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OCTOBER 11, 2020 • TWENTY-EIGHTH 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 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.

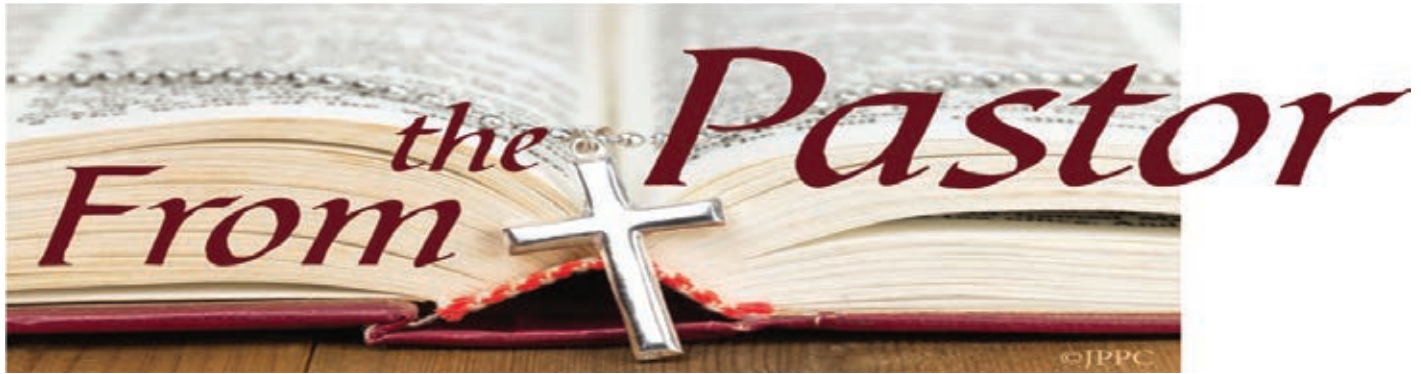
First time parents and godparents are required to attend a Baptism Preparation Session which is held on the 1st Monday of the month at 7:00 PM. Please call the Parish Office for more information.

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.



Café Gabriel was a place where we would gather. Presidential debates, division, and divisiveness had me thinking about it recently. Over some good food and just a wee bit to drink, we would solve the world's problems and deepen friendships. For us, "the world's problems" meant those of the Church, the U.S., Germany, and the entire European Union. Local politics along with sports, both German and American, usually came into play along with a smattering of finance and economics. It was quite the time. You see, *Café Gabriel* was our local haunt. It was located in the middle of a quaint Bavarian town next to the bridge and immediately by the river. In the summer, we would be at table right along the small river where it seemed not just the waters, but all of life flowed by and in the winter, we would sit inside staying warm watching curlers make sport on that same river now frozen. Usually it was Sigi and I, though often enough times we would be joined by Franz, the financier and banker. Sigi (short for Siegfried) was a controller/financial analyst and the church sacristan. He was my best friend that far east of the City of Brotherly Love. Occasionally, we encountered acquaintances there and they would join us for a time. The conversations sometimes became tense, but another round served lubricated sticking points. We could then agree to disagree; we could still be friends; the river would continue to flow. A particularly tense time was the period when the abuse scandal of the Church first surfaced in the U.S. Really, all of us were seething and questioning. They used the word, *menshlich*, to describe me. Unlike other clergy that both Sigi and Franz had encountered, I was more "down to earth" they said. They appreciated that and the round of shots then ordered demonstrated it. We toasted to better times and to a better Church. Sadly, Sigi became sick about six years ago or so. He fought the good fight, but the brain tumor won the battle in May of 2015. I miss him a lot. The good news though is that Sigi's death made Franz and me even more determined to continue the conversation. Sigi often still plays a part in it (*Gosh, what would Sigi think of this, that, or the other thing?*). It would be so nice if our divided and divisive world could just sit for a time and have a real and respectful conversation. It can actually be quite enjoyable and, of course, just a mite bit in a mug can often soothe frictions. Opponents might even become friends. Imagine that! I recently read that the late justices Antonin Scalia and Ruth Bader Ginsburg were friends, though they were as far apart as Philly is from Bavaria ideologically. I wonder if they ever went to a riverside café together. Our Lord spent some time near a river named Jordan. He must have had some interesting conversations with those that would become his closest friends and followers, such that on some evenings in their yet lack of understanding, they would simply have to agree to disagree with Jesus for the time being while pouring another glass of wine. Yet a conversation most real and respectful would continue; a friendship would deepen and continue even beyond death. A Risen Lord would proclaim peace, heal divisions, and resolve all "the world's problems." The River would forever continue to flow.

Peace!

Fr. Wilson

Masses For The Week



MONDAY	OCTOBER 12
8:30 AM	Paul Ruane
TUESDAY	OCTOBER 13
8:30 AM	Poor Souls in Purgatory
WEDNESDAY	OCTOBER 14
8:30 AM	Joe Nero
THURSDAY	OCTOBER 15
	NO MASS
FRIDAY - Public Mass suspended during the green phase. Mass available online.	
FRIDAY	OCTOBER 16
12:15 PM	People of Holy Cross
NEXT WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS	
SATURDAY	OCTOBER 17
8:30 AM	Christopher Baxter
4:30 PM	Kelly Wiseley
SUNDAY	OCTOBER 18
8:30 AM	Ann Boyle
11:00 AM	Adele Adduci

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.

Thank you!

Sunday Collection, October 11

Total Collection \$12,470

Electronic \$2,382

Basket & Mail-ins \$10,088

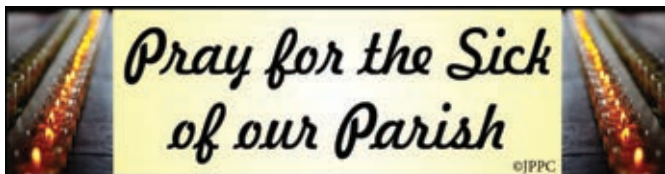
Holy Cross Church

Stewardship Restoration Appeal

Thank you to all our parishioners who have shared in their faithfulness and dedication to our spiritual home. Generosity like yours allows our church, ministries, and school to continue offering a safe place to learn and worship for many years to come, especially during this difficult time.

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





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---Chris Stephen "Dying to Be Happy"

Knights of Columbus Baby Bottle Drive

Holy Cross KOC #15482 will be sponsoring a "Baby Bottle Campaign" to benefit Mother's Home in Darby on the weekend of October 10 and 11. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, baby bottles will not be given out after the Masses at this time but instead there will be a collection bottle in each church vestibule where you can drop your donations off either before or after all Masses on those weekends. Mother's Home and the Knights thank you for all your past generosity and your future support!



U.S.C.C.B WEBSITE

Readings for daily and Sunday Mass can be found at usccb.org/bible/readings. Click on the calendar on the right to get the readings for the day.

Three Parish Book Club

The Book Club will meet next Wednesday, October 28, at 7:00 PM, via Zoom. We invite you to join us for conversation, book recommendations and discussion. For more info, please contact Joy Van Berg at 610-328-2095 or at joyvanberg@gmail.com

October—Rejoice and Be Glad by David Haas
 November—Women: Icons of Christ

by Phyllis Zagano

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Scholarship Test Dates :

Sunday, Oct 11, 1:00– 4:30 PM (in person)
Saturday, Oct 17, 8:00-11:30 AM (in person)
Tuesday, Oct 27, 4:00-7:30 PM (virtual test)

Virtual Open House

Sunday, November 8, 1:00-3:00 PM



VOLUNTEER NEEDED

We would be most grateful for one additional Sunday Collection counter. A new counter works with an experienced counter and is scheduled about once every five weeks. For additional information, please contact the Business Office at 610-626-3321. Thank you very much for considering this request.

Wow! Thanks to all of you....our pantry continues to assist our most in-need neighbors in our community. Donations are up (and words cannot express our gratitude for these) and so are our volunteers. God Bless All of You!

If you are able, we are in need of baked beans, veggies, pasta and sauce, cereal, apple juice, kiddie treats, peanut butter and jelly, mac & cheese, mayo, ketchup, toilet paper and paper towels.

Just a reminder: we are open every Wednesday from 3:30 to 6:00 PM, and we are open to all Delco residents (with ID).

Please know that you are making a difference.

Love and Prayers,

Your Friends from the SVDP Food Pantry



World Mission Sunday

The annual, worldwide celebration of our shared call to Mission, World Mission Sunday, will be celebrated on October 18, 2020. That Sunday will also mark the beginning of a year-long commemoration marking the *110th Anniversary* of the *Pontifical Mission Societies* in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. This special year begins at a time marked by the suffering and challenges created by the coronavirus pandemic. Still, as Pope Francis reminds us, "the Missionary journey of the whole Church continues". Your gift helps sustain priests, Religious and lay pastoral leaders in 1,111 Mission dioceses around the world as they proclaim the Gospel, build the Church and serve the poor. In

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 Worriow, Principal, at 610-626-1709. Any questions, please call Holy Cross School 610-626-1709.

Archdiocese of Philadelphia

Wedding Anniversary Mass

Saturday, October 17, 2020

5:15 PM Vigil Mass

Cathedral Basilica of Saints

Peter and Paul



Archbishop Nelson Perez will be celebrating the annual Wedding Anniversary Mass to pray for and with married couples who are married 1-5 years and couples who have been married 25 years or more. Please RSVP by contacting the Office for Life and Family at www.phillycatholiclife.org or email famlife@archphila.org.

Friends and family are welcome and encouraged to attend.

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Client Advocates Needed

Volunteer client advocates (counselors) are needed at the Delaware County Pregnancy Center Lifeline Women's Clinic; 4 hours a week on your schedule and by appointment, counseling expectant mothers on the alternatives to abortion and follow-up care. Training will be provided. For more information, please call Lisa Daniel at DCP 610-872-2229 and see website dcpcchester.org.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

The National "40 Days for Life" Fall Campaign began on Wednesday, September 23 and runs until Sunday, November 1. Please pray every day for an end to abortion. If possible, please join us to prayerfully witness outside of the Planned Parenthood facility in Media on Saturdays from 12 to 1 PM, in West Chester on Thursdays or Fridays, or the main entrance of Crozer-Chester Medical Center on Fridays from 11 to 12 noon. For more information, please call Regina Scheerer at 610-328-2463.

Jesus, protect and save the unborn.

Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship

In order to assist Catholics as they prepare to vote with formed consciences, the Pennsylvania Catholic Conference has produced a Presidential Candidate comparison document and a State Legislative Voters Guide. These documents seek to educate the faithful about candidates and their positions on issues of importance to Catholic voters. The documents are posted on archphila.org and catholicphilly.com.

In addition, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops is once again offering to the Catholic faithful *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*. Visit FaithfulCitizenship.org.

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#WHATSMYNAME


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