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APRIL 10, 2022 • PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Evening 4:30 PM
Sunday, Upper Church 8:30 and 11:00 AM
Holy Day As announced
Tuesday through Saturday 8:30 AM
No Mass Monday

NEW PARISHIONERS

All Catholics living in the parish should register. Our Welcome Center located in the hallway behind the sanctuary is open on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month. Please call the Parish Office for more information.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

(Entrance through the middle, rear door of the Church)
Monday-Thursday only ... 8:00 AM-4:00 PM
Friday..... 8:00 AM-2:30 PM
(Closed for lunch 12:00-1:00 PM)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday, 3:30 to 4:15 PM or by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptisms are celebrated the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month at 12:00 PM.

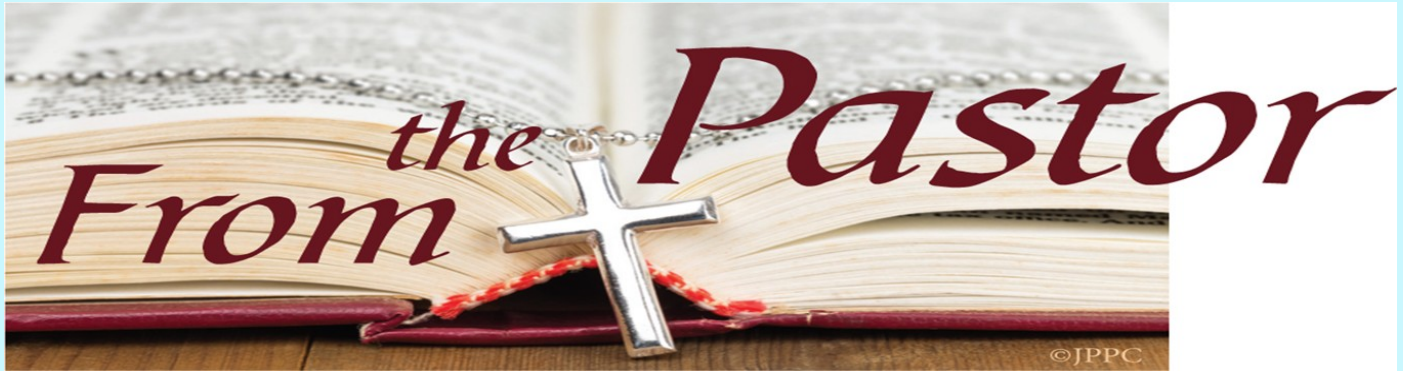
First time parents and godparents are required to attend a Baptism Preparation Session which is held on the 1st Monday of the month at 7:00 PM. Please call the Parish Office for more information.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Arrangements are to be made at least six months before the intended wedding date. Weddings are reserved for active parishioners. Pre-Cana Session is required. Please call Parish Office for more information.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Please call Deacon Thomas Taylor or the Parish Office when a parishioner is hospitalized or home bound.



It's hard to believe that we have arrived at the holiest week of the Church Year already, but here we are. I hope you and your family will plan to join us for the special liturgies of this week!

As we prepare to celebrate the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Christ, it is perhaps a good opportunity to be reminded a bit about the reality of death and the events surrounding our own deaths. Yes, it's morbid, but it's important. The reality is we deal with death quite a bit in the life of the Church. For Christians, the hope of resurrection in Christ is a source of great comfort in a very difficult time, and the sacramental and devotional life of the Church is there not only to prepare the soul for death and to pray for the soul after death, but also to provide comfort to loved ones through the celebration of Christ's victory over sin and death. The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick and the rituals that surround the sacrament (sometimes called the 'Last Rites') and the Funeral Rites are the main avenues in which all these are expressed. There are some details around the last rites that should be clarified a bit.

The instructions surrounding the pastoral care of the sick and dying tell us that time to receive the Sacrament arrives when one is in danger of death from sickness or old age, and that the rite should be celebrated while the sick person is capable of active participation. In other words, it's not something that should wait until the last minute, when death is imminent. As an example, if someone is put on hospice care, that would be an ideal time to call the parish to arrange for the priest to come out at a mutually convenient time. Then the rites can be celebrated with loved ones present, and the sick person can also participate—making a good confession and receiving Holy Communion to prepare for what is to come.

There is also practical dimension at stake in this. With so many parishes (including ours!) only having one priest assigned to pastoral care of the people, it's simply not possible to have a priest continually on standby to respond to emergencies immediately. While we have an emergency extension on our phone system for after hours, sometimes it is impossible to answer a call right away. I might be in a meeting or an appointment, celebrating Mass or hearing Confessions, on another call, or away from the parish for ministerial reasons or even just for personal R&R. Emergencies happen, and we do the best we can to respond to them, but it's best for everyone if we can do what we can to avoid them. If at all possible, *please* don't wait until the last minute to call for the last rites. Of course, emergencies happen, and in those cases we do our best.

Also, it would be good to mention briefly *who* to call in these circumstances. If someone is in a hospital or medical facility, the call should be made to the parish on call for the facility that day. Parishes usually share coverage of larger facilities and have their own ways of being contacted, so it's best to work with the facility staff on that. If someone is at home, the call should go to the parish of the residence. Sometimes people want "their" priest from "their" parish to respond, even though they are some distance away. Please understand that it's not always possible for that to happen, and in an urgent situation, what matters most is that the sacrament gets celebrated and not who it is that celebrates it or where he's from.

So none of that is really fun to talk about, but it's important that you have an idea what to do in difficult and unpleasant moments. May this Holy Week be filled with blessings as we meditate on the difficult and unpleasant reality of the suffering of Christ and then rejoice in his glorious Resurrection!

Fr. Kiernan



MONDAY	APRIL 11
8:30 AM	No Mass
TUESDAY	APRIL 12
8:30 AM	Constance Croushore
WEDNESDAY	APRIL 13
8:30 AM	Gus Ranieri (9th Anniversary)
THURSDAY	APRIL 14
7:00 PM	Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper Priest's Intention
FRIDAY	APRIL 15
3:00 PM	Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord

NEXT WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY	APRIL 16
8:00 PM	Easter Vigil—Priest's Intention
SUNDAY	APRIL 17 Easter Sunday
8:30 AM	People of Holy Cross
11:00 AM	The Living and Deceased Members of the Casciano Family

Lenten Confession Schedule

Final Opportunities

Palm Sunday, April 10: 10:00 – 10:45 AM
Monday of Holy Week, April 11: 7:00 – 8:00 PM
Good Friday, April 15: 9:30 – 10:00 AM*
Holy Saturday, April 16: 9:30 – 10:00 AM*

*(Start time will be shortly after the conclusion of the earlier liturgical celebration.)

Church Cleaning

A note of thanks to our Holy Cross cleaning ladies who continue to keep our church and chapel clean! Next church cleaning is Tuesday, April 12, after the 8:30 am Mass. If there is a funeral, cleaning will be done on Wednesday. Contact Dolores Morroni with any questions 610-715-1328.

SANTUARY LAMP



This week's Sanctuary Lamp intention is for:

Church: The Cassidy & McNicholas Families

Chapel: Sue Dunfee



Sunday Collection, April 3

Total Collection	\$7,798
Electronic	\$2,623
Basket & Main-Ins	\$5,175



Holy Thursday, April 14

No Morning Mass
Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7:00 pm
Adoration follows at the repository
Night Prayer: 10:00 pm

Good Friday, April 15

Morning Prayer: 9:00 am
Liturgy of the Lord's Passion: 3:00 pm

Holy Saturday, April 16

Morning Prayer: 9:00 am
Easter Vigil: 8:00 pm
There is no 4:30 Mass.

Holy Saturday, April 17

Masses: 8:30 & 11:00 am

Pray for the Sick of our Parish

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Steve Austin
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Mary Ann Carroll
George Dickinson
Dawn Gibbons
Ryan Hearne
Carolyn Henderson
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Jimmy Keating
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Frances O'Callaghan
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Paige O'Leary
Mary Rafferty
Ronnie Sidebottom
Joseph Sindoni
Adeline Sulpizio
Jean Super
Valerie Thompson
Betty Tomczyk

TECA Restaurant is proud to Support Holy Family Home

Join The Little Sisters of the Poor for dinner on Wednesday, April 13, at Teca Restaurant, 4-9PM. 20% of your bill will benefit the elderly residents at Holy Family Home. Teca is located at 191 S. Newtown Street Road, Newtown Square, PA 19073. Call 484-420-4010 for reservations! Be Sure to express your desire in supporting the Little Sisters of the Poor! We are grateful for your assistance.
www.tecanewtownsquare.com

IHM Conference Center 401 S. Bryn Mawr Avenue, Bryn Mawr

Conference Day: "Laudato Si: Care for our Common Home"
Tuesday, April 26, 2022, 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Presenter: Sister Julia Keegan, OSF
Stipend: \$40 (includes Continental Breakfast, lunch and Mass)

This day will be a reflection on "Laudato Si," the encyclical by Pope Francis addressed to "every person living on this planet". It is a call to enter into a dialogue about how we are shaping the future of our planet and a teaching about humankind's responsibility to care for God's creation and protect and care for the most vulnerable. To register please call 610-581-0120 or email S. Marie at ihmconferencecenter@gmail.com

Father Judge High School Class of 1972 50 Year Reunion

Saturday, April 30th from 6 - 10 PM at Father Judge. Cost is \$75 per person. Please contact khuckel@fatherjudge.com for more information.

The Corner

Brought to you by your Evangelization Team

"Confession heals, confession justifies, confession grants pardon of sin, all hope consists in confession; in confession there is a chance for mercy."

---St Isidor of Seville

Fast and Abstinence and Other Acts of Penance for Lent

The Bishops of the United States prescribe, as minimal obligation, that all persons who are fourteen years of age and older are bound to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday, March 2, 2022, on all the Fridays of Lent and Good Friday (with the exception of Friday, March 25, The Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord). Further, all persons eighteen years of age and older, up to and including their fifty-ninth birthday, are bound to fast by limiting themselves to a single full meal on Ash Wednesday and on Good Friday, while the other two meals on those days are to be light. All the faithful are encouraged, when possible, to participate at Mass and to receive the Holy Eucharist daily, to celebrate frequently the Sacrament of Penance, to undertake spiritual reading, especially the study of the Sacred Scriptures, and to participate in parish Lenten devotions as well as Lenten education programs. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is especially recommended.



Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish

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Our Lady of Perpetual Help 2022 Kids Kamp

Exciting day camp for boys & girls ages 4 thru 13. Camp runs Monday, June 27 thru Friday, August 19. Hours are from 7 AM to 6 PM. Activities include indoor & outdoor sports, board games, arts & crafts, video games, summer reading & movie days. Camp emphasizes problem solving, team work, conflict resolution & most importantly FUN, FUN, FUN!!

Cost: \$45 per day, or \$195 per week. Each Additional child is \$25 per day, or \$100 per week.

Registration fee: \$15 for one child or \$20 for family.

For Info: Contact Kathleen Froio @ 484-680-1754 (cell) or 610-583-5203 (home) or email to ajfro@aol.com



Food Pantry Update

Everyone is definitely focused on special works of mercy this Lenten Season. Our neighboring St. Kevin's community (Coordinated by their Knights of Columbus) ran a food drive last weekend and we were the grateful recipient of 6 carloads of food and personal items for our Most in Need Neighbors. This will go a long way to stock our shelves. Great Team Effort St. Kevins!

As we have shared before, with the increased cost of food and personal items, our pantry continues to be busy. Our parishioners have supported our St. Vincent dePaul Conference with your contributions in the "Help the Needy" church envelopes and food donations. Not sure if we tell you enough.... **we appreciate all of your generosity and prayerful support.**

If you are able, we are always in need of cereal, pancakes and syrup, pasta and pasta sauce, peanut butter, jelly, veggies, canned meats, mac & cheese, spaghetti, juice, kiddie treats, paper towels and toilet paper.

If you know any Delco residents in need of food, please let them know our pantry is open on Wednesdays from 3:30 to 5:30PM.

God Bless All of You,
Your Friends from the St. Vincent dePaul Society Holy Cross Food Pantry

Registration for PREP year 2022-2023 is NOW OPEN!

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For registration forms and information please see the
PREP Information tab on the website at
www.Holycrosscatholics.org.

Spring Bible Study "Our Father"

Do you think you really know the "Our Father"?
We will dig deeper into the richness and meaning of
this beautiful gift of prayer that was given to us by
Jesus Himself. This Study will be offered at 2 dif-
ferent times, so pick the option that works best for
you! Bring your bible, or we will have some avail-
able for you to use. Light refreshments will be
served.

When: Monday evenings April 18 through May
23 --- 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm OR Wednesday mornings
April 20 through May 25 --- 9:15 am to 10:45 am.
Where: Holy Cross Parish Center

More Information: Contact Pattie Stevens
484.868.8571

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****April Watchlist****

In this blessed season of Lenten preparation and Easter,
we have some appropriate suggestions for April for
viewing by the whole family.

Go directly to the "**Lent**" banner on the Homepage.

There are so many choices! Here's a few:

FORMED Live: Understanding Palm Sunday --- a 30 min-
ute discussion about the meaning and symbolism behind
this Holy Day.

Triduum: A Spiritual Pilgrimage --- a 29 minute tour and
commentary on Jesus' path to Calvary, filled with real-
life images and artwork (not graphic, suitable for all
ages).

The Shroud of Turin --- an 18 minute discussion about
the miraculous and scientific background of the Shroud.

And of course, if you haven't already watched it, **FOR-
GIVEN: The Transforming Power of Confession** --- a
beautiful series on God's gift of this Holy Sacrament.

Three Parish Book Club

The Three Parish Book Club's next meeting will take place on
Wednesday, April 27, at 7:00 p.m. at Holy Cross Parish Center. The
Club meets on the last Wednesday of the month from September
through June to discuss the chosen book and to share other reading
suggestions. We welcome new members. You do not need to have
read the chosen book to attend the meeting.

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

April
The Second Mountain by David Brooks

May
Broken Mary by Kevin Matthews

St. Kevin Pioneers Club, Springfield, PA

St. Kevin Pioneers Club is planning an event. The event is *David,
Sight and Sound Millennium Theater* on Tuesday, May 10. Cost is
\$145 per person. Lunch is included. Contact information is Mary
Nagle at 610-566-3239 or Betsy Boyd at 610-627-4991.

Archdiocesan Family Festival

'Family, become what you are!'

Saturday, April 30, 2022

9:00 am—4:30 pm

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Spring Cleaning, De-Cluttering, Down-Sizing???

Here is a chance to make some money on your things ...

Community Flea Market @ Holy Cross Church - Saturday April 23rd

9:00AM – 3PM

If you are interested in renting a space, contact us at HCDdevelopmentFund@gmail.com

Household Items - Tools - Garden Items - Books - Clothing – Furniture -
Art - Jewelry
All Kinds of Treasures
Food and Fun!



Holy Cross School Principal's Corner

During the Lenten season the children are attending the Stations of the Cross on Friday afternoons. This has been a tradition of the church for many years.

Students in the 7th grade were confirmed on Sunday, March 6, by Bishop Senior. The students were able **to answer the bishop's questions with ease. We pray** that the Holy Spirit will strengthen the students in their faith and guide them throughout this life.

We are in need of 2 people for our CARES program. The hours are from 2:30 pm to 6:00 pm. There is no CARES on half-days or when school is closed. Clearances are needed, and we will help you obtain them. If you are interested, please call Dr. WorriLOW at 610-626-1709.

We are taking registrations for the new school year. If you are interested, please register now as there is no guarantee there will be a spot for your child(ren). Have a great week! God bless you!

Dr. WorriLOW



Hallahan Alumnae Association

Hallahan Alumnae Association's "50 Years & Beyond" Luncheon is back! If you graduated from John W. Hallahan Catholic Girls' HS in 1972 or before, you are invited to attend. The luncheon is on Wednesday, May 18, 2022, at Connstatter's, 9130 Academy Rd, Philadelphia, PA 19114. The cost is \$40.00 per person or \$25.00 for Religious. **Reservations are needed.** For additional information, please contact Marge West Kiefski '66 at 215-913-4482 or by email at mmkiefski@aol.com or the alumnae Office at 215-568-3081 or office@hallahanalumnae.net.

St. Philomena School, Lansdowne ALL CLASS REUNION AND MASS

A Mass & reunion is being planned for Saturday, May 14, 2022. For more information, please contact Suzanne McShane Hall '76 at suzhall@verizon.net or 610-331-2630. We hope you can join 100 years of graduates.

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