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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.

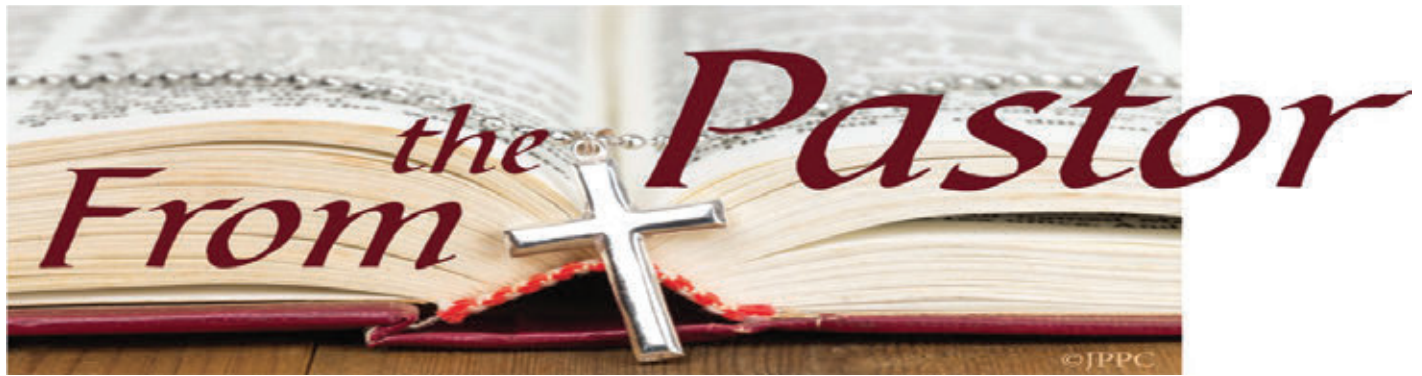
First time parents and godparents are required to attend a Baptism Preparation Session which is held on the 1st Monday of the month at 7:00 PM. Please call the Parish Office for more information.

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.



The advent of warmer weather generally means more time spent outdoors. This was certainly true for me in my younger days. The neighborhood kids would gather together and play an assortment of games after school. As the days got longer and warmer, sometimes those games would extend into the early evening after a break for dinner and so long as homework was complete. In the summer months, playing our games might well last until 10 or 10:30 at night. Everyone would go home sweaty and dirty needing to get washed up before crawling into bed. The next day it would start all over. We played several different games. Most folks are familiar with them, though they might go by different names. There was the standard, "tag." "Tag, you're it!" Then there was the variation known as "freeze tag." We played a lot of "kick, kick the can" and "ghost in the graveyard" was fun late at night during the summer months. At school, we played "capture" and the infamous "kill the guy." "Kill the guy" has gone the way of the wagon wheel, perhaps for good reason. First of all, there was the name of the game itself - and this at a Catholic school nonetheless! Also, there was no real point to the game except to chase after and pile on top of "the guy." It was an all boys' game for sure. Sorry, girls! "The guy" was the one holding somebody's balled up necktie and he had best start running - quickly. Generally, somebody's necktie was "volunteered" as we held him down and ripped it away from his blue-collared shirt. Navy blue neck ties were later returned to their owners bearing splashes of brown, green, and red from the mostly grass field where we recessed. The red tint on ties was from the blood that was frequently spilled. Oh, but it was great fun! Our teachers enjoyed the fact that it burned up a whole lot of our youthful energies resulting in a quieter, albeit, smellier, afternoon in the classroom. Needless to say, cans of Lysol were a classroom requisite for the faculty. I'm rather surprised that "kill the guy" was never killed off in my day. The game resulted in an untold number of ruined neckties, countless ripped shirts, and pants with holes in the knees or kiester. Pockets on said shirts and pants didn't fair too well either. Then, there was the assortment of broken bones and bruised heads over the years. Even my classmate's collapsed lung didn't cause the game to be forever cancelled and he would be back for more games after he was released from the hospital. I'm fortunate that I escaped with some mere ripped clothes, welts, and a bruised noggin. Outdoor game-playing is all a part of growing up. It involves some team work, ingenuity, and imagination. Even the seemingly senseless roughhousing that we did as boys was a part of forming young boys into young men. We learned to roughhouse together. We learned that a few scrapes and bruises were a part of life. They didn't hold us back, but spurred us on. Tattered and torn clothes would be mended, thanks to our loving mothers and fathers. Sure we got chewed out at times when the roughhousing got a little too rough, resulting in ambulances dispatched, but together we made a get-well card that everyone signed to cheer up James during his hospital stay and he happily and proudly showed off his bandaged chest when he returned. If I'm not mistaken, Jesus Himself, did something similar. Having been treated terribly in our roughhousing gone horribly wrong, He returns risen and "mended" because of a Father's loving concern. He shows us the wounds that he bore, not to discourage us, but to encourage us to keep playing and growing despite some scrapes and bruises along the way that through team work, ingenuity, and imagination, together with God's grace, we might grow and be truly mature in our Faith, especially now as the weather turns warmer in the Springtime of Easter!

Peace!

Fr. Wilson





MONDAY **MAY 3**
8:30 AM *Maryanne Purcell*

TUESDAY **MAY 4**

8:30 AM *Tom J. Bunting*

WEDNESDAY **MAY 5**

8:30 AM *Captain Robert A. Matthews, Jr.*

THURSDAY **MAY 6**

8:30 AM *No Mass*

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

FRIDAY **MAY 7**
12:15 PM *Diane Howe*

NEXT WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY **MAY 8**
8:30 AM *Samuel & Angeline Forlano*

4:30 PM *Tom & Mary Furlong*

SUNDAY **MAY 9**
8:30 AM *People of Holy Cross*
11:00 AM *Geraldine Canterino*



Sunday Collection, April 25

Total Collection **\$10,557**

Electronic **\$2,910**

Basket & Mail-ins **\$7,647**

May—Month of Mary

Looking for outdoor activities? Spend the month of Mary starting and tending to an at home Mary garden. The tradition goes back to the Middle Ages when the religious planted gardens and gave the flowers names related to Mary to help teach the faith. A Mary garden will be much like any other flower garden, though a statue of Mary will be the focal point. The flowers you choose to plant should have some relation to Mary. For example, roses are a popular choice. Other flowers to include might be lilies of the valley (Mary's tears), marigolds (Mary's gold), lavender (Mary's drying plant), and daisies (Mary's star.)

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.



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 catholic-charities-appeal.org to make your donation today!





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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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In today's second reading we hear **"And His commandment is this: we should believe in the name of His Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another just as He commanded us." 1 John 23**

Look at what Mother Angelica says about this.

"You can't get to Heaven disliking one person. O, Dear Lord. You can't even dislike one person. Now, unless we overcome that totally and really love everybody, we're going to spend some time in Purgatory."

Delaware County

National Day of Prayer

Thursday, May 6, 2021, is the 70th annual National Day of Prayer in America We will be praying for God to pour out His LOVE, LIFE and LIBERTY on our nation.



Catholic Home Missions Collection

The collection for Catholic Home Missions will be held this weekend, May 1 and 2. This collection supports the neediest dioceses in the United States. This appeal makes the most basic faith programs possible and shares the Gospel message with our brothers and sisters in dioceses where Church communities are struggling. When you participate in the appeal, you join in the Church's healing mission of mercy to all, including support for inmates reentering society, as well as pastoral ministries for crime victims and their families, justice system personnel, and inmates. We thank you for your generosity.

FOOD PANTRY

Food Pantry Update:

It's 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

50th Reunion

Msgr. Bonner and Archbishop Prendergast High School Class of 1970 will gather for a 50th reunion celebration at The Drexelbrook Catering and Event Center, 4700 Drexelbrook Dr., Drexel Hill, PA, on Friday, October 22, 2021, from 6 PM to 10 PM. For additional information, email bonnerprendie1970@gmail.com or contact John Matthews at 215-260-4568 or matthewstown@comcast.net.



Congratulations to those children receiving First Communion Saturday, May 1, 2021

<i>Brody Barnes</i>	<i>Angelina McCullough</i>
<i>Michael Cleary</i>	<i>Emma McDonald</i>
<i>Macie Cooper</i>	<i>Kieran McIntyre</i>
<i>Kallie Dewees</i>	<i>Reese McIntyre</i>
<i>Briella Dorsa</i>	<i>Daniel McKenna</i>
<i>Jordyn Hall</i>	<i>Ryan Nguyen</i>
<i>Lovea Heppard</i>	<i>Emma O'Neill</i>
<i>Alessia Horrox</i>	<i>Roman Thomas Oropeza</i>
<i>Dylan Hugo</i>	<i>Dominic Price</i>
<i>Henry Jurkiewicz</i>	<i>Alice Sesay</i>
<i>Grace Kammerer</i>	<i>Ariel Sterling</i>
<i>Anthony Marcone</i>	<i>Sean Taylor</i>
<i>Joseph McCollian</i>	<i>Michael Terifay</i>
<i>Gianna McCollian</i>	<i>Michael Terinoni</i>

2021 - YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH

Secretarial Position Available

St. Francis of Assisi School, in Springfield, is looking for a full-time school secretary. Computer skills are a must and previous secretarial experience is preferred. To further discuss this opportunity, please email the resume to the current principal, Jill Carroll, at JCarroll@sfaschool.com who will call and arrange for an appointment.



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.

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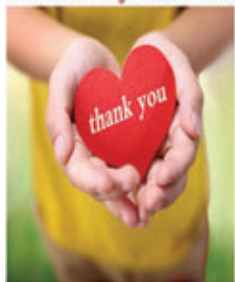
CARDINAL O'HARA HIGH SCHOOL

Our parish recently received notification of the performance of our high school students on the end of the 3rd quarter. We are particularly proud of those who demonstrated academic excellence.

Students who achieved first honors include: Angelina Grandizio '21, Alexa Mazzola '21, Marissa Glick '23, Gavin LeSage '23, Mia Macciocca '23, Anthony Yost '23.

Among those earning second honors were the following students from our parish: Julia McMullan '21, Kerry O'Reilly '21, Aminata Gogra '23, Caitlin Henzel '23, Rebecca McVeigh '23, Xavier Tran '23, William Donnelly '24, Gionna Terinoni '24.

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