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OCTOBER 18, 2020 • TWENTY-NINTH 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.

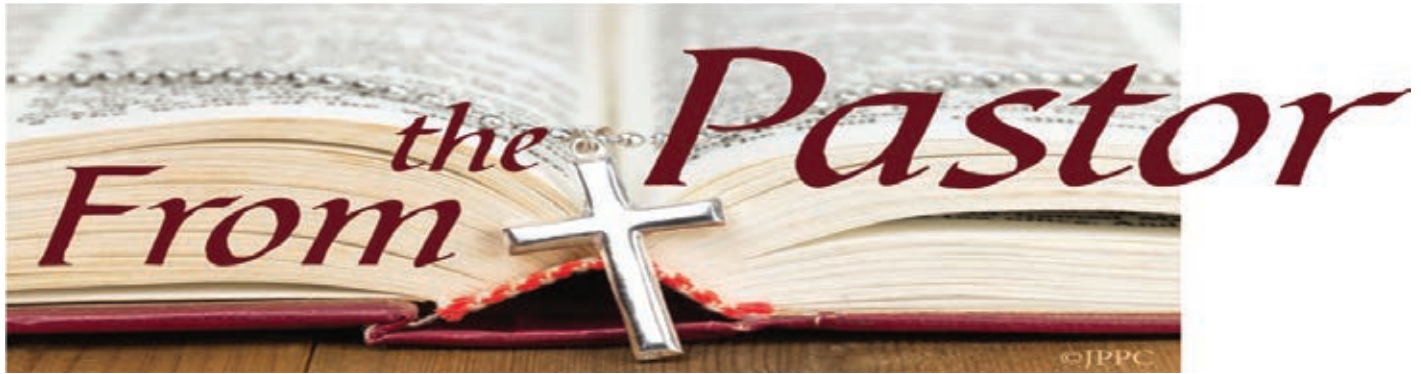
First time parents and godparents are required to attend a Baptism Preparation Session which is held on the 1st Monday of the month at 7:00 PM. Please call the Parish Office for more information.

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.



I'm sitting here now with Corona. Not the kind that comes from China with need for a mask, but the kind that comes from Mexico with need for a lime. I was simply in the mood. Some days, you know, are like that. (Twenty-first Century technology is great when it does what you want it to do, but sometimes the trouble is getting it to do what you want it to do. Even my laptop, for some unknown reason, decided to shut-down and reboot taking twenty minutes to do so as I had just sat down at my desk. I guess it was tired. Oh, well! Cheers my friend!) I certainly wouldn't call myself a beer connoisseur, but one of the most interesting beers that I've ever had is called *Rauchbier* (smoked beer). The occasion of my first having it involved a bit of travel and my catching-up with Tom. I've known Tom from about the time that he was in the sixth grade. He is a former altar server of mine and we've stayed in touch over the years. In college, he spent a year abroad. I caught up with him in Bamberg taking a train up from the Munich area where I was visiting family and friends. Tom gave me a quick little tour of the historic town in Franconia (Bavaria) and then showed me his room. He told me that there was a little *Ratskeller* that he wanted to visit with me. It was famous for the beer that they brewed there. After freshening up a bit, we made our way to the tavern. It seemed small and somewhat dark. Even the table at which we sat was dark. The blackened wood table was worn and I could imagine the locals sitting at this same table centuries ago. Tom warned me. *Now Father, you may not like this beer. If not, don't worry, I'll finish it.* I knew that wouldn't be happening. The beer itself does have a unique smoky taste. Think of a very slight mesquite barbeque like taste. I enjoyed the dark malty brew and it's worth a try if you're into different types of beer. The actual name is *Aecht Schlenkerla Rauchbier*. At the darkened table with the dark and smoky brew a number of things came to light – as is often the case. We talked life and we talked vocation. Tom always had a “religious” bend and he does to this day. He wants to leave the world a better place than how he found it. He's thought of priesthood and religious life. He was and he is seeking. Tom not only introduced me to a unique type of beer, more recently he has introduced me to a unique type of vocation, one which, I must be honest, I'm not overly familiar. There are actually many different vocations in the Church, just like there are many different beers in the world – some of which, by the way, are brewed by monks. ***That's*** a vocation that I want to discern! Tom contacted me the other day. He let me know that he is with the *Focolare Movement*. It is not a specifically Church sponsored organization, but (from *Wikipedia*) “the *Focolare Movement* is an international organization that promotes the ideals of unity and universal brotherhood. Founded in northern Italy in 1943 as a Catholic movement, it remains largely Roman Catholic but has strong links to the major Christian denominations and other religions, or in some cases with the non-religious.” Tom is currently in Loppiano, Italy near Florence living in community there. It will be interesting to hear about his on-going experience. Maybe, one day, in a post-pandemic world, we'll be able to get together once again drinking some *Rauchbier* at some dark table in some quaint little town where a friendship will be renewed, vocation will be discussed, and much of life and its unique living will be brought to light!

Peace!

Fr. Wilson

Masses For The Week



MONDAY	OCTOBER 19
8:30 AM	Leo Sheridan
TUESDAY	OCTOBER 20
8:30 AM	Marguerite Greenleaf
WEDNESDAY	OCTOBER 21
8:30 AM	Daniel Morroni
THURSDAY	OCTOBER 22
	NO MASS
FRIDAY - Public Mass suspended during the green phase. Mass available online.	
FRIDAY	OCTOBER 23
12:15 PM	People of Holy Cross
NEXT WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS	
SATURDAY	OCTOBER 24
8:30 AM	Francis & Catherine Armstrong
4:30 PM	Anna Mary Boyle
SUNDAY	OCTOBER 25
8:30 AM	Anthony & Martha Liguori
11:00 AM	Elizabeth O'Kane

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 \$7,635

Electronic \$2,650

Basket & Mail-ins \$4,985

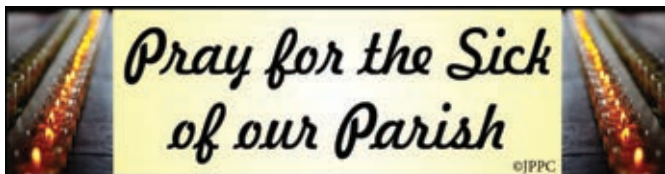
Holy Cross Church

Stewardship Restoration Appeal

Today we give thanks to all those who have responded to our Parish Stewardship Restoration Appeal. If you have not already contributed and would like to visit our online giving link, holycrosscatholics.org/parish-giving/ or replay using the card included with your letter. Please continue to pray for our Restoration Appeal. Any contribution you can make to our parish has a tremendous impact on the needs of our community.

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





Sharon Burr	Joanne Marks
Lyndi Butler	Lucy Mashura, S.F.O.
Margaret Cook	Barbara McCusker
Stephen Collins	Lee Anne McGough
Samuel Dephillippo	Dan Murphy
Nancy DeSanctis	Connie Myers
Janet Doherty	Frances O'Callaghan
Terrence (Terry) Gibson	Charlotte O'Leary
Nella Giordano	Paige O'Leary
Nicola Giordano	Mary Ann Purcell
Donna Giorgio	Mary Rafferty
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Steven Henderson	Michael Sargent III
Stefanos Karas	Theresa Sherwin
Carole Kime	Joseph Sindoni
Mary and Ken Kull	Fr. Paul Stenson
Kendall Lambert	George Vrettos
Rose Leto	Lily Walker
Patricia Lyons	Nadia Waltanski
Helen Lyons	

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

Three Parish Book Club

The Book Club will meet 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

The Corner

Brought to you by your Evangelization Team

"Do we need evangelization? The statistics couldn't be clearer. Did you know that there are far more ex-Catholics than Catholics in this country? Saint Pope John Paul II famously called for a New Evangelization. Bringing people to Christ is not one work among many; rather, it is the central work of the Church, that around which everything else that we do revolves."

---Bishop Robert Barron

Casserole Drop-Off Date

The next drop-off is Wednesday, October 21, between 6:00 and 7:00 PM at the gym annex. Anyone wishing to join us can go to saintjohnshospice.org for recipes. Or just make a casserole that you like. Please mark the casserole with the date prepared. Call Connie Labowitz at 610-328-0599 with any questions. Thank you!

Cardinal O'Hara High School

Become a Lion for life! Please visit www.cohs.com to learn about our upcoming admissions events and register to attend.

Scholarship Test Date :

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.

On this World Mission Sunday, we join with brothers and sisters around the globe in celebrating the Church's responsibility of sharing Christ's message of redemption and eternal life. Today, priests, consecrated women and men and lay people continue to reach out to those who do not know or believe in Jesus our Savior. For those of us who remain at home, we can contribute to our Father's plan through prayer and the example we offer in our own community. We can make a real difference to the welfare of the bodies and souls of those helped by the Church's Missions.

MISSION Sunday



Holy Cross Communicants

Congratulations on your First Holy Communion and becoming part of the one true Church. We pray that God will bless you and draw you nearer to Him today and always.

Congratulations to those children receiving First Communion

Saturday, October 17, 2020

Ryan Boyd	Avery Minchin
Adam Brozzetti	Adrianna Mitchell
Ryan Cardell	Matthew Murray
Kaitlyn Clark	Megan Myers
Aubrey Cleary	Thomas Perry
Allie Clifford	Mackenzie Price
Kasey Clifford	Logan Redding
Fiona Ganley	Nicholas Santone
David George	Rose Schrader
Logan Hutton	Jeremiah Sesay
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Addison Minchin	Gia Yost

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Masks are required.

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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