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OCTOBER 4, 2020 • TWENTY-SEVENTH 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.

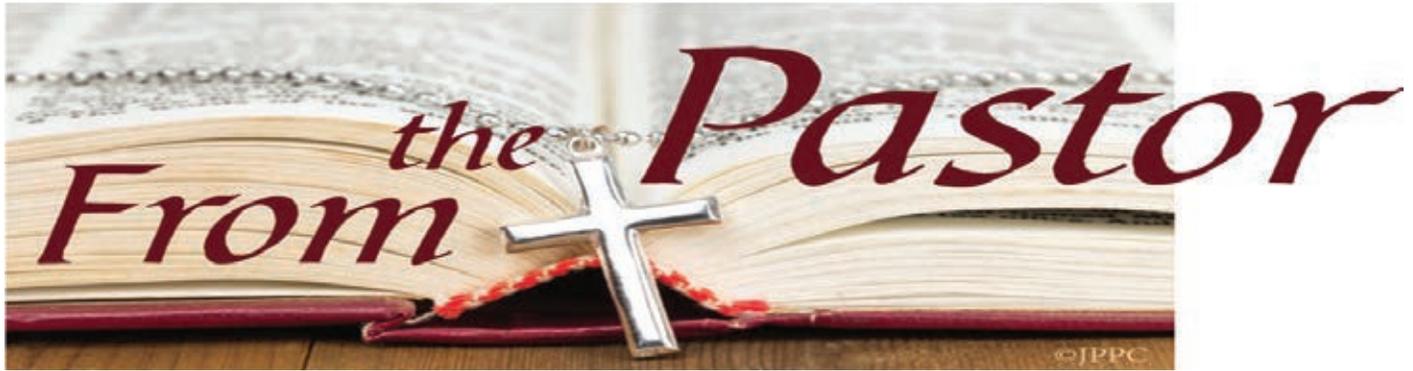
First time parents and godparents are required to attend a Baptism Preparation Session which is held on the 1st Monday of the month at 7:00 PM. Please call the Parish Office for more information.

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.



Hmmm, could it be? That was my thought recently as I read the phone message taken by Donna in the Parish Office. The message was simple enough: *Nothing urgent. Please call when you get a chance.* Then there was a name and a number. It was the following day when I did get a chance to return the call. After first identifying myself formally as Fr. Wilson, I asked the man on the other end if this was the John that I knew from my past. A pause and slight laugh gave answer. *So John, how have you been the past forty years? Father Eugene,* he said slowly and quietly. We both paused a bit letting the moment sink in. The caller was the John of my past, better known as *Lobe`*, his nickname throughout grade school. We haven't seen or spoken to each other for quite a long time. Although we did go to the same high school, we developed our own separate circle of friends and the building, itself, was so large with so many students that I joked with him: *I don't ever remember even passing you in the hallway!* We reminisced very briefly and offered abridged *curriculum vitae* of ourselves covering the past four decades. *Lobe`* is a high school teacher and librarian for the School District of Philadelphia. He lives in the northwestern part of Philly with his wife of some 30 years and their three children. He told me how he had thought of me at times in the past and wondered how I was doing. Then he apologized for not being at my ordination or first Mass and told me how highly he thought of me. John told me that *his* mother was so proud of me when I was ordained. I was and I am humbled. On my part, I told him that I always thought of him as being kind and respectful. I also thought that he would wind up having a career in politics. I'd have a *Vote for Lobe`* sign on the lawn. He laughed. He was, if I recall, our eighth grade class president and he was certainly far more extroverted than I ever was. It was good to hear from John. I hope that we get a chance to catch up some more, perhaps over a cup of java somewhere. John reached out to me that day specifically concerning a situation of his younger brother. His brother is divorced and now going through an annulment process. John was asked to be a witness for this and he had some questions...and concerns. It was then that he thought to look me up and call. I answered his questions as best I could and hopefully reassured him. He thanked me for that with the hope that we'll soon be able to talk face to face. It is certainly a great privilege of priesthood to have past acquaintances reach out at times in order to have some questions answered and/or simply to become re-acquainted. Perhaps, this is what the Faith journey is like for some. Becoming re-acquainted with the One seemingly known so well in younger days and now, in maturity (and old age!) seeking to reestablish that good relationship. Don't wait. Make that call today!

Peace!

Fr. Wilson

Masses For The Week



MONDAY	OCTOBER 5
8:30 AM	Catherine O'Leary
TUESDAY	OCTOBER 6
8:30 AM	Eugene & Gertrude Ruddle
WEDNESDAY	OCTOBER 7
8:30 AM	Josephine Ferro
THURSDAY	OCTOBER 8
	NO MASS
FRIDAY - Public Mass suspended during the green phase. Mass available online.	
FRIDAY	OCTOBER 9
12:15 PM	Sheehan Family
NEXT WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS	
SATURDAY	OCTOBER 10
8:30 AM	Anthony L. Torelli
4:30 PM	Claire Keating
SUNDAY	OCTOBER 11
8:30 AM	Roco & Magdalena Gentile
11:00 AM	People of Holy Cross

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 4

Total Collection \$6,308

Electronic \$2,340

Basket & Mail-ins \$3,968

Holy Cross Stewardship

Restoration Appeal

We are excited to announce the start of our Parish Stewardship Restoration Appeal. We invite all members of our parish family to participate in supporting our Parish's ministries and maintaining our beloved spiritual home.

In the coming weeks, we will share more information about this year's Appeal and what it means for our parish. We ask that you please generously consider supporting our 2020 Parish Appeal and help us continue to grow disciples and make church matter as a blessed family joined in faith and worship.





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| <i>Sharon Burr</i> | <i>Joanne Marks</i> |
| <i>Lyndi Butler</i> | <i>Barbara McCusker</i> |
| <i>Margaret Cook</i> | <i>Lee Anne McGough</i> |
| <i>Stephen Collins</i> | <i>Dan Murphy</i> |
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| <i>Janet Doherty</i> | <i>Charlotte O'Leary</i> |
| <i>Terrence (Terry) Gibson</i> | <i>Paige O'Leary</i> |
| <i>Nella Giordano</i> | <i>Mary Ann Purcell</i> |
| <i>Nicola Giordano</i> | <i>Mary Rafferty</i> |
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| <i>Stefanos Karas</i> | <i>Fr. Paul Stenson</i> |
| <i>Carole Kime</i> | <i>George Vrettos</i> |
| <i>Mary and Ken Kull</i> | <i>Lily Walker</i> |
| <i>Kendall Lambert</i> | <i>Nadia Waltanski</i> |
| <i>Rose Leto</i> | <i>Carter Walton</i> |
| <i>Patricia Lyons</i> | |
| <i>Helen Lyons</i> | |

The Corner

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Saint Jerome teaches us that "to be ignorant of Scripture is to be ignorant of Christ." Join me in opening your Bible and reading God's Word. It is, after all, a form of prayer; not just a book but God's love letter to you.

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.

Cardinal O'Hara High School

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

Virtual Information Session—Tuesday, Oct 6, 6-7:30 PM

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



Rosary Rally for America

Please join us in praying the Rosary for America! We will gather in front of Holy Cross Church at Springfield Rd. and Bishop Ave. on Saturday, October 10, at noon. You may bring your beach chair if needed. Any questions, contact Connie Labowitz at 610-328-0599.

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 weekends of October 3 and 4 and 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!





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).

Pease know that you are making a difference.

Love and Prayers,

Your Friends from the SVDP Food Pantry



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 dcpchester.org.

Give Kids Sight Day!

Free Eye Care & Eyeglasses



October 10, 2020

A virtual event for Children ages 6 -17

Vision screenings on Sight Day will be provided through a tele-health visit by appointment only from 9 AM to 5 PM. Call to make an appointment, 215-563-5848 ext. 21. For more information go to www.pccy.org/sightday or email gksd@pccy.org.

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 ww.phillycatholiclife.org or email famlife@archphila.org.

Friends and family are welcome and encouraged to attend.

LIFE CHAIN ON RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY

Please join us on Sunday, October 4, from 1 to 2 PM for our Annual Life Chain on the sidewalks of Baltimore Pike at Saxer Avenue in Springfield. You are welcome to stand with us as we respectfully witness to the sacredness of human life from conception to natural death. (Social distancing will be observed.)

"Never tire of firmly speaking out in defense of life from its conception and do not be deterred from the commitment to defend the dignity of every human person with courageous determination. Christ is with you be not afraid!" – St. John Paul II

You are needed!

To visit with Jesus

Monday thru Friday 9:00 AM – 7:00 PM

In our Adoration Chapel.

Could you stay for an hour?

There are many hours He is alone.

Need information, please call

Ronnie 610.623.8412,

Maryann 610.328.5924, Eileen 610.394.6596

Masks are required.

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 arch-philadelphia.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.

Rental Assistance: Are you in need of Rent, Mortgage or Utilities?

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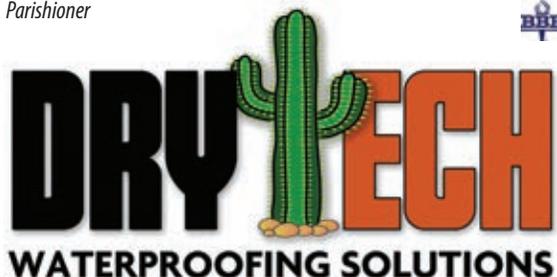
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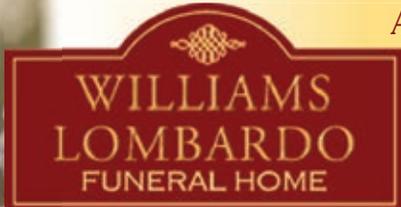
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