and answer these and other questions you may have.

3/16 Holy Orders—Rev. Don Reilly, OSA, MA, MDiv

3/23 "How Does It All Come Together" - Rev. Msgr. Michael Magee, STD, SLL, MA, MDiv

For details, visit www.st-augustinechurch.com

Principal's Corner



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. Spurrier in the school office at 610-626-1709. We would love to provide you with the information you need to make an informed decision.

St. Joseph's Preparatory School

Our parish recently received notification of the academic performance of our high school students for the first semester of the 2020-2021 school year.

Academic Honors

Rocco Bruno

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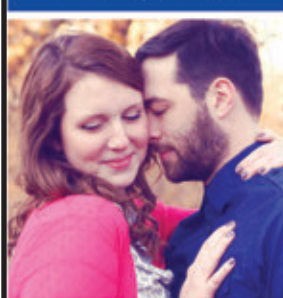
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