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Mr. Timothy Reilly 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

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.

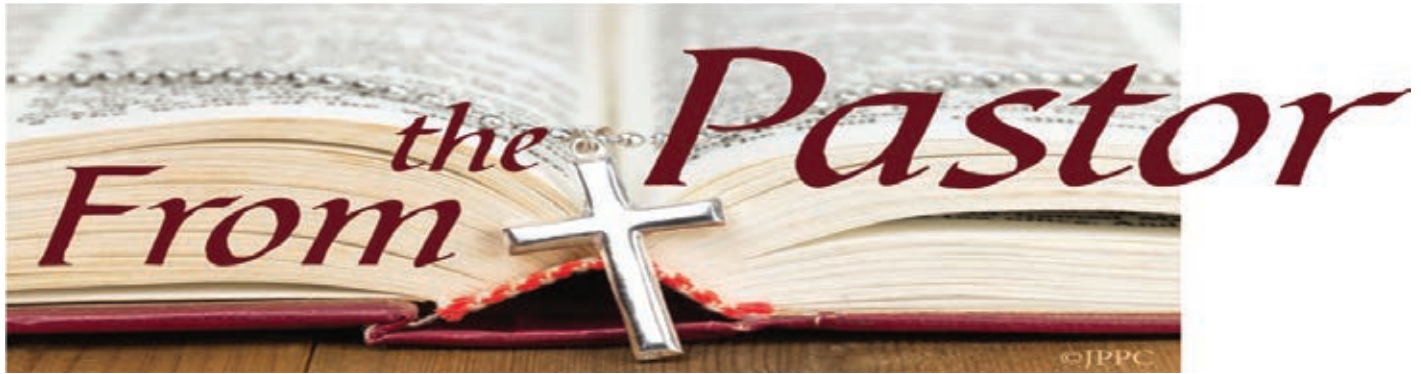
First time parents and godparents are required to attend a Baptism Preparation Session which is held on the 1st Monday of the month at 7:00 PM. Please call the Parish Office for more information.

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



And suddenly, there they were. It was rather biblical really. Rocco, Roman, and Daniel were setting out to reconnoiter the land; to see for themselves; to give report of that which had been so promised. A new school year was just on the other side of the Jordan. It would be different from that of the past. There would be new teachers and new rules. There would be need for sanitizing and social distancing; mask wearing and more hand washing than ever. The three young men were perusing the grounds and peeking in the windows of Holy Cross School. They would soon be on the inside looking out. The three boys saw me crossing the parking lot and rode their bikes towards me. We talked. They had many questions. It was good to see them. It had been quite a while – since March, in fact. They seemed eager to get back to school, yes, but more so, like all of us, eager to get back to some sense of normalcy. The “fun” of a very unexpected and long “coronacation” was definitely over. It was time to cross the Jordan. That crossing took place on Tuesday of this past week, when Holy Cross School opened its doors for the new school year welcoming my three young friends along with the rest of the whole school community. Preparing to open our school has not been an easy endeavor in our COVID world of 2020. There have been many meetings, much dialogue, and the crafting of guidelines and protocols bearing in mind current (and constantly changing, it seems) federal, state, local, and archdiocesan health and safety regulations. Special kudos and thanks need to be given to our school principal (Dr. Mary Rose Worrilow), maintenance staff (Mr. Ron Gardner and Mr. Mike Thompson), school secretary (Mrs. Ellen Spurrier), and faculty both new and old who have worked so hard to make sure that we can safely and confidently open the doors of our school once again. Special thanks to our Knights of Columbus also. Some men of the K of C volunteered in helping to get some painting work done. It’s been a busy summer! There is a new public address/phone system in school, hand sanitizing stations, deep cleaning/disinfection equipment, and safety shielding. Virtual learning is an option some parents have chosen. School is certainly the same, and yet, very different. My three young friends can tell you that. I suppose it was that way too on that day when the reconnoiterers and all of the Chosen People finally crossed the Jordan entering the Promised Land. The land itself, probably looked much the same once on the other side, though one’s feet were now wet. Though the land may have looked the same at first, it wasn’t the same. The difference was the Promise. This was the land that God had promised and God’s promise was one of blessing and fruitfulness and hope. This is the same promise that our new school year brings even in the midst of our ongoing corona pandemic with all of its attending anxiety and uncertainty. This is something, I believe, that the boys knew instinctively that day as they circled the school on their bikes checking things out and reconnoitering. It’s what a Catholic School is all about. May God bless and keep safe all of our students, faculty, and staff as they begin the new school year at Holy Cross! It is one filled with great Promise!

Peace!
Fr. Wilson

Masses For The Week



MONDAY	SEPTEMBER 7
8:30 AM	Patrick Gallagher (36th Anniv.)
TUESDAY	SEPTEMBER 8
8:30 AM	John Stevens (5th Anniv.)
WEDNESDAY	SEPTEMBER 9
8:30 AM	Kathryn Gregorio, Rita Creato and Anne Creato
THURSDAY	SEPTEMBER 10
	NO MASS

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

FRIDAY	SEPTEMBER 11
12:15 PM	Fred Senderoff

NEXT WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY	SEPTEMBER 12
8:30 AM	People of Holy Cross
4:30 PM	Claire Keating
SUNDAY	SEPTEMBER 13
8:30 AM	Harry Cook
11:00 AM	Gerald & Irene O'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.

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Weekly Offerings

Sunday Collections

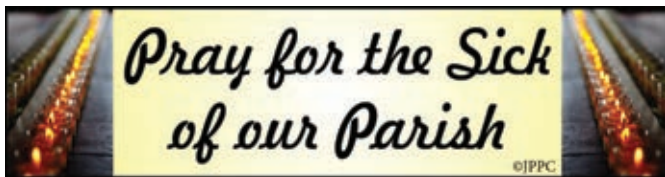
August 23	\$8,834
August 30	\$8,245

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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.





Sharon Burr	Joanne Marks
Lyndi Butler	Barbara McCusker
Margaret Cook	Lee Anne McGough
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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 Stevens
Carole Kime	Adele Sulpizio
Mary and Ken Kull	George Vrettos
Kendall Lambert	Lily Walker
Rose Leto	Nadia Waltanski
Patricia Lyons	Carter Walton
Helen Lyons	

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.

Thank you, Tim!

Some bittersweet news: Mr. Tim Reilly has been the Director of Music and Organist here with our Holy Cross family for the last six years. He is taking on a new position and will be leaving us. We are grateful for his musical leadership and always friendly demeanor. We wish him well in his new endeavor and want him to know that he is always welcome here at Holy Cross!

The Corner

Brought to you by your Evangelization Team

Tuesday is the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

"Catholics recognize Mary as the 'woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars' whose 'child' shall 'rule all the nations with a rod of iron'." (Rev 12:1-5)

---Robert M Haddad "1001 Reasons Why it's Great to be Catholic"

You are needed!

To visit with Jesus

Monday thru Friday 9:00 AM – 7:00 PM

In our Adoration Chapel.

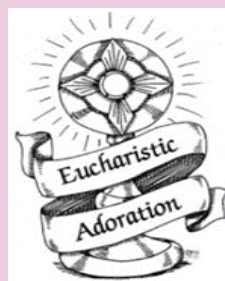
Could you stay for an hour?

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

Thank you

Knights of Columbus

We like to send a sincere thank you to the members of the Knights of Columbus for volunteering their time to paint the restrooms in the school. The men spent several days before school opened to make the restrooms look great!

Black & Indian Missions

The collection for the Black and Indian Missions will be held this weekend, Sept. 5 and 6. This collection has changed the landscape of evangelization and education efforts for Native Americans, Alaskan Americans and African Americans throughout the United States.

Archdiocese for the Military Services Collection

The Collection for the Military Services will be held next 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.

REFLECTION

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Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

The History Channel is one of my favorites, especially when its programming matches its name. Over this summer I was able to watch a series called "The Men Who Built America." It was all about the tycoons, sometimes tyrannical men who captured the industrial revolution and made it work both for them and for our burgeoning country. Allow me to single out Cornelius Vanderbilt, who expanded our country's railroads and made its expansion happen by ultimately connecting people from coast to coast. Of course, Cornelius himself never lifted a shovel. He labored over investments and the workers' paychecks being available.

On this eve of Labor Day, it must be said that railroad construction in those days was largely a matter of hand labor with picks and shovels. It was hard work to say the least, and it is amazing what the workers produced. But it is a good thing to celebrate all laborers in our own time, and to honor the good benefits of work.

It so happens that our Scriptures this weekend speak of a different kind of labor: very real and the complete opposite of gang work. It is called "fraternal correction." What is it? It is the "admonishing of one's neighbor by a private individual with the purpose of reforming him, or, if possible, preventing his sinful indulgence." So it is a private matter, usually between good friends, in which one takes the initiative in pointing out the other's incipient or ongoing problem. It's Harry or Harriet calling their close buddy aside and saying things like "You have bad halitosis", or "You've been drinking a lot lately", or "The boss is concerned that you're coming in late too much." The range is as wide as the human situation permits.

Granted, this is difficult, and we have a natural tendency to avoid it. We wonder whether, after offering our counsel, we will still have a friend. But if our friendship runs deeper than a surface kind of thing, it becomes essential.

This concept runs through the Old and New Testaments. We read today that Ezekiel is commanded to do it, and if he does not, he faces his own peril of death. Jesus practiced it. Recall His response when Peter urged Him to dismiss the idea of suffering and death as part of His mission: "Get behind Me, Satan!"

As consolation, presumably here to those of us who accept the challenge of correcting a brother or sister, Jesus offers His promise to be present when as little as two people are gathered in His name. He knows the difficulty. He admires our courage. He makes the generous gift.

In the movie "Chariots of Fire," young Harold Abrahams, a champion sprinter, had just suffered his first-ever defeat. After the race, he sat alone, pouting in the bleachers. When his girlfriend tried to encourage him, he bellowed, "If I can't win, I won't run!" To which she wisely, and with courage replied, "If you don't run, you can't win." God love you and give you His peace. And Happy Labor Day!

54-Day Rosary Novena

To stave off violence and civil unrest, you are encouraged to join the 54-day Rosary Novena for God's peace and blessing surrounding the coming election. Pray one Rosary each day from August 15 through October 7. For the first 27 days, pray for the intention of peace and blessing around the November election. During the last 27 days, thank God in faith with the belief that the favor has already been granted. For more information, visit WWW.QUEENOFPEACEMEDIA.COM.



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