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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.

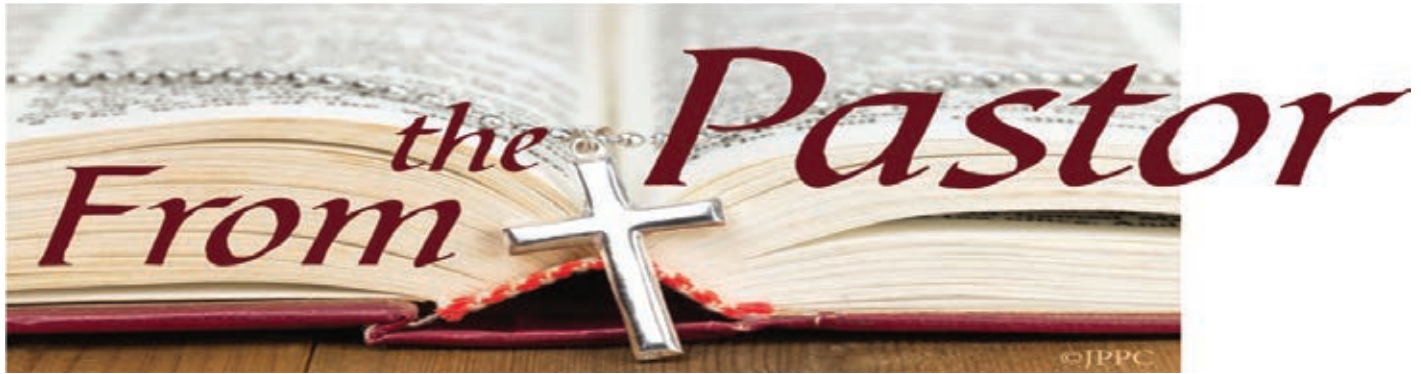
First time parents and godparents are required to attend a Baptism Preparation Session which is held on the 1st Monday of the month at 7:00 PM. Please call the Parish Office for more information.

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.



A dropped ceiling panel discovered ajar in our Parish Center put me in mind of another ceiling panel found ajar a number of years ago. It was spring and the second semester of my first year of theological studies at the seminary. I had already completed a year of pre-theological studies on the “lower side” as well as the Spirituality Year, which took place, at the time, at Mary Immaculate Seminary outside of Allentown. Theological studies occurred on the “upper side” of the seminary. Although the “upper side” was the older building on the Overbrook campus of Saint Charles dating to about 1871, my room was in the “new” wing of Vianney Hall built in the 1970s. My room was comfortable with a vanity sink, shared toilet/shower (“potty partners” as we used to say), a hotel-like heating unit/blower that kept me toasty in the winter, and of course, the requisite seventies’ dropped ceiling. I had heard stories of “universal” keys possessed by certain dear brother seminarians enabling them to sometimes play the occasional little prank upon the innocent. Supposedly, these keys were solemnly, but secretly passed on to future generations of pranksters. One of the more amusing pranks was that of the ice sculpture. Left behind after a formal seminary dinner affair, it found its way to being propped up in an innocent brother’s commode. Funny, but he wasn’t amused! Returning to my room one day, I found my window open and some papers on the floor. I hadn’t opened it. Someone was in my room. “Universal key,” I thought. Then, I looked up. The ceiling panel had been moved as well. Darn it! Now, I have to find a ladder or try to stand tip-toe on a chair to fix it. I closed the window, picked up the papers, took off my shoes, and stood barefoot on the chair doing a balancing act. With the tip of my fingers, I slowly began to edge the panel back into place. Suddenly, I stopped. There was something in the ceiling. Someone was staring back at me. I turned the room light brighter and saw a woman staring at me. It was Mary! In my room above the ceiling, there was a statue of the Blessed Mother. She must have been there throughout the whole year unbeknownst to me. She was watching over me. The end of the previous semester had been rough – very rough. My father died over the holiday break. I was hurting just a bit. However, now I knew that Mary was there with me – and she was hurting too. She needed just a little help. Bringing the statue down, I saw that her hands were broken off, but they were intact and carefully wrapped in plastic at the statue’s base. I would seek her repair and a classmate of mine, Michael, was quite willing to help. He had done some statue work in the past. A short time later, Mary’s hands extended forth once again and this statue of Mary Immaculate received a prominent place of honor on my bookshelf. She has been with me ever since. Oh, and what of the prank? I came to discover that it was a divine one. No brother seminarian with a “universal” key had been in my room. That particular day, there had been some brief gusty winds of spring. Apparently, I hadn’t tightly closed my window the previous day. A gust blew open the window a bit and then another gust blew into the room in such a way that it caused the ceiling panel to become ajar. We say that the Spirit blows where it will – and so it does. Mary wanted to be found and in that moment, I needed to find her. Now, she wants to be found by you! Be aware though, she can be quite the prankster!

Peace!

Fr. Wilson

Masses For The Week



MONDAY	OCTOBER 26
8:30 AM	Fred Senderoff
TUESDAY	OCTOBER 27
8:30 AM	Vivian & George Amoroso
WEDNESDAY	OCTOBER 28
8:30 AM	People of Holy Cross
THURSDAY	OCTOBER 29
	NO MASS
FRIDAY - Public Mass suspended during the green phase. Mass available online.	
FRIDAY	OCTOBER 30
12:15 PM	People of Holy Cross
NEXT WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS	
SATURDAY	OCTOBER 31
8:30 AM	Amato Cavalcante and Living and Deceased Members of the Cavalcante Family
4:30 PM	Ben & Dorothy Pelosi
SUNDAY	NOVEMBER 1
8:30 AM	Anna May Boyle
11:00 AM	Joan & Charles Dunleavy

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 18

Total Collection \$8,434

Electronic \$3,012

Basket & Mail-ins \$5,422

Holy Cross Church

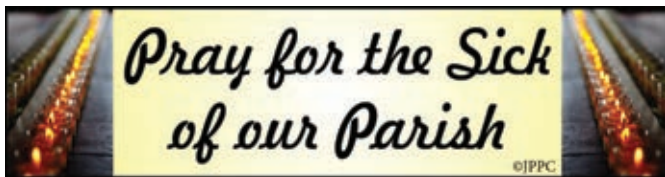
Stewardship Restoration Appeal

It is humbling to see the commitments that have come in as members of our parish have responded to needs of the Holy Cross community during this time. To all who have shared their intention with the parish, thank you! We recognize the difficulty of this time and we are deeply grateful that you have continued to show care and support for our parish.

If you would like to make a gift to the Holy Cross Parish Stewardship Restoration Appeal, return your response card with your intentions. Please reach out to the Parish office if you have any questions.

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





Sharon Burr	Joanne Marks
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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

The Catechism says this in Chapter 3; Man's Response to God:

"By his Revelation, 'the invisible God, from the fullness of His love, addresses men as His friends, and moves among them, in order to invite and receive them into His own company.' The adequate response to this invitation is faith."

---CCC 142

Please Note!

Any distribution of materials must be approved by our Pastor. Please do not place any materials in the vestibule of the church or on cars in the parking lot without Father Wilson's approval. 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.

Rachel's Vineyard Ministries
Post-Abortion Healing Retreat
November 6-8, 2020
Malvern-Frazer, PA

Rachel's Vineyard of Greater Philadelphia is having a retreat for healing after abortion. It is designed to help you experience the mercy and compassion of God. It will help you focus on the buried emotions of the past and begin healing in a non-judgmental, safe, loving and confidential environment. It will give you hope for your future and freedom from the pain within your heart and soul.

For information, call/email:

Lauren at 215-720-5828 or
RachelsvineyardGP@gmail.com

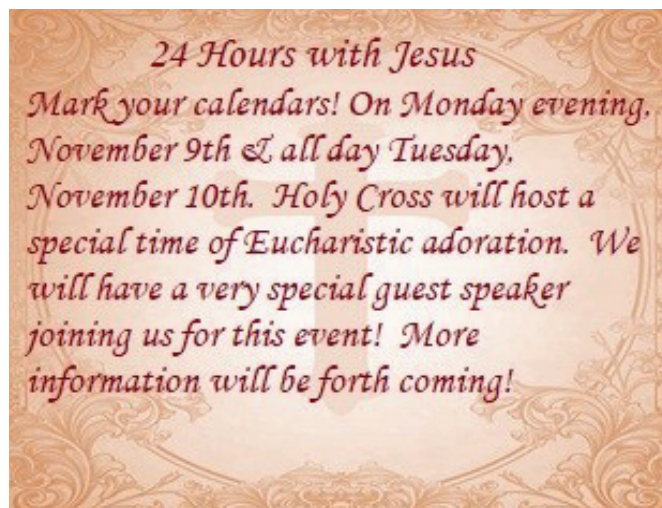


EMAIL SCAM ALERT

Please be aware of email scams from individuals asking for money or gift cards in the name of Fr. Wilson.

These emails are not from Father Wilson. Father Wilson does not send out emails asking for money or gift cards.

Thank you!



Pro-Life Mass and Rally

On Saturday, October 31, 2020, Pro-Life citizens will gather in Philadelphia to fight for the right to be born.

8:00 am Mass at the Cathedral SS Peter & Paul with celebrant Father Dennis Gill.

Following Mass, procession to Planned Parenthood, 12th & Locust.

9:30 am Rally with Pastor Clenard Childress, Pastor of New Calvary Baptist Church.

FOOD PANTRY

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

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.

Need an Anchor?

Are you troubled with fear and anxiety? Come to Jesus! He is waiting to lighten your burden, so come to our Adoration Chapel and talk it over!!

*Monday thru Friday 9AM-7PM
Need Info call Romie
610.623.8412,
or, Parish Office 610.622.3321*

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.

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.

For more information, you can visit:

archphila.org/events/voting-resources-for-the-catholic-faithful-from-the-pennsylvania-catholic-conference/

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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