JOLY CROSS CAURCA

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Evening 4:30	ΡM
Sunday, Upper Church 8:30 and 11:00	AM
Holy Day As annour	iced
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Saturday 8:30	AM
Friday*	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

Rev. Eugene C. Wilson	Pastor
Rev. Edward C. Kelly	Resident/Faculty COHS
Rev. Thomas J. Furey	. St. Joseph Villa/Retired
Deacon Thomas L. Taylor	Permanent Deacon
Deacon Robert Frankenberger	Retired
Deacon Joseph N. Gousie	Retired
Mrs. Theresa Carey	Business Manager
Dr. Mary Rose Worrilow	Principal
Mrs. Kelly Meliti Directo	or of Religious Education
Mrs. Grete Ingalls. MM, CAGO	Music Director

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.

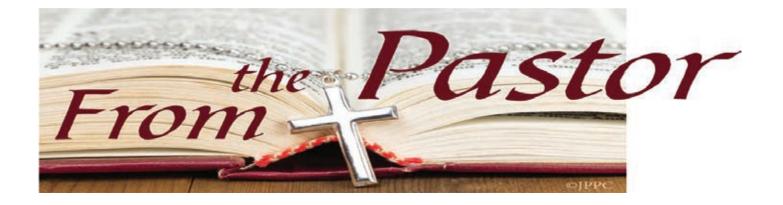
First time parents and godparents are required to attend a Baptism Preparation Session which is held on the 1st Monday of the month at 7:00 PM. Please call the Parish Office for more information.

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.



Godzilla is *the man*! Or...Godzilla is the beast, I suppose. I was always fascinated with the campy, Japanese monster and his films of wreaking havoc upon Tokyo and its environs. My fondness for Godzilla probably stems from my early childhood days when my father would read to me at bedtime. (Tip: Parents, read to your young children at bedtime! The only regret you will have is never having done so!) It was the book on dinosaurs that I remember. I would groggily ask my father to show me the pictures. Tyrannosaurus rex was a fearsome creature with massive jaw and razor sharp teeth. He looked funny with his teeny-weeny "hands." My father would make a roaring dinosaur sound while pawing gently upon my face. I would fall asleep dreaming of being a caveman in the days of the prehistoric beasts discovering only later in my education that these mysterious creatures existed and became extinct well before the earliest man or woman walked the earth. My father was *the man* too, for taking the time to read to me. I wonder if he then ever fell asleep dreaming of dinosaur exploits together with his young "cave son." I'm sure that he slept more soundly knowing that his son soundly slept despite all those dinosaurs roaming about in his head. All of us could use a more sound sleep. Usually, it is the many "monsters" of our daily lives that keep us awake. They stomp about like Godzilla trampling everything underfoot. In the Godzilla movies of old, the beast was sometimes the villain, but more often than not, the ole boy was the hero saving Tokyo from some other menacing creature. The populace would be grateful as Godzilla wandered off to his lair to await the next call to duty. Monsters becoming heroes in film is a screenwriter/producer's prerogative. In the reality of everyday life, such prerogative is God's and we need to encourage and assist Him in His work. Jesus came especially for those afflicted by "monsters." A child once wanted to know why there were no dinosaurs mentioned in the Bible. The short answer is that the Bible is not a book on the science of paleontology. It is a book on the "science" of God and, in fact, there are many "monsters" contained therein. The various persecutions of God's Chosen People in the Old Testament and the persecutions of the early Christians in the New were monstrous. Disobedience before God is even more so. Perhaps the path to sainthood is allowing God to "tame the wild beast" transforming afflictions into cures. It was the Leviathan of the Cross with its suffering that became the crowbar prying back the door of the tomb from which our Risen Lord emerged. The same will be true for us. Though T-Rex may not appear in the Bible because he was prehistoric, my old friend was not a priori to creation. This means that the Tyrannosaurus of my youthful dreams was part of God's plan. We have a unique stained glass window in our church that illuminates this. Behind the image of Adam and Eve, albeit rather small, there stands a dinosaur (a brontosaurus, I believe). The pre-historic monster *is* small in comparison with the greatness that is the wonder of God's creation of man and woman made in His very image and likeness. We are "bigger" than our "beasts." Allowing and asking God to transform them will help all of us to sleep more soundly beginning this very night. Stop by the cave later. I'll introduce you to my friend, T-Rex. He even likes Godzilla too!

> Peace! Fr. Wilson



MONDAY	NOVEMBER 2
8:30 AM	Jane & Joe Sessa
TUESDAY	NOVEMBER 3
8:30 AM	Joseph Pizza
7:00 PM	Mass of Remembrance
WEDNESDAY	NOVEMBER 4
8:30 AM	John Greenleaf
THURSDAY	NOVEMBER 5
	NO MASS

FRIDAY - Public Mass suspended during the green phase. Mass available online.

FRIDAY	NOVEMBER 6
12:15 PM	People of Holy Cross

NEXT WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY	NOVEMBER 7
8:30 AM	Nancy Fortunato
4:30 PM	Poor Souls in Purgatory
SUNDAY	NOVEMBER 8
8:30 AM	People of Holy Cross
11:00 AM	Maureen Bart

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.

hank you!

Sunday Collection, October 25		
Total Collection	\$8,031	
Electroníc	\$3,146	
Basket & Maíl-íns	\$4,885	

Holy Cross Church

Stewardship Restoration Appeal

We continue to make great progress for our Parish Stewardship Restoration Appeal. As of today, 134 generous parishioners have raised \$32,550. The response to our Appeal has been tremendous and shows that our devoted parish family is committed to our shared mission to grow disciples and make church matter. This Appeal allows us to continue to fund and expand our services and ministries, maintain our church and spiritual home and support our growth as a parish during this uncertain time. As we approach the end of our Appeal, I welcome parishioners to make a gift by returning your reply card or visiting our giving page online.

(The restoration appeal this year is in place of the annual block collection.)





Pray for the Sick of our Parish

Sharon Burr Lyndi Butler Margaret Cook Stephen Collins Samuel Dephillippo Nancy DeSanctis 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 Helen Lyons

Joanne Marks Lucy Mashura, S.F.O. Barbara McCusker Lee Anne McGough Dan Murphy **Connie Myers** Frances O'Callaghan Charlotte O'Leary Paige O'Leary Mary Ann Purcell Mary Rafferty Rose Marie Santos Michael Sargent III Theresa Sherwin Joseph Sindoni Fr. Paul Stenson **George Vrettos** Lily Walker Nadia Waltanski

Holy Cross School Help Wanted

After School C.A.R.E.S Program

Part-time position, 15 to 20 hours per week, 2:30 to 6:00 PM, Monday thru Friday. If interested, please call Mary Rose Worrilow, Principal, at 610-626-1709. Any questions, please call Holy Cross School 610-626-1709.



The Corner

Brought to you by your Evangelization Team

Today we celebrate All Saints, those known by name and the everyday ones we don't know. And tomorrow we pray for All Souls. It's a good day to read about St. Pio Of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio), canonized by Pope John Paul on June 16, 2002. He spent nearly his entire life praying and offering his sufferings for the Poor Souls in Purgatory, and we can find hope in his essays.

"Padre Pio, Man of Hope" by Renzo Allegri "The Holy Souls, Viva Padre Pio" by Fr. Alessio Parente

Please Note!

Any distribution of materials must be approved by our Pastor. Please do not place any materials in the vestibule of the church or on cars in the parking lot without Father Wilson's approval. Thank you!

Mass of Remembrance

A Mass of Remembrance for the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed will be celebrated on Monday, November 2, 2020 at 7:00 PM. All are welcome to pray for our beloved deceased family members, friends and parishioners.



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Thank You! The Holy Cross Knights and Mothers Home wish to thank everyone for their generous donations during our Baby Bottle Campaign.

We collected over \$4,000 which included monetary as well as a large donation of baby formula.

Our parishioners continue to amaze us during these trying times!

Eternally Loved, Meet the Bridegroom of Your Soul

Tuesdays, 8 sessions between October 27, 2020 and December 15, 2020, 7:30 to 8:30 PM.

The Bridegroom is coming....He is gently knocking on our hearts and asking us to open to Him so He can heal, purify, and restore us. Let us come and receive His Living Water so the thirsting of our desert hearts might be eternally quenched.

Find all the details and register here:

https://hopesgarden.com/eternally-loved/

Rachel's Vineyard Ministries Post-Abortion Healing Retreat November 6-8, 2020 Malvern-Frazer, PA

Rachel's Vineyard of Greater Philadelphia is having a retreat for healing after abortion. It is designed to help you experience the mercy and compassion of God. It will help you focus on the buried emotions of the past and begin healing in a non-judgmental, safe, loving and confidential environment. It will give you hope for your future and freedom from the pain within your heart and soul.

For information, call/email:

Lauren at 215-720-5828 or RachelsvineyardGP@gmail.com

EMAIL SCAM ALERT

Please be aware of email scams from individuals asking for money or gift cards in the name of Fr. Wilson.

These emails are not from Father Wilson. Father Wilson does not send out emails asking for money or gift cards.

Thank you!

24 Hours with Jesus

Mark your calendars! On Monday evening, November 9, and all day Tuesday, November 10, Holy Cross



will host a special time of Eucharistic adoration. We will have a very special guest speaker joining us for this event! More information will be forth coming!



Sacred Heart Parish, Clifton Heights, is making Pierogi

Pierogi will be made Monday through Friday, November 9-20, at St. Joseph's cafeteria in Collingdale. The price per dozen is \$7.00. Pierogi are filled with potato, cheese and onion. To order, please call the rectory M-F from 10AM—3PM at 610-623-0409 or evenings, Joanne Bidoli at 610-574-7077. You can schedule your pick up time and pay when you pick up. If you would like to learn the art of pierogimaking and spend a morning out, you are welcome to help! We could use a few good men (and women too!).

Food Pantry Update

As many of you know, the pantry has been working outside (as a drive-thru) since April. In November, we are moving back inside due to the loss of light and expected colder weather. Social distancing and safety in mind, Father Wilson has been very kind in allowing

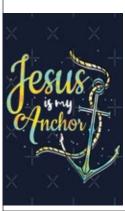


the operation to move to the first floor in the Parish Center until the pandemic subsides. We are also preparing for Thanksgiving and if possible, if you are able, we are accepting turkeys and fixings along with other staples: such as soups, cereal, oatmeal, canned meats, veggies, pasta, sauce, cheese, peanut butter and paper products on Wednesdays, 3 to 6. Since the turkeys are perishable, if you are unable to drop off during pantry hours, please call the business office and we will make arrangements to pick up your donation.

St. Kevin's Knights of Columbus is coordinating a Thanksgiving food drive on November 15 after their scheduled Masses. Our Holy Cross Knights are also assisting with this effort. What a team effort and wonderful blessing! Please know that your generosity has kept the pantry in operation and that our "Neighbors in Need" volume has significantly increased during this pandemic.

God Bless All of You,

Your Friends from the St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry Team



Need an Anchor?

Are you troubled with fear and anxiety? Come to Jesus! He is waiting to lighten your burden, so come to our Adoration Chapel and talk it over!!

Monday thru Friday, 9AM-7PM

Need info, call Ronnie 610-623-8412, or Parish Office 610-626-3321

Client Advocates Needed

Volunteer client advocates (counselors) are needed at the Delaware County Pregnancy Center Lifeline Women's Clinic; 4 hours a week on your schedule and by appointment, counseling expectant mothers on the alternatives to abortion and follow-up care. Training will be provided. For more information, please call Lisa Daniel at DCP, 610-872-2229, and see website dcpcchester.org.

"Laugh for Life" Comedy Showcase

Come to support the cause of LIFE and laugh while you're doing it! The annual "Laugh for Life" Comedy Showcase will be held at the Christian Academy, 4301 Chandler Street in Brookhaven on Saturday, November 4, at 7:00 PM. Tickets \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door, \$25 per Family. For tickets, call Delaware County Pregnancy Center at 610-872-2229 to reserve, or go to www.GordonDouglasIsFunny.com. Freewill offering will be taken during the show to support the Delaware County Pregnancy Center and Christian Academy.

Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship

In order to assist Catholics as they prepare to vote with formed consciences, the Pennsylvania Catholic Conference has produced a Presidential Candidate comparison document and a State Legislative Voters Guide. These documents seek to educate the faithful about candidates and their positions on issues of importance to Catholic voters. The documents are posted on archphila.org and catholicphilly.com.

For more information, you can visit: archphila.org/events/voting-resources-for-thecatholic-faithful-from-the-pennsylvania-catholicconference/

In addition, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops is once again offering to the Catholic faithful *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship.* Visit FaithfulCitizenship.org to explore how you can love your neighbors by advocating as a faithful citizen on behalf of those who are poor and vulnerable. As you prepare to vote read the U.S. bishops' statement on Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship, watch videos and access other great resources on faithful citizenship.



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