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MARCH 21, 2021 • FIFTH 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.

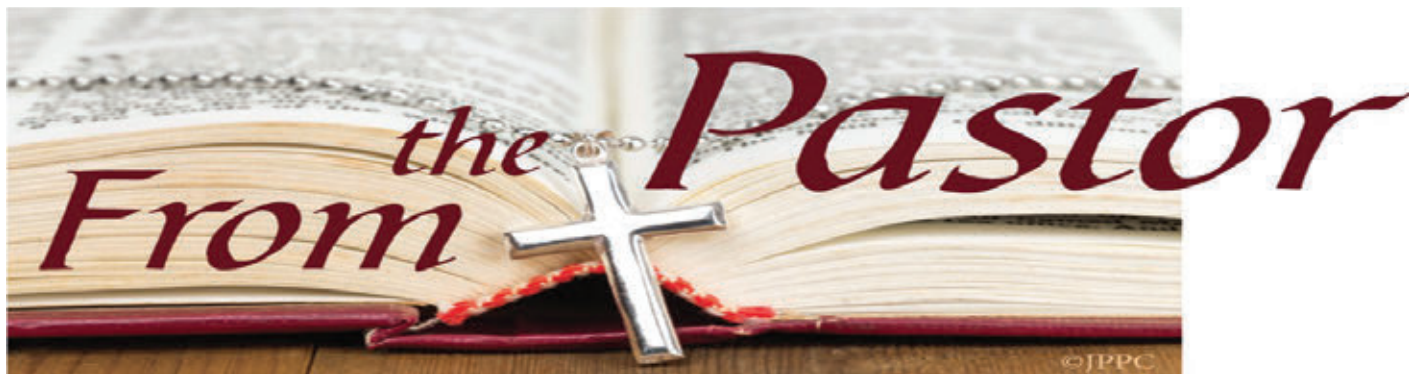
First time parents and godparents are required to attend a Baptism Preparation Session which is held on the 1st Monday of the month at 7:00 PM. Please call the Parish Office for more information.

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.

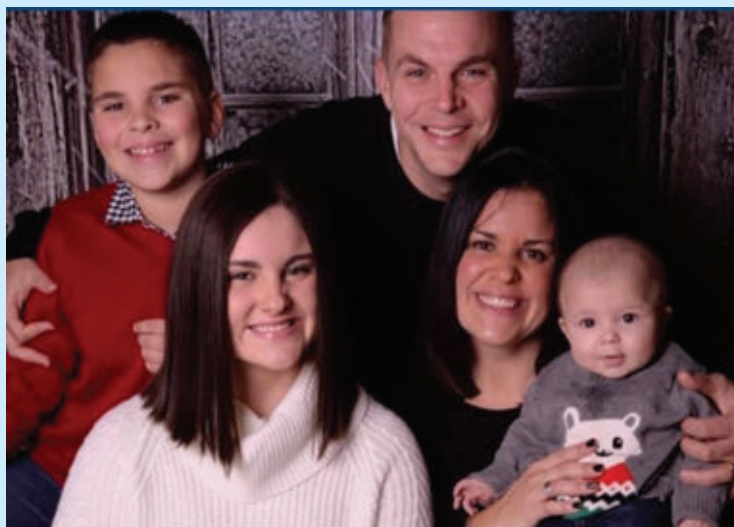


We are in the midst of a Holy Year of Saint Joseph as proclaimed by our Holy Father, Pope Francis. This special year marks the 150th Anniversary of Saint Joseph as the Patron of the Universal Church. This past Friday (March 19) was Joseph's annual feast day and here in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, we are invited to participate in a nine-month novena asking his intercession for our local Church. The Novena Prayer can be prayed simply on the 19th of each month or used daily if so desired. Saint Joseph should be the "go to" saint for all of us. Michael would readily agree. Michael is a friend of mine. We met in the seminary and "hit it off" even though he was ahead of me by a couple of years. It didn't matter. Besides, age-wise, I was a couple of years ahead of him. We had many good times and lots of camaraderie in the seminary. I remember the trips to his home state of Connecticut during breaks and in summer (Tip:



Gas up in Jersey...Connecticut is a high gas-tax state!). Although, I would go on to be ordained a priest, Michael would not. Having discerned priesthood for a time, he would discover God leading him in a different direction. Michael's vocation would be that of husband and father. Although he had left the seminary, Michael would be present for my ordination. He simply had to be. In fact, if I recall correctly, his was the first Confession that I heard as a newly ordained priest back in my bedroom just hours after I was ordained. Michael always had a devotion to Saint Joseph and he credits the saint with bringing him and his wife Lilian together. I was with them at their wedding together with other priests, friends and family. It was a beautiful occasion. The two of them would wind up with three lovely children the youngest of which was only an infant when tragedy struck. It was May of 2019 when Lilian died suddenly from a blood clot in her lung. She was only 40. She left behind a teenage daughter, middle school son, ten-month-old little Luke, and a devastated, heartbroken husband. What would Michael do? How could he continue and raise three young children on his own? In his seemingly unrelenting sorrow, he would eventually return to his "go-to" saint and just as Joseph led the Holy Family, so would Joseph help Michael to lead his family. He prayed to Saint Joseph as well as to his now de-

ceased wife Lilian: "help me to find someone who will help me to raise the children." One-and-a-half months after making this prayer before the statue of Saint Joseph at the Divine Mercy Shrine in Stockbridge, Massachusetts, Michael met Sara, a practicing Catholic and now, since September, his fiancée. The wedding is planned for July of 2022. Michael is happy once again. His children are happy as well and have welcomed Sara lovingly. They recognize the miracle that has taken place crediting Lilian and, of course, their "go-to" saint - Joseph. Please pray for Michael, Sara, the children, and their "new" family – and in this Year of Saint Joseph, make Joseph your "go-to" saint as well! Saint Joseph, pray for us all!



Peace!

Fr. Wilson



MONDAY	MARCH 22
8:30 AM	Fortunato & Albanese
TUESDAY	MARCH 23
8:30 AM	Pauline, Anthony & William Fiscella
WEDNESDAY	MARCH 24
8:30 AM	Fr. Thomas Furey
THURSDAY	MARCH 25
8:30 AM	No Mass

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

FRIDAY	MARCH 26
12:15 PM	Tom Bunting

NEXT WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY	MARCH 27
8:30 AM	Samuel Forlano
4:30 PM	Angelo Orangers
SUNDAY	MARCH 28
8:30 AM	People of Holy Cross
11:00 AM	Anthony Abase & Sarah Ellen Abate

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.



Sunday Collection, March 14

<i>Total Collection</i>	<i>\$7,159</i>
<i>Electronic</i>	<i>\$2,464</i>
<i>Basket and Mail-ins</i>	<i>\$4,695</i>



Palm Sunday, March 28
Vigil Mass – 4:30 p.m.
Masses at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Confessions – TBA

Holy Thursday, April 1
Mass of the Lord's Supper – 7:30 p.m.
Night Prayer – 10:00 p.m.

Good Friday, April 2
Morning Prayer – 9:00 a.m.
Celebration of the Passion of the Lord – 3:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday, April 3
Morning Prayer – 9:00 a.m.
Easter Vigil – 7:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 4
Masses at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.



Joseph Borrelli
Bill Burke
Sharon Burr
Lyndi Butler
Margaret Cook
Stephen Collins
Maryanne Convery
Samuel Dephillippo
Nancy DeSanctis
George Dickinson
Janet Doherty
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Nella Giordano
Nicola Giordano
Donna Giorgio
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Steven Henderson
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Under the new tax law, those taking Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs) can get a tax break giving to Holy Cross. For more information, contact the Business Office at 610-626-3321.



Visit with Jesus in our
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9:00 AM—7:00 PM Monday thru Friday

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Ronnie 610-623-8412 or Office 610-626-3321

The Corner

Brought to you by your Evangelization Team

In today's Gospel, we read that some guests at a Passover Feast asked Philip **"Sir, we would like to see Jesus."** (John 12:21). Wouldn't we all?! Well, we CAN see Jesus all around us. Just look at your parents, spouse, child, brother, sister, neighbor, co-worker; the list goes on and on. And Jesus is in each and every one of them.

Cassock Classic Saturday, April 24 from 9am – 5pm

Calling all Philly Catholic Young Adults and local campus ministries!!

We are excited to invite you to the annual Cassock Classic Ultimate Frisbee Tournament! Cassock Classic 2021 will be held at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary on April 24, from 9am – 5pm. This is a great opportunity to get together for prayer and fraternity with other young adult groups, campus ministries, and the Seminarians from St. Charles! The cost is \$15 per participant. Groups must register as a team of at least 12 people (male and female) by April 5, 2021. To register, visit HeedtheCall.org/CassockClassic. For any questions, contact Sue Matour at 610-667-778 or smatour@archphila.org.

2020 Tax Contribution Statements

If you would like a tax contribution statement for 2020, please email the office at contactus@holycrosscatholics.org or call the Business Office at 610-626-3321. Thank you for your continued generosity, especially during this past year.

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



Hoops Mania Fundraiser

We would like to thank everyone that has purchased tickets for the Hoops Mania.
Good Luck!

Development Fundraiser Committee

Caregiver Needed

Caregiver needed for 3 days a week for an elderly woman. Please call Vicky at 610-764-8314.

Brothers of Borromeo Vocation Camp Saturday, April 10, 2021

Calling all young men in 6th, 7th and 8th grades to the Brothers of Borromeo Camp (B.B.V.C.). The Vocation Office for the Diocesan Priesthood and Philadelphia seminarians are hosting a one-day camp on **Saturday, April 10, 2021**, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Held at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, the day includes great food, games, talks, activities, the opportunity for confession, and prayer. Registration fee of \$25 includes t-shirt and lunch/snacks. **The deadline for registration is March 24, 2021.** For more information or to register, please call 610-667-5778 or go to: HeedTheCall.org/BBVC



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 610 328-2095 or joyvanberg@gmail.com.

April: The Power of Silence

by Robert Cardinal Sarah

May: The World's First Love

by Fulton J. Sheen

Casserole Drop-off Date

The next drop-off is Wednesday, March 24, between 6:00 and 7:00 PM at the gym annex. Anyone wishing to join us can go to 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!

Saint Joseph Novena

Let us pray.

O Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Foster Father of the Divine Child, Jesus, you were entrusted as the protective guardian of the Holy Family in Nazareth.

Give today this same protection to the family of the Church in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

Intercede with Christ before the Father of us all:

For the clergy and faithful,
For married couples and single men and women,
For all those in the consecrated life,
For families and young people,
For the poor, the lonely and neglected,
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For a deepening of our spiritual life,
For a strengthening of the moral life,
For a bolder witness to the truth of the Gospel.

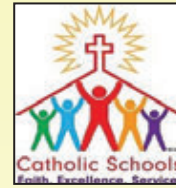
For all of us, Saint Joseph, with you as our firm example, may we remain confident in the plan of the Father for us, with lives of faith rooted in the saving death and resurrection of his Son and ever faithful to the demands of the Christian life with the grace of the Holy Spirit.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Saint Joseph, patron and protector of the Universal Church. Pray for us!

Principal's Corner



If you are considering a Catholic Education for your child(ren), Holy Cross School is accepting registrations for Grades Pre-K 3 to 8th grade. We provide students with a strong academic program, spiritual development, social and emotional growth. We have a dedicated staff of teachers who are able to provide in-person and virtual instruction. We educate children in a loving and caring atmosphere and would love to provide an excellent education for your child(ren). Grant money is available through BLOCS, if you meet the criteria.

Holy Cross School will be having a summer camp for children in grades Pre-K to 5th grade. It will run from June 14 until August 13. There will be a variety of activities such as arts and crafts, games, indoor and outdoor activities. The camp will be open to all children not just Holy Cross students. The cost is \$270.00 per week.

If you have any questions regarding enrollment or summer camp, please call Mrs. Spurrier in the school office at 610-626-1709.

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

Tuesday, March 23

7:00 to 8:30 PM via Zoom.

Please join St. Augustine Parish as we host the last of 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.

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

For details, visit www.st-augustinechurch.com

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"



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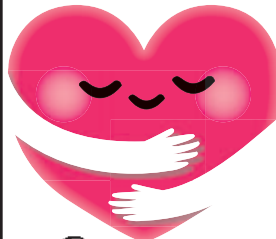
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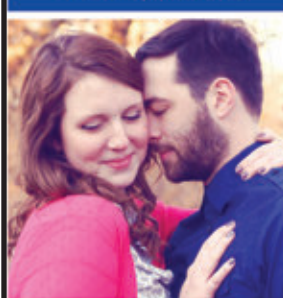
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