



HOLY CROSS CHURCH

651 East Springfield Road • Springfield, Pennsylvania 19064

NOVEMBER 19, 2017 • THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

As we approach Thanksgiving Day, we realize that God has given us everything and that we must show our gratitude. Our gratitude to Our Lord will be imperfect if it is in words alone. We must perfect it by action; that is, by being patient with those who do not live up to our expectations, and by being responsible to our duties and kind and generous to those who need our help.

May we resolve to take each gift Our Lord gives us and return it to Him by our intelligent and unselfish use of it. In our dealings with others, may we treat them with some of the generosity, love and consideration that God has shown us. By doing this, we sincerely say to Our Lord: "Thank You."

Join me this week in saying "Thank You" to Our Lord, at the 8:30 AM Mass on Thanksgiving Day, here at Holy Cross. You are also welcome to join me for the Ecumenical Thanksgiving Prayer Service on Thanksgiving Eve, Wednesday, November 22, at 7:30 PM, at St. Matthew Lutheran Church, 400 Lynbrooke Road, Springfield.

We congratulate our young parishioners who have just received the Sacrament of Penance for the first time. May they and their families always stay close to Jesus through a frequent celebration of this wonderful Sacrament.



Volunteers Needed For Church

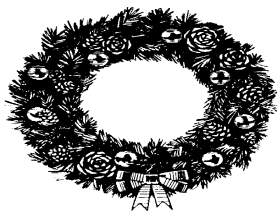
Christmas Decorating

Stable and Trees

Sunday, December 10, 12 Noon

Flowers

Saturday, December 16, 9:30 AM



CEMETERY BLANKETS

The Holy Cross #15482 will be holding their Annual Cemetery Blanket Sale. Price will be \$22.00 per blanket. Due to some requests last year we are also going to be selling 22/24" Door Wreaths w/bow as well. Wreaths are also \$22.00 each. To place an order you can call, text or e-mail Andy Grajek @ 610-761-9020 or gfrady@juno.com and leave your name, phone number and the amount of blankets/wreaths that you wish to order. Please leave your contact information. There will also be order forms on the tables in the vestibules of Holy Cross Church throughout the sale. If you contact me by e-mail, I can also send you a form electronically. Checks/orders can be sent by mail. Make checks payable to: Holy Cross KOC #15482. Checks can be mailed to: Cemetery Blankets, c/o Andy Grajek, 492 Indian Rock Drive, Springfield, PA 19064. Cemetery blankets will be available for pick up in the Holy Cross School Parking Lot on Saturday - 12/9/17 from 9:00 AM until Noon.

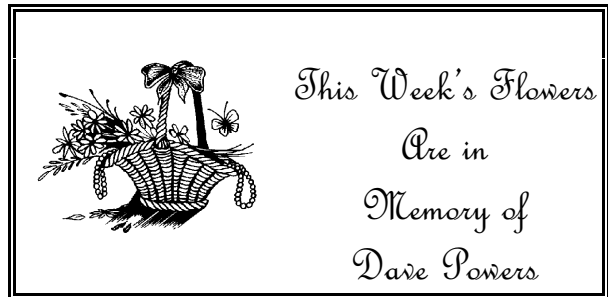


**Masses
For The
Week**

MONDAY	NOVEMBER 20
8:30 AM	CLEMENT MC SWIGGAN
TUESDAY	NOVEMBER 21
The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	
8:30 AM	BERNARD A. O'DELL
WEDNESDAY	NOVEMBER 22
Saint Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr	
8:30 AM	DR. JOSEPH J. ARMAO
THURSDAY	NOVEMBER 23
Thanksgiving	
Saint Clement I, Pope and Martyr	
Saint Columban, Abbot	
Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro, Priest and Martyr	
8:30 AM	FRED SEVERS
FRIDAY	NOVEMBER 24
Saint Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs	
8:30 AM	GLORIA SANDUSKY
SATURDAY	NOVEMBER 25
Saint Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr	
8:30 AM	MICHAEL BASELICE (4 TH Anniversary)
NEXT WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS	
SATURDAY	NOVEMBER 25
4:30 PM	PEOPLE OF HOLY CROSS
SUNDAY	NOVEMBER 26
8:30 AM	ARMAND DI CLEMENTE
11:00 AM	ANTHONY J. REVELLO, JR. MARY E. REVELLO



Lucille Bennett	Kendall Lambert
Bob Cassidy	Rose Leto
Jim Cleary	Helen Lyons
Tom Cleary	Patricia Lyons
Stephen Collins	Linda Marandola
Sharon Diemer	Joanne Marks
Mary Dierden	Kevin McAnulla
Kathleen Dixon	Catherine McNulty
Dorothy Eberhard	Thomas Miller
Ruth Facciolo	Dan Murphy
Mary Ann Farrell	Frances O'Callaghan
Nicola Giordano	Eve Palermo
Carolyn Henderson	Patty Pelly
Steven Henderson	Francis Romano
Kevin Houseman	Joseph Sindoni
Maren Kanjewski	Adeline Sulpizio
Carole Kime	Paul Tomczyk
Mary Kull	Nadia Waltanski



FOOD PANTRY

*The Food Pantry is distributing turkeys/
chickens, and/or hams while supplies last on
Monday, November 20, starting at 3:30 PM. If you
know anyone in need of food in Delaware County,
please share this information with them.*

*It's hard to believe that Thanksgiving is just
a few short days away. We cannot share enough our
Sincere Thanks to all of you...not only for this
Thanksgiving drive but for all you do all year to help
our most in need in our community.*

*Just a reminder: we will be closed on
Wednesday, November 22, so our volunteers can start
to prepare their own meals for the holiday.*

*Happy Thanksgiving from your Friends from
the St. Vincent dePaul Food Pantry!*

Welcome !

**OFFERING THE HAND OF
FRIENDSHIP TO NEW MEMBERS
WE WELCOME TO THE
HOLY CROSS PARISH:**

**STEVEN AND AMBER CORP AND
FAMILY**

MARIA CAVALIERE AND FAMILY

**NICHOLAS AND SANDRA DE NICOLA AND
FAMILY**

**JAMES AND MONICA GIBBONS AND
FAMILY**

KYLE MANN

VALERIE MARZULLI AND FAMILY



**WE WELCOME TO THE
CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY:**

**SLOANE MARIE MURRAY
AND
BROOKLYN ELIZABETH
POWERS**



**WE
CONGRATULATE
OUR NEWLY
MARRIED
COUPLES FROM
THE MONTH OF
OCTOBER:**

**CHRISTOPHER HEPPARD AND
MICHELLE C. GONZALEZ**

**CRAIG J. HEDRICK AND
MICHELE C. BELLISSIMO**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED
PARISHIONER AND THE COMFORT
OF HER FAMILY AND FRIENDS
MARIANNE GOLD 10-21-2017**

THREE PARISH ADVENT DAY



Sunday, November 26, 2017

1:00 - 3:00 PM

Holy Cross Parish Center

Join fellow parishioners and neighbors in an afternoon of interactive, hands-on activities to welcome in the Advent Season.

- * Making an Advent Wreath
- * Advent Bingo / Prizes
- * Advent Prayer
- * Blessing of Baby Jesus from your Manger
- * Refreshments

Materials Fee: \$10

Call St. Francis of Assisi Parish to register.

610-543-0848



**PRAY FOR THE SAFETY AND
PROTECTION OF OUR LOVED ONES
IN THE
ARMED FORCES.**

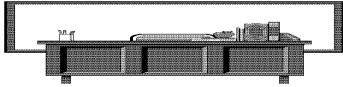
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STAFF SERGEANT GERALD DE JOHN
LT. AMY CALLAHAN, USN, MD
LT. JAMES P. CALLAHAN, USN
SERGEANT JOHN G. LAROUCHE
2ND LT. MATTHEW PIOTROWICZ, USMC
CORPORAL JUSTIN D'ARCY
SERGEANT ALEX RANKIN, USMC**

Thank You!

**SUNDAY COLLECTION
AMOUNT RECEIVED**

**NOVEMBER 12
\$10,520**



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

It's very interesting to notice that, in this parable, the man with the five talents and the one with the two talents receive the exact same praise and reward from the master.

Our Lord wanted us to know that God judges us on our own individual merits and not in reference to anyone else's merits or accomplishments.

Our natural tendency is to look down on those who are less gifted, and to feel inferior in the presence of those who are more talented. Both attitudes, of course, are wrong.

Humility is complete and absolute honesty. It means recognizing what we are – just what we are with our talents and limitations. And it means being glad to be what we are, and not feeling one bit of resentment about what we are not. Such humility brings tremendous peace.

Success in life isn't measured by comparing ourselves to others or weighing our accomplishments against theirs. Success is measured by how we use the talents and gifts God has given us. A good secretary is a much bigger success than a bad vice-president.

Real humility is being glad to be what we are - even with all our mistakes. It doesn't get envious of others or put down their accomplishments – as though somehow they are a threat to us.

Greatness consists in being perfectly what we are, not what someone else is!

THE GIVING TREE

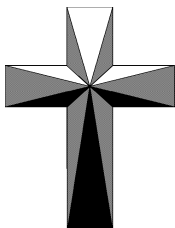


The Respect Life Committee is asking our Holy Cross Family to help make a needy child's Christmas merry and bright.

The Tree will be in Church from November 24 to December 10. Please take a tag and purchase a gift and return your gift wrapped with the tag attached. Place under the tree by Sunday, December 10. Thank you for your generosity.



***HOLY CROSS CRAFT FAIR TO BENEFIT RESPECT LIFE GROUP
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A TIME TO GIVE THANKS

November is a time to count our many BLESSINGS, and, why not give thanks weekly to our Lord throughout the year?

Come to our Adoration Chapel and personally THANK GOD! Just One Hour per Week or any amount of time you can spare...MONDAY THRU FRIDAY 6:00 AM TO 9:00 PM. It will be the best hour you ever spent!!! Call: 610-623-8412; 610-328-2115; 610-284-5950; 610-544-4450

THANKSGIVING STORY

There was a young boy and his little sister who lived in an old apartment building with a lot of other families. The apartment building was a wreck, but it was all they could afford because their father left them three years earlier.

It was getting close to Christmas but the mother of these children had already told them this was going to be a different kind of Christmas. She still owed part of the rent for October. She had borrowed money to buy groceries. The electricity and gas bills were still unpaid.

It was going to be a different kind of Christmas. In the past the children had always gone Christmas shopping and they could buy one favorite toy they could afford. This year, however, the mother told her children that they could go Christmas *looking* but not Christmas *shopping*.

The children put on their coats that were three winters old and went with their mother to the biggest department store in the city. When they got inside the store, they quickly ran to the escalator to go up to the toy department. As they got near the top, they hopped back a couple of steps so that the ride would last longer. Then they jumped off and decided to ride down again just for fun. On the way back to the top, they caught up with their mother.

When they got to the toys, the boy ran to the trains and rested his head in his hands as he watched them pass through the tunnel and climb up the mountains and change tracks so that others could pass. He would still be there, but his mother made him come with her and his sister to listen to the music boxes in another part of the store.

On their way their eyes reflected the shining tinsel and the sparkling lights hanging from pillar to pillar overhead. They were so busy looking that they bumped into an old lady wearing dark glasses and poking her way through the store with a white cane. The children apologized as they moved around her, but you could see they were thinking about how many beautiful things the old lady was missing.

When they got to the music boxes, the little girl didn't know which one to pick up first. So she picked up two at the same time and placed them to each ear and heard "Silent Night" and "Silver Bells" in a strange kind of stereo. It was hard for the little girl to leave the music boxes behind, but at least she had gotten to listen to them. And maybe *next* Christmas she could get one.

As they were leaving the store, they stopped by a large picture window which displayed a big stable with animals that were close to life size. There were Mary and Joseph and in the manger, the baby Jesus. The boy and his sister stared at the crib for a long time and then the Christmas lookers headed home.

That night the boy and his sister knelt on the opposite sides of the bed they shared and their mother who was standing in the doorway heard them pray:

Thank you, Jesus, because even though we don't have a lot of toys, we have two good feet that make it fun to ride the escalator. And you didn't have a music box, but I'm sure your mommy sang to you as pretty as our mother sings to us.

Thank you also for eyes to see the shining stars and fat Santas and funny elves.

Jesus, sometimes we think we're poor, but having things like these make us rich. Thanks again, Jesus. We love you.

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2 Corinthians 9:7

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