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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.

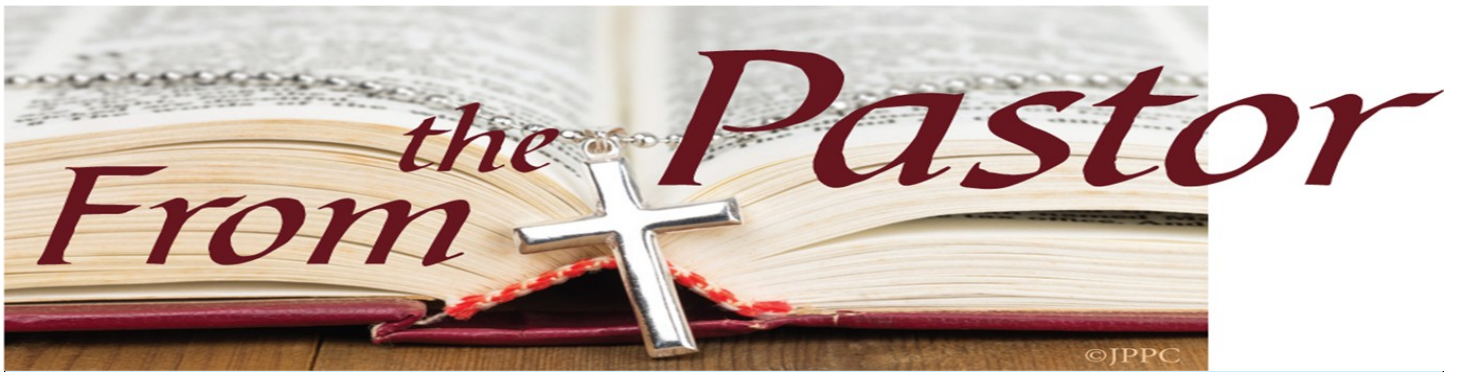
First time parents and godparents are required to attend a Baptism Preparation Session which is held on the 1st Monday of the month at 7:00 PM. Please call the Parish Office for more information.

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.



I hope you all had a Happy Thanksgiving. Allow to me to express a few words of gratitude in the spirit of the holiday. I am grateful for the wonderful staff we have working in our parish and school. They are hard-working, dedicated people who sure deserve a lot more than we are able to pay them. Another note of gratitude to our Deacons and to Fr. Kelly for their help and support in the pastoral and sacramental work of the parish. And a note of thanks to all of you, the great parishioners of this parish, for your kindness and prayers as we work together to witness to Christ to one another and to the world.

Remember, this Tuesday is **#GivingTuesday**! It's an opportunity amid the commercialization of this time of year to take a little time to give back. Holy Cross is participating in the iGiveCatholic program this year in an effort to raise funds for technology and security upgrades. You can help first by making a gift to the school, and also by publicizing this to others in whatever way you can. A link can be found on our website, or you can go to **igivecatholic.org** and search for Holy Cross School in Springfield, PA. Thank you for your continued support of our school.

I'm thrilled to announce that our parish has purchased a subscription to **Formed.org**. Formed is an online platform filled with Catholic videos, scripture studies, podcasts, daily reflections, and more. The opportunities to use these resources in the parish are endless, and we have a team that is working to find ways to leverage it for future programs in the parish and the school and to promote the use of this website among our parish families. While we work to get things off the ground, you can go to **formed.org**, click "Sign up," choose to sign up as a parishioner, and then look for our parish and go from there.

You should be getting a mailing soon with our schedule for Advent Confessions and for Christmas, but to help you prepare (and, to be honest, to help me take up space because I'm out of ideas for what to write), here's what's planned.

Additional Advent Confessions

Wednesday, December 15: 6:30-8:00 **AM**

Saturday, December 18: 9:00-10:00 AM

Saturday, December 18: 3:00-4:15 PM

Sunday December 19: 10:00-10:45 AM

Wednesday December 22: 6:30-8:00 **AM**

Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve: 4:30 PM and 8:00 PM

Christmas Day: 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM

Note that Christmas Eve times are slightly different from prior years!

Thank you as always for your support of the parish! Enjoy this first week of Advent!

Fr. Kiernan

Masses For The Week



MONDAY	NOVEMBER 29
8:30 AM	No Mass
TUESDAY	NOVEMBER 30
8:30 AM	Ellen Linehan
WEDNESDAY	DECEMBER 1
8:30 AM	Dominic & Julia Scolis
THURSDAY	DECEMBER 2
8:30 AM	George Trucksess
FRIDAY	DECEMBER 3
8:30 AM	Peter Caltagirone

NEXT WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY	DECEMBER 4
8:30 AM	Thomas & Dorothy Cassidy
4:30 PM	Angeline Forlano
SUNDAY	DECEMBER 5
8:30 AM	Peter Gaudiosi, Sr.
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: The Pelosi Family

Chapel: Boh & Peg Procko and The Cassidy Family



Sunday Collection, November 21

Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday the numbers for the Sunday collection were not available at the time of bulletin submission.

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 to all those who give electronically!

Retirement Fund for Religious

The collection for the Retired Religious will take place the weekend of December 4 and 5. This appeal benefits 30,000 elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests-women and men who have consecrated their lives to serving God and the Church. We are blessed to have 70 religious congregations present and serving within the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Of this number, over 900 are retired. We thank you for your generosity.



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The Corner

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Imagine if Christmas morning came and you woke up suddenly realizing that you forgot to prepare! Imagine you had no gifts, no food purchased, and no plans made. Of course you wouldn't allow that to happen. But.... spiritually speaking, what are we doing to prepare for Jesus' birth within our hearts this Christmas? Advent starts today. Begin preparing your hearts now.

"O Come, Emmanuel! Come into our hearts!"



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 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.

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.

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

FOOD PANTRY

Our volunteers and Neighbors in-need have no words to express our immense gratitude and sincere appreciation to all of you. We provided Thanksgiving dinners for many families.

If you know any Delco residents, who are in need of food, please let them know that we are open every Wednesday from 3:30 to 5:30 PM directly behind Holy Cross school.

God Bless All of you. We have so much to be thankful for.....

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

Deadline for Parish Bulletin
Due to the Christmas and New Year Holidays, the Parish Bulletin submission deadlines have been changed. Please note that all materials for the Parish bulletin must be submitted to the Business Office as follows:

Publication date	Deadline
Dec. 19/20	Dec. 8
Dec. 26/27	Dec. 14
Jan. 2/3	Dec. 21

Feast Day Tip—St. Andrew

Today is the first day of Advent. If you are looking for ways to help you observe Advent and prepare for the coming of Christ, begin the St. Andrew Christmas Novena on his feast November 30. It doesn't match the typical form of any other novena. Rather than 9 days of prayer, you repeat the short novena prayer 15 times a day from November 30 through December 24.

Hail and blessed be the hour and moment in which the Son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in the piercing cold. In that hour vouchsafe, I beseech Thee, O my God, to hear my prayer and grant my desires through the merits of Our Savior Jesus Christ, and of His Blessed Mother. Amen.

BE THANKFUL!

“COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS, NAME THEM ONE BY ONE, AND YOU WILL BE SURPRISED 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!



Home Care Needed

Home Care needed 4 days a week for 94 year-old. Please call Vicky at 610-623-7729.

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 30th, December 7th, 14th, and 21st – 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 or call (215) 627-1838 to submit your questions.

To register for the November 30th presentation:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAtcuugqzsiE9VaKZLU_VBIs7TcmgXe_9OT

To register for the December 7th presentation:

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

To register for the December 14th presentation:

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

To register for the December 21st presentation:

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

Principal's Corner

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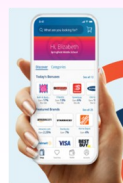


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