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NOVEMBER 10, 2019 • THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Mrs. Judy Vacca Pastoral Minister
Dr. Mary Rose Worrilow Principal
Mrs. Kelly Meliti Director of Religious Education
Mr. Timothy Reilly Music Director

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Evening 4:30 PM
Sunday, Upper Church 8:30 and 11:00 AM
Holy Day Vigil (night before Holy Day) 7:00 PM
Holy Day 8:30 AM
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Saturday 8:30 AM
Thursday No Mass
Friday 12:15 PM

NEW PARISHIONERS

All Catholics living in the parish should register. Our Welcome Center 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)
Saturday & Sunday Closed

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday, Lower Church: 3:30 to 4:15 PM

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

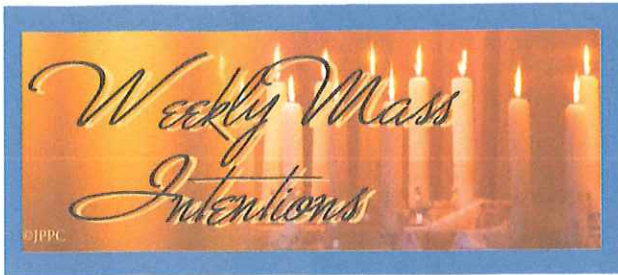
Please call the Rectory of Mrs. Judy Vacca, Pastoral Minister, when a parishioner is hospitalized or home bound.



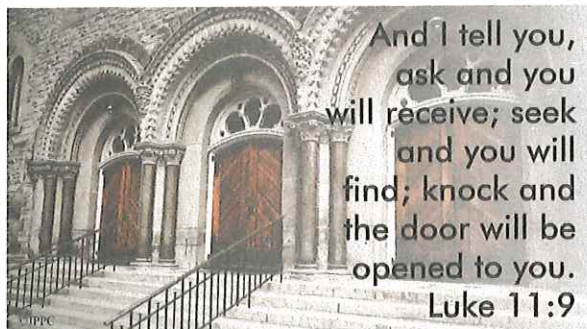
Turkeys trotting, All Souls praying, and football frolicking, such is the month of November. Ah, November! We begin the month by invoking all saints as we pray for all souls. We conclude it with delicious turkey, cranberries, sweet potatoes, and maybe just a little fruit of the vine to wash it all down. Between beginning and end, we have football, lots and lots of football! November might be said to be the “heart” of the foot-

ball season. The football that I played as a kid was on the street. It was played with that greatest piece of sporting equipment ever invented: the Nerf Ball. Automobile end zones, side mirror fouls, telephone pole pass interference calls, and some less than gentle “two hand touch” made for some of the best off-grid gridiron action this side of Veterans Stadium. I remember one time being “touched gently” right into the side mirror of a truck. First blood was drawn. A demon was unleashed. We would go on to win that day, but unfortunately, there would be more blood. I think that I still have a scar or two. As an adult, I’ve seen some gridiron action as well. It was the “young guys” that invited the “old guy” to take part in their annual “beer bowl.” I guess they thought that a man of the cloth could invoke the spirits of some of the all time greats like Lombardi or Payton. The “kids” went relatively easy on the “old guy,” but not so much on one another. One tackle and the resulting pile-up were especially serious. I actually came *this close* to breaking my arm. The kid at the bottom of the pile didn’t get up. He was lying on his back and struggling to breathe. His eyes were rolling to the back of his head. Saying a little prayer, I think, helped that day to put the demon back into its bottle. Another player knelt next to him saying simply and calmly: *Just breathe*. Eventually, he stood up and with some help limped off the field. We called it the half at that point. I knew that my young friend would be okay less than five minutes later when I saw him taking a drag from his cigarette while asking for a beer. Talk about football frolicking! Although there was no Nerf Ball to be found, they were twelve men who hung around all day with their “coach.” Of course, Jesus didn’t play football. The game hadn’t been invented yet, but men were, and still are, competitive. Though a masculine quality, it is a quality that plenty of women have as well. Just ask my cousin who loved beating the pants off me at tennis. There had to be sport. There had to be competition among the Apostles. It was in their blood and it is in ours. *Who’s the greatest? Which one will sit at your right and at your left?* Oh, there was competition all right. The Romans had their own sporting competitions and the Children of Abraham were brought up in that culture. We can picture the Twelve competing to see who could cast the furthest and measuring to see who caught the biggest fish. We can picture Peter the Fisherman attempting to give Jesus, the Carpenter’s Son, some instruction in proper angling techniques. Furthermore, Jewish men danced ritually back in the day as well. You know what that means: some down and dirty dance competition with someone eventually being “touched gently” into the pottery jars off to the side. *Just breathe man, just breathe!* It would seem that throughout the Gospels, Jesus encourages friendly competition as long as we keep our eye on the prize and keep in mind that for which we are ultimately competing. Just like football, victory is a team effort. In the end, we’re not competing against one another, but against something far more sinister. In the end, it’s not a game at all, but a matter of life and death. The Good News is that Jesus has already won the competition. We need only be a part of His Team and allow Him to coach us. Okay, go long now on three and cut behind the Chevy. I’m throwing it to you!

Peace!
Fr. Wilson



Monday	November 11
8:30 AM	Rosemarie Tricome Domenic Tricome
7:00 PM	Evening Prayer and Benediction
Tuesday	November 12
8:30 AM	Robert and Edna Mac Donald
7:00 PM	Evening Prayer and Benediction
Wednesday	November 13
8:30 AM	Elena Del Sordo
Thursday	November 14 NO MASS
Friday	November 15
12:15 PM	Nora Gandiosi
Saturday	November 16
8:30 AM	Joyce Kane
Next Weekend Mass Intentions	
Saturday	November 16
4:30 PM	Bernard Zaleta
Sunday	November 17
8:30 AM	People of Holy Cross
11:00 AM	Living and Deceased Members of the Casciano Family



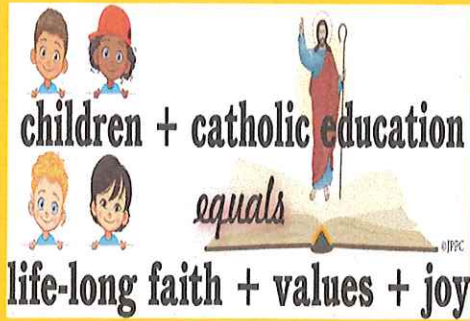
And I tell you,
ask and you
will receive; seek
and you will
find; knock and
the door will be
opened to you.
Luke 11:9

John Boyle	Helen Lyons
Lyndi Butler	Joanne Marks
John Cassidy	Barbara Mc Cusker
Margaret Cook	Lee Anne Mc Gough
Maryanne Convery	Thomas Miller
Stephen Collins	Dan Murphy
Samuel Dephillipo	Connie Myers
Sharon Diemer	Frances O'Callaghan
Kathleen Dixon	Charlotte O'Leary
Janet Doherty	Paige O'Leary
Lillian Donahue	Laura Palermo
Mary Ann Farrell	Holly Riley
Nicola Giordano	Francis Romano
Donna Giorgio	Jim Sandusky
Carolyn Henderson	Rose Marie Santos
Steven Henderson	Michael Sargent III
Stefanos Karas	Joseph Sindoni
Carole Kime	Adeline Sulpizio
Mary & Ken Kull`	George Vrettos
Kendall Lambert	Lily Walker
Rose Leto	Nadia Waltanski
Patricia Lyons	Carter Walton



40 Hours

Sunday Monday Tuesday
November 10, 11, 12
ADORATION ALL DAY IN CHURCH
FOLLOWING THE 8:30 AM MASS
EVENING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION
AT 7:00 PM EACH EVENING
REV. MATTHEW BIEDRZYCKI



Principal's Corner

Dear Parishioners,

Our Lincoln Drive for Education was a success. Thank you to all of the people who came out and took a test drive. Thank you to all of the volunteers who spent most of their day helping to coordinate this event.

During the month of November, the students will be collecting food items for the food pantry. Many people are in need and depend on the generosity of others. Our school students learn about giving during this time of the year.

Our second-grade students are preparing for their First Reconciliation on Saturday, **November 16, at 10:00 AM.** Please keep the children in your prayers as they continue to learn about this wonderful sacrament.

Our Christmas Bazaar/Holiday Shop at Holy Cross School will be held during the day on **Friday, December 6.** We need parents/grandparents to help our school children shop the tables and make purchases during the school day. If you can help, please call Mrs. Spurrier in the school office at 610-626-1709, and she will give your name to the Home and School Board.

Please keep our parish school in mind as you prepare for next year. We would love your children to be part of our school community. If you have any questions, please call Mrs. Spurrier in the school office at 610-626-1709 for more information.

Have a great week! God bless you!

Dr. Worrilow



FOOD PANTRY UPDATE



As you know, Thanksgiving will be here before we know it. To prepare, our Food Pantry is in need of items that you would eat for Thanksgiving, including turkey, stuffing, gravy, cranberry sauce, veggies, mashed potatoes. If you are able to donate a turkey or chicken, please stop by the pantry during our normal hours on Wednesdays, from 3:30 to 6:00 PM, over the next few weeks. If you still have a turkey and the pantry hours don't work for you, please contact the Holy Cross business office at 610-626-3321 (option 0) and we will make arrangements for pick-up. The rest of the fixings can be left at Church during our Mass times until November 24.

God bless all of you with helping our neighbors most in need in our community.

Your Friends from the SVDP Holy Cross Food Pantry.

THE CORNER

Brought to you by your Evangelization Team :
"God is not impatient like us, who often want everything all at once., even in our dealings with other people. God is patient with us because He loves us, and those who love are able to understand, to hope, to inspire confidence; they do not give up, they do not burn bridges, they are able to forgive. Let us remember this in our lives as Christians: God always waits for us, even when we have left Him behind! He is never far from us, and if we return to Him, He is ready to embrace us."

Pope Francis



Pancake Breakfast

The Holy Cross Knights of Columbus #15482 Semi-Annual Pancake Breakfast will be held on Sunday, November 24, from 8:00 AM until 1:00 PM. Tickets for the breakfast will be \$8 for adults and \$6 for children (12 and under). There will be advance discounted tickets sold at \$7 for adults and \$5 for children (12 and under). Advance tickets will be sold after all Masses on the weekends of November 9 and 10 and November 16 and 17. Tickets will also be available from any of the Knights before November 24. It's More Than Just Pancakes!

GIVING TREE 2019

This year the recipients of our Giving Tree will be the Delaware County Pregnancy Center, 2508 Edgmont Ave., Chester, PA.

Since they distribute the gifts to parents early in December, the last day to donate is November 24.

Among items needed are:

Requests on ornaments—please take one!

Boy or girl sleepers, size 3 months to 12 months

Receiving blankets

Girls clothing, 3 months to 4T

Gift cards to Target, Walmart or Giant

When buying dolls, please remember that the clients are from diverse backgrounds, so dolls can reflect that. Please do not wrap gifts. You will surely bring joy to appreciative families!

Thank you!



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

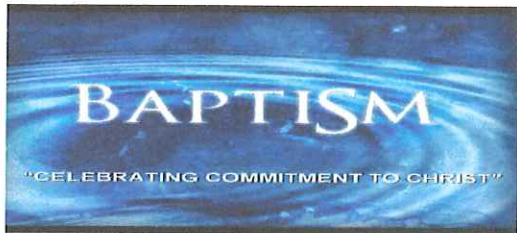
To all our Parishioners, greetings from your Knights Council here at Holy Cross. We would just like to touch base with all of you on some great events that will be

coming up this year so you can mark your calendars early so you don't miss these events. On November 24, our Annual Cemetery Blanket and Door Wreath Sale will commence. Orders will be taken until December 9 and distributed on December 14. Spaghetti Dinner will be held on Saturday, February 15, and will again be followed by the Trivia Night hosted by our Social Committee. The second Semi-Annual Pancake Breakfast will be held on Sunday, March 29, also in the Parish Hall. We also are hoping to hold another Stocks Pound Cake sale sometime in the Spring and our Annual Golf Outing will be in May of 2020. We look forward to seeing as many of you at some or all of these functions. The Knights are also looking for more members to join our group. Looking to get involved and do some good things for your Parish? The Knights is a great organization to be involved with. Any Catholic Men who are 18 years and older are invited to come join the Knights. For more information, Please contact Andy Grajek at 610-761-9020.



The Holy Cross Knights of Columbus is hosting the icon of Our Lady, Help of Persecuted Christians, for a prayer service Wednesday, November 20, at 7:00 PM at Holy Cross

Church. This is the 18th Marian image sponsored by the Knights since 1979 and calls us to stand in solidarity with Christians across the world who face greater persecution than at any other time in the history of the Church. Please join us for this half-hour service.



Congratulations!

*Welcome to our New Parishioner
Baptized Recently at Holy Cross*

Domenic D'Emilio

families that
PRAY TOGETHER
stay together.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED PARISHIONERS WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY AND THE COMFORT OF THEIR FAMILY AND FRIENDS.

<i>JAMES A. PEARLINGI</i>	<i>10-05-2019</i>
<i>ANTHONY TORELLI</i>	<i>10-10-2019</i>
<i>CHARLES LA PORTA</i>	<i>10-21-2019</i>
<i>NANCY L. YANKOSKI</i>	<i>10-23-2019</i>
<i>FELICIA CAVALCANTE</i>	<i>10-27-2019</i>
<i>ROSALIE GAGLIARDI</i>	<i>10-28-2019</i>



MAINTENANCE APPEAL

WE ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT

TOTAL REQUESTED \$41,513

TOTAL RECEIVED \$11,950

WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!



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SUNDAY COLLECTION

OF ENVELOPES 219

Sunday	\$5,434
Electronic	\$1,991
Total	\$7,425

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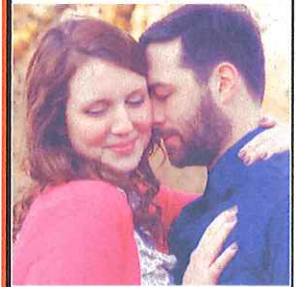
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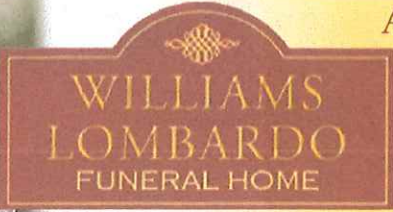
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