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MARCH 7, 2021 • 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
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.

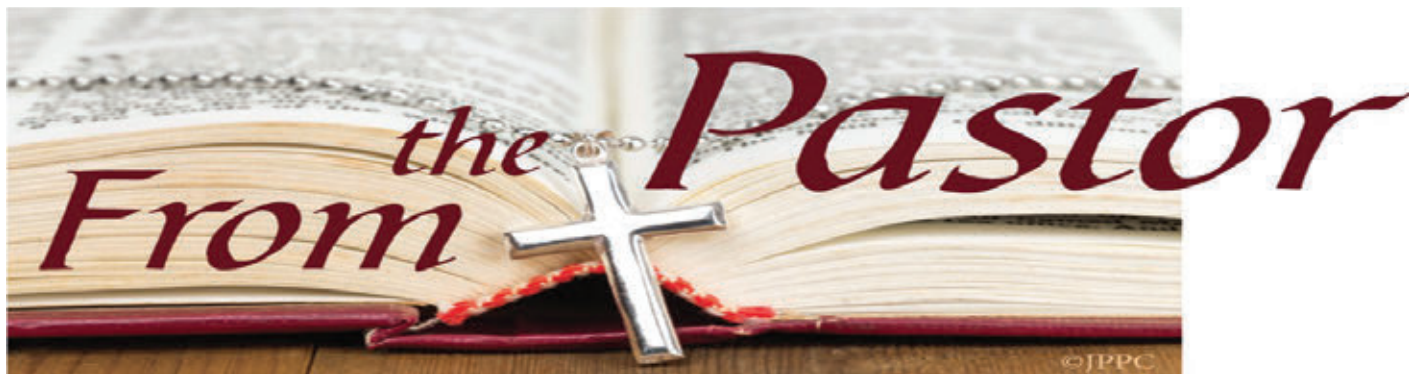
First time parents and godparents are required to attend a Baptism Preparation Session which is held on the 1st Monday of the month at 7:00 PM. Please call the Parish Office for more information.

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.



I didn't get into trouble for not doing the dishes. I got into trouble for doing them – incorrectly. Many children today are raised with the luxury of having a machine dishwasher. This child was not. He was the dishwasher. Now, “doing-the-dishes” often enough means simply feeding the dishwashing machine. I suppose that today children might get into trouble for that as well, as they misfeed, underfeed, or forget to feed the machine. Perhaps it might be best just to take it out for a walk. My trouble had to do with running water – or more precisely, letting the water run and run and run. As I meticulously cleaned off each dish, I simply let the water run and then, I would rinse off each dish under the running water. It was my father's bark that startled me

causing me to splash soapy water all over the counter. “What are you doing,” he roared! “The dishes,” I sheepishly answered. “Not like that!” “Turn off the water!” My father then showed me the proper way to wash having honed his washing skills in the army well before he ranked Sergeant and was ordering others to the task as he was now ordering me. “You don't need to let the water run.” “Soak the dish in the soapy water and then clean it off with the sponge. If needed, soak it again and scrub. Then turn the water on ever so slightly and rinse off the dish. Don't ever waste water!” Well, I always thought that I was a better dish dryer anyway, but with the sergeant standing over my shoulder, I heeded my father's advice. Truth be told, I was more focused on the dishwater in the sink as it became murkier and murkier with each scrubbed pot and pan. There were floaters and food barnacles. I really didn't want to put my hands into that nor the plate from which I would be eating the next day. Yuck! However, the “sarge” was right. I had been wasting water and dish soap. That day, as a youngster, I finally learned how to do the dishes – correctly. Maybe our Lenten Journey is something like this. Washing the dishes seems to be such a simple and straightforward thing – except when it's not. Lent can seem rather straightforward and simple as well: forgo some candy for a few weeks, maybe make a quick confession, throw up a short prayer or two, and voila, it's time to celebrate Easter. Is there a better way? Is there a way more proper? Is there a way which doesn't waste so much soap and water? It was my own father that had to teach me the proper way to wash dishes. Allow God the



Father to teach you. All of us need review our Lenten “washing” techniques. Perhaps, I can pray and attend Mass more intentionally. Maybe my goal should be not to make a quick confession, but a good one. As for the giving up of candy, one might do better in giving up animosity towards a spouse, sibling, son, or daughter. Proper technique makes all the difference. Find yours this Lent and arrive at Easter clean, shiny, renewed, and ready to make your place setting at the Resurrection Supper of the Lamb!

Peace!
Fr. Wilson



MONDAY **MARCH 8**

8:30 AM **Billy Cox**

TUESDAY **MARCH 9**

8:30 AM **Alice Robinson**

WEDNESDAY **MARCH 10**

8:30 AM **Nora Gaudiosi**

THURSDAY **MARCH 11**

8:30 AM **No Mass**

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

FRIDAY **MARCH 12**

12:15 PM **Herbert Shimoyama**

NEXT WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY **MARCH 13**

8:30 AM **Joan Longhi**

4:30 PM **Michael Taylor**

SUNDAY **MARCH 14**

8:30 AM **People of Holy Cross**

11:00 AM **Living and Deceased members of the Casciano family**

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, February 28

Total Collection **\$10,270**

Electronic **\$ 3,032**

Basket and Mail-ins **\$ 7,238**

Observance of the 24-Hours for The Lord

Additional opportunities for Confessions during Lent

March 12-13, 2021

The Holy Father's invitation in his Apostolic Letter, *Misericordia et misera*, at the conclusion of the Jubilee Year of Mercy, asked parishes to continue to arrange for 24 Hours for the Lord, on the Friday and Saturday before the Fourth Sunday of Lent for the good of the people. St. Charles Borromeo Church, Drexel Hill, a partnering parish with Sacred Heart Church, Clifton Heights, and St. Hedwig Chapel, Chester, PA, will sponsor this observance with the following hours with Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament and Sacrament of Penance (Confessions).

Friday, March 12, 2021

1:30—2:30 PM and 7:00—8:00 PM

Saturday, March 13, 2021

11:30 AM—12:30 PM and 4:30—5:15 PM

In addition, St. Anne's Chapel in St. Charles Borromeo Church is a Perpetual Adoration Chapel. Please call the Rectory for the code to unlock the secure door.



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The Corner

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"The environment changes, the culture changes, people change, but truth does not change; faith, hope, and love do not change; and God does not change."

---Matthew Kelly "Rediscover Catholicism"

Collection for the Church in Latin America

The annual collection for the Church in Latin America will be held the weekend of March 13 and 14, 2021. By supporting this collection, you help share the faith more fully with underserved indigenous peoples in remote areas of Latin America. Your support will truly make a difference.

TAX SAVINGS RELATED TO YOUR REQUIRED MINIMUM DISTRIBUTION

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.



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9:00 AM—7:00 PM Monday thru Friday

If you need info, call

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



Please keep in your prayers our young people to be confirmed here at Holy Cross by Bishop Edward Deliman this Tuesday, March 9, at 4:00 PM.

Come, Holy Spirit, Come



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/YB0006-1>.

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 the 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 9, 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.

3/9 Matrimony—Deacon Mike and Cathy Kubiak

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.

Holy Cross Students Excel at Msgr. Bonner Archbishop Prendergast High School

A correction is needed to the list of students who achieved academic excellence that was published in the Feb. 21 bulletin. Cassandra Henderson, class of 2021, received First Honors. Congratulations, Cassandra!



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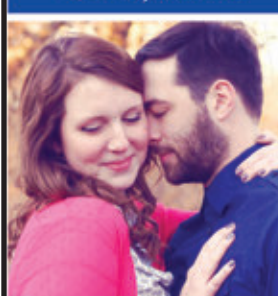
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