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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.

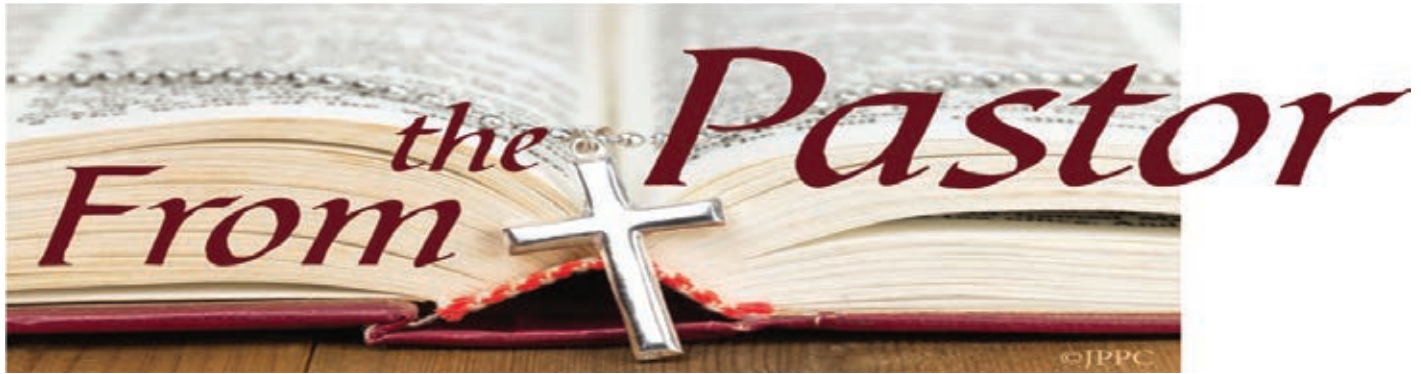
First time parents and godparents are required to attend a Baptism Preparation Session which is held on the 1st Monday of the month at 7:00 PM. Please call the Parish Office for more information.

## 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.



## ***Plastic Jesus Revisited***

I don't care if it rains or freezes  
 Long as I've got my plastic Jesus  
 Sitting on the dashboard of my car  
 Comes in colors pink and pleasant  
 Glows in the dark cause it's iridescent  
 Take it with you...when you travel far.

Get yourself a sweet Madonna  
 Dressed in rhinestones sitting on a  
 Pedestal of abalone shell  
 Going ninety I ain't scary  
 Cause I've got the Virgin Mary  
 Assuring me that I won't go to hell.

Get yourself Ole Saint Joseph  
 Buried in the lawn he's gonna help us  
 Sell that house despite the market slide  
 Takin' care of Mary and Jesus  
 Dear Saint Joseph won't you please-just  
 Tell to us where do you find the time?

Today I spotted good Saint Francis  
 Standing in the garden with his hands-just  
 Holding a bowl from which the birds do drink.  
 Caring for the birds and the squirrels,  
 Cats, and dogs, and the bees as well  
 Saint Francis had no allergies I think.

The saints are more than figurines.  
 They're real they're in heaven and they just mean,  
 To pray for us and help us in our call.  
 Forsake sin and embrace heaven;  
 The Eucharist is our leaven.  
 Called to be saints in heaven one and all.

You might think this song is strange  
 But saints in the making lost is a shame  
 So don't forget that for which we're made.  
 Living lives more fully human  
 With Jesus and Mary in a Holy Communion  
 We hope to be numbered among the saints one day!

*(Apologies and thanks to Cool Hand Luke & Paul Newman)*

Peace!

Fr. Wilson



# Masses For The Week



*Thank you!*

*Sunday Collection, November 22*

*Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday the numbers from the November 21/22 weekend were not available at the time of bulletin submission.*

**MONDAY NOVEMBER 30**

**8:30 AM People of Holy Cross**

**TUESDAY DECEMBER 1**

**8:30 AM People of Holy Cross**

**WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 2**

**8:30 AM John & Helen Zamblera**

**THURSDAY DECEMBER 3**

**NO MASS**

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

**FRIDAY DECEMBER 4**

**12:15 PM Peter Gaudosi, Sr.**

## **NEXT WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS**

**SATURDAY DECEMBER 5**

**8:30 AM Angeline Forlano**

**4:30 PM Margaret & Thomas Walls**

**SUNDAY DECEMBER 6**

**8:30 AM Caradino & Phyllis DiGregorio**

**11:00 AM Joseph F. Organek, Sr.**

## **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**

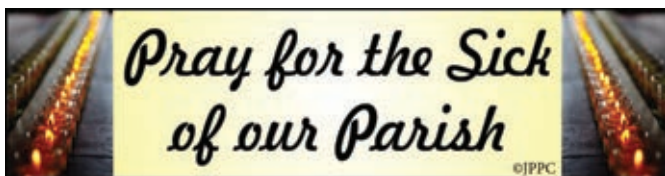
### **Stewardship Restoration Appeal**

### **Thank you for your support!**

*In September we announced the start of our Parish Stewardship Restoration Appeal. In the weeks that followed, our appeal successfully raised \$43,250. Thank you for your generous support and involvement to carry out our mission as a parish and Catholic community. Your charitable gift allows us to continue our services and ministries, maintain our church and spiritual home, and grow our parish even amidst all the uncertainty brought on by COVID-19. We could not do this without you! Thank you for your support.*

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





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 Lyndi Butler  
 Margaret Cook  
 Stephen Collins  
 Samuel Dephillippo  
 Nancy DeSanctis  
 Janet Doherty  
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 Nicola Giordano  
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 Steven Henderson  
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 Theresa Sherwin  
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 George Vrettos  
 Lily Walker  
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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).

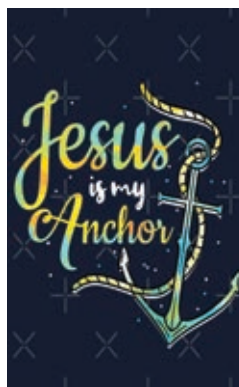
## The Corner

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"God of hope, I look to You with an open heart and yearning spirit. During this Advent season, I will keep alert and awake listening for Your word and keeping to Your precepts. My hope is in You."

---Matthew Kelly, Founder of Dynamic Catholic

### 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

### Retirement Fund for Religious

The collection for the Retired Religious will take place the weekend of December 5 and 6. 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.



## 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.



## ***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.

## 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](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.

## **St. Augustine Parish, Philadelphia**

**Presents:**

***Everything you always wanted to know about The Sacraments***

***But were afraid to ask***

Event: Zoom discussion on “Everything You Wanted to Know About the Sacraments but Were Afraid to Ask!” Please join St. Augustine Parish (Philadelphia) as we host three virtual discussions during Advent on the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. Did you ever wonder if babies who die without Baptism go to Limbo/Hell? What does it mean to receive the Holy Spirit in Confirmation? What is meant by Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist? We will discuss and answer these and other questions you might have regarding the three “Sacraments of Initiation.” Join us and our special guest participants via Zoom on the dates and times listed!

12/1 – Baptism – Fr. Chris Walsh, Pastor, St. Raymond Parish (Philadelphia)

12/15 – Confirmation – Meghan Cokeley, Director of the Office for the New Evangelization, Archdiocese of Philadelphia

12/22 – Eucharist – Fr. G. Dennis Gill, Director, Office for Divine Worship and Pastor of the Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul in Philadelphia

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 December 1st meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0tf-uqrzMjEtf5GokVv90IVkRNoUa56E2m>

To register for the December 15th meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEkd-6hqz4pG9OCrVBB11V5xCcvxHAuPQga>

To register for the December 22nd meeting:

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