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SEPTEMBER 13, 2020 • TWENTY-FOURTH 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.

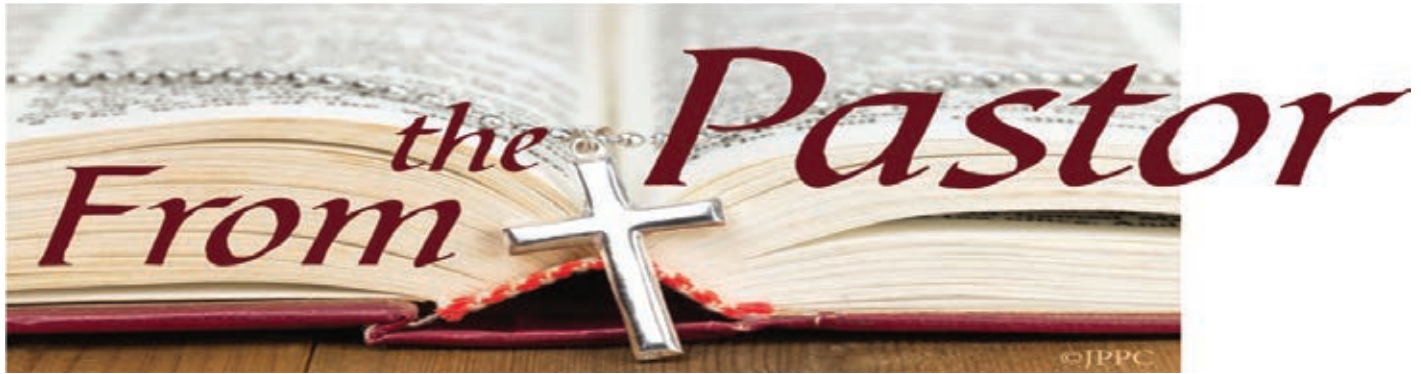
First time parents and godparents are required to attend a Baptism Preparation Session which is held on the 1st Monday of the month at 7:00 PM. Please call the Parish Office for more information.

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 in the Parish Office when a parishioner is hospitalized or home bound.



Sanity vs. insanity is like a boxing bout that we witness every single day sitting ringside and often enough times we'll join right in playing tag team with one side or the other. There are varying definitions of sanity and insanity. One definition of insanity that I have heard is the doing of the same thing, but expecting a different result. Perhaps, it would be like saying that now, suddenly two plus two equals five. Hmmmm...I think that I just read something about some academician making such a claim. The author, Frank Sheed, defined sanity this way: "Sanity, remember, does not mean living in the same world as everyone else; it means living in the real world. But some of the most important elements in the real world can be known only by the revelation of God, which it is theology's business to study. Lacking this knowledge, the mind must live a half-blind life, trying to cope with a reality most of which it does not know is there. This is a wretched state for an immortal spirit, and pretty certain to lead to disaster. There is a good deal of disaster around at this moment." This quote is from his book, "Theology and Sanity," which is certainly a good read on Catholic Theology. Sanity vs. insanity has everything to do with our Faith or our lack thereof. I look at it this way: philosophy raises questions that are answered ultimately in theology. If there is no theology (Faith), then there is no answer and all that remains are endless questions and confusion and chaos: life without meaning (which, by the way, is an inherent contradiction). Okay, let me bring things down a few notches. We live in a world with insanity all around us and, at times, within us. We see it in the headlines and news reports...especially in a presidential election year. There have been protests, riots, damage, death, and division. People have been at each other's throats, at times, literally. Sanity might seem lost. One of the ways that I view sanity or its lack is with music. One might call it a "harmony of Faith." Music is something uniquely human. We say that birds sing, but in reality they don't. Human beings encounter their melodious chirping and identify it with music. Having a sense of music and the ability to enjoy music speaks to one's sanity I would say. One need not be a pianist or heavy metal drummer either. Whether Mozart or Metallica, one need only listen, experience enjoyment and be raised beyond the mere earthly. In our seemingly, deeply divided world, maybe it is the sanity and humanity of music, that might serve ultimately to foster unity and harmony once again. I fantasize about a gathering where people of different ages and backgrounds gather and listen to music of different types and genres while dancing and enjoying striking insanity with an upper cut taking him down for the count. Jesus, Himself, listened to music. I understand that he was dancing at a wedding, in fact. At the Wedding Feast at Cana, maybe, just maybe, Jesus was presenting us with something more than the important and beautiful nuptial imagery along with the great miracle of changing water into wine. Maybe in His dancing to the beat that day and His enjoyment of it, He was showing us a path to sanity in a very crazy world.

Peace!

Fr. Wilson

Masses For The Week



MONDAY **SEPTEMBER 14**
8:30 AM *People of Holy Cross*

TUESDAY **SEPTEMBER 15**
8:30 AM *Claire Keating*

WEDNESDAY **SEPTEMBER 16**
8:30 AM *Maureen Simpson*

THURSDAY **SEPTEMBER 17**
NO MASS

FRIDAY - Public Mass suspended during the green phase.
Mass available online.

FRIDAY **SEPTEMBER 18**
12:15 PM *People of Holy Cross*

NEXT WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY **SEPTEMBER 19**
8:30 AM *Jim McNicholas*
4:30 PM *Francesco & Annunziata Mazza*

SUNDAY **SEPTEMBER 20**
8:30 AM *People of Holy Cross*
11:00 AM *Living & Deceased Members of the Casciano Family*

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.



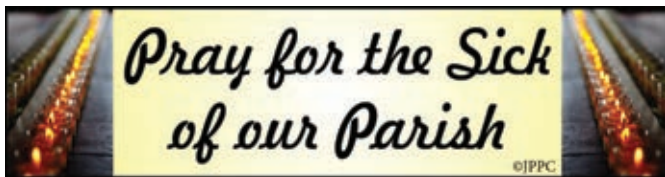
Sunday Collection, September 6

<i>Total Collection</i>	\$7,742
<i>Electronic</i>	\$3,285
<i>Basket & Mail-ins</i>	\$4,457

Mass Book Opening

Due to the passing of our beloved Parish Secretary, the opening of the book of Mass Intentions has been delayed. The opening of the Mass book will take place on Monday, September 14, 2020, after the 8:30 am Mass. Masses will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. On the first day, September 14, we will be limiting the number of Masses for each individual request to a maximum of three (3). Each Mass intention is \$10.00. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic there are still restrictions in place for health and safety. Please wear a mask and maintain 6 feet of distance while waiting in line.



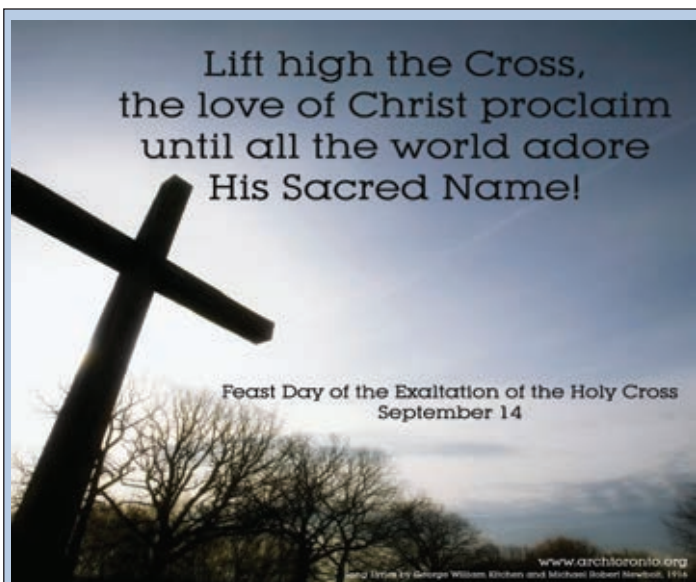


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U.S.C.C.B WEBSITE

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.



The Corner

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Monday is the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross.

"Let us raise our voices to the cross of Christ where the earth and heaven unite; God has wed creation on the tree of hope where the darkness becomes our light.

Let us join in the dance of heaven and earth, give thanks for the goodness of God."

---From the Hymn "Glory in the Cross"

You are needed!

To visit with Jesus

Monday thru Friday 9:00 AM – 7:00 PM

In our Adoration Chapel.

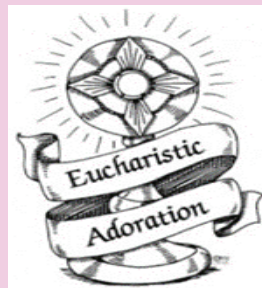
Could you stay for an hour?

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.
Bring your own prayer book, rosary.





VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We would be most grateful for two additional Sunday Collection counters. Each new counter works with an experienced counter and is scheduled about once every four or 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).

Please keep cool and know you are making a difference.

Love and Prayers,

Your Friends from the SVDP Food Pantry



WE ARE BACK!

Please join us after the 8:30 AM daily Mass to recite Our Lady's Rosary. We gather in front of Our Lady's Altar. Thank you.

Questions call Ronnie
610.623.8412

Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land

Due to the suspension of Masses this past spring, The Holy See asked that the annual Good Friday collection for the Holy Land be pushed back until September. In a spirit of cooperation, in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, the annual collection for the Holy Land has been rescheduled to take place the weekend of September 26 and 27. The funds generated by this collection go to support programs and services in the Holy Land.

Archdiocese for the Military Services Collection

The Collection for the Military Services will be held this weekend, September 12 and 13. This collection brings the Gospel, the sacraments and other forms of spiritual support to men and women who serve our country and defend our freedoms.

Have a great
SCHOOL YEAR!



From Deacon Tom's Bench

Twenty fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

"Wrath and anger are hateful things, yet the sinner hugs them tight." How often have you held onto anger or hatred or revenge over a transgression in your life? I know I have!!! Many times!!! But I learned to forgive people their transgressions. It is not an easy thing to do. This is why I believe Jesus said in the Gospel "I say to you , not seven times but seventy times seven". Another saying that also fits here is " If at first you don't succeed, try again". Forgiveness is not a easy thing to do. You can let a transgression fester, tire you out, stress you out, and take control of your life or you can forgive. Forgiveness does not mean that you have to forget the transgression. Forgiveness allows you to move forward with your life, distress, and find peace. When my son Michael and his friend Mark were killed, the impact to both families was devastating. Because of my faith, this gospel and a lot of previous practice, I was able to forgive the young man his hurtful decision to run over the boys. The forgiveness was not instantaneous but took a little time. Because I was able to forgive, I was able to not only help my family but a lot of other people during the two-year ordeal of the legal system. On the flip side, Mark's father was unable to forgive and consequently the two years to the end of the trial were brutal, requiring medication, therapy, and hospitalization, which had a major impact on his life. My suggestion: practice forgiveness, then you can Love Life and Live Life.

Marian Devotion

Our Blessed Mother has many titles within the church and numerous patronages, including the United States. September 15 is the Marian Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows. Often this devotion to Our Lady of Sorrows is referred to as the Seven Sorrows of Mary. These sorrows were foretold by Simeon who proclaimed to Mary "This child is destined to be the downfall and the rise of many in Israel, a sign that will be opposed and you yourself shall be pierced with a sword so that the thoughts of many hearts may be laid bare: (Luke 2:34-35) These seven sorrows include the flight of the Holy Family into Egypt, the loss and finding of Jesus in the temple; Mary's meeting Jesus on the way to Calvary; Mary's standing at the foot of the Cross; Mary's holding Jesus when He was taken down and then His burial in the tomb.

With this in mind, we focus on the compassion of Our Blessed Mother and are reminded by St. John Paul II that Mary Most Holy goes on to this day being the loving consoler of those touched by the physical, mental and moral sorrows which afflict and torment humanity.

Therefore, we honor our Blessed Mother, Our Lady of Sorrows and we pray. We praise you for your faith, O Holy Mother of God, that allowed you to accept the life God planned for you. We praise you for your hope which trusted that God would do great things in you. We praise you for your love in bearing with Jesus the sorrows of His passion.

Holy Mary, may we follow your example and stand by all your children who need comfort and love.

Mother of God, stand by us in our trials and care for us in our needs. Pray for us now and at the hour of our death. Amen.



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