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JANUARY 14, 2018 • SECOND 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

Please keep in your prayers all who are traveling to Washington, D.C. this Friday for the March for Life - including our entire eighth grade class - that their public witness will help achieve a great respect for all human life, from conception to natural death. Those taking our parish bus are encouraged to dress warmly and bring plenty of food. The bus will leave our Church parking lot at 7:30 AM and return by 8:30 PM. Everyone is invited to a Mass which I will offer at 6:30 AM for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children.

'LUMINARIES FOR LIFE'

Please participate in our annual "Luminaries for Life" on Thursday evening, January 18. On the eve of the 45th Annual March for Life in Washington, DC, let us remember each of the 59 million precious lives lost to abortion since Roe v. Wade, who continue to burn brightly in God's love. Line the streets of our parish with the flames of His LOVE!

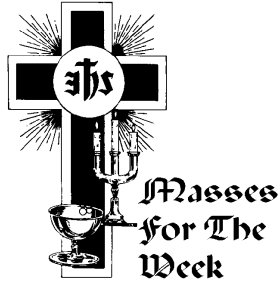
Get your "Luminaries for Life" after all Masses this weekend of January 13 and 14. For a suggested \$5 donation, we will give you 10 bags and 10 (4-hour) candles with instructions. Donations will directly benefit the Mothers' Home in Darby and the Delaware County Pregnancy Center in Chester. For more information, or luminary sets, please call Regina Scheerer at 610-328-2463 or Phyllis Heppard at 484-472-8020. Rain date for luminaries is Friday evening, January 19.

LET'S WITNESS FOR THE UNBORN!

YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATE

Be sure to join us for youth group each week! The middle school group (6th - 8th grade) meets on Wednesday nights from 6:30 - 8:00 PM. The high school group meets on Sunday evenings after the 5:30 Mass at St. Kevin's from 6:30 - 8:00 PM. This month, we are focusing on being the best version of ourselves for the year of 2018. Youth group is a tremendous opportunity for the youth of Holy Cross. There are 168 hours in a week. Let's set aside some extra time to build our relationship with Christ. Contact Mr. Brac: jbraconnier@stkevin.com.

**DONUT SOCIAL
TODAY, SUNDAY, JANUARY 14
FOLLOWING THE 8:30 AND 11:00 AM MASSES
HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**



MONDAY	JANUARY 15
8:30 AM	BILL SIDEBOTTOM
TUESDAY	JANUARY 16
8:30 AM	THERESA MAUREEN DE LUCA
WEDNESDAY	JANUARY 17
	Saint Anthony, Abbot
8:30 AM	THERESA MAUREEN DE LUCA
THURSDAY	JANUARY 18
8:30 AM	BETTY MC GARVEY
FRIDAY	JANUARY 19
8:30 AM	JOSEPH NERO
SATURDAY	JANUARY 20
	Saint Fabian, Pope and Martyr; Saint Sebastian, Martyr
8:30 AM	RAYMOND C. FACCILOLO, JR.
NEXT WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS	
SATURDAY	JANUARY 20
4:30 AM	DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE MC GRORY FAMILY
SUNDAY	JANUARY 21
8:30 AM	DR. HUGH COLEMAN
11:00 AM	PEOPLE OF HOLY CROSS

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

THREE PARISH BOOK CLUB

Give yourself the gift of reading. The Three Parish Book Club meets on the last Wednesday of the month from September through June. At each meeting we not only discuss the month's selection, but also offer suggestions of books we personally enjoyed. You need not have read the month's selection to attend the meeting. Please join us for refreshments and conversation.

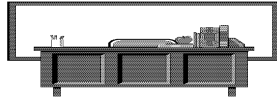
January

The Seven Storey Mountain: An Autobiography of Faith by Thomas Merton

February

The Long Loneliness: The Autobiography of the Legendary Catholic Social Activist by Dorothy Day

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



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

When I was growing up my mother must have told me a thousand times: "John, you never listen." She was right. My hearing was fine, but my attitude needed improvement.

I was bent on doing what I wanted immediately, if not sooner. Responsive listening takes patience, open-mindedness and attention.

Today's readings all involve listening. Samuel responded to God's call, even though at first, he confused God's voice with that of his mentor, Eli. Samuel's patient persistence paid off and he eventually heard God's message clearly.

When St. John the Baptist pointed to Our Lord as the Lamb of God, John's followers were open to learning more from Jesus Himself.

And St. Paul challenges us in the second reading to yield to the Holy Spirit's promptings, instead of our bodily appetites.

It can be a challenge for us to listen to God and others well. We can be too self-absorbed. A loved one can be talking to us and we're drifting off somewhere and just saying "uh huh, uh huh." Or maybe we have perfected "selective" listening.

Truly listening to God through daily prayer and others through attention takes work. But of course it is necessary that we listen to Our Lord and others to understand and follow God's will.

Let us resolve to listen to Our Lord and those around us as He speaks through them so we can say with the psalmist in today's Responsorial Psalm: "Here am I, Lord; I come to do Your will."

ATTENTION, PARENTS AND GRANDPARENTS

Our Children's Liturgy of the Word program is available for your children at the 11:00 AM Mass. 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.



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JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH PRAY FOR US.

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Sgt. Alex Rankin, USMC**



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP**

Holy Cross K of C will have a Free Throw Championship on Sunday, January 21, in the Holy Cross Parish Hall from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM. All boys and girls 9 to 14 are welcome. The age deadline is January 1, 2018. All winners in each age group will advance to the District Championship in February. "FREE TO ENTER."



**CAREER
OPPORTUNITY:**

The Knights of Columbus is seeking a candidate for a career opportunity representing their insurance program. We offer a complete benefits package with this full-time position. In order to qualify, one must be eligible for membership in the Knights of Columbus. For more information, please contact Joseph Grayeske, General Agent, at 215-362-2469 or Joseph.Grayeske@kofc.org

HOLY CROSS CYO

CYO is in need of a head coach for track and a few assistant coaches. If you are interested or know someone who may be interested, please email CYO at Holycrosscyo@gmail.com as soon as possible. Please spread the word. You never know if someone you know may be interested in giving back to their parish and our children.

Special

Nothing in the world can take the place of persistence.

Talent will not; nothing is more common than unsuccessful men with talent.

Genius will not; unrewarded genius is almost a proverb.

Education alone will not; the world is full of educated derelicts.

Persistence and determination alone are all-powerful.

Calvin Coolidge

Thank You!

SUNDAY COLLECTION	DECEMBER 17
AMOUNT RECEIVED	\$10,943
SUNDAY COLLECTION	DECEMBER 24
AMOUNT RECEIVED	\$12,275
CHRISTMAS COLLECTION	DECEMBER 25
AMOUNT RECEIVED	\$32,678
SUNDAY COLLECTION	DECEMBER 31
AMOUNT RECEIVED	\$15,608

**Archdiocese of Philadelphia
Office of the Archbishop
222 North 17th Street
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January 14, 2018

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Fulfilling the Church's mission of mercy and the Gospel call to love others as we love God, The Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Collection funds six Catholic agencies that work for the benefit of our brothers and sisters around the world. In providing humanitarian aid, resettling displaced individuals and families, and advocating on behalf of victims of atrocities such as human trafficking, the organizations supported by the CRS Collection act from their belief that every individual is an equal heir of Christ's love and care.

The annual Catholic Relief Services Collection challenges American Catholics to put their faith into action and to see "Jesus in disguise" in the faces of the poor, and to support ongoing efforts to respond to their needs. The funds collected support vital Catholic programs that share in the Catholic mission of promoting the sacredness of human life. A small amount from the collection is retained by the Archdiocese to help cover local efforts to promote the collection.

The collection will be taken up in the parishes of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia the weekend of January 20 and 21, 2018. The American Catholic community, and the Archdiocese of Philadelphia in particular, have always responded very generously to this annual collection.

I am grateful to you for your compassionate response. May you be blessed for your faithfulness to living the Gospel and recognizing Jesus in those in need.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
+Most Reverend Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap.
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