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TBD ..... Music Director

## 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.

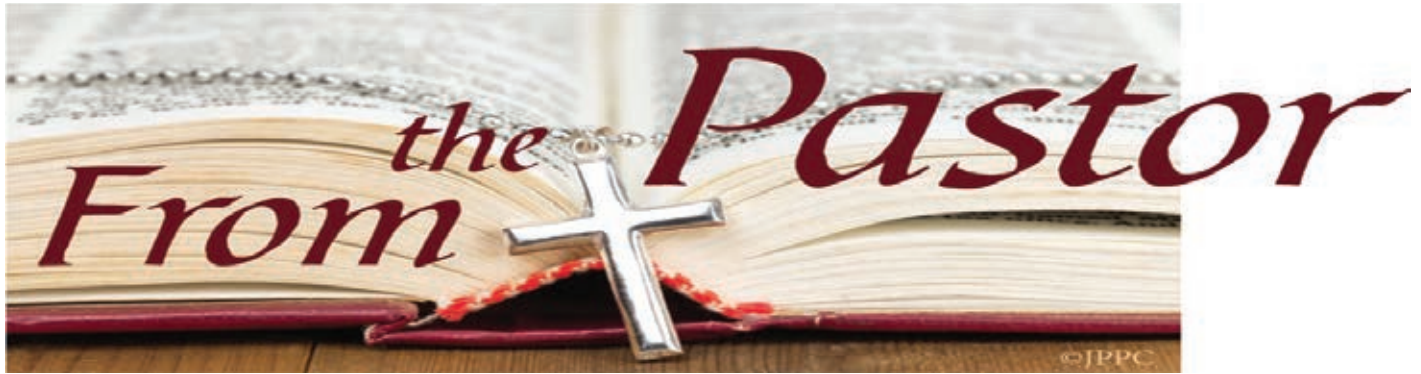
First time parents and godparents are required to attend a Baptism Preparation Session which is held on the 1st Monday of the month at 7:00 PM. Please call the Parish Office for more information.

## 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.



It stood for a number of years in the dining room against the wall next to the cellar door. The small organ was a Sears Catalog type that Santa brought one Christmas when I was a kid. I guess Santa was hoping to perhaps peak my interest in aspiring to become an organist. I messed around with it once in a while trying to bang out some “play-by-number” songs or just making up my own as I went along. I would later decide that the guitar would be my instrument as a rock star “wannabe” and I even took some lessons from Mr. Butterworth at Zapf’s music store. It was my grandfather who was far more interested in that organ. He would play it whenever he visited. Surely, he must have talked with Santa that year. A few years later, that organ was vanquished to the basement when my father bought a “slightly used hi-fi stereo record player-radio combo” from someone at his work. It was a floor model that took up the space where the organ had been. I was happy to be able to play some records with my father’s constant “turn it down, turn it down” as a backbeat. My grandfather, on the other hand, didn’t seem too happy. Soon after came the “big” announcement: my grandfather would be getting my mother a piano. It would be an early Christmas present for his daughter. Sure. Yes, my mother did play a little piano as well as the accordion (*That* is an instrument that I really wish now that I had learned to play. Accordions are cool!), but the fact of the matter is that gramp had no room for a piano in his house; so ours would do just fine. My mother gave the okay over my father’s hesitation and my grandfather would now visit even more frequently and tickle the ivories. My father being less than thrilled would head down to the basement and bring his saxophone (another cool instrument) to life. Oh, the cacophony! Dueling banjos not! And my father told *me* to “turn it down!” In reality, we all had some great fun with that Cunningham piano over the years. I remember playing some *Heart and Soul* with my cousin and keeping much of my guitar music in its bench; truth be told: it did look good against the dining room wall especially during the holidays. It made up for the fireplace that we never had in our little row house. The music that we made over the years certainly wasn’t recording studio quality, but it truly was of heart and soul. This week we welcome someone here to our Holy Cross Parish Family who, I believe, truly brings her heart and soul into her music which is, in fact, of recording studio quality. Those that heard her play our organ in our initial meeting were most duly impressed. I think that you will be too! Mrs. Grete Ingalls is an accomplished musician, organist, teacher, and more. She holds a degree from the Berklee College of Music and two Masters of Music degrees. Grete also holds a certificate as a Colleague of the American Guild of Organists (CAGO). In addition, she is a wife and mother of two girls and brings with her much Peruvian charm. I look forward to getting to know her better as she begins to “tickle the ivories” here at Holy Cross. Welcome, Grete!

Peace!

Fr. Wilson

# Masses For The Week



<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 21</b>
8:30 AM	Anne Creato, Rita Creato and Kathryn Gregorio
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 22</b>
8:30 AM	Tony Pearlingi
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 23</b>
8:30 AM	Anne Scott
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 24</b>
	NO MASS
<b>FRIDAY - Public Mass suspended during the green phase. Mass available online.</b>	
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 25</b>
12:15 PM	People of Holy Cross
<b>NEXT WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS</b>	
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 26</b>
8:30 AM	People of Holy Cross
4:30 PM	John (Pete) Stanley
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 27</b>
8:30 AM	Fr. Michael Scuderi, OSA
11:00 AM	Gerald & Irene Connell

## 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, September 20*

*Total Collection* \$5,408

*Electronic* \$2,308

*Basket & Mail-ins* \$3,100

**Welcome, Grete!**



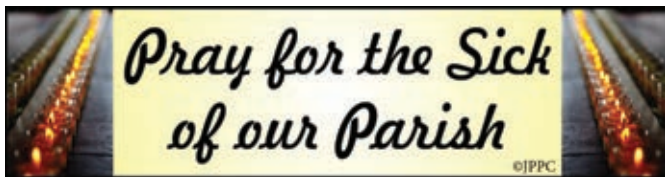
*Welcome to our new Director of Music  
& Organist, Grete Ingalls.*

*We wish Grete much success as she  
leads our music ministry program.*

## **St. Kevin's three-day Novena to Saint Therese of the Child Jesus of the Holy Face**

This year the three-evening novena to St. Therese will be livestreamed at 7:00 pm on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/skparish1/> (Facebook account not needed to view) and also open to the public in church at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, September 29, Wednesday, September 30, and Thursday, October 1. All Covid-19 safety precautions will need to be followed and everyone who attends will need to wear a mask. On the third and final evening, Mass will be celebrated. Join us as we bring our intentions in prayer through her to Jesus. For more information, call 610-544-8777.





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Lyndi Butler	Barbara McCusker
Margaret Cook	Lee Anne McGough
Stephen Collins	Dan Murphy
Samuel Dephillippo	Connie Myers
Nancy DeSanctis	Frances O'Callaghan
Janet Doherty	Charlotte O'Leary
Terrence (Terry) Gibson	Paige O'Leary
Nella Giordano	Mary Ann Purcell
Nicola Giordano	Mary Rafferty
Donna Giorgio	Rose Marie Santos
Carolyn Henderson	Michael Sargent III
Steven Henderson	Joseph Sindoni
Stefanos Karas	Fr. Paul Stenson
Carole Kime	George Vrettos
Mary and Ken Kull	Lily Walker
Kendall Lambert	Nadia Waltanski
Rose Leto	Carter Walton
Patricia Lyons	
Helen Lyons	

### **U.S.C.C.B WEBSITE**

*Readings for daily and Sunday Mass can be found at [usccb.org/bible/readings](http://usccb.org/bible/readings). Click on the calendar on the right to get the readings for the day.*

### **Casserole Drop-Off Date**

The next drop-off is Wednesday, Sept. 23, between 6:00 and 7:00 PM at the gym annex. Anyone wishing to join us can go to [saintjohnshospice.org](http://saintjohnshospice.org) for recipes. Or just make a casserole that you like. Please mark the casserole with the date prepared. Call Connie Labowitz at 610-328-0599 with any questions. Thank you!

## **The Corner**

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"The call to evangelize can seem overwhelming. But as we've seen, it begins with a single, brave step to actually walk the talk of the Gospel --- and love Jesus by our actions, not just our words."

*---Chris Stephen "Dying to Be Happy"*

### **You are needed!**

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Ronnie 610.623.8412

Maryann 610.328.5924, Eileen 610.394.6596

Masks are required. Bring your own prayer book, rosary.

### **Merion Mercy Academy's Virtual Open House**

Sixth, seventh and eighth grade students and their families are welcome to join us at Merion Mercy Academy's Virtual Open House to be held Saturday, October 3, and Sunday, October 11, from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. The scholarship and entrance exam will be given on Saturday, September 26 and October 10. The application/test registration can be completed online at [www.merion-mercy.com](http://www.merion-mercy.com). Students are encouraged to sign up for a virtual school-day visit to Merion on Fridays beginning September 25.



## 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.

## 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 week-end of September 26 and 27. The funds generated by this collection go to support programs and services in the Holy Land.

## Roman Catholic High School

RCHS Scholarship Entrance Exams will take place:

**Saturday, November 14, 2020**

**Sunday, November 22, 2020**

**Saturday, December 5, 2020**

Testing begins at 9:00 AM and you can register at <https://romancatholicshs.com/finalsite.com/admissions/important-dates>

*Silent prayer is the strongest and surest act in the struggle against evil.*

*Cardinal Robert Sarah*

*Prefect of Congregation for Divine Worship  
Discipline of the Sacraments*

From Deacon Tom's Bench - Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

My ways and ideas are not God's ways and thoughts. But hey! If I were God, you would get a post-it note every morning when you woke up with a list of tasks for you to accomplish every day, along with how you should act. And God help you if you did not get them done the way I wanted. Let's all be thankful I am not God!!!!. There are times both now and in the past, when I wanted to put my control over God. Many times when I have begged, pleaded, and gave God, Jesus, in particular, the sad story and excuse to get my way. I had tried praying for the opposite of what I wanted, like praying for a rainy day when what I wanted was a sunny day. Praying for an enemy to succeed when all I wanted was to see them fail miserably. There are times I have negotiated with Jesus. If you let me win the million-dollar lottery, I will donate to the church. If you get me out of this ticket, I promised to be a more considerate driver. If you let me pass this test, I promise to study harder the next time. Then there is what I call the "guilt" prayer. Well, Jesus, if you are not going to listen to me, I am going to talk with your Father, OK, he is not listening, so I am going to speak with your Mother. That is not working, so let me find a Saint that is not being bombarded with prayer requests and see if they can help. I even went so far one time to switch sides and talk with the guy down below. Thankfully, he ignored my request. With our limited knowledge of the big picture, we often can see only our narrow point of view and need to take a step back and give up our view and let Jesus do his thing. This letting go takes courage, especially for control freaks like me. The way I discovered that God's ways are not my ways, that I am not in control, and God is in charge was in 2003 when I applied for the Diaconate. I went through the yearlong interview process, and after a lousy weekend away, I received a letter deferring me from the program. I was a raving lunatic until someone said, "Just see what the office has to say." In the year that followed, we were in a car accident that totaled our van; we buried my grandmother after a long illness, followed by my mother-in-law, followed by surgery and hospitalization of a good friend. And the breakup and divorce of other close friends. If I had been accepted at the time, I probably would not be here because of all of these events and situations that would have pulled my focus from the Diaconate. Next time you think your way is the best, do not react, step back, pray over it, and let God take control.

### The Lives of the Saints

How often do you hear the name of a person canonized by the Roman Catholic Church and not feel a connection? How often do you read a book about a Saint that lived oh so many years ago and think yeah right, this Saint has no connection to my current situation or my problems? Sometimes what we read about a particular Saint is too good to be true. The Saint we honor on September 23 you can connect your life with. Saint "Padre" Pio of Pietrelcina is a modern-day saint. He lived through two World Wars and passed from this world in 1968, which for many of us is within our lifetimes. The good Padre has had numerous books written about him including his letters, his miracles, testimonials of people he has helped and people that knew him personally. There is even a book about the Vatican Secret file on the Good Padre.

As you may have guessed I am a devoted believer in the intercessions of Padre Pio. There have been many prayer requests turned over to him for his intercession and many have been answered. But I am getting off track. Below are just some highlights of this Saint.

Padre Pio suffered the stigmata, the five wounds of Christ, for 50 years. Imagine being in that much pain for that long of a time. He bled from the wounds until his death. The wounds were completely healed when he died.

Padre Pio would spend up to 18 hours a day in the confessional and people would wait in line for hours for just for a few moments of his time. The good padre could read people's souls and would give them direction to turn their lives back toward God.

Padre Pio had the gift of bilocation where he would appear someplace else in answer to a prayer, but he almost never left the mountain top monastery of San Giovanni Rotondo. He was reported in various parts of the world when it would have been impossible to be there.

The good padre fought with the devil daily, physically, and spiritually, and still prevailed.

These are just a few of the many things written about St. Pio. There is not enough space here to give you his full biography, so I offer you a few tidbits to generate an interest.

*St Pio of Pietrelcina, pray for us.*



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