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we must be willing to
follow Him.

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September 12, 2021

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Dear Parishioners,

The Mass is our supreme act of worship! Whether we are children or adults, at some point or other in our life, we have probably asked ourselves the question: "Why do we have to go to Mass?" We may not like the music or the homilies. We may just feel like not going. We may think that Mass is boring. We may feel that the parish community is not all that welcoming. We may even try to convince ourselves that we can pray just as well at home or outdoors.

Even though we know that going to Mass is a good thing, we can justify our decision by convincing ourselves that we are too busy, too tired, too bored or perhaps even too frustrated. When that happens, we miss the great gift that God gives us in the Holy Eucharist. We need to change our attitude about going to Mass. The COVID-19 pandemic showed many people the importance of Sunday Mass.

Here are good reasons why we should go to Mass:

1. God asks us to make one day holy. Going to Mass helps us to see everything from a different perspective. We can let go of our own agenda and allow God to inspire, guide and strengthen us for the week ahead.
2. Jesus gives us the greatest of all gifts, the gift of Himself! Jesus offers Himself to us in the Word of God that we hear. In His Real Presence, He offers us the Blessed Sacrament in Holy Communion.
3. We need to be part of a community that gives us support, affirmation and encouragement in our attempt to live the Gospel message. They help us to see that we are not alone. They remind us that we are part of the Body of Christ.
4. God has a special message for us. When we listen to the readings, the homily and the prayers of the Mass, God speaks to us in a special way. We need to be open to what God is trying to tell us.
5. We need to speak to God. We speak to God during the Mass through our singing, our communal response and prayers as well as our personal prayers that come from the depths of our heart.

Please attend Mass regularly and invite other family members, friends and neighbors to come too. Blessed Carlo Acutis said:

"The Eucharist is my highway to heaven." "To always be close to Jesus, that's my life plan."

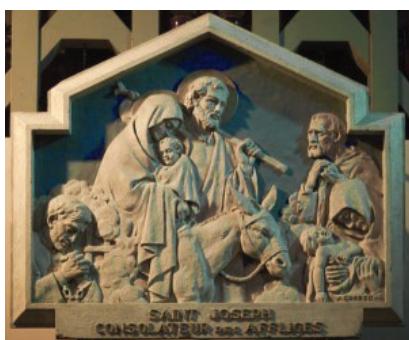
May God bless you always.
With my prayers,

Father Gorka



Year of St. Joseph

Saint Joseph Will Comfort You In Difficult Times



Comforting the afflicted is a work of mercy. The works of mercy help us to be devout followers of Jesus Christ by serving others; they help us to be like St. Joseph.

Life is filled with many sorrows. No matter what life brings, however, St. Joseph will always be your consolation, comfort, and solace. He knows well the hardships of life. He is a kind and loving father. He comforts everyone who comes to him in times of affliction. His fatherhood is unlike any other.

God wants you to rest in St. Joseph's fatherhood. Saint Joseph will never abandon you. No matter what your experience of fatherhood has been, St. Joseph will always be there for you. He is your spiritual dad, and he loves you. He will never hurt you. When life has you down, run to your spiritual father. Pour out your heart to him. Tell him your troubles. He is the most loving of fathers. He is always available for you, always attentive, always understanding. Knowing you can always go to your father in difficult times reassures you that everything will be okay.

Source: Consecration to St. Joseph, The Wonders of Our Spiritual Father, Donald H. Calloway, MIC



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First day for Pre-Kindergarten students will be Monday, September 13th. We look forward to welcoming our 4 year-olds to Holy Cross!

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Back to School Night schedule:



- K—4th Grade:
Monday, September 19th,
6:30 p.m.
- 5th—8th Grade:
Tuesday, September 20th,
6:30 p.m.



This program is making Catholic education a reality for many. To continue to provide this level of tuition assistance each year, we need NEW participants in the program. To find out how you can support this effort, contact Susan Mollahan at smollahan@hcrc.school.



Sacred Heart Silver Liners Senior Circle

The Silver Liners Senior Circle invite all seniors, 55+ to any and all of our meetings and events.

We meet the second Monday of each month. Our Welcome Back Luncheon is

Monday, September 13th at 11:00 a.m., in the Fellowship Café.

Lunch will be provided, please bring a dessert if you wish. Come visit with old friends and make new ones!

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A candle burns this week next to the Divine Mercy image

for Joseph McLaughlin

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A candle burns this week next to the Saint Joseph statue

for James and Marion Naccarato

Requested by,

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Saturday, September 18, 2021

Location: Daylesford Abbey, Paoli, PA

Join us for the area's largest Catholic music festival! Families, individuals, young adults, youth groups and more are all welcome. We look forward to welcoming His Excellency Archbishop Nelson J. P  rez!
More info: <https://www.theabbeyfest.com>



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Sergeant Justin Solorio



**September's prayer intentions
are for our Seminarians
Greg Miller and Jack Brosius**



**Statement of Archbishop Nelson J. Pérez
Regarding Safety As Mass Obligation Resumes
August 6, 2021**

"Ensuring the health and welfare of those entrusted to the pastoral and temporal care of our Church, especially as we navigate a global pandemic, is a paramount priority as the Archbishop of Philadelphia. During this time of acute hardship and struggle, I have worked in conjunction with the Catholic Bishops of Pennsylvania and the senior administration of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia to implement best practices intended to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 and to protect those most vulnerable."

As the COVID-19 landscape evolved, we continuously re-evaluated those efforts in consultation with public health officials and based on data.

As your Shepherd, I am called to provide the Eucharist in a safe environment. To that end, I ask that you prioritize your own health and the health of your neighbors and faith communities.

As previously announced, the Catholic Bishops of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania are reinstating the obligation to attend Mass in person on Sundays and holy days, beginning on Sunday, August 15, 2021. However, by longstanding Church law, this obligation does not apply to those who are

- sick;
- have a serious health risk;
- live in a household with those at risk;
- serve as primary caregivers to those at risk;
- have serious anxiety or concerns about being in a large-group setting due to COVID-19; or
- are unable to attend Mass in person

As an act of charity, all who are able should become fully vaccinated. Anyone who believes they might have COVID-19 or one of its variants should seek testing and take every precaution for the preservation of public health. As a people of hope, let us pray for an end to this health crisis."

Most Reverend Nelson Pérez, Archbishop of Philadelphia



*"I am the light of the world;
he who follows me will not walk in
darkness, but will have the light of life."
(John 8:12)*

Keeping a light burning in remembrance signifies that the memory still lives on and burns bright. It is a ritual that promotes reflection and signifies remembrance. We have three vigil candles located in the Church - Blessed Mary, St. Joseph and Divine Mercy.

To request a vigil candle please contact Susan in the Parish Office.



Congratulations
to the Marzocco family
on the Baptism of their son,
Cole Aaron Marzocco

Saint of the Day

September 13 - Saint John Chrysostom - Born at Antioch in 349, he was ordained a priest at the age of thirty-two after having lived the monastic life for six years. He was an outstanding preacher and his sermons won the admiration of the faithful. As bishop of Constantinople he devoted himself completely to his people and accomplished a tremendous amount of good. He preached every day, fed the poor and sought reform of the clergy. He was sent into exile twice due to royal opposition. He died in Turkey in 407 and is one of the four great doctors of the Eastern Church.

September 14 - The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

This feast celebrates a double anniversary. In Jerusalem, Constantine erected a round church, the Anastasis, above the empty grave of Jesus, a basilica, the Martyrium, and a shrine, Calvarium, marking the place of the crucifixion. Dedicated in 335, they were destroyed by the Persians in 614. The two churches were rebuilt in 626, but were later destroyed by the Muslims in 1009. The present church of the Holy Sepulcher, rebuilt by the Crusaders, was dedicated in 1149. Today also commemorates the discovery of the Lord's cross by the empress, St. Helena, in 320.

September 15 - Our Lady of Sorrows - The object of this feast is to remind the faithful of the spiritual martyrdom of the Mother of God, and her compassion with the sufferings of her Divine Son. We especially remember seven occasions of great suffering in Mary's life: Prophecy of Simeon, Flight into Egypt, Three Day's Loss of Jesus, Meeting Jesus on the Way to Calvary, Mary at the Foot of the Cross, Jesus Taken Down from the Cross, and the Burial of Jesus. There never could be a love between a human soul and God greater than the love between Jesus and Mary. Mary offered her sorrows to God for our sakes. Because she loves us dearly she suffered along with Jesus her Son, so that we might some day share her joy with Jesus in heaven.

September 16 - Saints Cornelius and Cyprian

St. Cornelius had scarcely been elected Pope, (in 251), when Novatian also claimed the Papacy. After convoking a synod in Italy, Cornelius established himself as the lawful Pope. He was greatly admired throughout the world and received much encouragement and support from Bishop Cyprian. He died in exile at the port of Rome in 253 and because he suffered so much as pope, he is considered a martyr.

St. Cyprian was born in Africa, became a lawyer, was converted to Christianity and ordained bishop of Carthage in 248. A pioneer of Latin Christian literature, his writings are distinguished, like his life, by his compassion, discretion and pastoral zeal. His scholarly work *On the Unity of the Catholic Church* remains an important topic for all times. He went into hiding during the persecution of Decius, but was arrested and beheaded in 258 under the first edict of Valerian. He was the first African bishop to be martyred.

September 17 - Saint Robert Bellarmine - Born at Montepulciano in 1542, he was educated by the Jesuits and joined that Society in 1560. He held professorships of Greek, Hebrew and theology. He defended Catholic doctrine against its Protestant opponents. He became a cardinal in 1598 and archbishop of Capua in 1602. In 1605 he became head of the Vatican library and theological adviser to the popes. He died in 1621 and was canonized in 1930 by Pope Pius XI. He was declared a Doctor of the Church the following year.



MON, Sept 13

**Saint John Chrysostom,
Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

John Nissim

Requested by Julianne and Bill Marino

TUES, Sept 14

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Roberta Sirico

Requested by Ralph and Cecilia Sirico

WED, Sept 15

Our Lady of Sorrows

Jon A. Fleer

Requested by his Mother, Anne

THUR, Sept 16

**Saints Cornelius, Pope, and
Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs**

Donald Batyko

Requested by Tom and Sunny Dougherty

FRI, Sept 17

**Saint Robert Bellarmine, Bishop
and Doctor of the Church**

David Alwine

Requested by Jim and Louise Greger

SAT, Sept 18

Anna M. Madera

Requested by the Toner and Heist Families

4:15 PM

Carl Hinchen

Requested by Bob and Nancy Horning

SUN, Sept 19

Jan Hexdall

Requested by Renee Hatter

10:00 AM

Kent Schurr

Requested by the Mullen Family



Please pray for the sick of our parish and those that care for them.



Kevin Schurr, Steven DiGuiseppe, Elizabeth, Caroline and Tommy Cummings, William Good, Garrett Rogers, Brian Szalabofka, Brian Spitko, Dan Dordea, David Hritz, Aria Gessner, Alex Stadelmaier, Kathy Caffarella, Ed and Johanna McLaughlin, Gerald Daskiewicz, Chris Chrisman, Lauri Ronan, Alyson Layser, Keith Garnett, Nathan Wilgeroth, Orville Otis, John Breslawski, Faye West, Madison D'Annunzio, Nancy McNamara, Patricia Berner, Charles Crowder, Elena Craft, Patricia McMinn, Walt and Pat Kalil, Tara Clarke, John Hoff, the Gonzalez Family, Steve Curril, Colleen Haines, Ed Reynolds, Mary Jimick, Irene Stoffel, Annalies Frisco, Kitty Heebner, James McManus, John Sowell, Dex Volpe, Casey Glennon, Helen Gallagher, Taylor O'Neill, Rosemary Buchanan, Baby Briana, Jim Bob and Barbara McEwen, Marie and Dave Allabaugh, Marissa and Enzo Fuentes, Susan Kelly, Robert Fry, Jr., Patti DeVincenzo, Deirdre Magolon, Claire Phelen, Kevin Grainer and all the sick and suffering of the parish.

We pray that God will bless you all with His healing hand. When your loved one recovers, please notify the Parish Office so we can offer a prayer of thanks!

Father Gorka

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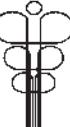

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