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NOVEMBER 17, 2019 • THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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 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.

They come down; eyes go up, as do spirits. As I write, gently and ever so lightly falling are the first few flakes of the season. I'm not much for the cold weather. The problem that I have with the cold is that it's cold! Cold temperatures together with accumulating snow also cost money — lots of money, as every pastor and parish business manager knows! One doesn't have to shovel rain! However, there is *something* about snow. Pristine and white, it covers over a dark world making everything bright and it slows the pace of our hectic, get-it-done-yesterday world. It puts us "in the mood" as we so quickly approach the Holiday Season. Snow makes us pause and ponder. Winter is the foundation for spring. New beginnings have their origin there. Even the Church begins a new year at this time. Having had a young priest as our guest for Forty Hours, and this weekend hosting a fine young, first year seminarian, new beginnings come to mind: foundations laid and snow fresh, pristine, and shimmering. There *is* new life in our Church, though all that we might notice are the dark and cold days of winter with their warnings and a wariness of storms yet to come. *Foundation once destroyed, what can the just do?* (Ps. 11) They can pray for snow! Young priests and seminarians offer all of us hope. Youth offer us hope. We are so blessed to have a parish school filled with such hope, a hope that, at times, can barely sit still or keep quiet! I'm inspired by our young people here at Holy Cross. They are vibrant; they love sports and arts; they have many talents. We want them here and need them here with us. Some like to write as a way of expressing themselves. The following is something fictional from one of our Holy Cross high school sophomores, Valarie McCrea.

As chills go up my spine, I realize tomorrow is my last day on this earth. I guess I've always thought I'd have more time. More time to do the things I love; more time to tell my loved ones how much they do really mean to me. Tomorrow is my last day on earth. For a minute, I could hardly breathe, as if my lungs collapsed and my head exploded. I thought that my time was now. My eyes shut, and suddenly, I couldn't see anything except for pure darkness. I was alone. I wasn't supposed to go yet! I feel like a fool. Everything I dreamed of was now impossible to achieve. I prayed for just one more day on this beautiful earth I took advantage of. "One more chance, Lord!" was playing over and over again in the back of my mind. My eyes widened as I saw light again! I was now here! I was given a chance of a lifetime (literally!). The first thing I did was get in my car with the music the loudest it can go. I knew exactly where I wanted to be in a moment like this: the beach. As soon as my feet touched the sand, the weight of the world I once carried on my shoulders was gone. This is where I need to be. This is where my heart belongs. I've always kept a journal in the glove compartment of my car just in case an idea sparked in my head while I was away from my home. Everything came to me at once. If tomorrow really is the last day I had to exist. I'm going to write until my arms go numb. I am going to write the most spectacular novel in twenty-four hours and I, well, I will die knowing that I never gave up. Even that one time, when I was fifteen, sitting at a desk with a million thoughts, but absolutely no words to write them down. I want to change the world, and I will, with just a pen and paper...

Thank you, Valarie, for allowing me to share your words and giving us some thoughts to ponder! Keep writing! Keep us hoping! Although, I would surmise, that like me, you like summer and warmer weather, I would encourage you and everyone reading this: pray for snow!

Peace!

Fr. Wilson

*Please Welcome to Holy Cross
Michael Topley
From St. Charles Borromeo Seminary*



Monday	November 18
8:30 AM	Rita and Edmund Creato
Tuesday	November 19
8:30 AM	Cassidy/Leeser Family (For the Living)
Wednesday	November 20
8:30 AM	Clements Mc Swiggan
Thursday	November 21
	NO MASS
Friday	November 22
12:15 PM	Joan Landermann
Saturday	November 23
8:30 AM	Terry McLaughlin
Next Weekend Mass Intentions	
Saturday	November 23
4:30 PM	Paul Tomczyk
Sunday	November 24
8:30 AM	Deceased Members of the Mc Aloon Family
11:00 AM	People of Holy Cross

Parish Giving

Please consider signing up for electronic giving. Electronic Giving makes life easier for you and yields very significant benefits for our parish. To sign up, visit our website at: <http://holycrosscatholics.org>. Our parish needs your consistent support. Thank you for your generosity.

Thank You

Special thanks to all who assisted in making our Remembrance Mass such a beautiful and prayerful celebration in remembrance of our deceased loved ones. We are most grateful to our Celebrant, Fr. Wilson, Deacon Bob, altar servers Victoria and Andrew Ryan, cantor Linda Ryan, organist Tim Reilly, Meg Barendse and Angie Homony who distributed programs as well as Jonathan Menta who prepared the program and office staff for printing them. Thanks also to Anthony Creato and Rita Gentile for reading the names as well as Angie Homony for lighting candles. Many thanks for our wonderful reception, donated, prepared and served by Phyllis Creato and Ellie Epperson. A special thanks to John Kemmey for opening the church and Ron Gardner for setting up tables.



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. 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

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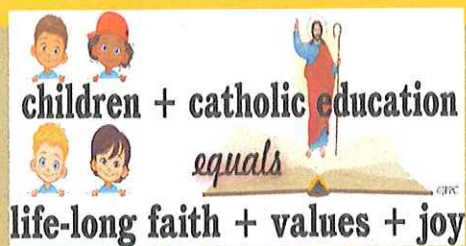
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Most Reverend Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap.
Archbishop of Philadelphia



Principal's Corner

Dear Parishioners,

The month of November is moving quickly. Our students are continuing to collect items for the food pantry. It is important that the children know there are many people who do not have the same comforts that many of us have, and it is important to share our good fortune with the less fortunate.

Our 2nd grade students received their First Sacrament of Penance on Saturday. They will now be preparing for the reception of First Eucharist in May. Please keep them in your prayers.

Our students attended the 40 Hours devotion on Monday. The children need to be exposed to these beautiful traditions of our Church. I am sure that Jesus was very pleased.

If you have a child(ren) who will be of school age, please consider our parish school. We have grades Pre-K 3 to 8th grade. Students have a challenging curriculum integrated with technology to prepare them for the future. They attend Mass monthly and receive their religious training every day. Jesus is the reason that we exist. Registration for next year will be taking place in January. Please call Mrs. Spurrier in the school office at 610-626-1709 if you would like a tour or if you have questions.

We have 3 new Smartboards on the second floor and are working to obtain 2 more. New wiring will be installed in the spring to update our network. We just purchased a camcorder, tripod and a new microphone to make recordings. We will continue to work on getting Smartboards throughout the school and move to upgrade our current equipment.

The CARES program has moved over to the school. The children are adapting very well to their new environment. A teacher is present every day and we have 3 new people working with the students.

Have a great week! God bless you!

Dr. WorriLOW



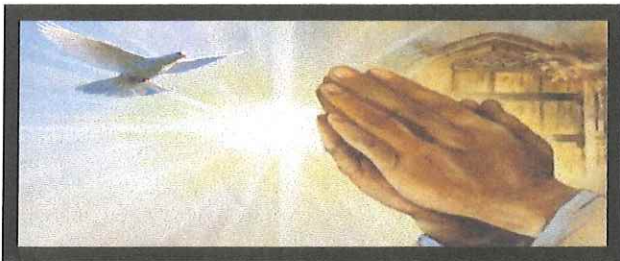
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Lyndi Butler
John Cassidy
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Maryanne Convery
Stephen Collins
Samuel Dephillipo
Sharon Dlemer
Kathleen Dixon
Janet Doherty
Lillian Donahue

Mary Ann Farrell
Nicola Giordano
Donna Giorgio
Carolyn Henderson
Steven Henderson
Stefanos Karas
Carole Kime
Mary and Ken Kull
Kendall Lambert
Rose Leto
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Joseph Sindoni
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George Vrettos
Lily Walker
Nadia Waltanski
Carter Walton



THE CORNER

Brought to you by your Evangelization Team

EVANGELISM. It's a scary word, right? It used to be scary to many of us too. So here's a thought. Did you ever tell someone about a great movie you saw and tell them they should see it too? Or how about that restaurant where you had a great meal; did you ever recommend it to your friends? Well, you just "evangelized" that movie or that restaurant! It's as simple as that. You experience something good, and you share it with your friends. How much better is the "meal" of the Eucharist?! And what greater "movie" storyline could there be than this: Jesus became human in order to die for our sins, be buried, and resurrected on the third day?!



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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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 weekend of **November 16 and 17.** Tickets will also be available from any of the Knights before **November 24.** **It's More Than Just Pancakes!**



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.

families that
PRAY TOGETHER
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Under the new tax law, those taking Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs) can get a tax break without itemizing by giving to Holy Cross. Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs) can pay off beyond good deeds. For more information, contact the Business Office at 610-626-3321.



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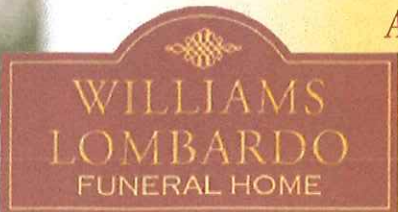
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