

Mass Intentions



- Tues, Feb. 2** *Ed Christie req. by George & Carolyn Hoffman*
9:00 AM
- Wed, Feb. 3** *Joseph Papalia † req. by the Papalia family*
7:00 PM
- Thurs, Feb. 4** *Catherine McDevitt req. by the Granger family*
9:00 AM
- Fri, Feb. 5** *Mary & Packy McGee † req. by the Rothwell family*
7:00 AM
- Sat, Feb. 6** *Ron Ricci & family req. by Bob and Marie Travers*
5:30 PM
- Sun, Feb. 7**
8:45 AM *Walter Joseph McGowan †*
11:15 AM *Parishioners of Holy Cross*
2:00 PM *Parishioners of Holy Cross*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Mk 5:1-20
- Tuesday: Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40
[22-32]
- Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Mk 6:1-6
- Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; Mk 6:7-13
- Friday: Sir 47:2-11; Mk 6:14-29
- Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Mk 6:30-34
- Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8; Ps 138; 1 Cor 15:1-11
[3-8, 11]; Lk 5:1-11



Congratulations to Tyler Vance who was baptized on January 17, 2010. Tyler is the son of Eric and Tracy Vance.

Stewardship

Stewardship involves the conscientious, firm decision, carried out constantly in action, to conduct one's self as a follower of Jesus, regardless of the cost.

SUNDAY OFFERING



- Sunday, Jan. 17 ☺\$11,859.30
- Sunday, Jan. 24 ☺\$11,629.98
- Haiti Relief Collection.....\$14,455.07

Our offertory must reach \$11,027.00 each week to meet our expenses. Please give generously.

Attendance 1/24/2010:

5:30PM-317 8:45AM-NA 11:15AM-435 2:00PM-595

Wheelchair Available for Use in Church



Holy Cross parish maintains a wheelchair in the church library for elderly or disabled parishioners to use while attending Mass. Drivers may park at front entrance of church and ask an usher or door greeter to help by bringing the wheelchair to the car.

Crisis Control

Crisis Control is collecting the following items in February: laundry detergent, cooking oil, and cake mixes. You may place your donated items in the collection box in the foyer of the church. Thank you for your generosity!

Special Announcement

Coming soon: Holy Cross parish will be offering the opportunity for Online Giving for parishioners who prefer to donate through automatic draft. Online Giving is a secure and personalized way to give to the parish. Online Giving can stand on its own as a means of donation or can be used in conjunction with your offering envelopes. Watch and listen for more information coming soon.

Inquiry †? ? ?

- Are you someone baptized in another faith but interested in becoming a Catholic?
- Are you someone who has never been baptized?
- Were you baptized as a Catholic, but never received your First Communion or Confirmation?

If any of the above apply to you, consider INQUIRY. Offered year round, INQUIRY allows you to seek answers to the questions you may be asking about the Church and the Sacraments. For information call Marie Kinney at 996-5109 ext. 21.

Year End Financial Statements have been mailed. If you have not receive your statement by the end of next week, please call Fran at 996-5109 #13.

First Friday/First Saturday Communion of Reparation to the Two Hearts of Jesus & Mary

The Alliance of the Two Hearts will sponsor the First Friday/First Saturday Communion of Reparation Vigil on Friday, February 5. The vigil will begin immediately after the 7 PM Mass with prayers of consecration to the Two Hearts, scriptural rosary and prayers to the Sacred Heart of Jesus before the Blessed Sacrament, ending at 10:15 PM. This simple, yet powerful event is a way of life that is Eucharistic-centered and Marian in spirituality.

Confessions will be heard at 6:30 PM before the start of mass. For more information, please contact Geri Breeding @ 644-8883 or geribreeding@triad.rr.com.



Columbiettes

Do you know that Holy Cross has its own Columbiette chapter? Do you know that it is an all Catholic Women's organization that supports the efforts and causes of the K of C in addition to many of our own? If you would like to meet some fun and motivated ladies from your parish and participate in some great causes please call or email Jodi Lindner at jodinoel1@yahoo.com or 413-6804.

Quilters

The Holy Cross Quilters would like to welcome new members to their group. The Quilters meet every Thursday at 9:30 AM. No experience is necessary—they will help you learn. Call Jane Granger at 992-1251 for more information.

Senior Coffee House

All Seniors are invited to the Holy Cross Senior Coffee House on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of every month. Meet in the Salesian Hall at 10:00AM. Call Martha Schaefer at 784-7409.



Did You Know?

Did You Know.....That the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick originated in the healing ministry of Jesus? In the first century Palestine, sickness was often associated with sin. People who were ill suffered not only from the illness but also from the pain and guilt of isolation. As Jesus healed, he touched people with God's healing love, freed them from the pain and guilt of isolation, and restored them to their rightful places within the community. (For more information on anointing of the sick, look for a brochure in the literature rack in the gathering space.)

In the Hospital?



If you or a family member are in the hospital, please either call the church office (996-5109 ext. 10) or email to holy-crossbbg@yahoo.com or call Parish Care (996-5109 ext. 12). **The hospitals do not notify us, so the only way for us to know if you are hospitalized is if you or a loved one calls us.** We can pray for you, send Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, and follow up with phone calls when you get home.

Bake Sale in February

Triad Students for Life is having a bake sale on the 13th and 14th of February. If you would like to help bake items to sell, please contact Matthew Curran at 996-6843. Triad Students for Life is raising money to attend the Washington, D.C. March for Life in January



Ireland Vacation Raffle

Win a 7 day/6 night vacation for four to Ireland. Trip includes round trip airfare to Shannon, rental vehicle, B & B lodging, 4 days golf (or \$1000 cash), and assistance of a travel agent. OR \$5000 cash payment in lieu of trip. Benefit Ancient Order of Hibernians Charities. Tickets \$100 each - only 150 tickets will be sold. Contact Bob Driscoll at 785-0693.

*Courses for Community at Salem College
'How to Be a Savvy Patient'*

Learn to take control of your healthcare, why you need to do it, and how to do it with the right information & questions in the right way and at the right time. March 18 & 25 and April 15 & 22 from 6:30 to 8:30 PM at Salem College. Contact Betty Telford at 917-5459 or go to www.salem.edu and click on Courses for Community.

Open House at Our Lady Of Mercy School

Our Lady of Mercy Catholic School in Winston-Salem will be hosting an Open House on Tues, Feb. 2 from 9 A.M. to 12 P.M. OLM is SACS accredited and enrollment is available for grades Pre-K to 8. Call 722-7204 for a student led tour available by appointment throughout the school year and visit www.ourladyofmercy.school.org.

Open House at Our Lady of Grace School

Open houses for grades PreK to 8 at OLG Catholic School in Winston-Salem. Monday, February 8 at 9:30 AM or Thursday, February 25 at 6:30 PM (special middle school program) or Thursday, March 4 at 9:30 PM. "We're not just a school...we're a family." Additional appointments can be set up by calling the principal at 275-1522.

Who is Fr. Barry R. Strong, OSFS?



Ordained a Priest in 1984



Born & reared in Philly
(of course)



Currently Director of
Provincial Administration



Former Pastor of IC Parish
in Wilmington, NC



Former Pastor of St.
Ann's, Naples, FL

Our Parish Lenten Mission:

[Child care will be offered]

Sunday, February 21st @ 7 PM

Monday, February 22nd @ 7 PM

Tuesday, February 23rd @ 7 PM

Wednesday, February 24th @ 7:30 PM*

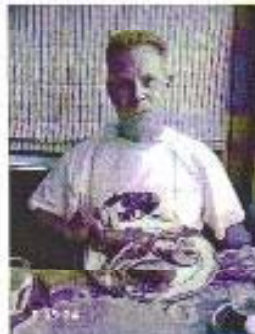
(*Spanish recapitulation following the 7 PM Mass)



Earned his Doctorate
in Rome



Taught Theology at the
Oblate Seminary



1 of 5 children



Speaks 5 languages

MASS ASSIGNMENTS FOR FEBRUARY 2010

LECTORS	5:30 PM	Dan Guyer & Bob Lundergan			
	8:45 AM	Carolyn Hoffman & Barbara Barreto			
	11:15 AM	Michael Geary & Marvin Veto			
	2:00 PM	Juan Reyes & Bertha Reyes			
USHERS	5:30 PM	Jim Fetterer, Stephanie Moser, Carol Benford, Robert Benford, Laura Fuller, Sal Vita			
	8:45 AM	Daniel Cassidy, Faye Smolder, Bill Granger, Paul Skotcher, Randy Cappel, Chuck Muller			
	11:15 AM	Mark Cutri, TBA, Steve Smith, Beth Lee, Nicole Sammons, Kathy Keller			
	2:00 PM	TBA			
MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	5:30 PM	Host – Fran Petticord & Anne Tezak Cup – Mike Hamilton, Mark Holzer, Diana Phillips, Gloria Strader			
	8:45 AM	Host – Herb Pennington & Scott Thomas Cup – Mary Driscoll, Catherine Kepins, Jane Salvitti, Steve Salvitti			
	11:15 AM	Host – Chuck Eddleman & Charlie Breeding Cup – Kevin Bugg, Lisa Bugg, Carol Fanale, Tony Fanale			
	2:00 PM	Host – Victor Sanchez, Paz Velasco, Juan Reyes Cup – Donato Velasco, Anne Sanchez			
ALTAR SERVERS	5:30 PM	Cross Bearer – Katie Thomas Candle Bearers – Danny Hage & Randall Greenly			
	8:45 AM	Cross Bearer – Alina Gilbert Candle Bearers – Andrada Gilbert & Matthew Rogers			
	11:15 AM	Cross Bearer – Sean Rothwell Candle Bearers – Cassie Beddick & Riley Dibble			
	2:00 PM	TBA			
MUSIC	5:30 PM	Feb. 6 – Agape; Feb. 13 – Harvest; Feb. 20 – R. Ricci; Feb. 27 – D. Leonard			
	8:45 AM	Choir			
	11:15 AM	Feb. 7 - Youth; Feb. 14, 21, & 28 – Agape			
	2:00 PM	Feb. 7 – Cristo Vive; Feb. 14, 21, & 28 – Los Pasos de Jesus			
SACRISTAN	5:30 PM	Richard Phillips	5:30 PM	Fr. Dechant	
	8:45 AM	Jim Smolder	PRIEST	8:45 AM	Fr. Dechant
	11:15 AM	Dan Kinney		11:15 AM	Fr. Kelleher
	2:00 PM	TBA		2:00 PM	Fr. Dechant

TBA: To Be Announced

HOLY CROSS Invites You to Experience

WHY CATHOLIC?
JOURNEY THROUGH THE CATECHISM

During Lent

Instead of “giving up” something for God,
let God give you a gift this year
as you prepare for Easter.

Learn more about your faith

Deepen your understanding of
the different forms of prayer

Pray and reflect on

your relationship with God
with other adults

as we journey together through

The Universal Catechism of the Catholic Church.

**Sign Up in the Library today or call
Marie Kinney at 996-5109, Ext. 21**

De Sales

SPIRITUALITY CENTER

"Finding your niche in life"



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Mary D. Ford

Ray Kinsella is the main character in the movie "Field of Dreams" (1989) whose world is turned upside down when he hears a voice telling him: "If you build it, he will come."

And build it he does. That, and so much more. But near the end of the film, it is someone else who is asked to join the baseball players beyond the field. Ray is understandably upset, and when he asks the ghost of "Shoeless Joe" Jackson why *he* can't join them, the ghost simply—but firmly responds: "You're not invited."

Imagine how John the Baptist must have felt. As St. Francis de Sales wrote, John spent "twenty-five years in the desert without coming to see Jesus even once. Then, after baptizing Jesus, he does not get to follow him but stays behind to accomplish his appointed task." (Stopp, Selected Letters, page 74)

John wasn't invited to join Jesus. That invitation was extended to others. John's way of following Jesus, as it turned out, was to stay home and to lead others to Jesus. All of us are called to follow Jesus, to live as Christ lived. However, not all of us are called to follow Jesus in the same way. Consider Chapter Nine of Matthew's Gospel. In one scene

(verse 6) Jesus heals a paralytic, telling him to "Pick up your mat and go home." By contrast, when he encounters Matthew (verse 9), Jesus says: "Follow me."

Using the language of the Salesian tradition, while all of us are called to live a devout life, each of us is called to do that in ways that fit the state and stage of life in which God has placed us. In his Introduction to the Devout Life, Francis wrote: "Devotion must be exercised in different ways by the gentleman, the worker, the servant, the prince, the widow, the young girl and the married woman. Not only is this true, but the practice of devotion must be adapted to the strength, activities and duties of each particular person." (Part One, Chapter 3)

Francis observed: "Among God's servants, some dedicate themselves to serve the sick, others to help the poor, others to spread knowledge of Christian doctrine among children, others to reclaim souls lost and gone astray, others to beautify churches and decorate others, others to restore peace and concord among other people." To be sure, some people are called to follow Jesus by leaving behind all that is familiar. Some people are called to practice devotion by undertaking

some special ministry half a world away. Some people are called to follow Jesus by giving their life for the Gospel. For most of us, however, following Jesus is about staying home. For most of us, following Jesus is about seeing all that is familiar with new eyes. For most of us, practicing devotion is about entering more deeply into our relationships with family, neighbors, co-workers and friends. For most of us, growing in our love for God and others is about lovingly tending to the "fields of dreams" which are the circumstances and events of everyday life.

In that respect the movie "Field of Dreams" is about finding your niche. For one person, it was about forsaking baseball for a career in medicine; for a writer, it was about venturing into the unknown to get the story of a lifetime; for another, it was about growing in his love for his wife, his daughter and the opportunity to be at peace with the spirit of his father.

Francis de Sales wrote: "We must stay in our own ship to make the journey from this life to the next." (Stopp, Selected Letters, p. 251) For each of us, following Jesus is about finding our unique, God-given niche in life...and sticking to it.