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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.

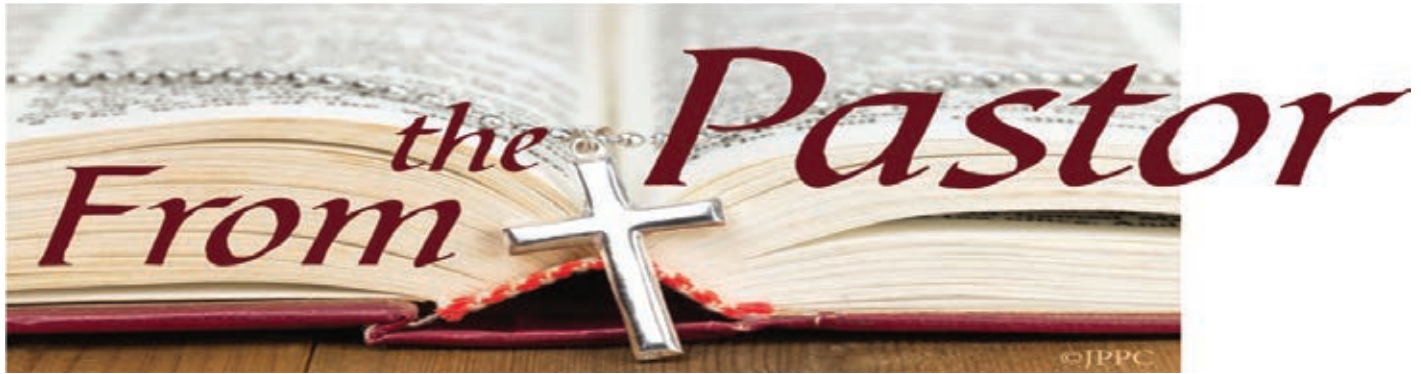
First time parents and godparents are required to attend a Baptism Preparation Session which is held on the 1st Monday of the month at 7:00 PM. Please call the Parish Office for more information.

## 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.



It was a fairly regular ritual when I was young. My father would call for me. Wielding a kitchen knife, he made me stand with my back against the door-less frame of the doorway leading to our little kitchen. He would always bark: *Stand up straight! You're slouching! Don't slouch!* Having a knife flailing before one's face causes excellent posture. Trust me! Placing one hand firmly upon my head so that I didn't move, my father would then cut a little notch even with the top of my head. This was my dear father's growth chart for his little boy. He was so proud of the notches that rose up the edge of the doorway over the years. My mother, on the other hand, was indeed proud of her growing son, but not so much of the notches. A more inconspicuous location could have been chosen or else, a growth chart like they had at the doctor's office could simply have been bought and maybe pasted on the basement wall. My father would have none of it. He wanted the notches visible for the entire world to see. In fact, the marks remained there over the years even after various touch-ups and re-paintings. They are there to this day. I can still see my mother's wincing after her husband cut into a fresh coat of paint. My father notched once again, just for old time's sake, at the time I entered the seminary. He laughed and cried as did I with my mother undoubtedly wincing and rolling her eyes from heaven. Though the notches went only so far up the wall, the marks of growth continued. Our very lives are about growth and maturity until one comes to full stature in Christ. I was thinking about the notched wall of my youth as our young people returned to school this year. Most I have not seen since March and they have all grown quite a bit. There are a few now to whom I have to look up and the rest are well on their way to catching up to (and eventually surpassing) me. Our COVID-19 lockdowns and restrictions have affected many things from the way we work, shop, and learn to the way we pray, worship, and otherwise socially interact. It has affected our growth as well as all of us have had to deal with a known world basically turned on its head. Maybe this is a growth that we will only really be able to appreciate later – much later as we look back upon the “notches on the wall” that they have left. As we continue together to ride out and grapple with the affects of the on going pandemic (in the midst of a testy and heated election year nonetheless), let's stand back for a moment and recognize the growth that has already taken place in what we've learned about endurance and perseverance – the “notches in the wall” so to speak – and continue to support one another in striving to come to full stature in Christ!

Peace!

Fr. Wilson

# Masses For The Week



**MONDAY**                      **SEPTEMBER 28**

**8:30 AM**                      **Lorri Rudolph**

**TUESDAY**                      **SEPTEMBER 29**

**8:30 AM**                      **Eleanor Schweitzer**

**WEDNESDAY**                      **SEPTEMBER 30**

**8:30 AM**                      **Rita McGough**

**THURSDAY**                      **OCTOBER 1**

**NO MASS**

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

**FRIDAY**                      **OCTOBER 2**

**12:15 PM**                      **Frank Lupo**

## **NEXT WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS**

**SATURDAY**                      **OCTOBER 3**

**8:30 AM**                      **Teresa Nero Lawrence**

**4:30 PM**                      **Bernard Zalata**

**SUNDAY**                      **OCTOBER 4**

**8:30 AM**                      **Emily Hannigan**

**11:00 AM**                      **Living and Deceased Members of  
the Casciano Family**

# Thank you!

*Sunday Collection, September 27*

*Total Collection*                      **\$8,548**

*Electronic*                      **\$5,246**

*Basket & Mail-ins*                      **\$3,302**

## **Rosary Rally for America**

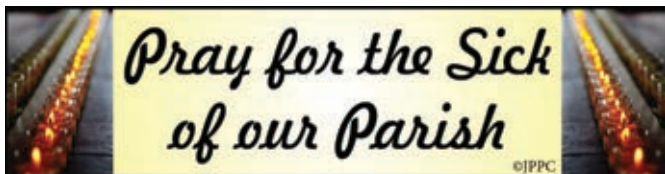
Please join us in praying the Rosary for America! We will gather in front of Holy Cross Church at Springfield Rd. and Bishop Ave. on Saturday, October 10 at noon. You may bring your beach chair if needed. Any questions, contact Connie Labowitz at 610-328-0599.

## **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.

## **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.



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<b>Janet Doherty</b>	<b>Charlotte O'Leary</b>
<b>Terrence (Terry) Gibson</b>	<b>Paige O'Leary</b>
<b>Nella Giordano</b>	<b>Mary Ann Purcell</b>
<b>Nicola Giordano</b>	<b>Mary Rafferty</b>
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<b>Kendall Lambert</b>	<b>Nadia Waltanski</b>
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<b>Helen Lyons</b>	

## The Corner

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Tuesday is the Feast of the Archangels Michael, Gabriel and Raphael. The Catechism tells us these comforting words about guardian angels:

"From its beginning until death, human life is surrounded by their watchful care and intercession. Beside each believer stands an angel as protector and shepherd leading him to life. Already here on earth the Christian life shares by faith in the blessed company of angels and men united in God." ---CCC 336

### Cardinal O'Hara High School

**Become a Lion for life! Please visit [www.cohs.com](http://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**

### 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.***

### You are needed!

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Ronnie 610.623.8412,  
Maryann 610.328.5924, Eileen 610.394.6596

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### 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!







## 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 know that you are making a difference.

Love and Prayers,

Your Friends from the SVDP Food Pantry



## 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 co-operation, 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.

## 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.

## Permanent Diaconate Information Night (on Zoom)

We invite Catholic men (and their wives if married) with a deep spiritual life who are between the ages of 29 and 55, and would like to discern a call to serve Jesus Christ and His Church within the Archdiocese of Philadelphia as permanent deacons to take the next step. This event will take place on Zoom. Please register at [arch-philadelphia.org/deacon](http://arch-philadelphia.org/deacon).

## **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*

### **Ask Deacon Tom:**

As an ordained deacon in the Roman Catholic faith, I often get asked questions about being a deacon, my faith, and other general and specific questions about the Catholic faith itself. Sometimes the answer to the question requires a deep dive into the faith and sometimes the answers are plain and simple. Each week in the bulletin, I will try to provide an answer to some of the questions that I have been asked over the years. If you would like to ask a question, email me at [deacon-tom2011@gmail.com](mailto:deacon-tom2011@gmail.com), and I will try to provide an answer both privately and in the bulletin. All questioners will be kept confidential.

Couples will often approach me and ask if I can marry them. The simple answer is "yes." The more complex answer is "Sure, but it has to be in a Church, Chapel or Oratory. The wedding ceremony does not involve a full Mass so there is no consecration or communion." Besides the marriage license, there are other requirements the church requires for the new couple. A pre-nuptial investigation, a six-month engagement at a minimum and the attendance of a pre-Cana class. All of these requirements are in place to help the couple understand the importance of the commitment they are making to each other and to God in the Sacrament of Matrimony, not to be a burden on the couple or the family.

P.S. I apologize for not answering previous emails. The transition from pre COVID-19 to all of the restrictions and back derailed my plans. Those email questions will be answered in the coming weeks.

## **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 [archphila.org](http://archphila.org) and [catholicphilly.com](http://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](http://FaithfulCitizenship.org).

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

**Catholic Social Services is here to help you? You may be eligible for financial assistance. Please call 215-624-5920 for further information.**



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