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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.

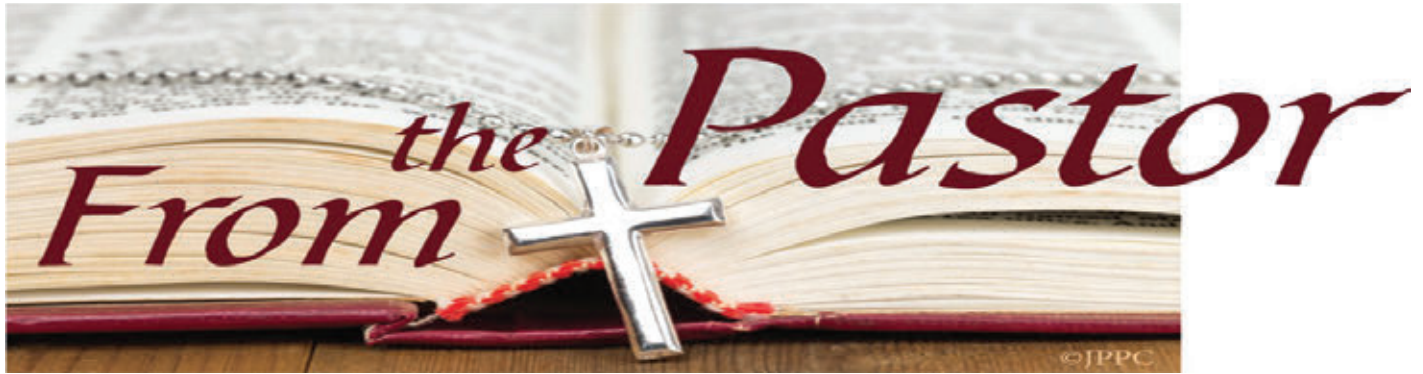
First time parents and godparents are required to attend a Baptism Preparation Session which is held on the 1st Monday of the month at 7:00 PM. Please call the Parish Office for more information.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

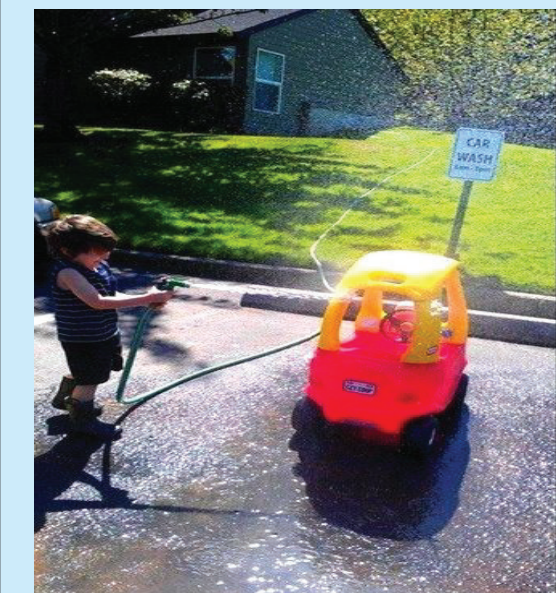
Arrangements are to be made at least six months before the intended wedding date. Weddings are reserved for active parishioners. Pre-Cana Session is required. Please call Parish Office for more information.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Please call Deacon Thomas Taylor or the Parish Office when a parishioner is hospitalized or home bound.



Getting a new vehicle today can be likened to getting a new computer or smart phone. The first step for us older folks is just figuring out how to turn it on... and off...or put it into neutral. I got into my new vehicle for the first time while there was still snow on the ground. The first drive and subsequent drives went well as I delved into the different doodads and features. I was a boy again with his new Hot Wheels tooling around Matchbox City. I found that the vehicle handled snowy conditions quite well, but it was the snow itself that caused problems. The melting snow and treated road surfaces made my brand new car a mess. Within the first day or two, I already had to visit the car wash. The car sparkled again after this. It was “new” again. Unfortunately, there would be more snow and treated roads...a lot more snow and treated roads. I tend to use the same car wash. One of the days following yet another snow-storm, I simply had to visit the car wash again, but this time something different happened. As I entered the wash tunnel, the teenaged attendant began his brief brush work and a conveyor track started moving my car. Water started showering down. Suddenly, I found that I couldn’t get my car out of gear. The same teenaged attendant with peach fuzz started screaming at me, “Neutral, neutral, neutral!” “I’m trying! I’m trying!” I was indeed trying, but now panicked, I simply couldn’t get the thing out of drive into neutral and trust me, reverse would not have been helpful. This car has what’s called an “electronic shifter” instead of a traditional gear shift. It’s just a knob. I had no problem the last time, but now, for some reason, I couldn’t figure how to get the “N” to light up. Peach fuzz kid goes running into the car wash office shouting and in the meantime, I’m approaching the car in front of me. I have no choice, but to tap the brake. I heard some loud bangs under the car. This can’t be good I thought. My new car ruined in a matter of days, because of my stupidity. The repair would be expensive for sure. I arrived at the end of the tunnel with the car still wet and covered with soap suds. I was mortified. I drove off in a panic. I didn’t want to be seen. The vehicle was out of gear and moving slowly. Fearing the worse, I pulled over a short distance from the car wash - so as not to be seen. My face was ashen. I turned the car off and restarted it, driving ever so slowly and carefully to my destination. I would not relate the



saga to my friends, because the resulting mockery and laughter would have been too much. I felt like an old, old man that needs to have his license revoked. The really good news is that the only damage appears to have been to my ego. The vehicle itself appears to be okay...I hope. I said to myself: this will **never** happen again as I practiced the difficult task (for me, anyway) of putting the car into neutral. I thought at first, that I could never return to that car wash. They might recognize me. Then, I realized that I must return. I needed to demonstrate to myself that, yes, I can get my car into neutral and that yes, I can stay on track at the car wash. A week later, I returned. The car didn’t even need a wash. I did. Neutral and a freshly cleaned car never felt so good. Suddenly, I wasn’t so old anymore and I thanked the Lord for a car wash conquered. What gears do you have trouble shifting into in these final days of Lent? Where is it that you get off track causing embarrassment and mortification? Winter is over. It’s time to come clean. May you conquer your “car wash” this Holy Week and beyond!

Peace!
Fr. Wilson

Masses For The Week



MONDAY	MARCH 29
8:30 AM	Fr. Augustine Esposito
TUESDAY	MARCH 30
8:30 AM	Adolph & Anna Marks
WEDNESDAY	MARCH 31
8:30 AM	Tom Bunting
THURSDAY	APRIL 1
8:30 AM	No Mass
7:30 PM	Lord's Supper

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

FRIDAY	APRIL 2
9:00 AM	Morning Prayer
3:00 PM	Celebration of the Passion of the Lord

NEXT WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY	APRIL 3
8:30 AM	No Morning Mass
7:30 PM	Easter Vigil
SUNDAY	APRIL 4
8:30 AM	Ted & Lorri Rudolph
11:00 AM	People of Holy Cross

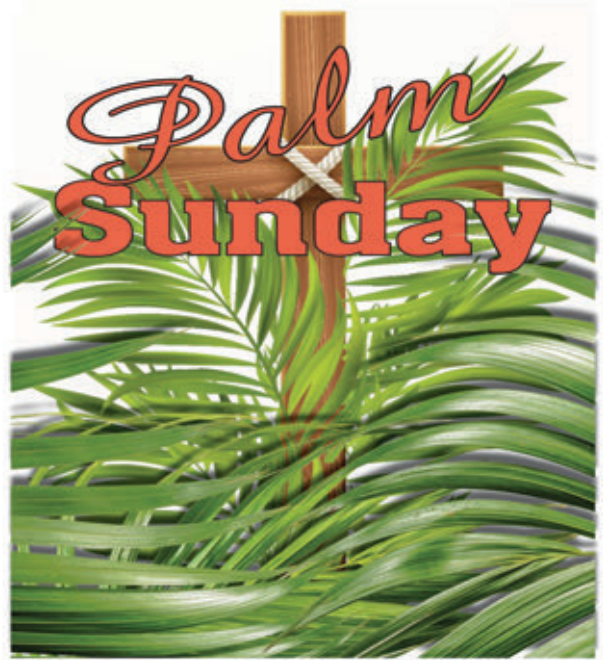
Thank You!

Sunday Collection, March 21

Total Collection \$6,261

Electronic \$3,067

Basket and Mail-ins \$3,194



Confessions, Saturday, March 27
3:00—4:15 p.m.

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

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
 Terrence (Terry) Gibson
 Nella Giordano
 Nicola Giordano
 Donna Giorgio
 Carolyn Henderson
 Steven Henderson
 Stefanos Karas
 Carole Kime
 Mary and Ken Kull
 Kendall Lambert
 Rose Leto
 Patricia Lyons

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 Maryanne McCauley
 Joanne Marks
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 Barbara McCusker
 Lee Anne McGough
 Connie Myers
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 Fr. Paul Stenson
 Adeline Sulpizio
 Jean Super
 George Vrettos
 Lily Walker
 Nadia Waltanski
 Carter Walton

Homebound/Sick

Any Parishioner who is homebound or sick and would like a visit, please contact the Business Office (610-626-3321).



Visit with Jesus in our
 Adoration Chapel

9:00 AM—7:00 PM Monday thru Friday

If you need info, call

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

The Corner

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Simon of Cyrene was only a bystander, but was compelled by the Romans to help Jesus with His cross.

"Dear Jesus, when I have a cross that feels too heavy to carry, instead of being "compelled" by circumstances to carry my burden, let me look at it as an invitation from You to help carry Your cross, which You carried for me."

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 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. 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

Food Pantry Update:

Its hard to believe the food pantry has been operating as a drive-thru for a year. COVID may have slowed us down; however, with the help of our Holy Cross school children with providing huge donations from various food drives (especially around Thanksgiving and Christmas), the support from you (both with food and prayers), our benefactors, surrounding parishes, the Knights, and our dedicated volunteers, we continue to help our neighbors in need.

If you are able, we are in need of peanut butter, canned meats and tuna, mac & cheese. beans, pasta sauce (no glass, please), canned fruit, pancake mix and syrup, cereal, and paper products. There are tin bins outside the food pantry door or you can leave your donations in the vestibule at church.

If you know any Delco residents in need of food, please let them know our pantry is open every Wednesday from 3:30 to 6:00.

God Bless All of You,
Your Friends from the SVDP Food Pantry Team



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

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!



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,
For all the sick, suffering and dying.
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.

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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