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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.

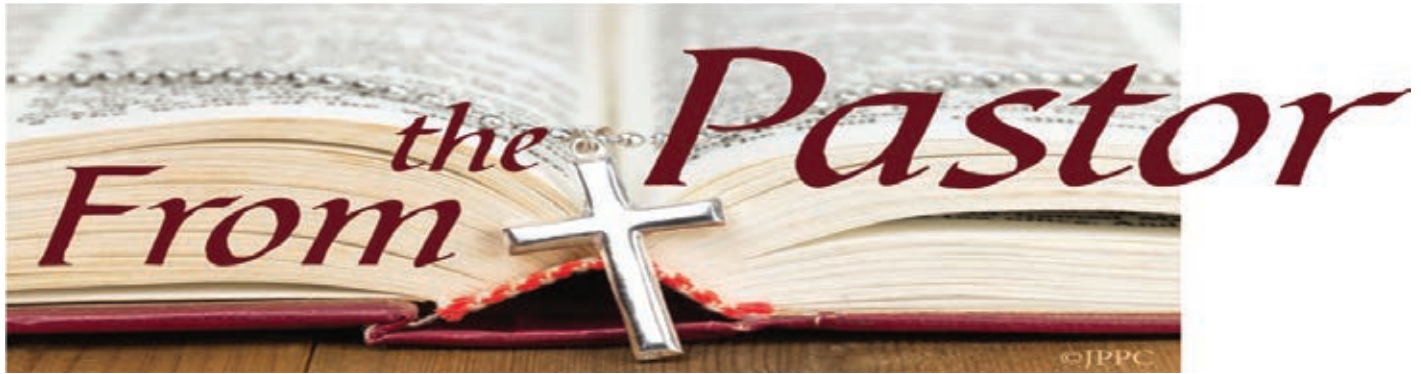
First time parents and godparents are required to attend a Baptism Preparation Session which is held on the 1st Monday of the month at 7:00 PM. Please call the Parish Office for more information.

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.



It was my one and only concert attended at the late, venerable *Spectrum* in South Philly. The *J. Geils Band* was the headliner, but it was the opening band that I really wanted to see. *The Romantics* opened for *J. Geils* that night. *What I Like About You* remains one of my favorites songs. I was in early high school and was dating a girl named Patti who was from Juniata. I asked her if she would like to go to a concert. She readily accepted. Then I asked my dad. He didn't accept so readily. After a little back and forth, he did finally relinquish for which I was grateful. I didn't yet have my driver's license and so, in reality, I was asking my father to be my chauffeur. He passed on my offer of actually attending the concert. *Not my genre*, he said. *Besides, it should just be the two of you*. The night of the concert was pleasant weatherwise. Patti and I sat in the back seat of my father's car. We held hands. I kept catching my father's glance from the rear view mirror and blushed. Arriving at the *Spectrum*, my father dropped us off and we made plans to meet in this exact location in about three hours or so. Whoever arrived first would simply wait. These were the days before cell phones. I think that my father then went off to get a little late dinner for himself, maybe nurse a beer or two, and then find a spot to park the car and nap a bit. It would make no sense for him to drive all the way back home. In the arena, Patti and I made our way to our seats. This high school sophomore spared no expense in finding the best cheap seats in the house. We were in the rafters of the *Spectrum*. I'm glad that the *Romantics* played early, because I started to become light-headed after that. It wasn't because of my handholding with Patti either. *Gosh, were we that highup from the concert floor?* Patti was feeling a bit dizzy too. Height had nothing to do with it, but being high did. It was then that I noticed it. We were seated in a light fog. Around us there were other concert goers and they appeared to be smoking something. Sure, this was also in the days before "smoke free" environments when people could still smoke cigarettes in a restaurant or at a concert, but.... *No, it can't be*, I thought. *Dude, you wanna hit?* *No, thank you*, I said. *Ya sure, dude? It's great stuff?* *Oh, thank you, but no*, I said politely. Patti laughed. We both did. I don't remember a whole lot of the concert after that. I remember a whole lot of twinkling lights and people on their feet screaming and "rockin' out." I remember pulling Patti close and I remember my father's comment after we managed to find our way to the car after the concert. *You stink, both of you! You smell like smoke! How was the concert?* Patti and I laughed acting a bit goofy. My father just shook his head. After dropping Patti off at her house, I returned to the car. My father said it again and then began the interrogation. *You really stink! You're high! Did you smoke anything or take anything from anybody?* My father drove with his window open. *No, Dad! No! But everyone around us was smoking! I was breathing in their smoke all night! I feel dizzy*. He shook his head again. *Don't ever take anything from anybody. Don't ever do drugs! I won't Dad*. I meant it. I wanted to have a nice evening with Patti and enjoy the band that I liked. The fact that I was uncomfortable and dizzy with all that smoke was disappointing. *Oh, and you're going to take off all those clothes and throw them into the wash as soon as you get in the front door. You stink*, he said again as he lowered his window a bit more. *Don't tell Mom*, I said. *Don't worry*, he said, as he rung my neck with his hand. Then, he said it again. *You, really stink!* Be careful of contact highs when going to rock concerts! You've been warned! However, when it comes to our Faith, this is exactly what we should want and expect to happen. A truly Faith-filled person is a person filled with a euphoria such that everyone around them begins to feel a bit dizzy as they experience a "contact high" and the "odor" that one carries is a rather pleasing fragrance. There's a concert held every Sunday. Bring a date or a friend. Bring your dad or ask him to bring you. There are no "cheap seats" and the best seat in the house will be the one that you occupy!

Peace!

Fr. Wilson

Masses For The Week



MONDAY	NOVEMBER 16
8:30 AM	Domenic & Rosemarie Tricome
TUESDAY	NOVEMBER 17
8:30 AM	Joseph B. Bartivic
WEDNESDAY	NOVEMBER 18
8:30 AM	Rita & Edmund Creato
THURSDAY	NOVEMBER 19
	NO MASS
FRIDAY - Public Mass suspended during the green phase. Mass available online.	
FRIDAY	NOVEMBER 20
12:15 PM	Clement McSwiggan

NEXT WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY	NOVEMBER 21
8:30 AM	Sarah Abate
4:30 PM	People of Holy Cross
SUNDAY	NOVEMBER 22
8:30 AM	Matthew Trout
11:00 AM	Cass & Bob Kling

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.

Thank you!

Sunday Collection, November 8

<i>Total Collection</i>	<i>\$7,341</i>
<i>Electronic</i>	<i>\$3,335</i>
<i>Basket & Mail-ins</i>	<i>\$4,006</i>

Holy Cross Church

Stewardship Restoration Appeal

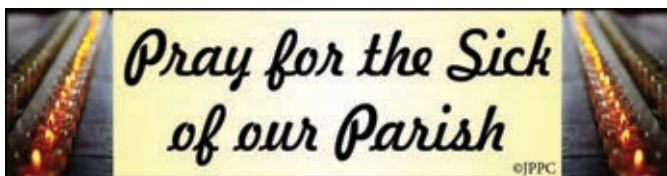
Thank you for your support!

Today we give thanks to all those who have responded to our Parish Stewardship Restoration Appeal. If you have not already contributed and would like to, visit our online giving link, holycrosscatholics.org/parish-giving/ or reply using the card included with your letter. I ask that you please continue to pray for our appeal. Any contribution you can make to our parish has a tremendous impact on the needs of our community. Please place our response card in today's collection or return it to the Parish Office at your convenience.

Total donations received \$41,475

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





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Deceased—Rose Buongiorno

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.



Deadline for November 29 Bulletin

Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday, all materials for the November 29 bulletin must be submitted to the Business Office by Wednesday, November 18, at 12:00 noon. Thank you.

The Corner

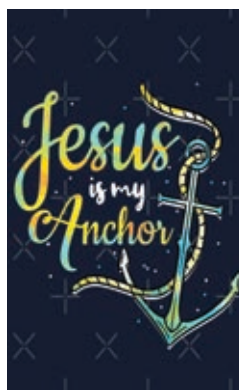
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"So be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and handed Himself over for us...." ----
Ephesians 5:1-2

"Our identity isn't based on our accomplishments or failings, what people think about us, or how we view ourselves in the mirror. Our identity is that we are the be-loved children of a relentless Father who loves us unconditionally."

---Sarah Kroger, Singer and Songwriter on her song "Belovedness"

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

Casserole Drop-Off Date

The next drop-off is Wednesday, November 18, between 6:00 and 7:00 PM at the gym annex. Anyone wishing to join us can go to saintjohnshospice.org for recipes. Or just make a casserole that you like. Please mark the casserole with the date prepared. Call Connie Labowitz at 610-328--0599 with any questions. Thank you!

Reaching out to the Homebound

Pandemic restrictions and social distancing have had an impact on families, including our parish family here at Holy Cross. In many cases, quarantine has brought families together but it has pulled apart our parish family. We have lost touch with each other and are trying to re-unite with those who have been unable to join us. If you know of anyone in the parish who is homebound, high-risk or has a strong need to be socially distant, please contact the parish office with the name, address and phone number, so that we can reconnect with our parish family.

Our Lady of the Holy Cross, pray for us.

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/>

Three Parish Book Club

Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday, the next meeting of the Book Club will be on Wednesday, December 2, at 7:00 PM, via Zoom.

Members will discuss both **Rediscover the Saints by Matthew Kelly** and **Women: Icons of Christ by Phyllis Zagano**. For more information please contact Joy Van Berg at 610-328-2095 or joyvanberg@gmail.com

Food Pantry Update

As many of you know, the pantry has been working outside (as a drive-thru) since April. We have moved 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

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 pierogi-making and spend a morning out, you are welcome to help! We could use a few good men (and women too!).

Art Teacher – Part-Time

Merion Mercy Academy seeks a dynamic and student-centered educator beginning in January 2021 to serve as a part-time art teacher and teach Principles of Design and Digital Design. Please visit our school's website for complete details for this position, www.merion-mercy.com.

Interested candidates should send a resume, cover letter and statement of educational philosophy along with three professional references to Valerie Prucnal, Assistant Head of School for Academic Affairs at yprucnal@merion-mercy.com.

Stand Up for Life Livestream 2020

Pro-Life Union of Greater Philadelphia is hosting their inspirational fundraiser virtually for the first time, November 22, at 7:00 PM. The 45-minute program will be featuring a special guest speaker, Matt Walsh, an American Catholic conservative pro-life advocate, Father Christopher Walsh of St. Raymond Church and Patrick Stanton.

Register at app.mobilecause.com/e/iN6SjA?vid=dpgeh

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

Ronald Wayne would draw personal meaning from today's parable. Who is he? Ronald Wayne is the little-known third Apple founder who sold his 10% stake for \$800. Apple shares hit an historic \$1 trillion market cap value last August. Owning 10% of Apple right now sounds like a dream. But Mr. Wayne knows what it's like to watch that opportunity slip away.

Wayne joined Apple co-founders Steve Wozniak and Steve Jobs, who were 21 and 25 at the time, to provide the new company with so-called "adult supervision" and to oversee mechanical engineering and documentation in exchange for a 10% stake in the business.

While both Jobs and Wozniak were young and broke, Wayne had assets, including a house, and feared that the financial burden would fall on him if the deal ever went south. So after spending a mere 12 days with Wozniak and Jobs, Wayne had his name taken off the contract and sold his shares back to the co-founders. Today a 10% stake in Apple would be worth \$95 billion. It would make Wayne one of the richest people in the world. Google the rest of his story and discover what he thinks of his decision.

If He were preaching in person today, I believe Jesus would have used this story of Mr. Wayne in a retelling of His original parable. We read there about the three reactions that the servants had to the gifts given them by the "man going on a journey." How we pity servant number 3 for his foolish choice. Talk about the need in life to balance prudence with wisdom! But the parable also stresses the importance of using one's gifts and talents to serve others, especially the poor.

This Sunday just happens to be World Day of the Poor in our Church calendar. It is the fourth one of these "Days" having been established by Pope Francis in 2017. Here are some of the thoughts in Pope Francis' inaugural Message given at that time and still relevant:

"Over these 2,000 years, how many pages of history have been written by Christians who, in utter simplicity and humility, and with generous and creative charity, have served their poorest brothers and sisters. The most outstanding example is that of Francis of Assisi...He was not satisfied to embrace lepers and give them alms, but chose to go to Gubbio to stay with them.

We may think of the poor simply as the beneficiaries of our occasional volunteer work, or impromptu acts of generosity that appease our conscience. However good and useful such acts may be for making us sensitive to people's needs...they ought to lead to a true encounter with the poor and a sharing that becomes a way of life.

...The Body of Christ, broken in the Sacred Liturgy, can be seen, through charity and sharing, in the faces and persons of the most vulnerable of our brothers and sisters.

...Saint John Chrysostom's admonition remains ever timely: 'If you want to honor the body of Christ, do not scorn it when we see it is naked; do not honor the Eucharistic Christ with silk vestments, and then, leaving the church, neglect the other Christ suffering from cold and nakedness.'"

God love you and give you His peace!



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