



HOLY CROSS CHURCH

651 East Springfield Road • Springfield, Pennsylvania 19064

MARCH 18, 2018 • FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Business Office / Rectory 610-626-3321 • 610-626-3322
 Parish School 610-626-1709
 Religious Education..... 610-626-1057
 Convent 610-626-2491
 Pastoral Minister..... 610-259-8266
 Music Director..... 215-431-2883
 Youth Minister..... jbraconnier@stkevin.com
 Website..... www.holycrosscatholics.org
 E-mail contactus@holycrosscatholics.org

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Evening: 4:30 PM
 Sunday, Upper Church: 8:30 and 11:00 AM
 Holy Day: 8:30 AM and 7:00 PM
 Weekday: 8:30 AM

CONFESSIONS

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

MARRIAGE POLICY

Arrangements are made directly with the Parish Priests, within six months before the intended wedding date. Weddings are reserved for active parishioners. Pre-Cana Session is required. Please call Rectory for appointment with Parish Priests. Our next Pre-Cana day will be on April 7, 2018. To register, call Bill & Nicole @ 610-626-8486.

VISITATION TO SICK AND INFIRM

Please call the Rectory or Mrs. Judy Vacca, Pastoral Minister, when a parishioner is hospitalized or homebound.

REGISTRATIONS

By Appointment. All Catholics living in the parish should register at the Rectory. Please call Parish Office to make an appointment with one of the Parish Priests.

PARISH PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. John D. Gabin Pastor
 Deacon Robert Frankenberger
 Deacon Joseph N. Gousie
 Deacon Kevin Harrington
 Sr. Loretta Saudarg, RSM Business Manager
 Mrs. Judy Vacca Pastoral Minister
 Mrs. Maureen Ward Principal
 Mrs. Kelly Meliti Director of Religious Education
 Mr. Timothy Reilly Music Director
 Mr. Jeffrey P. Braconnier Youth Minister

BAPTISM POLICY

Baptisms are celebrated every Sunday, except for the first Sunday of the month, at 12:00 PM. Please call the rectory at 610-626-3321 to set up an appointment with a Priest. First time parents and godparents are required to attend a Baptism Preparation Session. Only when Certificates of Eligibility from godparents are presented, then a date for the baptism can be set.

The Baptism Preparation Sessions are held the first Sunday of the month at 12:00 PM in the Upper Church, with registration required. To register, please call the parish secretary during regular business hours (Monday to Friday, 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM). Registration must be made prior to the last Friday of the month. If no registrations are received, a session may not be held.

BUSINESS OFFICE HOURS

(Entrance through the middle, rear door of the Church)
 Monday – Friday Only: 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM (Closed for Lunch 12-1 PM); Closed Saturday and Sunday

PASTOR'S CORNER



To thank our wonderful parish volunteers who offer so much time and effort in all kinds of ways in different parish organizations and ministries, we will have a ***VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DINNER on Saturday, April 21, at 5:30 PM***, in the Parish Hall. So we can obtain a head count, please fill out the form below and return it by April 8, in the collection basket, or in the business office, or rectory drop-box. Please come and enjoy a deluxe buffet dinner with other parish volunteers.

Congratulations to parishioner, Bernadette Simpson Udovich for being named a Teacher of the Year for Chester and Delaware counties by the Franklin Mint. Bernadette teaches at the Garrettford School



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VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DINNER

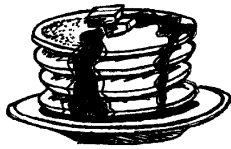
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ORGANIZATIONS OR MINISTRIES

THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
CLOTHING DRIVE
www.SVdPPickup.org

Holy Cross Parish will be hosting a clothing drive to benefit The Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Saturday, April 7, from 9 AM to 1 PM.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be using the services of **GreenDrop** to support their clothing drive. Look for the **GreenDrop** truck in the church parking lot where an attendant will be available to assist you with your donations. Please place your donations of usable men's, women's and children's clothing in plastic bags or boxes. Household items such as kitchenware, games/toys, small appliances under 50 pounds, electronics, sporting goods, books, CDs & videos are also accepted. Unfortunately, **furniture, large appliances, TVs or computer monitors cannot be accepted.** For a full list of acceptable items visit www.gogreendrop.com. To learn more about GreenDrop visit their website: www.gogreendrop.com



The Holy Cross Knights of Columbus Semi-Annual Pancake Breakfast will be held today, Sunday, March 18, from 8:00 AM until 1:00 PM. Tickets for the breakfast will be \$8 for adults and \$6 for children (12 and under).

3801 Lancaster: AMERICAN TRAGEDY
 Holy Cross Parish invites all to a free screening of the documentary **3801 Lancaster: American Tragedy** on Sunday, March 25, from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM in the Parish Hall located at 240 N. Bishop Avenue, Springfield. "3801" explores the history of, and the investigation into, the infamous abortion clinic in West Philadelphia run by Dr. Kermit Gosnell.
Knowledge is power – Learn the truth!
 Complimentary refreshments; donations will be accepted for a local pregnancy center. See you on Sunday the 25th - Don't miss it!



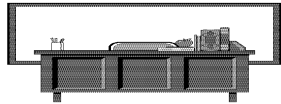
MONDAY	MARCH 19
Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary	
8:30 AM	MARY BILOTTA
TUESDAY	MARCH 20
8:30 AM	AMATO CAVALCANTE
WEDNESDAY	MARCH 21
8:30 AM	NANCY FORTUNATO
THURSDAY	MARCH 22
8:30 AM	DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE WILLIAM P. ROBINSON, SR. FAMILY
FRIDAY	MARCH 23
Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop	
8:30 AM	EDNA PACE
7:00 PM	STATIONS OF THE CROSS
SATURDAY	MARCH 24
Blessed Oscar Romero, Bishop and Martyr	
8:30 AM	SAM FORLANO
10:30 AM	CONFIRMATION

NEXT WEEKEND MASSES INTENTIONS

SATURDAY	MARCH 24
4:30 PM	CHARLES LAULETTA
SUNDAY	MARCH 25
8:30 AM	JOHN BOYLE (For the Living - 91 st Birthday)
11:00 AM	PEOPLE OF HOLY CROSS

CASSEROLE DROP-OFF DATE

The next drop-off is Wednesday, March 21, between 6:00 and 7:00 PM at the parish hall annex. Anyone wishing to join us can go to saintjohnshospice.org for recipes, or just make a casserole that you like. Call Connie Labowitz at 610-328-0599 with any questions. Thank you!



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

We see in this Gospel passage how word of mouth got the message to Our Lord: the Greeks approached St. Philip; St. Philip talked to St. Andrew; Philip and Andrew in turn told Our Lord about the Greeks.

Our lives are full of talking to others. How valuable this is! God intends speech to communicate, to share truth and love and the good things that people need to hear.

But how uncharitable speech can become. How easily and how often we can speak wrongly. We lie, we ridicule, curse and put down others, and we gossip. We talk about others in unfair, unnecessary and uncharitable ways.

Our Lord in the Gospel talks about hating ourselves so that we may truly live. May we hate this gossip in our lives. Be silent when we hear it. Change the conversation to a good topic. Say good things about people.

We will only serve and follow Jesus and love others when we hate the poison of gossip in our lives and realize the destruction it can do.

So before we repeat a story about someone, we need to ask ourselves three things: Is it true? Is it kind? Is it really necessary that we say it?

If not, we should be quiet.



**STATIONS OF
THE CROSS
LENTEN
FRIDAY EVENINGS
7:00 PM**



*John Boyle
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Tom Cleary
Stephen Collins
Mary Convery
Sharon Diemer
Kathleen Dixon
Jim Donahue
Dorothy Eberhard
Mary Ann Farrell
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Steven Henderson
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Mary Kull
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Joseph Sindoni
Adeline Sulpizio
Nadia Waltanski*



**Volunteers Needed
Easter Ministry**

During this Holy Season, the parish wants our sick and homebound to know that we think about them and remember them in our prayers. if possible, we would like the Ministers of the Homebound who can, to deliver a plant and card to those they visit. We also need other volunteers to help us. The plants and cards can be picked up at the convent between 9:15 AM and 1:00 PM, Tuesday, March 27, and they should be delivered that day. Please call Judy at 610-259-8266, by Friday, March 23, if you can help us deliver on March 27. Thank you for bringing the joy and hope of the Resurrection to our sick and homebound parishioners. Homebound parishioners, please be aware that someone will be visiting you on March 27.

**NICOLE GALLO'S SUNSHINE & BUBBLES
SCHOLARSHIP – MARCH 19, 2018**

Join us in celebrating St. Joseph's Day while also supporting a great cause, the Nicole Gallo Sunshine and Bubbles Scholarship. Come out and treat yourself to dinner at Panera Bread located in Havertown, 116 W. Township Line Road, (Lowe's Center) between the hours of 4:00 PM and 8:00 PM. A percentage of all proceeds will be donated by Panera Bread to the Scholarship Fund at Bonner and Prendie, in Nicole's memory - a 2004 Graduate of Holy Cross and 2008 Graduate of Archbishop Prendergast. Must present flyer at cashier for credit. Flyer is online at Facebook: search Nicole Gallo Sunshine and Bubbles 5K, or you can pick up a flyer with all details in the church vestibules. We hope to see you there!

**Fifth Annual Nicole Gallo Sunshine and
Bubbles 5K Run/ Walk & Kids Run**

Sunday, March 25, beginning on the campus of Monsignor Bonner and Archbishop Prendergast High School. Kids Run at 1:30 PM, 5K/Walk at 2:00 PM. Created in memory of Nicole Gallo, Holy Cross '04 and Prendie '08 graduate, this event supports a scholarship fund for Bonner and Prendie students. In addition to race day festivities, our two-day celebration will feature a memorial Mass on Saturday, March 24, at 3:30 PM, in Prendie's chapel. Race day will include a celebration with food, music, moon bounce, face painting, raffles, college mascots and free pictures with the Easter Bunny. Register today at Runsignup.com/race and search Nicole Gallo 5K. Interested in donating, sponsoring or volunteering? Contact us at Sunshineandbubbles1211@gmail.com.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this worthy cause!

THREE PARISH BOOK CLUB

The Three Parish Book Club meets on the last Wednesday of the month from September through June. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, March 28, at 7:00 PM at the Parish Center at Holy Cross Church. At each meeting we not only discuss the month's selection, but also offer each other suggestions of books we personally enjoyed. In March, we will be discussing *The Jeweler's Shop* a play in three acts. You need not have read the month's selection to attend the meeting. We would love to have you join us for refreshments and conversation.

March

The Jeweler's Shop by Karol Wojtyla (before he became Pope John Paul II)

April

The Screwtape Letters by C. S. Lewis

The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe by

C. S. Lewis

May

Rediscovering the Rosary by Matthew Kelly

For more information, please contact Joy Van Berg at 610-328-2095 or at: joyvanberg@gmail.com

Little Sisters of the Poor

Spring Concert

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Come join us for an exciting Little Sisters of the Poor's Spring Concert, with music from two great Irish groups - SCYTHIAN, our featured band, and **MC LEAN AVENUE BAND**, our opening act! Have fun while helping us raise much needed funds for the elderly poor of Holy Family Home. Concert will be held at Villanova University's Jake Nevin Field House, on Saturday, April 7, with doors open at 6:00 PM. General admission is \$50/person (\$20 students, \$10 ages 12 and under) and includes food and beverages. Please send orders to Holy Family Home, Dept. PB, 5300 Chester Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19143 or call Catherine, (215-729-5153, or visit our website at: www.littlesistersofthepoorphiladelphia.org

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Office of the Archbishop
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Philadelphia, PA 19103-1299

March 2018

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On *Good Friday*, March 30, we celebrate the mystery of the Lord's Passion, contemplating the sacrifice by which Jesus redeemed the human race from sin and death. It also has been our longstanding tradition as Catholics to offer alms in support of the Catholic Community in the Holy Land.

As directed by our Holy Father, Pope Francis, funds generated by this collection support programs and services in the Holy Land. Support is needed to maintain the sacred places, to provide educational and pastoral programs as well as outreach programs for the poor through established charitable institutions.

On behalf of those Christians and others in so much need, I seek your most generous and sacrificial support of the ***Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land on March 30***. I know that God our Father will reward your generosity beyond all measure.

Gratefully and with best wishes in Jesus Christ,

Most Reverend Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap.
Archbishop of Philadelphia

ATTENTION, PARENTS AND GRANDPARENTS

Our Children's Liturgy of the Word program is available for your children at the 11:00 AM Mass every Sunday. We hope you will encourage your little ones to hear the Word of God spoken to them at their level. They have the opportunity to interact with the teacher and each other. Then, they return to worship with their families and the Holy Cross Community.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, pray for us!

BEQUEST TO THE PARISH

You can make a bequest to Holy Cross Parish by having the following statement in your will: "I leave to Holy Cross Parish, Springfield, PA, the sum of (whatever it may be) for its religious, charitable and educational works."

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