



# HOLY CROSS CHURCH

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NOVEMBER 3, 2019 • THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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.





Darth Vader and Captain America were there strutting their stuff. There was a most beautiful and elegant princess prom-enading. A darn cute little Pikachu was smiling happily and a fearsome gorilla discovered that his inflatable gorilla skin was just too dang hot! “Trunk or Treat” took place last Saturday evening in front of our school. Costumed SUV cargo bays and costumed children covered the parking lot. It was “booooo...tiful!” The weather was perfectly frightful! Thank you to our Home & School Association for organizing the event! Children and so many adults just love Halloween. We so love dressing up. We so love our costumes. Actually, we go through life with them. It begins right at birth when our tender and soft skin is covered. Dress and apparel protect and secure us and keep us warm. It is also our clothing that so often uniforms us. I found that out in grade school on day one as I fumbled with my clip-on tie. Clothing can also evoke authority. I discovered that too, on day one, courtesy of Sr. Rita Bernard who, in the mind of a six -year-old future priest still fumbling with said tie, appeared in her mostly black habit as the grim reaper ready to extend her sickle towards this poor boy’s neck. Talk about a Halloween fright! Clothes *maketh* the man (or nun), indeed. We do like to dress up don’t we? We like to cover ourselves, protect ourselves, empower ourselves, and cover our tender skin. It does go back to our childhood. It is, so to speak, the “trick-or-treater” in all of us. I, too, like to dress up. At Mass, I sport a chasuble (literally, “little house”) that has its origin according to most ecclesiologists, in the common outer travel attire of ancient Rome. Personally, I wonder if its development later as a strictly ecclesial garb may have something to do with the notion of the Roman Senate of old as well. For me, at least, that might be said to be the origin of the “authority” aspect that the garment represents as I “preside” before my fellow “Romans” Catholic at the Eucharistic assembly (our “senate,” if you will) otherwise known as the Mass. Well, as much as we love to dress up, Jesus does not. He has no need. He doesn’t need a light saber, habit, or vestment to evoke authority. He doesn’t need a tie for uniformity. He doesn’t need a costume. As much as Halloween is a time for happily putting on costumes, the next day, All Saints Day, is a time for taking costumes off. Jesus exercised His power most supremely and proclaimed His Identity most definitively stripped, naked, and hanging upon a Cross. It was not that He took off His costume under force, but rather, in His ministry and most especially, in His Passion, Death, and Resurrection, He forces us to take off ours. It was a costumed Devil that ultimately put Jesus upon the Cross, but it was the Crucified Lord Who removed the Evil One’s mask forever. Halloween is a great time for children, but All Saints Day is for adults. All Saints Day is a call to be mature in our Faith. As we begin November, the month of the Holy Souls and that of Thanksgiving, maybe we can be ever grateful for costumes worn as kids and Halloween trick-or-treating fun we had as we strive to grow ever more deeply and maturely in our Faith, removing masks that cover us and hide us before God and one another. Having taken off costumes worn after a long night of trick-or-treating, I’m quite certain that a certain Darth Vader, Captain America, Pikachu, princess – and even a fearsome gorilla deflated would readily agree.

Peace!

Fr. Wilson



**Monday**                      **November 4**  
**8:30 AM**                      **Nancy Fortunato**  
**7:00 PM**                      **Mass of Remembrance**

**Tuesday**                      **November 5**  
**8:30 AM**                      **John Greenleaf**

**Wednesday**                      **November 6**  
**8:30 AM**                      **Marie Lanza**

**Thursday**                      **November 7**  
**NO MASS**

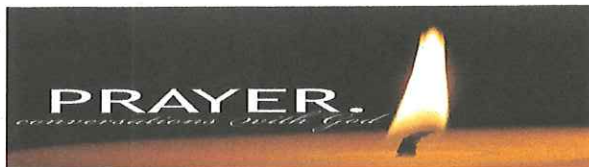
**Friday**                      **November 8**  
**12:15 PM**                      **Jane and Joe Sessa**

**Saturday**                      **November 9**  
**8:30 AM**                      **Anne and Herb Rickards**

**Next Weekend Mass Intentions**

**Saturday**                      **November 9**  
**4:30 PM**                      **People of Holy Cross**

**Sunday**                      **November 10**  
**8:30 AM**                      **Maureen Bart**  
**11:00 AM**                      **Cass and Bob Kling**



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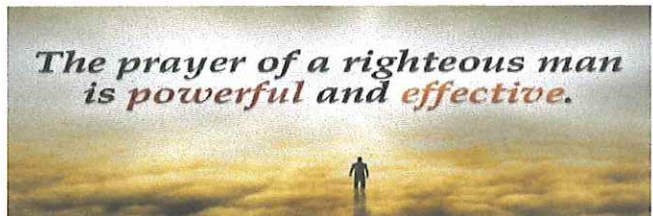


**40 HOURS**

**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**



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|-------------------|---------------------|
| John Boyle        | Helen Lyons         |
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| Janet Doherty     | Paige O'Leary       |
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| Steven Henderson  | Joseph Sindoni      |
| Stefanos Karas    | Adeline Sulpizio    |
| Carole Kime       | George Vrettos      |
| Mary & Ken Kull   | Lily Walker         |
| Kendall Lambert   | Nadia Waltanski     |
| Rose Leto         | Carter Walton       |
| Patricia Lyons    |                     |



## School News

**Dear Parishioners,**

**I hope you had a great Halloween! I can't believe that October is over. The children enjoyed a night of fun at Trunk or Treat held in our school yard. Students were dressed in their finest Halloween costumes and enjoyed all of the treats.**

**Our Halloween Parade took place on Wednesday. The children were again dressed in their finest Halloween Costumes and marched around our school yard. Parties were taking place in many of the classrooms for the children to enjoy.**

**For the month of November, our students will be collecting food for our food pantry. There will be Thanksgiving items included in the collection.**

**If you have children of school-age, please consider our parish school. Please call Mrs. Spurrier in the school office at 610-626-1709 for further information. We would love for your children to be part of our school family.**

**Have a great week!**

**Dr. Worrilow**



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. First up is the Semi-Annual Pancake Breakfast. It will be held on Sunday, November 24, from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM in the Parish Hall. Also 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.

St. Kevin Knights Council will be selling Crab Cakes, another delicious Captain Chucky product, again this Thanksgiving season. Please send your pre-paid orders to Al Porrini, 122 Harned Road, Springfield, PA 19064. Orders must be received no later than Sunday, November 17. Orders must be picked up at the St. Kevin Parish Life Center on Thursday, November 21, between the hours of 4:15—7:00 PM/ please call Al at 610-543-4851 with any questions. Thank you very much for your support of all Knights of Columbus activities in our parishes!



## REMEMBRANCE MASS

There will be a special 7:00 PM Mass on Monday, November 4. This Mass will be a Remembrance Mass for all those who have been buried from our Parish in the past year. All parishioners are welcome.

Special invitations have been sent to the families of those we are remembering by name and a special candle service will take place at the Mass. There will be refreshments in the Parish Hall after the Mass. All are welcome.

Please let us know if you plan to attend. Call Judy Vacca, 610-259-8266.

## 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!

## The Corner

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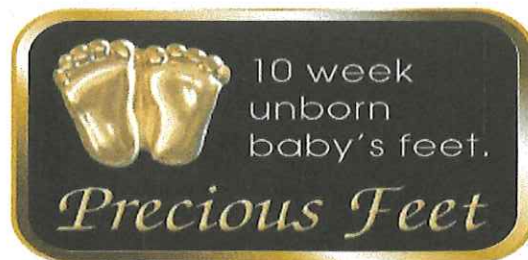
What you are doing, I cannot do.

What I am doing, you cannot do.

**Do Something Beautiful for God;  
even if only a smile, for we  
shall never know all the good that a  
simple smile can do."**



Saint Teresa of Calcutta



## PRO-LIFE GROUP MEETING

Please join us for our joint monthly Pro-Life Meeting on Wednesday, November 6, at 7:00 PM at Holy Cross Parish.

The meeting will be in the Parish Center, located behind the school. Your prayers and suggestions are most welcome. For more information, please contact Phyllis Heppard at 484-472-8020.

**GOD IS PRO-LIFE. ARE YOU?**

Regina Scheerer

610-3282463



*The Journey begins with the call.*

*"Come follow me." Jesus was walking by the Sea of Galilee. He saw two brothers,... they were fishermen. Jesus said to them, "Come, and I will make you fishers of men." At once they left their nets and followed Him (Mt.4:18-20).*

**During the week of November 3-9, we will celebrate Vocation Awareness Week — a time set aside to pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Throughout the month of November, the Vocation Office will be celebrating vocation awareness. We will be hosting several activities that celebrate and promote vocations. These events can be found on our website at [heedthecall.org/VAW2019](http://heedthecall.org/VAW2019).**



#### MAINTENANCE APPEAL

WE ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT

TOTAL REQUESTED \$41,513

TOTAL RECEIVED \$10,750

We thank you for your generosity!

#### SUNDAY COLLECTION

OCTOBER 27

# OF ENVELOPES—210

Sunday Collection

\$8,186

Electronic

\$2,086

Total \$10,272

Mission Sunday \$1,411

#### 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, cran-

berry 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



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