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OCTOBER 31, 2021 • THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Mrs. Kelly Meliti Director of Religious Education
Mrs. Grete Ingalls. MM, CAGO..... Music Director

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Evening 4:30 PM
Sunday, Upper Church 8:30 and 11:00 AM
Holy Day As announced
Tuesday through Saturday 8:30 AM
No Mass Monday

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, 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.

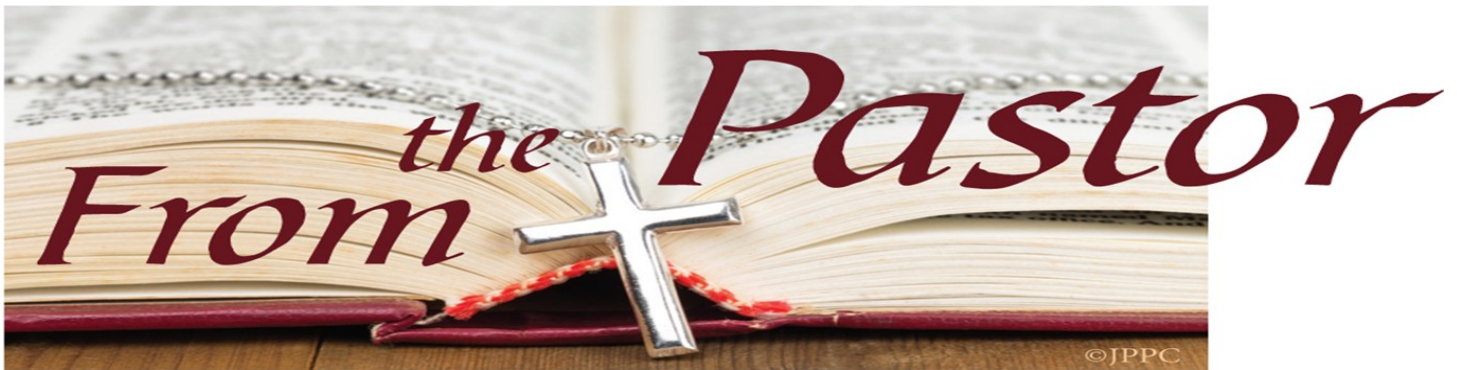
First time parents and godparents are required to attend a Baptism Preparation Session which is held on the 1st Monday of the month at 7:00 PM. Please call the Parish Office for more information.

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.



Having spent four years in college and six years in the seminary, I've taken a lot of classes in my adult life: Math, Philosophy, and Theology, with a few electives and other subjects for good measure. This week, I got a crash course in Heating and Air Conditioning Repair. I learned a lot! We brought in a company to evaluate what we have and make suggestions after asking around for recommendations from other Catholic institutions, and here's an essay to summarize what I learned from their visit. (Writing this is better than taking a final exam!)

You know from the Summer that our air conditioning system has problems. We were advised to leave it on continually since it might not turn back on if we turned it off—a real problem in a season with multiple heat waves. It was unpleasant, but the advice was sound: once we did turn it off and tried to turn it back on a few days later, it didn't start properly and took several tries over several hours. It has been unpredictable and temperamental the few times we've tried it this Fall.

For several years now, the thermostats in the church have not been working. They're not like the thermostats you probably have in your house and aren't easy to replace. Ours use a pneumatic system to help register and adjust the temperature—i.e. there is a small tube of air going from the control panel in the basement to each thermostat. Being an older technology, many technicians aren't familiar enough with it to service or maintain it. Over the years, wear and tear has had its effect, and now the thermostat controls simply are not working. So, whether it's heating or cooling, it's either been "off" or "full blast" for the past few years, with the sacristans and maintenance crew manually turning things on and off as conditions warranted.

But wait, there's more! In the basement of the church, we have two boilers that provide heat for the building. One boiler was replaced two years ago. The second was kept in service, but it was clearly near the end of its life. The goal was to keep using it and hope it would last a few more years. Unfortunately, after looking at it a few days ago, that's not possible anymore. The tank that holds the water has gotten too corroded, and if we attempted to turn it on, it would disintegrate, potentially turning the lower church into a giant hot tub. As much as I'd love a good soak at the end of a long day, that's not really going to work. This boiler's main role was to heat the upper church. The newer boiler heats the lower church and the hallways. Replacing the boiler is now a high priority, and we are working to get estimates and see cost and time to get a replacement. By the way, all those news stories about supply chain issues and manufacturing backlogs apply to the heating industry as well, so it may be a while (several months) before we can actually *get* a replacement.

Some good news. With a little bit of creative plumbing, we should be able to use the one good boiler to provide some heat to the whole building. It's far from a perfect solution, but it's better than no heat at all. We're also going to look into what has to be done to fix our thermostats and find a solution to that problem as well, and then see what's going on with the air conditioning.

This is all still very fresh, and we have many unanswered questions right now. We will get answers, and I will keep you updated on where things stand. In the meantime, I ask for your patience and your prayers (and yes, down the road your financial support) as we tackle this project as a parish. Together, we can, and will, make this beautiful building also a comfortable building in which we worship God and are refreshed by His sacraments for decades to come.

Fr. Kiernan

Masses For The Week



MONDAY	NOVEMBER 1
8:30 AM	Mass for All Saints
TUESDAY	NOVEMBER 2
8:30 AM	Gregory McGonigle
WEDNESDAY	NOVEMBER 3
8:30 AM	Nancy Fortunato
THURSDAY	NOVEMBER 4
8:30 AM	Anna May F. Boyle
FRIDAY	NOVEMBER 5
8:30 AM	Martin Moran
NEXT WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS	
SATURDAY	NOVEMBER 6
8:30 AM	Marie Lanza
4:30 PM	Cosmo Testa
SUNDAY	NOVEMBER 7
8:30 AM	People of Holy Cross
11:00 AM	Maureen & Rodney Bart

All Saints Day

Monday, November 1, 2021

There will be an 8:30 am Mass on All Saints Day. It is not a holy day of obligation.



Sunday Collection, October 24

Total Collection	\$7,967
Electronic	\$2,427
Basket & Mail-ins	\$5,540

SANTUARY LAMP



This week's Sanctuary lamp intention is for:

The Purcell Family

Remember a Loved One on All Souls Day

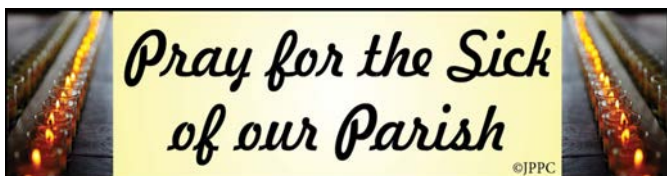
On October 30 & 31 members of the Social Committee will be in the vestibules after all Masses. Heart-shaped tags will be available to be filled out with the name of a loved one you would like to honor. The tag will be on display in the church.

Remembrance Hearts

Our remembrance tree will be on display until the 14th of November. After that date the remembered names will be placed on the Altar for the remainder of the month.

Please pray for our deceased loved ones.





Lyndi Butler
Gerald Curran
George Dickinson
Carolyn Henderson
Steven Henderson
Jimmy Keating
Carole Kime
Natalie Giorgio Kitts
Ken Kull
Mary Kull
Kendall Lambert
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Maryanne McCauley
Richard McCullough

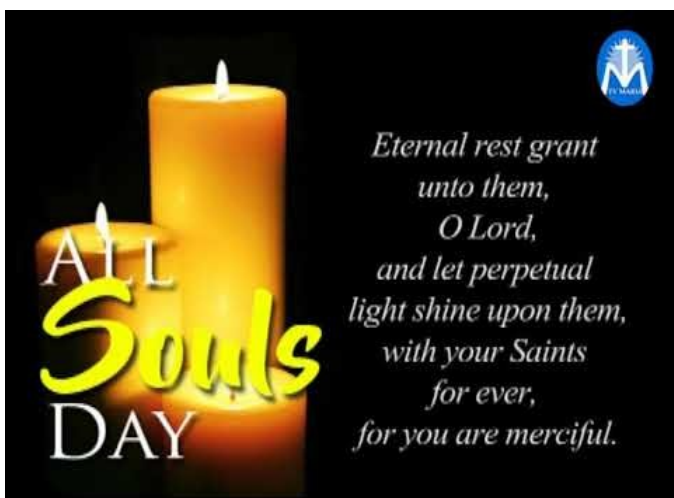
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Frances O'Callaghan
Charlotte O'Leary
Paige O'Leary
Alexander Ott
Mary Rafferty
Joseph Sindoni
Adeline Sulpizio
Jean Super
Valerie Thompson
Helen Torelli
Amanda Trerotola
George Vrettos

FATHER CHUCK'S CHALLENGE

Thanks are extended to all who responded to the special *Mission Sunday* appeal on behalf of the homeless of Haiti and Nicaragua.

Be assured that the benefactors of *Father Chuck's Challenge* are remembered in prayer each week.

www.fatherchuckschallenge.com



The Corner

Brought to you by your Evangelization Team

All Saints Day and All Souls Day remind us to pray for all of our dearly departed loved ones. All Saints Day is a celebration of the communion of saints, those known by name and the everyday ones we don't, whom we believe are in heaven through good works and God's grace. On All Souls Day we're thinking about those people who have died before us, and their process of getting to heaven through Christ, asking God's mercy for them.

Church Cleaning

A note of thanks to our Holy Cross cleaning ladies who continue to help keep our church and chapel clean! We are blessed and you are appreciated. Next church cleaning is Nov. 9 and Dec. 14 after the 8:30 am Mass. Extra hands are always welcomed. Contact Dolores Morroni 610-715-1328.



Exciting News about Our Choir !!



Our Holy Cross Choir has been invited to sing at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul in Philadelphia on March 26, 2022. We are looking forward to serving as the choir for the Saturday evening Mass. More details will come later so that you can plan to attend if you wish. So, we are looking for additional choir members when we start our choir season again here at Holy Cross this September. We need all voices, especially basses and tenors. You do not need to know how to read music in order to sing. We practice on Tuesday evenings in the choir loft from 7 pm to 8:30 pm. If you would like more information, please contact our Music Director Grete Ingalls at 267.253.4007, or email greteingalls@hotmail.com. Come join us!!

FOOD PANTRY

Food Pantry Update

With the weather changing, our daylight time will be reduced... so we will need to adjust our pantry hours. Starting November, we will be open on **Wednesdays from 3:30 to 5:30pm** and we will continue to provide food as a drive thru.

With our children in school, it's important that our Families in Need come at **3:30**. Many have been coming earlier and this is interfering with school dismissal. We want to provide food and also ensure our school children are out of school before we open.

Hard to believe, Thanksgiving will be here before we know it. We will start accepting turkeys in November. If you are able, please drop your donation off on Wednesdays, or contact the Business Office at 610-626-3321 and we will arrange to pick up your donation.

Thank you for all you do to support our Most in Need Neighbors. Please know how appreciative these families are.

God Bless **All** of you **for your prayers and donations**.
Your Friends from the St. Vincent dePaul Society Holy Cross Food Pantry

IHM Conference Center Programs

Morning Reflection: "A Bigger Picture of the Church" (All Souls' Day)

Tuesday, November 2, 2021

9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Presenter: Sister Beth Woodward, IHM

Stipend: \$20 (includes refreshment break)

November is the month of the Church, celebrating saints (November 1) and sinners (November 2). This morning's reflection will be a sharing of how "we are all in this together". The morning will include time for private prayer

SPECIAL REQUEST!

I am here waiting for you! Talk with me, tell me your concerns. I will help as I love you very much! I will be waiting for you in the Adoration Chapel, Monday thru Friday, 9:00 am to 7:00 pm. I am your forever friend,
Signed Jesus



The Holy Cross KOC Council 15482 wishes to thank all of the parishioners who participated in the Football pool. The funds are used to support scholarships for the students of Holy Cross School. Once again, we thank you and wish all very good luck.

Advent Bible Study

For men and women in Springfield: Advent Bible Study at the Parish Center of Holy Cross. 9:15 AM on Wednesday, November 17, December 1, 8 and 15.

Please join us



Eighth Grade Scholarship Exam
Tuesday, November 9, 2021
To register, be sure to visit:
www.bonnerprendie.com

Bonne & Prendie Open House
Thursday, November 18, 2021

SCHOOL VAN DRIVER NEEDED

Merion Mercy Academy, in Merion Station, PA is seeking a reliable, responsible and experienced driver for its school van shuttle to the Narberth train station. The hours are before and after school dependent on the train schedules. Interested applicants should contact Mrs. Marianne Grace at mgrace@merion-mercy.com or 610.664.6655, ext. 109.



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What does it mean to be Catholic today?

Sunday, October 31 - 7PM

Prayer – Is it worth it? Does God listen to me?
Answered or unanswered prayers –
which do I believe in?

Monday, November 1 – 7PM

The Family of Faith – Do I consider my Parish a family? How do I build up my family of faith? I want to belong – how do I do it?

Tuesday, November 2 – 7PM

The Saints - How are they the heroes of our faith?
Am I a saint in training?

Sacred Heart Church, Clifton Heights Pierogi Sale

(Pierogi is a case of dough filled with a savory potato and cheese filling and cooked by boiling and then pan frying)
Made at NEW LOCATION!! St. Stephen's Church Hall, 199 W. Baltimore Ave. (Baltimore Pike & Church St.), Clifton Heights, November 8-19, 2021, \$8.00 per dozen. Order by Calling Joanne Bidoli at 610-574-7077 or the Rectory at 610-623-0409 between 10AM and 3PM. Pick up times at St. Stephen's Church Hall (pierogi must be ordered first) Weekdays 10AM to 12 Noon or Special Evening Pickup Wednesday of both weeks 5:30 to 6:30PM.

Principal's Corner

Support our school through Amazon Smile. When making a purchase on Amazon go to smile.amazon.com and enter "Holy Cross Church" All proceeds go to Holy Cross School.

Help Wanted

Part-time position in our after school C.A.R.E.S. program, 15 to 20 hours per week, 3:00 to 6:00 PM, Monday thru Friday.

Also, we are looking for volunteers to work in the library. Please call the school office if interested.



Don't miss the 2021 annual Stand Up For Life Dinner.

The event is attended by over 1200 pro-lifers every year, including 300 students! This event is an inspiring opportunity to experience the strength of the Pro-Life Community in the Greater Philadelphia area and to discover how you can play a role in the protection of the unborn and the promotion of the Sanctity of Life.

www.prolifeunion.org
215-885-8150

November 21, 2021
4:30 PM Cocktail Hour
5:30 PM Dinner

Home Care Needed

Home Care needed 4 days a week for 94 year-old. Please call Vicky at 610-623-7729.

Part Time School Nurse Needed

Merion Mercy Academy, located in Merion Station, PA, seeks a part time (3 days/week) school nurse for the 2021-2022 school year. As a licensed registered nurse, the school nurse handles acute medical issues, assists with health screenings, monitors records, administers medications, and promotes wellness in accordance with Merion Mercy's commitment to providing a safe and healthy environment. Please visit the school website for a full job description (<https://www.merion-mercy.com/page.cfm?p=785>).



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