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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.

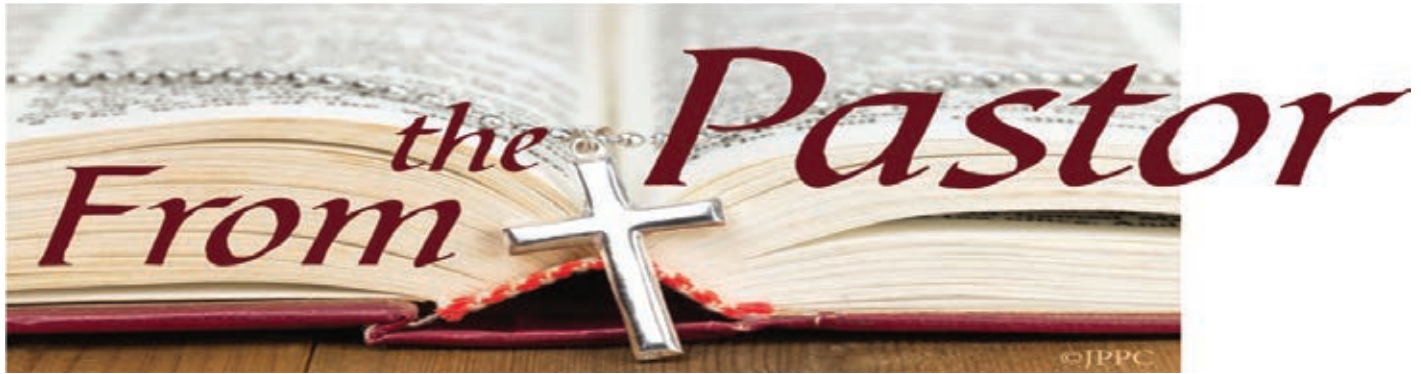
First time parents and godparents are required to attend a Baptism Preparation Session which is held on the 1st Monday of the month at 7:00 PM. Please call the Parish Office for more information.

#### 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.



Permit me to give a brief grammar lesson. There has been a controversy for many schools in our society concerning the teaching of Intelligent Design versus Evolution – Creationism versus Darwinism. (Catholic schools, by the way, teach both, because faith and reason do not contradict.) Concerning this controversy, here's an approach with an eye towards the turkey that will be in the oven this week. It's simply a matter of grammar.

*Webster's Dictionary* tells me that *thank* is a transitive verb. *Transitive* – that means that it takes an object – a direct object. The dictionary tells me that a *direct object* is the word or words denoting the thing or person that receives the action of a transitive verb. Furthermore, according to *Webster's*, a direct object *completes the meaning* of a transitive verb. In other words, take away the direct object and meaning is lacking. Sense is lacking. With this in mind, the dictionary defines *Thanksgiving Day* this way: *an annual United States holiday, usually the fourth Thursday of November, instituted by the Pilgrims to give thanks to God for their survival*. Survival of the fittest, one might say.

Concerning the theory of Intelligent Design versus the theory of Evolution in a school setting, it would seem that a school that teaches not only the history of *Thanksgiving*, but also celebrates it and makes it a day off, is endorsing what *Thanksgiving* is...whether they know it or not. The rules of grammar stand and so does history. *Thanksgiving* takes an object. There is someone to thank and we know that someone as God. I just hope that a school striving to keep church and state separate by keeping God outside the door doesn't have *Webster's Dictionary* in the library!

Peace!

Fr. Wilson

# Masses For The Week



Thank you!

Sunday Collection, November 15

Total Collection \$8,936

Electronic \$2,385

Basket & Mail-ins \$6,551

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>NOVEMBER 23</b>
8:30 AM	People of Holy Cross
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>NOVEMBER 24</b>
8:30 AM	Caroline & Joseph Sindoni
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>NOVEMBER 25</b>
8:30 AM	Michael Baselice
7:00 PM	People of Holy Cross
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>NOVEMBER 26</b>
	NO MASS
FRIDAY - Public Mass suspended during the green phase. Mass available online.	
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>NOVEMBER 27</b>
12:15 PM	Lorri Rudolph

## NEXT WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS

<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>NOVEMBER 28</b>
8:30 AM	Robert Seitz, Jr.
4:30 PM	Paul Tomczyk
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>NOVEMBER 29</b>
8:30 AM	Stevens Family
11:00 AM	Charles Dunleavy, Jr.

## 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.

## Holy Cross Church

### Stewardship Restoration Appeal

### Thank you for your support!

Today we give thanks for everyone's kind and generous support making our Parish Stewardship Appeal a success for Holy Cross Church. Our parish family has shown an extraordinary display of stewardship. Together we have raised \$43,250 for our parish! These resources allow us to expand our services and ministries, maintain our church and spiritual home and support our growth as a parish during this incredible difficult time. I am inspired by your love and faith and grateful to you. On behalf of the Pastoral and Finance Councils, volunteers and staff, your generosity is deeply appreciated.

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







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### 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 Parish Bulletin

Please note all materials for the Parish bulletin must be submitted to the Business Office by Monday at 12:00 noon prior to the Sunday for publication. Please send to [contactus@holycrosscatholics.org](mailto:contactus@holycrosscatholics.org).

## The Corner

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Did you know....

The Feast of Christ the King was established by Pope Pius XI in 1925 to remind Catholics (and the whole world) that Jesus Christ is Lord of the Universe, both as God and as Man.

And the Bible tells us "That at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those that are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

---Phillipians 2:10-11

### BE THANKFUL

For all God's blessings that we sometimes take for granted.

His Love, family, friends and good health.

Remember our chapel will be closed Thursday, November 26<sup>th</sup> and re-open Friday November 27<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM



Mass for Thanksgiving will be celebrated on Wednesday evening, November 25, at 7:00 PM. Please feel free to bring an item from your Thanksgiving table to have blessed.

No Mass on Thanksgiving Day

## 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/>**

## Thank You!

**Many thanks to our Sacristan, Mr. John Kemmey, who has been making sure our church is clean and sanitized during this COVID-19 pandemic so that we may stay safe and healthy!**



## Food Pantry Update

Wow! The Food Pantry has been very busy with distributing turkeys, turkey breasts, or chickens and all the fixings to our Neighbors in Need. (In addition to our normal food distributions).



On Monday, November 23, we will have our final Thanksgiving distribution before the holiday. The Food Pantry will be closed on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving so our volunteers can prepare their own family feasts.

It takes a village to make all this come together. For this Thanksgiving, the following have enabled us to continue Our Lord's mission of Feeding those in Need...

Thanks to All of you, our dedicated and tireless SVDP volunteers, Our Knights of Columbus, St. Francis, St. Kevin, Our Lady of Fatima, St. Charles, Acme Markets, SVDP Food Bank and our Boy Scouts, we are able to provide this service for our community.

If you know any Delco residents who are in need of food, please let them know that we will be open on Monday, Nov. 23, from 3:30 to 6:00 PM.

God Bless All of you and Happy Thanksgiving... we have so much to be thankful for....

***Your Friends from the St. Vincent dePaul Food Pantry Team***

### **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](http://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](mailto:yprucnal@merion-mercy.com).



### ***Knights of Columbus***

#### ***Annual Cemetery Blanket/Wreath Sale***

The Holy Cross Knights of Columbus #15482 will be holding their Annual Cemetery Blanket/Door Wreath Sale beginning on Sunday, 11/22/20, and ending on Sunday, 12/6/20. There was an increase from our supplier, so the price this year will be \$25.00 per Blanket as well as \$25.00 per Door Wreath. To place an order, you can call, text or e-mail Andy Grajek at 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 - 12/12/20, from 8:30am until 11:00am.

### **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](http://app.mobilecause.com/e/iN6SjA?vid=dpgeh)

### **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](mailto:joyvanberg@gmail.com).**

**St. Mary Polish American Society** is taking orders for Polish Christmas food items including babkas (cheese, cinnamon crumb, or raspberry cheese) for \$15 each; pierogi (potato, potato cheese, or sauerkraut) for \$9 per dozen; kielbasa for \$5 per pound. Blessed opłatki (Polish Christmas wafer) are also available for a donation. Order pick-up will be on Saturday, December 12 and Sunday, December 13 at St. Mary Catholic Church Hall located at the corner of Elm and Oak Streets in Conshohocken, PA. Additionally, raffle tickets are still available for the St. Mary Polish American Society Raffle featuring \$10,000 in prize money and seven winning tickets. Tickets are \$50 each and 500 tickets will be sold. The drawing will be on Sunday December 13. (Winner need not be present). The raffle proceeds and food sale support promoting Polish heritage in Montgomery County and the restoration of St. Mary Catholic Church, the home for the Traditional Latin Mass in the Archdiocese. To place food orders or purchase a raffle ticket, email [smpas@stmarypolish.org](mailto:smpas@stmarypolish.org) or call Dorothy Swedkowski at 610-630-0861.





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