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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.

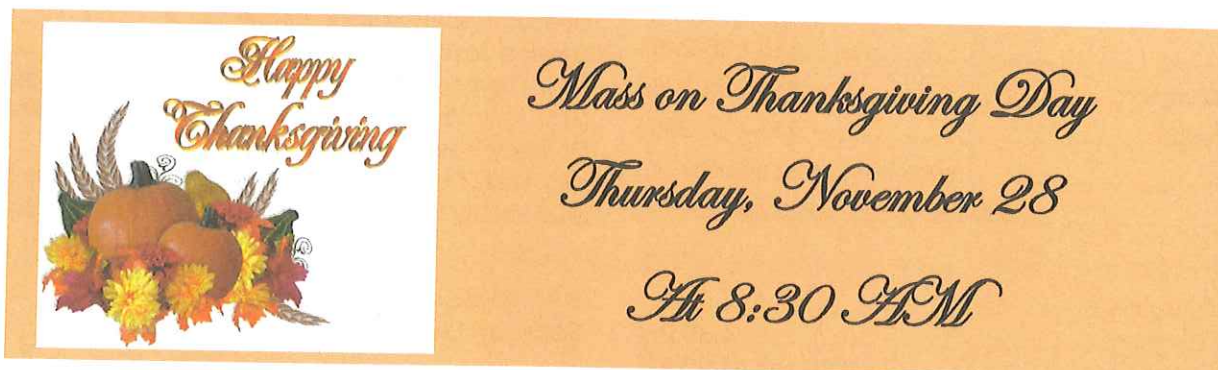
SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

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

With the 34th Sunday in Ordinary Time (otherwise known as the “Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe” or “Christ the King” for short), we arrive at the end of our Church Year (Liturgical Year). The first Sunday of Advent begins a brand new Liturgical Year and Lectionary Cycle (Year A). Soon enough, as well, we will arrive at the end of our Calendar Year and bid sayonara to 2019 as we usher in 2020. The time of New Year is traditionally a time of resolution, reflection, and starting out fresh. As Catholics, we could say that we have a month of “test driving” our resolutions and shoring up our resolve. Resolutions in our popular culture often have to do with weight loss, exercise, and diet, because of the treadmill, stationary bike, and gym membership that Santa brought. All of us should make a resolution of better health certainly in the physical sense, but even more so, in the spiritual. The call of Jesus is constantly one of resolution. He, Himself, *resolutely determined*, to go to Jerusalem and so in fact, did — for our sake. Thank God! Maybe therein lays the key for making and keeping our resolutions this New Year. A resolution made for the sake of others is a true resolution, indeed. Such a resolution becomes a *revolution* of Love. Whether that resolution is physical or spiritual, when made for the sake of the other, it is Love that motivates us and strengthens our resolve and, as we know, in the end, *Love never fails*, for He has already fulfilled His own resolution for our sakes. May Love motivate you and help you to fulfill your resolution in the New Year to come!

Peace!

Fr. Wilson



Happy Thanksgiving

Mass on Thanksgiving Day
Thursday, November 28
At 8:30 AM



This Weeks Altar Flowers
Are In Memory of
Paul E. Markiewicz

families that
PRAY TOGETHER
stay together.

Monday	November 25
8:30 AM	Tom and Dorothy Cassidy
Tuesday	November 26
8:30 AM	Michael Baselice
Wednesday	November 27
8:30 AM	Robert Seitz, Jr.
Thursday	November 28
THANKSGIVING	
8:30 AM	PEOPLE OF HOLY CROSS
Friday	November 29
12:15 PM	Jim Donahue
Saturday	November 30
8:30 AM	Eileen Menei
Next Weekend Mass Intentions	
Saturday	November 30
4:30 PM	People of Holy Cross
Sunday	December 1
8:30 AM	Charles Caillile
11:00 AM	Joseph F. Organek



The Holy Cross Knights of Columbus #15482 will be holding their Annual Cemetery Blanket/Door Wreath Sale beginning this Sunday, November 24, and ending on December 9. Due to a small increase from the supplier, the price will be \$23 per blanket and door wreaths are \$24 each. 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 and the amount of blankets/wreaths that you wish to order. Please leave your contact information in case we need to contact you. There will also be order forms on the tables in the vestibules of Holy Cross Church throughout the sale. If you contact me by e-mail, I can also send you a form 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 Drive, Springfield, PA 19064. Cemetery blankets will be available for pick-up in the Holy Cross School Parking Lot on Saturday—December 14, from 8:30 to 11:00 AM.

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

Hi, Folks!

Thank you for your generosity during our Thanksgiving "Giving" project. The final count is not in yet, since we will be distributing the rest of the turkeys that we have on Monday, November 26. The pantry will then reopen after the Thanksgiving holiday during our regular hours on Wednesdays from 3:30 to 6:00 PM.

As we approach Thanksgiving, our Pantry Volunteers would like to extend our appreciation to "All of You" for supporting our most in need neighbors all year long.

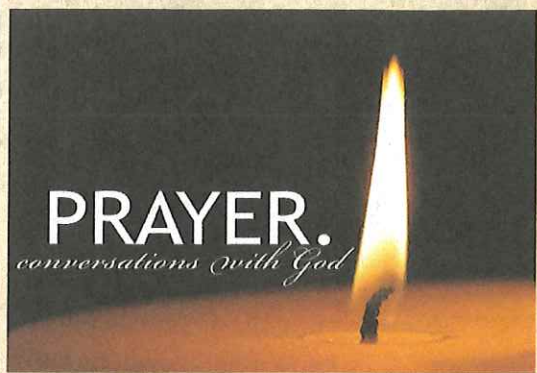
Just a reminder: Ifis information.

God bless you and Happy Thanksgiving from our families to yours.

Your friends from the SVDP Food Pantry

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.



The Corner

Brought to you by your Evangelization Team

"Rejoice in the Lord always.....Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petitions, with THANKSGIVING, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus."

...Philippians 4: 4,6,7



Fundraiser for St. Vincent DePaul Society

Celtic Christmas Concert

December 4—7:00 PM

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Healing Prayer

Heavenly Father, we pray that You will lay your healing Hands upon all those who are sick. We beg You to have compassion on all those who are suffering so that they may be delivered from their pitiful circumstances.

*In Jesus, we pray.
Amen.*

Pray For The Sick

John Boyle
Lyndi Butler
Margaret Cook
Maryanne Convery
Stephen Collins
Samuel Dephillipo
Sharon Diemer
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
Patricia Lyons

Helen Lyons
Joanne Marks
Barbara Mc Cusker
Lee Anne Mc Gough
Thomas Miller
Dan Murphy
Connie Myers
Frances O'Callaghan
Charlotte O'Leary
Paige O'Leary
Laura Palermo

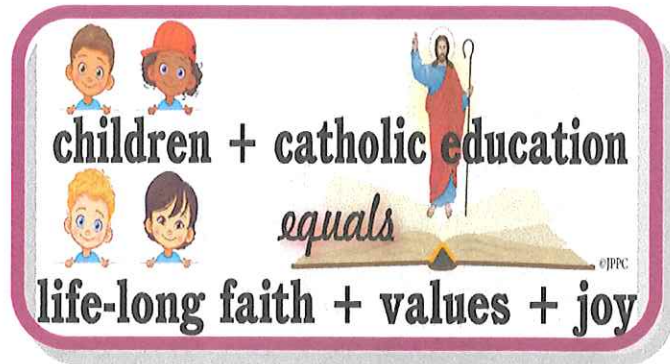
Holly Riley
Francis Romano
Jim Sandusky
Rose Marie Santos
Michael Sargent III
Joseph Sindoni
Adeline Sulpizio
George Vrettos
Lily Walker
Nadia Waltanski
Carter Walton



Congratulations to the Varsity Girls Volleyball team for a successful season. Thanks to Coach Brooke and Coach Briana for their time and dedication!



The basketball season has begun! Good luck to all teams! Thank you to all of our parents for coaching! We appreciate all that you do!



CYO NIGHT OUT!
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NOVEMBER 17 — SUNDAY COLLECTION	
# OF ENVELOPES - 197	
SUNDAY COLLECTION	\$6,741
ELECTRONIC	\$1,973
TOTAL	\$8,714

Thank you for your generous contributions of \$ 8,714 last week. These funds help satisfy our average weekly expenses of \$13,833. God bless you for supporting Holy Cross Parish.

MAINTENANCE APPEAL	
WE ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT	
TOTAL REQUESTED	\$41,513
TOTAL RECEIVED	\$15,233
THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY	

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

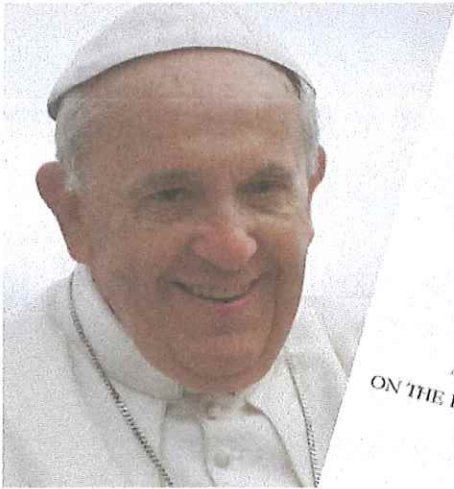
Dear Parishioners,

We will be attending the 8:30 AM Mass on Wednesday, November 27, the day before Thanksgiving. This is a beautiful way to begin the Thanksgiving Holidays. You are welcome to join us in prayer. Our students collected items for the food pantry to help replenish its supply. In December, we will donate toys to Toys for Tots and in January we will be collecting socks, scarves and gloves.

On behalf of our faculty, students and administration, we would like to wish all of you a Happy Thanksgiving! Enjoy the day with family and friends!

Dr. Worriow





APOSTOLIC EXHORTATION
 EVANGELII GAUDIUM
 OF THE HOLY FATHER
 FRANCIS
 TO THE BISHOPS, CLERGY,
 CONSECRATED PERSONS
 AND THE LAY FAITHFUL
 ON THE PROCLAMATION OF THE GOSPEL
 IN TODAY'S WORLD

*I dream of a “missionary option,”
 that is, a missionary impulse capable
 of transforming everything, so that
 the Church’s customs, ways of doing
 things, times and schedules, language
 and structures can be suitably channeled
 for the evangelization of today’s world
 rather than for her self-preservation.*

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Hello from your Evangelization Team!

We have been busy, and we want to share some information with all of you. Did you know that we are part of the *3 Parish Evangelization Teams*, which includes Holy Cross, St. Francis and St. Kevin? And that we participate in the Archdiocese Evangelization Office outreach? We all work together for you, and more importantly, for the Glory of God. Our mission is to reach out to Catholics and non-Catholics alike, both active and fallen-away, to make known the Good News of Jesus Christ. We want you to know some of our plans for upcoming events.

Last year here at Holy Cross, we presented a series about the Holy Spirit called “The Wild Goose,” and we recently completed the 7–week Christ Life Course “Discovering Christ.” We had 73 registrants from 12 different parishes, and a few non-Catholics as well! In February we will begin Part 2 of this series, which is called “Following Christ.” In the Fall of 2020 we will complete the series with Part 3 “Sharing Christ.” Watch the bulletin and the vestibules for more information about both of these courses. One of our participants had this to say about Discovering Christ: “If anyone would ask what the series is about, I would tell them it’s not what you think it is. I don’t know what I expected but it’s so much more.”

We have been putting little nuggets of inspiration in “The Corner” of the bulletin for the last 2 months, and we are developing a Facebook page where you will be able to read all about us, find out about Archdiocesan events, and connect with others who are deepening their relationship with Christ. And of course, we are looking at courses to offer all of you in 2021.

We also work with the *3 Parish Adult Faith Formation Team* to bring you Bible Studies and seasonal offerings such as Lenten Longings.

Thank you for reading about us. We hope that you will consider participating in some of our upcoming events. Our personal experience makes us confident that you will enjoy the fellowship of others, and learning more about our beautiful faith. Please join us on our journey as we all support and learn from each other!! We pray that all of you will have a blessed and joyful holiday season. For more information, please contact

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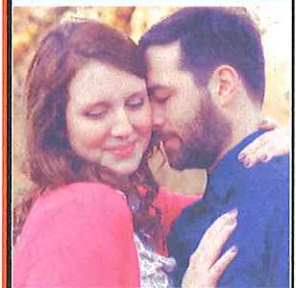
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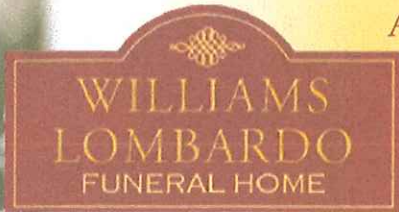
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