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#### MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Evening ..... 4:30 PM  
 Sunday, Upper Church ..... 8:30 and 11:00 AM  
 Holy Day ..... As announced  
 Tuesday through Saturday ..... 8:30 AM  
 No Mass Monday

#### 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, 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.

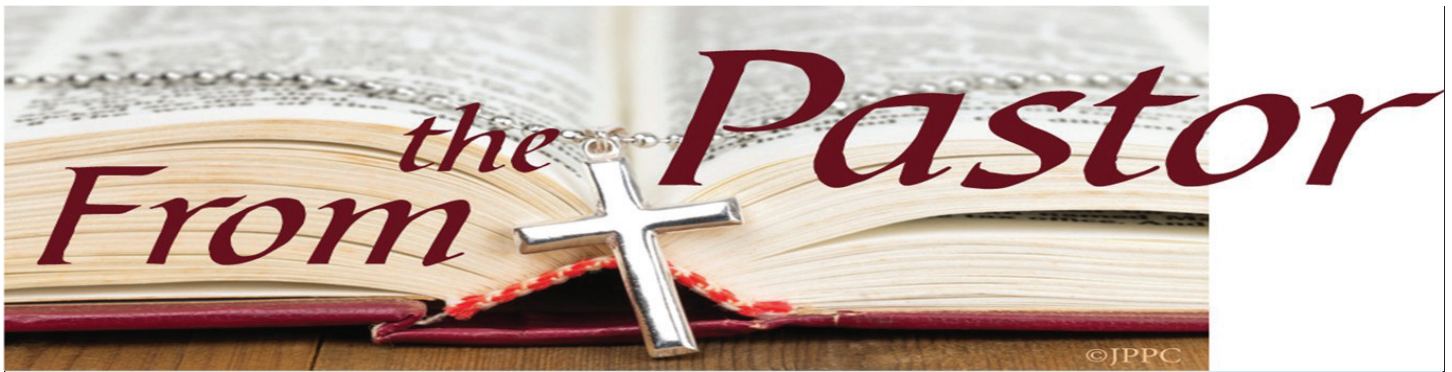
First time parents and godparents are required to attend a Baptism Preparation Session which is held on the 1st Monday of the month at 7:00 PM. Please call the Parish Office for more information.

#### 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.



As mentioned last week, enclosed with today's bulletin is a copy of our Financial Report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, along with a letter from me providing some additional information and comments. I encourage everyone to take a look so you can be informed about where we are financially as a parish.

Last week I also promised some other announcements about new initiatives in the parish. Today, I'm happy to announce the return of the **SCRIP PROGRAM** at the parish! With scrip, you can purchase gift cards to all sorts of restaurants, stores, gas stations and movie theaters. A portion of the value of the gift card gets credited to the parish, which can be used to help pay for tuition for Catholic Education. A portion of the value of the gift card also goes to the parish and school to help with tuition assistance or general expenses. In other words, you buy gift cards at face value for the shopping you usually do, and the parish makes money. It's a win-win! The program is run online, and electronic gift cards are available via an app on your phone, or can be printed out for gift giving. For more information, see the flyers we have in the vestibule of the church. I am grateful to Terry Carey for taking on the additional responsibility of getting this program off the ground.

This is a rather last-minute announcement, and I apologize for that, but on **Wednesday, December 1, from 7:00-8:30**, Holy Cross will be hosting "**Advent by Candlelight**" – a women's evening of reflection sponsored by the Adult Faith Formation Teams of St. Kevin, St. Francis, and Holy Cross Parishes. Ladies are invited to be table hostesses for a table of ten, or to sign up to attend and be seated at a table with other parishioners. The guest speaker is Meghan Cokeley, Director for the Office for New Evangelization for the Archdiocese. I would be willing to guarantee her talk is not something you want to miss, and everyone could use an evening of quiet reflection during Advent. The catch is that **registration is due by tomorrow, November 22**. (Again, sorry for the late notice.) If you're at all interested, check out the posters and materials in the vestibules of the church.

Another fundraising note: next week is **#GivingTuesday (November 30)**. Our school is participating in the iGiveCatholic program this year in an effort to raise money for technology and security updates. You'll notice posters in the vestibule today and little cards with more information. We'd love to have a great response, so feel free to take some cards and give them out to friends, relatives, alumni, neighbors, and anyone who might be interested in lending support. Information is on our website and the school's site. Helpful hint: for those who are social media savvy, share the information on your various pages and profiles. The idea of iGiveCatholic is to encourage a day of giving to help Church ministries across the country, so the more we get the word out, the better it is for the whole Church (but of course we want people to think of us!).

The Knights of Columbus have their **Pancake Breakfast this Sunday morning** from 8:00am until 1:00pm. Stop over after Mass for breakfast or brunch, or if you went to the 4:30, come back tomorrow morning!

Fr. Kiernan

# Masses For The Week



<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>NOVEMBER 22</b>
8:30 AM	No Mass
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>NOVEMBER 23</b>
8:30 AM	Ellen Linehan
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>NOVEMBER 24</b>
8:30 AM	Michael Baselice
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>NOVEMBER 25</b>
8:30 AM	Norman Douglas
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>NOVEMBER 26</b>
8:30 AM	Valerie Haney & Dalai Lama

## NEXT WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS

<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>NOVEMBER 27</b>
8:30 AM	Robert Seitz, Jr.
4:30 PM	Nicholas & Mary Graziano
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>NOVEMBER 28</b>
8:30 AM	Bernard Zaleta & John Boyle
11:00 AM	People of Holy Cross

## Exciting News about Our Choir !!

Our Holy Cross Choir has been invited to sing at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul in Philadelphia on March 26, 2022. We are looking forward to serving as the choir for the Saturday evening Mass. More details will come later so that you can plan to attend if you wish. So, we are looking for additional choir members when we start our choir season again here at Holy Cross this September. We need all voices, especially basses and tenors. You do not need to know how to read music in order to sing. We practice on Tuesday evenings in the choir loft from 7 pm to 8:30 pm. If you would like more information, please contact our Music Director Grete Ingalls at 267.253.4007, or email greteingalls@hotmail.com. Come join us!!



## SANTUARY LAMP



This week's Sanctuary lamp intention is for:

**Church: Robert & Esther Little**

**Chapel: Ronnie Sidebottom**



## Sunday Collection, November 14

*Total Collection* \$8,302

*Electronic* \$2,480

*Basket & Mail-ins* \$5,822



## Advent by Candlelight

*Women's Evening of Reflection*

*"Women Abounding with Joy: Learning From Mary"*



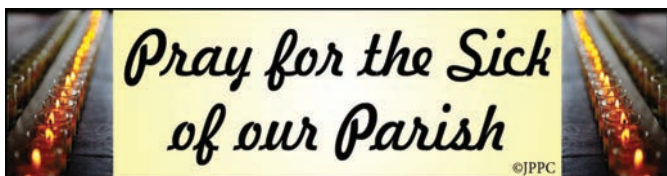
*Wednesday, December 1, 2021 7:00-8:30PM*

*Holy Cross Parish Center*

*Guest Speaker: Miss Meghan Cokely*

*To register call Madelyn McBride at 610-543-0848 extension 118 or email Madelyn at stfaprep@gmail.com. Due Date: November 22, 2021. Host a table of guests by inviting women to this wonderful event. Questions about being a Table Hostess please email Anita Galligan at anitagalligan1@verizon.net*





**Lyndi Butler**  
**Gerald Curran**  
**George Dickinson**  
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**Steven Henderson**  
**Jimmy Keating**  
**Carole Kime**  
**Natalie Giorgio Kitts**  
**Ken Kull**  
**Mary Kull**  
**Kendall Lambert**  
**Joann Marks**  
**Maryanne McCauley**  
**Richard McCullough**

**Barbara McCusker**  
**Francis Murray**  
**Frances O'Callaghan**  
**Charlotte O'Leary**  
**Paige O'Leary**  
**Alexander Ott**  
**Mary Rafferty**  
**Joseph Sindoni**  
**Adeline Sulpizio**  
**Jean Super**  
**Valerie Thompson**  
**Helen Torelli**  
**Amanda Trerotola**  
**Carol Valaitis**  
**George Vrettos**

### Pancake Breakfast

The Holy Cross Knights of Columbus #15482 are again holding their Semi-Annual Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, November 21, from 8:00AM until 1:00PM. Tickets for the breakfast will be \$10 for Adults and \$9 for Kids (12 & Under). There will be advanced discounted tickets sold at \$9 for Adults and \$8 for Kids (12 & Under). Advanced discounted tickets will be sold after all Masses on the weekends of November 6 & 7 and November 13 & 14. Tickets will also be available from any of the Knights before November 21. Remember "It's More Than Just Pancakes!"

### Three Parish Book Club

Because the last Wednesday in November is the day before Thanksgiving, the Three Parish Book Club's next meeting will take place on Wednesday, December 1, at 7:00 p.m. at Holy Cross Parish Center. Last Wednesday of the month meetings will resume in December.

For more information, please contact Joy Van Berg at 610 32-2095 or [joyvanberg@gmail.com](mailto:joyvanberg@gmail.com).

#### November

Set Your Heart Free by St. Francis De Sales (Ave Maria Press.)

#### December

The Infancy Narratives: Jesus of Nazareth by Pope Benedict XVI  
Joseph Ratzinger

## The Corner

*Brought to you by your Evangelization Team*

The last Sunday of each liturgical year celebrates the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, or Christ the King.

### **Did you know.....**

Pope Pius XI instituted this feast in 1925 in response to growing secularism and atheism. Among other things, it reminds us that while governments come and go, Christ reigns as King forever.

---excerpted from website of USCCB (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops)

### Church Cleaning

A note of thanks to our Holy Cross cleaning ladies who continue to help keep our church and chapel clean! We are blessed and you are appreciated. Next church cleaning is Dec. 14 after the 8:30 am Mass. Extra hands are always welcomed. Contact Dolores Morroni 610-715-1328.

### Annual Cemetery Blanket/Door Wreath Sale

The Holy Cross Knights of Columbus #15482 will again be holding their Annual Cemetery Blanket/Door Wreath Sale beginning on Sunday, 11/21/21 and ending on Sunday, 12/5/21. Unfortunately there was another increase this year from our supplier. Goods and supplies are harder to get and prices reflect that. The price this year will be \$30.00 per Blanket as well as \$30.00 per Door Wreath. To place an order you can call, text or e-mail Andy Grajek @ 610-761-9020 or [gfrandy@juno.com](mailto:gfrandy@juno.com) and leave your name, phone number & the amount of blankets/wreaths that you wish to order. Please leave your contact information in case we need to contact you. If you contact by e-mail, a form can be sent to you electronically. Checks/orders can be sent by mail. Make checks payable to: Holy Cross K.O.C. #15482. Checks can be mailed to: Cemetery Blankets, c/o Andy Grajek, 492 Indian Rock Dr., Springfield PA 19064. Cemetery blankets will be available for "Contactless" pick up in the Holy Cross School Parking Lot on Saturday - 12/11/21 from 8:30am until 11:00am.

# FOOD PANTRY

## Food Pantry Update

On **Monday, November 22**, the Food Pantry will have our **last food distribution before Thanksgiving** (while turkey supplies last). If you know anyone in need of food, please let them know we are open from 3:30 to 5:30PM.

The **Pantry will be closed on Wednesday, November 24**, so our volunteers can prepare for their own family dinners.

How amazing... Thanksgiving is Thursday, Nov. 25. In preparation for the big day, so many have given so much to ensure folks will have turkeys / chickens and the fixings for their family celebrations.

Our Holy Cross school children led the effort with classroom collections with their "Turkey Trot" campaign. Our pantry and "Our Most in Need Neighbors" appreciate their support.

In addition, St. Kevins KofC, St. Francis SVDP, our Holy Cross KofC (who help us all year and especially at Thanksgiving), the Clifton Hgts. Acme (who have helped us numerous times throughout the year and provided a large donation of turkeys and fixings), Springfield Staples, the Springfield Ice Hockey Club, Boy Scout Troop 512 and Springfield Cub Scouts Pack 240 will ensure we have staple supplies for a long time. There are also many individual donations and the list goes on...

Our volunteers have worked tirelessly and we are humbled and grateful for your prayers and generosity all year, *without our parishioners' support all year... we would not be able to do what we do every week.*

From our homes to yours, Happy Thanksgiving. God Bless All of You...

Your friends from the St. Vincent dePaul Holy Cross Food Pantry



## Feast Day Tip—Thanksgiving

Obviously, this isn't a Catholic feast day. But it is often celebrated most beautifully by Catholics. Many parishes hold a special Mass on Thanksgiving for those who want to spend the day at the table of the Lord. It is also a beautiful reminder that Eucharist means Thanksgiving. Consider attending Mass on Thanksgiving and give all glory to God.

## BE THANKFUL!

"COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS,  
NAME THEM ONE BY ONE,  
AND YOU WILL BE SUR-

PRISED WHAT THE LORD HAS DONE", yes we sometimes forget all that Jesus has done for us! Take some time and be thankful. H would like to hear it from you. Our Adoration Chapel is open, 9AM to 7PM, Monday thru Friday.



## Advent Bible Study

For men and women in Springfield: Advent Bible Study at the Parish Center of Holy Cross. 9:15 AM on Wednesday, November 17, December 1, 8 and 15.

Please join use

## TWO GIVING TREES

This year we have two recipients of our Giving Tree and therefore we will have two trees.

On Mary's side there will be items for the Delaware County Pregnancy Center, 2508 Edgemont Ave., Chester, PA. Requests will be listed on the ornaments.

On St. Joseph's side, the items will be for the elderly poor residents at Holy Family Home, 5300 Chester Ave., Philadelphia, PA. This is run by the Little Sisters of the Poor. Requests will be listed on the ornaments. Items can be put into gift bags.

The last day for bringing gifts is Sunday, DECEMBER 12.

Thank you for your generosity!



## Assistance Needed

Grandmother needs assistance during the week caring for her 4 grandchildren. If interested, please call Monica Dougherty at 610-745-5840.

Tuesdays, November 30<sup>th</sup>, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, and 21<sup>st</sup> – 7:00 - 8:30 PM

Event: Zoom discussion on **“Everything You Wanted to Know About the Mass but Were Afraid to Ask!”** Please join St. Augustine Parish (Philadelphia) as we host four virtual discussions during Advent on the what we celebrate at the Mass. *“Is everything we believe in included in the Creed? Are my sins forgiven when we pray the Kyrie? Why don’t we pray the Mass in Latin anymore? Are the Scriptures truly the Word of God?”* We will discuss and answer these and other questions you might have regarding the Mass. Join us and our special guest participants via Zoom on the dates and times listed!

11/30 – What is the Mass? – Rev. David Friel, Vocation Director for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, Professor of Theology, St. Charles Borromeo Seminary

12/7 – The Introductory Rites – Rev. Daniel Mackle, Director of Liturgy and Professor of Pastoral Theology, St. Charles Borromeo Seminary

12/14 – Liturgy of the Word (The Scriptures) – Dr. Kelly Anderson, Assistant Professor of Sacred Scripture, St. Charles Borromeo Seminary

12/21 – Homily, Creed and Prayer of the Faithful – Rev. Tom Dailey, O.S.F.S., John Cardinal Foley Chair of Homiletics and Social Communications, St. Charles Borromeo Seminary

Location: St. Augustine Parish (Philadelphia) via Zoom

More info: Please email Jacob Marquart, O.F.S. at [staugustineparish09@gmail.com](mailto:staugustineparish09@gmail.com) or call (215) 627-1838 to submit your questions.

To register for the November 30<sup>th</sup> presentation:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAAtcuugqzsiE9VaKZLU\\_VBIs7TcmgXe\\_9OT](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAAtcuugqzsiE9VaKZLU_VBIs7TcmgXe_9OT)

To register for the December 7<sup>th</sup> presentation:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwsdOyprDliGda3ql-g1mXXTCfM50tnPegy>

To register for the December 14<sup>th</sup> presentation:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwvc-GsrTwtG9ffkkoCbrYUTyNEKLA94xYP>

To register for the December 21<sup>st</sup> presentation:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEIc-GhrDMiHN0FyVeKdiJa9uCyH7-Yzi01>

### Resident Advisor/Case Manager needed

Mother’s House in Darby is in need of a Resident Advisor and a Case Manager. High School Diploma or GED required. Includes shift work—day, evenings and night. If interested please call, Mother’s House at 610-583-4663. Skills required are: knowledge of the social service system; skilled in case management; strong counseling skills; ability to work independently and as a team player; ability to work with diverse populations and in multi-disciplinary setting; computer skills.

### Principal’s Corner

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