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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Evening 4:30 PM
Sunday, Upper Church 8:30 and 11:00 AM
Holy Day Vigil (night before Holy Day) 7:00 PM
Holy Day 8:30 AM
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Saturday 8:30 AM
Thursday..... No Mass
Friday..... 12:15 PM

NEW PARISHIONERS

All Catholics living in the parish should register. Our Welcome Center 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)
Saturday & Sunday..... Closed

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday, Lower Church: 3:30 to 4:15 PM

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 the Rectory of Mrs. Judy Vacca, Pastoral Minister, when a parishioner is hospitalized or home bound.



You can't teach an old dog new tricks or so the saying goes. Well, that's simply not true! Yes, you Can! The saying infers, however, what all of us know to be true. Change is difficult! Gerry is certainly not some "old dog," but rather, quite a fine lady! More recently, she has been learning the "new trick" of some new software in order to "freshen-up" our parish bulletin, which is part of her responsibility as Parish Secretary. Kudos, Gerry! She has been experimenting by adding some graphics/c lip art. It was the one used for the "Pastor's Corner" last week that especially caught my eye. You see it again here. It is a graphic of many words describing what a pastor is and the many different hats worn. By extension, the graphic describes the life of every priest. It served to remind me of the various tasks to which I might be called at any hour on any given day. The life of a priest is certainly interesting if nothing else but, as every priest knows, there is that "Something Else" that makes the difference. It is that "Something Else" upon which our very priesthood and the many different hats that might be worn, the many different titles that might be had, and the many different tasks in which one might be engaged are founded and in which they are grounded. The priest, imperfect though he is, is called "Another Christ" in particular at the altar during Mass. It is there that all imperfections are overcome and the reality of but one title remains: *Alter Christi* as the priest there stands *in Persona Christi*. If you have any thoughts of a call to priesthood or diaconate or religious life, do yourself a favor. Clip out this bulletin graphic and place it somewhere that you can see it often. Then, pray! And I'll pray, too! The Lord may indeed have "Something Else" in store for you—you "old dog"! Thanks, Gerry!

Peace!

Fr. Wilson



ALL SAINTS DAY — FRIDAY—NOVEMBER 1

MASSES - 12:15 PM AND 7:00 PM

THERE WILL BE NO MASS ON

T HURSDAY EVENING

Weekly **MASS** Intentions

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Monday **October 28**
8:30 AM Elizabeth O'Kane

Tuesday **October 29**
8:30 AM Jane Sullivan

Wednesday **October 30**
8:30 AM Doris Raspa

Thursday **October 31**
NO MASS
NO VIGIL MASS

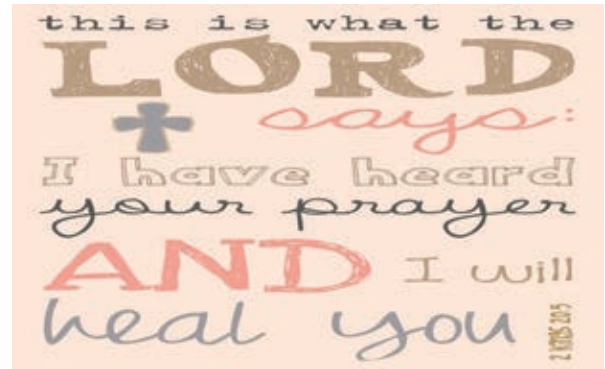
Friday **November 1**
All Saints
Holy Day of Obligation
12:15 PM Bob Miller
7:00 PM Anna May Boyle

Saturday **November 2**
8:30 AM Amato Cavalcante

NEXT WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday **November 2**
4:30 PM Eleanor and Ferd Goetz

Sunday **November 3**
8:30 AM Charles & Anna DiLorenzo
11:00 AM People of Holy Cross



John Boyle
Lyndi Butler
John Cassidy
Margaret Cook
Maryanne Convery
Stephen Collins
Samuel Dephillipo
Sharon Dlemer
Kathleen Dixon
Janet Doherty
Lillian Donahue
Mary Ann Farrell
Nicola Giordano
Donna Giorgio
Carolyn Henderson
Steven Henderson
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Sunday Collection October 20
Amount Received \$7,505.



THE CORNER

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*"...You can carry the past
on your shoulders or you
can start over. Re-
grets -- no matter what
you've Gone through --*

*Jesus, He gave it all to save you. He car-
ried the cross on His shoulders so you could
start over..."*

...Flame ("Start Over")



Readings for the Week

Monday: Eph 2:19-22; Ps
19:2-3, 4-5; Lk 6:12-16

Tuesday: Rom 8:18-25; Ps
126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6; Lk
13:18-21

Wednesday: Rom 8:26-30;

Ps 13:4-5, 6; Lk 13:22-30

Thursday: Rom 8:31B-39; Ps 109:21-22, 26-27, 30-31; Lk
13:31-35

Friday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24: 1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; 1 hb 3:1-3;
Mt 5:2-23a

Saturday: Wis 3:1-9; Ps 23: 1-3a, 3b-4-5, 6; Rom 5:5-11; Jn
6:37-40

Sunday: Wis 11:22—12:2; Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13, 14; 2
Thes 1:11-2:2; Lk 19: 1-10



To all our Parishioners., greetings from you Knights Council here at Holy Cross. Would just like to touch base with all of you on some great events that will be coming up this year so you can mark your calendars early so you don't miss these events. First up is the Semi-Annual Pancake Breakfast. It will be held on Sunday, November 24, from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM in the Parish Hall. Also on November 24, our Annual Cemetery Blanket and Door Wreath Sale will commence. Orders will be taken until December 9 and distributed on December 14. Spaghetti Dinner will be held on Saturday, February 15, 2020 and will again be followed by the Trivia Night hosted by our Social Committee. The second Semi-Annual Pancake Breakfast will be held on Sunday, March 29, 2020 also in the Parish Hall. We also are hoping to hold another Stocks Pound Cake sale sometime in the Spring and our Annual Golf Outing will be in May of 2020. We look forward to seeing as many of you at some or all of these functions. The Knights are also looking for more members to join our group. Looking to get involved and do some good things for your Parish? The Knights is a great organization to be involved with. Any Catholic Men who are 18 years and older are invited to come join the Knights. For more information please contact Andy Grajek at 610-761-9020.

St. Kevin Knights Council will be selling Crab Cakes another delicious Captain Chucky products again this Thanksgiving season. Please send your pre-paid orders to Al Porrini, 122 Harned Road, Springfield, PA 19064. Orders must be received no later than Sunday, November 17. Orders must be picked up at the St. Kevin Parish Life Center on Thursday, November 21 between the hours of 4:15—7:00 PM. Please call Al at 610-543-4851 with any questions. Thank you very much for your support of all Knights of Columbus activities in our parishes!



Congratulations

WELCOME TO OUR YOUNG NEW PARISHIONERS

BAPTIZED RECENTLY AT HOLY CROSS
JOSEPH CHRISTOPHER TERIFAY
ANGELINA AMOR MC CULLOUGH
LUCAS RIVERA
AMELIA RIVERA
ADDISON MINCHIN



*We Congratulate our Newly
 Married Couples*

*Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Yuravage
 and*

Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Fisher



Dear Parishioners,

The first-grade students went on a field trip to Linvilla Orchards. They came home with pumpkins and smiles on their faces.

We held our monthly assembly for good character traits on Friday, October 25. This month's trait was Preparedness. Students who won this award came prepared for class, completed their assignments on time and were on time for school. If anyone has any old Halloween costumes or Barbie dolls that could be donated, we would like them for our other Pre-K 4 classroom. The sizes would be around 3T, 4T and maybe 5T. Anything bigger will be too big.

Please remember the Lincoln Car Drive for Education. It will take place on Saturday, November 2. It is right in the school yard and will take about 15 minutes. There will be volunteers to take you on your drive. Springfield Ford Lincoln will donate \$20 for every completed test drive. There is no cost to you, so it is a great fundraiser. Thank you for your support.

If you have children of school age or becoming of school age, please consider your parish school. We have a lot to offer the students, academically, spiritually, socially and emotionally. Please call Mrs. Spurrier in the school office if you would like to visit our school or if you have any questions. The telephone number is 610-626-1709.

Have a Happy Halloween!

God bless you and have a great week!

Dr. WorriLOW

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

I was once asked to teach a college semester course on prayer. That sounds simple enough as a request to make of a priest. After all, we're supposed to be the "pros", experts in all things Catholic, veritable "answer machines" when it comes to most questions the average Catholic might ask. Well, to be honest, that request to teach prayer was akin to asking me to teach higher math. I was never much good in any math past addition and subtraction. Nonetheless, as anything but an expert, I delved into the subject, with books galore and saints aplenty. Ultimately I chose the one perfect prayer my students and I could analyze: The Lord's Prayer. Would you believe, we never quite finished that analysis when the semester ended?

This weekend features a gospel passage in which Jesus tells another one of His matchless parables that includes a key element in all real prayer: humility. The story includes an indictment of those who were "self-righteous." That word describes a person who is "smugly moralistic and intolerant of the opinions and behavior of others. I dislike that definition, not because of any inaccuracy, but because it accurately describes me at times. Not something to brag about at all.

I have this pet description of myself and most people as having in our minds an imaginary courtroom where we are both prosecutor and judge. We diagnose the failure of someone we know, for example, to be Christ like. Then we "pounce and pronounce" on them with a clear and harsh verdict of "guilty", all the while hinting quite broadly that we never act that way ourselves. This applies to celebrities, well-known politicians and their political parties, our fellow family members, the hierarchy of the Church, our pastors, and nearly anybody we care to name.

And then along comes Our Lord with a devastating parable featuring a man much like ourselves who is obviously so wrong, so full of pride as to be disgusting. To top it off, he is contrasted with his opposite, a virtuous and humble man who mouths a heartfelt request of his God. Obviously, we know which man Our Lord the Storyteller favors.

Listen again to that tax collector in the back of the room that could well teach a college course in prayer. He says "O God, be merciful to me, a sinner." Just eight words. But worth more than eighteen or eighty in describing a perfect attitude when addressing our all-holy God. We know of the greedy practice of many a Jewish tax collector in those days, ostensibly working for the Romans but secretly working for themselves by overcharging taxpayers. The man in the parable is a wonderful exception. We admire him. We want to be like him. He would know the truth of today's Responsorial Psalm: "The Lord hears the cry of the poor."

In the meantime, we trust in God to help us improve each day to be more like the person He had in mind when He created us. Of course, we have to live with people who are the opposite of that taxpayer, who seem to be everywhere. Sometimes we delight when they get their comeuppance. Like the man in this story published in "The Los Angeles Times."

A flight cancellation had resulted in a long line of travelers trying to get booked on another flight. One man in the line grew increasingly impatient with the slow-moving line. Suddenly, he pushed his way to the front and angrily demanded a first-class ticket on the next available flight. "I'm sorry," said the ticket agent, "but I'll have to first take care of the people who were ahead of you in the line."

The irate man then pounded his fist on the ticket counter, saying, "Do you have any idea who I am?" Whereupon the ticket agent picked up the public address microphone and said, "Attention please! There is a gentleman at the ticket counter who does not know who he is. If there is anyone in the airport who can identify him, please come to the counter." Hearing this, the man retreated, and the people waiting in line burst into applause.



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