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MARCH 20, 2022 • THE THIRD 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
 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.

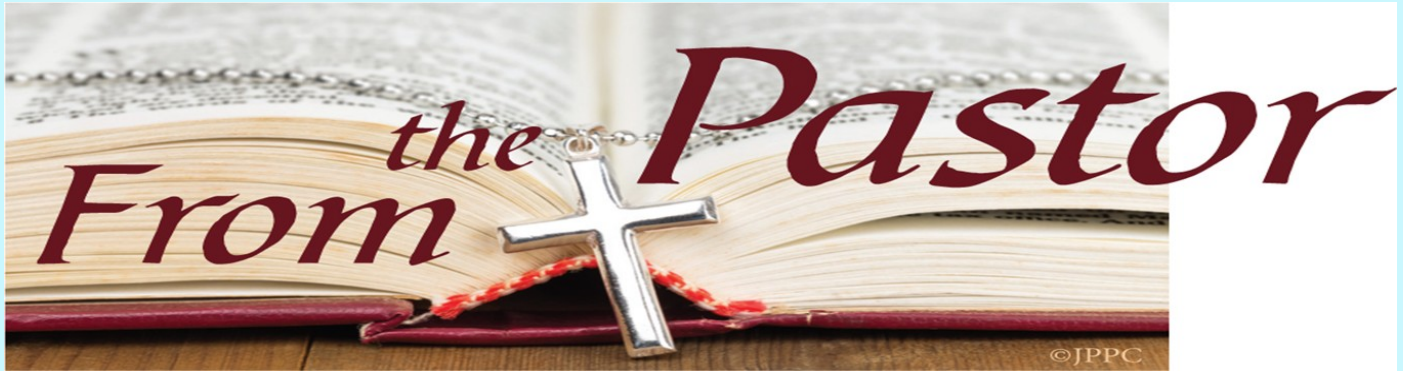
First time parents and godparents are required to attend a Baptism Preparation Session which is held on the 1st Monday of the month at 7:00 PM. Please call the Parish Office for more information.

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.



I often say that if someone were to create a TV show about things that happen in a parish, it would never get the green-light because the stories would simply be too unbelievable. For example, imagine the following scene. The pastor is in his office trying to think of something witty and informative for his bulletin column, which he's not sure if anyone reads, but he writes anyway. The maintenance director walks in. Let's call him "Don Garner."

Pastor: Hi, Don. Uh oh, you have that look. What's broken today?

DG: Haha, funny you say that. The elevator in the parish center isn't working. The company just looked at it. One of the electrical motors stopped working. Thankfully nobody got stuck.

Pastor: That's a relief! Any idea why it stopped working? Just old and worn out?

DG: No, it was fine. It got flooded.

Pastor: Flooded?

DG: Yeah. The [something-or-other] that controls how much water goes into the boiler isn't working. It just keeps feeding water into the boiler, building up pressure, making the relief valves open to drain the excess water so we don't have an explosion.

Pastor: Well good, exploding boilers are a bad thing. But why are we talking about the boiler? I thought it was the elevator that had a problem.

DG: It was. The relief valves connect to a pipe, which goes into the elevator's electrical room to drain into a pit with a sump pump. The pipe broke, water got everywhere. It's fried.

Pastor: Wait, so, years ago somebody ran a water pipe and put the sump pump around a bunch of expensive electrical equipment?

DG: Or put the electrical equipment in around the drainage area. Not sure what was first, but basically, yep!

Pastor: Is that kosher?

DG: Probably not. I don't think that would be allowed with today's codes.

Pastor: Of course not. Sigh. How much?

DG: Well, the motor will be around \$4,500. Oh, and some belts also got ruined and need to be replaced. But, just for fun, they're on backorder.

Pastor: Well, there's a surprise. And what about the boiler?

DG: [Company]'s pricing on a new [something-or-other], and I replaced the drainage pipe.

Pastor: Another crisis solved. Great! By the way, hate to be the bearer of bad news, but....

Unrealistic, you say? Too far-fetched? Nobody would believe that water drains into an electrical room? Nope. Truth is stranger than fiction. That was a [highly edited version of a] conversation here at Holy Cross last week. The elevator in the parish center gets a lot of use with the food pantry in the basement; there's a lot to haul up and down. Hopefully, it will have been fixed by the time you read this. I am very grateful to the Holy Cross Chapter of the St. Vincent De Paul Society. They are reaching out to some of their donors to help us pay for the repair to the elevator. That is a big help to us as a parish, and I appreciate their support. Please continue to support their good work by your generosity to our collection for the poor and needy in our area. Maybe you can lend a hand at the food pantry as well?

Only two more weeks to participate in the Disciple Maker Index survey! If you have done it, thank you. If not, please don't make me beg. Check out our website for the details.

Have an unbelievably blessed week ahead!

Fr. Kiernan



MONDAY	MARCH 21
8:30 AM	No Mass
TUESDAY	MARCH 22
8:30 AM	Nancy Fortunato
WEDNESDAY	MARCH 23
8:30 AM	Pauline, Anthony & William Fiscella
THURSDAY	MARCH 24
8:30 AM	Joseph Nero III
FRIDAY	MARCH 25
8:30 AM	Eleanor Hoban

NEXT WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY	MARCH 26
8:30 AM	Charles Pearson
4:30 PM	Eugene Thomas Lever
SUNDAY	MARCH 27
8:30 AM	Samuel Forlano
11:00 AM	People of Holy Cross

Lenten Program – “Forgiven”

Instead of “giving something up,” DO SOMETHING for Lent. Holy Cross Parish will offer a Lenten study of the *Sacrament of Reconciliation*, “Forgiven.” Re-imagine this beautiful Sacrament as a gift, not a burden. The study will be offered at 3 different times in the Holy Cross Parish Center:

Monday evenings (March 7, 14, 21) @ 7:00-8:30PM
 Wednesday mornings (March 9, 16, 23) @ 9:15-10:45AM
 Wednesday evenings (March 9, 16, 23) @ 7:00- 8:30PM

For more information, contact Pattie Stevens at pattiejstevens@comcast.net or 484.868.8571.

Light refreshments will be served. For those who cannot attend in person, this series is also on FORMED. We will watch a video and have valuable group discussion afterward. All are welcome. Please join us!

SANTUARY LAMP



This week’s Sanctuary Lamp intention is for:

Church: Leonard McCoy

Chapel: Richard D. Gregorio



Sunday Collection, March 13

<i>Total Collection</i>	\$8,727
<i>Electronic</i>	\$3,028
<i>Basket & Main-Ins</i>	\$5,699

The Disciple Maker Index Survey Opens this Week!

Please Read and Help!

Don’t forget to share your feedback on the Disciple Maker Index! The Survey is LIVE and will be open until **April 4, 2022**. You can visit <http://holycrosscatholics.org> and click on the picture when the slide about the survey shows up. If you prefer a paper copy, you may pick it up after daily Masses. They will be located in the **Church Business Office**. To submit the completed paper survey, please drop off **at the Business Office**. To make special arrangements for getting a paper copy, please contact Terry Carey at 610-626-3321.

We really need your help in making this a success, so please participate!

Literature Racks



The literature racks have been restocked for Lent. Pick up a book or booklet to take on your Lenten journey. There are also books and DVDs to share with your (grand)kids.



Steve Austin
Consiglia Borrelli
Lyndi Butler
Mary Ann Carroll
George Dickinson
Dawn Gibbons
Ryan Hearne
Carolyn Henderson
Steven Henderson
Jimmy Keating
Carole Kime
Natalie Giorgio Kitts
Ken Kull
Mary Kull
Kendall Lambert
Joann Marks

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Richard McCullough
Barbara McCusker
Larry McCusker
Francis Murray
Frances O'Callaghan
Charlotte O'Leary
Paige O'Leary
Mary Rafferty
Ronnie Sidebottom
Joseph Sindoni
Adeline Sulpizio
Jean Super
Valerie Thompson
Betty Tomczyk

Lenten Confession Schedule 2022

Thursday Mornings, 7:00-8:00 AM

March 3	March 24
March 10	March 17
March 31	April 7

No Confessions Holy Thursday

Saturday Afternoons, 3:30-4:15 PM

March 5	March 26
March 12	April 2
March 19	April 9

No Confessions Holy Saturday Afternoon

Additional Opportunities

Sunday, April 3: 10:00 – 10:45 AM
 Saturday, April 9: 9:00 – 10:00 AM*
 Palm Sunday, April 10: 10:00 – 10:45 AM
 Monday of Holy Week, April 11:

7:00 – 8:00 PM

Good Friday, April 15: 9:30 – 10:00 AM*

Holy Saturday, April 16: 9:30 – 10:00 AM*

**(Start time will be shortly after the conclusion of the earlier liturgical celebration.)*

The Corner

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Find comfort and encouragement in these words:

God knows your sins, but calls you by name.

Satan knows your name, but calls you by your sins.

Three Parish Book Club

The Three Parish Book Club's next meeting will take place on Wednesday, March 30, 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 610 328-2095 or joyvanberg@gmail.com.

March: Life Is Messy by Matthew Kelly

April: The Second Mountain by David Brooks

Casserole Drop-Off Date

The next drop-off is Wednesday, March 23, 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!





Food Pantry Update

With the increase in goods, the pantry is busier than ever. We have been working with some food agencies to help provide some fresh foods and Wawa is helping with their Philly Food Rescue program... this agency is not just for Philly but it's in our community too.

If you are able, we are in need of dry goods including: cereal, pasta sauce, pasta, peanut butter, jelly, pancake mix, syrup, beans, canned meats, spaghetti, juice, kiddie treats, toilet paper and paper towels.

Our Lady of Fatima 6th grade Confirmation class ran a food drive last week. Thanks so much for all the goodies. Also, St. Kevin's Knights of Columbus is running a food drive for our pantry on March 20. It's wonderful how our parishioners and our surrounding churches are supporting us. Our Neighbors in need are always sharing how appreciative they are for your generosity and support.

If you know anyone in need of food, please let them know our pantry is open on Wednesdays from 3:30 to 5:30.
Thanks for all you do and your prayers.
God Bless,
Your Friends from the St. Vincent dePaul Society Holy Cross Conference

St. Kevin Pioneers Club, Springfield, PA

St. Kevin Pioneers Club is planning two events. Casino Trip to Caesars in Atlantic City on Thursday, March 31. Cost is \$30. The second event is *David*, Sight and Sound Millennium Theater on Tuesday, May 10. Cost is \$145 per person. Lunch is included. Contact information is Mary Nagle at 610-566-3239 or Betsy Boyd at 610-627-4991.

St. Mary Polish American Society Easter Food Sale.

Food items will include: Babkas, Pierogi, and Kielbasa. The deadline for food orders will be Wednesday, March 30, so our suppliers have enough time to process our orders. Order pick-up will be on Friday, April 8, and Saturday, April 9, from 1 to 4 pm at St. Mary Catholic Church Hall in Conshohocken.

To place a food order, please email smpas@stmarypolish.org or call Dorothy Swedkowski at 610-630-0861.

Fast and Abstinence and Other Acts of Penance for Lent

The Bishops of the United States prescribe, as minimal obligation, that all persons who are fourteen years of age and older are bound to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday, March 2, 2022, on all the Fridays of Lent and Good Friday (with the exception of Friday, March 25, The Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord). Further, all persons eighteen years of age and older, up to and including their fifty-ninth birthday, are bound to fast by limiting themselves to a single full meal on Ash Wednesday and on Good Friday, while the other two meals on those days are to be light. All the faithful are encouraged, when possible, to participate at Mass and to receive the Holy Eucharist daily, to celebrate frequently the Sacrament of Penance, to undertake spiritual reading, especially the study of the Sacred Scriptures, and to participate in parish Lenten devotions as well as Lenten education programs. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is especially recommended.

FORMED

March Watchlist

Here are some suggestions for what to watch in March. Since March is the Season of Lent, we are recommending many Lenten programs.

For Kids: This is under the "Kids" banner; "Lent with Brother Francis."

For Teens: the "Real + True" banner; "Real + True (English)". Continue this series with Unit 2.

For Families: "The Search" banner; continue this series. Also, in conjunction with our in-person Parish Bible Study, "The Sacraments" banner has "Forgiven: the Transforming Power of Confession." And "Living Lent as a Family" is a 4-part series; it's under the "FORMED Now" banner, however the easiest way to find it is to do a search for "Living Lent as a Family" and it will pop right up.

"Movie Night" banner: "Don Bosco: The True Story of the Apostle of Youth." Also, continue any of "The Bible Collection" series.

Crab Cake Sales are BACK! The Knights of Columbus at St. Kevin's will be having an Easter Crab Cake Sale. All proceeds will be donated to UKRAINIAN RELIEF. We will be taking pre-paid orders after all Masses on Saturday, March 26, Sunday, March 27, Saturday, April 2 and Sunday, April 3. Orders can also be mailed in to Mike Diemidio, 305 West Ave., Springfield, PA 19064. Questions can be made to Mike at 610-761-4007. All orders must be received by Sunday, April 3. Orders must be picked up at the St. Kevin Parish Life Center, 200 W. Sproul Rd., Springfield on Thursday, April 7 between the hours of 4:15 and 7:00pm. Thanks in advance for your support and we wish you a very Blessed and Happy Easter Season with family and friends!

Office for Life and Family

Join us for the 2nd Annual Philadelphia March for Life

March 26, 2022

8:30AM Mass at The Cathedral of Saints Peter & Paul

9:30AM Ecumenical Prayer Service

10:30AM March to the Philadelphia Women's Center

12:00PM Rally for Life—Independence Mall



Philly Adoration for Vocations

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Holy Cross School Principal's Corner

If you are interested in the Pre-K 3, Pre-K 4 and K, you have to register early. Those grades fill up quickly. We will be happy to accept your registration for all other grades as well. Registration is taking place now. Come take a look at your parish school. Our school has been named a School of Distinguished Instruction 2019 and 2021. This is based on the results of the Terra Nova Standardized tests. The children did not take the test in 2020 due to COVID. Our teachers work very hard to instruct the students in a variety of ways. They are truly dedicated to our children.

Thank you for supporting Catholic Education.
God bless you!



Sacred Heart Church, Clifton Heights Pierogi Sale

(Pierogi is a case of dough filled with a savory potato and cheese filling and cooked by boiling and then pan frying)

Made at NEW LOCATION!! St. Stephen's Church Hall, 199 W. Baltimore Ave. (Baltimore Pike & Church St.), Clifton Heights, **March 28- April 8, 2022**, \$8.00 per dozen. Order by Calling Joanne Bidoli at 610-574-7077 or the Rectory at 610-623-0409 between 10AM and 3PM. **Pick up times** at St. Stephen's Church Hall (pierogi must be ordered first) Weekdays 12PM to 2 PM or Special Evening Pickup Wednesday of both weeks 5:30 to 6:30PM.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The Holy Cross Knights of Columbus #15482 will be holding their Semi-Annual Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, April 3, from 8:00AM until 1:00PM. Tickets for the breakfast will be \$10 for Adults and \$9 for Kids (12 & Under). There will be advanced discounted tickets sold at \$9 for Adults and \$8 for Kids (12 & Under). Advanced discounted tickets will be sold after all Masses on the weekends of March 19 & 20 and March 26 & 27. Tickets will also be available from any of the Knights before April 3. Remember, "It's More Than Just Pancakes!"

St. Philomena School, Lansdowne ALL CLASS REUNION AND MASS

A Mass & reunion is being planned for Saturday, May 14, 2022. For more information, please contact Suzanne McShane Hall '76 at suzhall@verizon.net or 610-331-2630. We hope you can join 100 years of graduates.

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Spring Cleaning, De-Cluttering, Down-Sizing???

Here is a chance to make some money on your things ...

Community Flea Market @ Holy Cross Church - Saturday April 23rd

9:00AM – 3PM

If you are interested in renting a space, contact us at HCDdevelopmentFund@gmail.com

**Household Items - Tools - Garden Items - Books - Clothing - Furniture -
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