



HOLY CROSS CHURCH

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MARCH 8, 2020 • SECOND 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

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 the Parish office or Mrs. Judy Vacca, Pastoral Minister, when a parishioner is hospitalized or home bound.

G O D K N O W S

*when to send you
exactly what you need.*

War! Huh!! Good God, yeah, what is it good for? Absolutely nothing! Say it again! Well, there is no such thing as a “good” war, but there is such a thing as a “just” war. In the Church, we have what is known in Moral Theology as the “Just War Theory” with war relegated always as a means of last resort. I was thinking of war recently. I was thinking of the song sung by the Temptations, Edwin Starr, Frankie Goes to Hollywood and even Bruce Springsteen as I was thinking about the Civil War in particular. The Civil War was a war to end the injustice of slavery in our country. Although ending slavery, unfortunately, it would not end, but only foster the injustice of inequality in our country and further highlight existing divisions between the North and the South at the time. War always results in change and, as a nation, the change of the Civil War is something with which, in so many ways, we are still dealing. As a child in grade school, I always had a greater interest in the Revolutionary War. This probably had to do with my being born in the Cradle of Liberty and visiting sites such as Independence Hall, the Liberty Bell, Washington’s Crossing, and Valley Forge. I imagined myself as the little revolutionary in my tri-cornered hat, musket in hand helping the good General Washington win our independence from the vast, powerful British Empire. The rebels of the Civil War, however, were Southern Confederates and I knew for certain as a kid that slavery was wrong. I would remain a Unionist Yankee, thank you very much! My Uncle Roy lived just south of the Mason-Dixon Line and was a history buff, especially when it came to the Civil War. As a kid, whenever I would go to visit, he would tell me stories about the Civil War and battles fought. There were many good people, in fact, from the South that died not fighting for slavery *per se*, but rather defending what they saw as an attack upon their very way of life, customs, culture, and traditions. It is this, he said, that many see in a raised Confederate Flag today while acknowledging at the same time, the injustice of and necessary end to slavery. We had interesting discussions and had plans to visit Gettysburg together. Unfortunately, I never got the chance before he died. I was thinking of him last weekend when I had the opportunity to be in Fredericksburg, Virginia for a wedding. Arriving early, I had time to visit a Civil War battlefield. The Battle of Fredericksburg at Sunken Road was a bloody hell on earth. Many, many soldiers died and many more were gravely wounded. The large cemetery speaks to this. Quite a number of the dead were part of the Pennsylvania Brigade. I was trying to imagine it while chatting with friends, taking pictures, and enjoying a sunny afternoon. The day of the battle was anything but “sunny.” A song went through my mind: *War! Huh! Good God, yeah! What is it good for? Absolutely nothing!* So many lives were lost on this very spot and here we were blithely discussing where we would be going for lunch. It was then that I noticed something. It was the African-American gentleman pleasantly chatting with the Irish-American (based on his name tag) park ranger about some point of history at the site. Then, I saw a younger Italian looking guy coming out of the rest room and holding the door for a man of African descent. That door had been painted over and was previously marked “Colored Only.” War does, indeed, result in change. We can be grateful to those on both sides who gave their lives in order to cause it. Our Lenten Journey is often compared with a battle or struggle. With Our Lord, Himself, leading our cavalry, we might consider Calvary as the site of our Epic Battle. It was a “just” war necessary in order to end the injustice of slavery to sin. Our flag is that of the Cross—the Hoy Cross — under which all peoples, Rebels and Revolutionaries alike, unite as one in Christ. Uncle Roy would be so proud!

Peace!
Fr. Wilson

Masses For The Week



MONDAY	MARCH 9
8:30 AM	CATHERINE SHIVETTS
TUESDAY	MARCH 10
8:30 AM	POOR SOULS IN PURGATORY
WEDNESDAY	MARCH 11
8:30 AM	VINCENT & SARAH MARTONE
THURSDAY	MARCH 12
	NO MASS
FRIDAY	MARCH 13
12:15 PM	NORA GAUDIOSI
SATURDAY	MARCH 14
8:30 AM	PEOPLE OF HOLY CROSS
NEXT WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS	
SATURDAY	MARCH 14
4:30 PM	CHARLES LA PORTA
SUNDAY	MARCH 15
8:30 AM	ROBERT MAC DONALD
11:00 AM	FRANK & ROSE ADDUCI

CORONAVIRUS

With Coronavirus outbreaks in the news, Holy Cross will suspend distribution of the cup; Eucharistic Ministers and Clergy will be using hand sanitizer before distribution and the Sign of Peace at Mass will be offered with a bow.

The Corner

Brought to you by your Evangelization Team

Faith in Jesus sanctifies our hearts. It directs the affections of our hearts toward Jesus. It moves us to say no to sin. Every day this Lent, the Holy Spirit wants to move you toward a deeper faith, a faith that strengthens your love for Jesus and other people. Confessing and believing is a way of faith. It's a way of life.

"Jesus, I believe that you are the Savior of the world. Let this faith continue to sanctify my heart."

Pray for the Sick of our Parish



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| Lyndi Butler | Helen Lyons |
| Margaret Cook | Joanne Marks |
| Stephen Collins | Barbara McCusker |
| Samuel Dephillippo | Lee Anne McGough |
| Sharon Diemer | Thomas Miller |
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| Janet Doherty | Connie Myers |
| Lillian Donahue | Frances O'Callaghan |
| Mary Ann Farrell | Charlotte O'Leary |
| Terrence (Terry) Gibson | Paige O'Leary |
| Nicola Giordano | Ted Rudolph |
| Donna Giorgio | Jim Sandusky |
| Carolyn Henderson | Rose Marie Santos |
| Steven Henderson | Michael Sargent III |
| Stefanos Karas | Joseph Sindoni |
| Carole Kime | Adele Sulpizio |
| Mary and Ken Kull | George Vrettos |
| Kendall Lambert | Lily Walker |
| Rose Leto | Nadia Waltanski |
| Patricia Lyons | Carter Walton |



The Holy Cross Knights of Columbus Semi-Annual Pancake Breakfast will be held on Sunday, March 29, from 8:00 AM until 1:00 PM.

Tickets for the breakfast will be \$8 for adults and \$6 for children (12 and under). There will be advance discounted tickets sold at \$7 for adults and \$5 for children (12 and under). Advance tickets will be sold after all Masses on the weekends of March 14 and 15 and March 21 and 22. Tickets will also be available from any of the Knights before March 29. "It's More Than Just Pancakes."



Volunteers Needed

The Garden Committee is looking for help maintaining the Rose Garden. No experience necessary! If interested, please contact Mary Ann O'Shea for details (610-328-5924) or maryann1950@comcast.net

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

What's Happening at Holy Cross School?

Dear Parishioners,

Our 7th grade students and our PREP students have been preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation. They will be receiving this Sacrament from our new Archbishop Nelson Perez. We are very excited that he is coming to Holy Cross. The Confirmation will take place this weekend at the 11:00 Mass today, March 8.

Our 8th grade students will be selling pies from Linvilla Orchards during the month of March. This fundraiser helps with expenses such as the class trip. There will be forms in the vestibules of the Church on the table for you to order. You can bring your order over to school and we will see that it gets to the correct person.

If you are looking for an alternative to day care, please consider our parish school. We have students in Pre-K 3, Pre-K 4, and Kindergarten. The children are taught by a dedicated group of teachers and enjoy specials such as music, art, and physical education. In addition, the children attend Mass in January and the remaining school Masses during the year.

If you are looking for grades 1—8, please consider our parish school. We educate our students spiritually, academically, emotionally and socially. Our curriculum is challenging and it engages our students connecting them to real life.

If you are interested in coming to see our school or if you have any questions, please call Mrs. Spurrier in the school office at 610-626-1709. We would love to have your children as part of our school community.

Have a great week! God bless you!

Dr. WorriLOW



The St. Kevin Knights of Columbus will again be selling crab cakes this Easter season.

Please call Al Porrini at 610-543-4851 to place an order. Orders can be mailed to Al Porrini, 122 Harned Road, Springfield, PA 19064. Please include payment

with all orders. Orders must be received no later than Sunday, March 29. Orders must be picked up on Thursday, April 2, at the St. Kevin Parish Life Center between the hours of 4:15 PM-7:00 PM. Thank you very much for your continued support in helping us do great things in our community and may you enjoy a blessed Easter Season with your families.

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HOLY CROSS DEVELOPMENT
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The five lowest scoring cards also win, which means 75 total prizes are awarded at the end of the tournament.

For questions, contact dvelopmentfund@gmail.com

Thank You!

SUNDAY COLLECTION	FEBRUARY 23
AMOUNT RECEIVED	\$8,571
SUNDAY COLLECTION	MARCH 1
AMOUNT RECEIVED	\$8,853



We Congratulate Our Young People Who Have Received Their Confirmation

Isabelle Elizabeth Barth

Grace Mary Beurket

Molly Anne Clifford

Amelia Faith Constantine

Logan Francis Crawford

Jayda Elizabeth Crowley

Alyssa Marie Estep

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Dean Thomas Holahan

Liliana Catherine Hopkins

Kevin Anthony Humphreys

Alexandra Catherine Hunter

Kayleigh Elizabeth Kelly

Ronan Christopher Kelly

Patrick Terrence Lunny

Chidera Charles Madu

Keagan Margaret Murphy

Justin Stephen Pagano

Amber Agnes Pensyl

Maura Francis Redding

Julia Kateri Riley

Salvatore Anthony Squillaciotti

Jaime Anthony Stevenson

Colette Michele Tropicano

Brandon Joseph Truax

Claire Catherine Udovich

Brian John Waldie

Isabelle Marie Ward

Dana Eileen Williams

*Thank you,
Archbishop Perez
For Coming to Holy Cross
For Confirmation!*

Invitation

Archbishop Nelson T. Perz will be making a visit to our Deanery (1). All are invited to a Mass celebrated by the Archbishop at St. Pius X Church on Monday, March 16, at 7:00 PM.

Archdiocese of Philadelphia
Office of the Archbishop
222 North 17th Street
Philadelphia, PA 19103-1299

March 8, 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

For many living in Latin America and the Caribbean, a growing materialist culture, rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers make it hard for people to practice the faith.

Young people today are called by God, but they need help from the Church to recognize his voice. Last year, you helped youths in Jamaica to experience God and listen for his presence. By supporting the Collection for the Church in Latin America, your parish made possible a camp for young people centered on the gift of the Eucharist. More than 500 young persons attended the camp in the Archdiocese of Kingston, opening their hearts to God.

Because of your generosity, many young people are accepting the challenge to grow in their Catholic faith. Please continue your support of the Collection for the Church in Latin America. The Christ like charity of you and your fellow parishioners is changing lives throughout Latin America and the Caribbean.

Our Archdiocese will take up this Collection the weekend of March 14 and 15, 2020. Please be as generous as possible in this Collection and take this opportunity to share you faith, with the young of Latin America and the Caribbean. Your support will truly make a difference. Thank you and God bless you.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Nelson J. Perez

*"During this Lent,
let us all ask the Lord:
Make our hearts like yours."*

-Pope Francis



DAILY MASS—MON., TUES., WED., SAT., 8:30 AM

FRI. 12:15 PM

SATURDAY VIGIL — 4:30 PM SUNDAY — 8:30 & 11:00 AM

CONFESSIONS — SATURDAYS — 3:30—4:15 PM

PARISH PENANCE SERVICE — MONDAY— APRIL 6 — 7:00 TO 8:00 PM AT ST. EUGENE'S

ROSARY PRAYED — AFTER DAILY MASS (in Children's Room)

MIRACULOUS MEDAL DEVOTION — SATURDAY AFTER MASS.

AMAZING GRACE PROGRAM: VincentiansUSA.org/parishlent
Dynamiccatholic.com/best-lent-ever (MATTHEW KELLY)

STATIONS OF THE CROSS — FRIDAYS OF LENT — 7:00 PM

40 DAYS FOR LIFE PRAYER VIGIL — INFORMATION : REGINA —
610-328-2463 OR 610-328-6054

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CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL — HOLY CROSS DEVELOPMENT FUND

WORD AMONG US — DAILY MASS READINGS AND PRAYERS

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 the Fridays of Lent and Good Friday. 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 Good Friday, while the other two meals on that day 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.



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