

HOLY CROSS CHURCH

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APRIL 23, 2023 • THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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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. Stop by the Business Office, Monday through Thursday, 9:00AM - 12:00PM or 1:00PM - 4:00PM or register online by accessing the registration forms on our website under parish registration.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

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.



FROM THE PASTOR

Last week at the 8:30 Mass, I was impressed by the number of people who were at Mass. It looked like we had 30-40 more people at the Mass than we usually do, many of them young families, and many of them people I don't recall seeing before. So in the hopes that some of the people reading this today are among their number and coming back again this week, welcome back, and we are all glad you're here. Please feel free to say hello, and let Deacon Tom or me know if there is anything we can do to help you feel welcome here at Holy Cross!

We also had some not-so-welcome guests at that Mass. I understand there were some people standing outside panhandling for money. I didn't have a chance to meet them, since as soon as someone suggested they meet with the parish priest, they hopped in their car and disappeared quickly. I don't want to ascribe impure motives to anyone and prejudge someone who might actually be in need, but that's usually a suspicious sign.

The reality is there are a lot of scammers out there. They often run a circuit from church to church looking for handouts. They thrive on hoping to catch you in a hurry and off-guard (like as you're leaving the church and trying to get your car quickly. They hope you won't engage them or ask questions but just toss a few bucks their way so you can get on with your day. As soon as you try to see what they really need or try to get them hooked up with meaningful resources, they bolt to the next stop on their route. It's very sad, because there are plenty of people out there with legitimate needs, and we end up looking at them with suspicion as a result.

Bottom line, please be careful. I'd hate for someone to think he's doing a good deed and end up duped by some unscrupulous fake. If you're ever unsure about someone asking for help, please refer the person to Deacon Tom or me or the parish office, and we will pass the person's information on to our local St. Vincent DePaul Society. They do great work assisting those who need material assistance and ensuring that your charitable support dollars are used appropriately.

A great big thank you to all those who helped put together the flea market on Saturday morning! And thanks to everyone who came out to browse the treasures for sale or grab a bite at the snack bar. Not only are events like this important fundraisers, they are also good opportunities for us to come together as a parish community. We have a few other fun events coming up, so keep those calendars clear and make plans to join us. We need you to help make this parish thrive!

3rd Sunday of Easter

Reading I: Acts 2: 14, 22-33

St. Peter's Pentecost sermon appears earlier than the calendar celebration but nevertheless includes the Jesus "kerygma," or summary of His works and the entire Paschal Mystery.

Reading II: I Peter 1: 17-21

The fact is that we have been delivered from the powers of sin through the shedding of Christ's Precious Blood.

The Gospel: Luke 24: 13-35

This wonderful story Luke has saved for the end of his gospel. It is uniquely his. Its themes include those of the journey; of faith as seeing; and of hospitality.



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, APRIL 24

8:30 AM - No Mass

TUESDAY, APRIL 25

8:30 AM - Fortunato & Albanese Families

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26

8:30 AM - Those enrolled in the Memorial Fund

THURSDAY, APRIL 27

8:30 AM - Lorri Rudolph

FRIDAY, APRIL 28

8:30 AM - The Living & Deceased Members of the Pizza & Senderoff Families

SATURDAY, APRIL 29

8:30 AM - Samuel & Angeline Forlano
4:30 PM - Jim Flannery

SUNDAY, APRIL 30

8:30 AM - Lorri Rudolph
11:00 AM - For the People of Holy Cross

SANCTUARY LAMP



This week's Sanctuary Lamp intention is for:

Church: Bob Seitz, Sr.

Chapel: Bob Seitz, Jr.

COLLECTION INFORMATION

Weekly Need	\$12,820
Weekly Collection, April 16	
Total	\$7,783
Electronic	\$2,492
Basket & Mail-Ins	\$5,291

PRAY FOR THE SICK

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| Consiglia Borreli | Maryanne McCauley |
| Lyndi Butler | Richard McCullough |
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| Mary Kull | Rosemarie Colaberdino |
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| Zachary Halbing | Carter Claire Walton |
| Deacon Joe Gousie | Mike Calbertta |
| Lee Anne McGough | Louise Casciano |
| Joann Marks | Alexander Passquini |

The Corner

Brought to you by your Evangelization Team

"No duty is more urgent than that of returning thanks."

---St Ambrose, 4th century Doctor of the Church

Thank you God, for sending us Your only Son. Thank you Jesus, for redeeming us by Your blood. Thank you Holy Spirit, for giving us strength against the forces of evil. We have countless reasons to give thanks... what is your reason to give thanks today?

Food Pantry Update

What a wonderful Easter for our pantry clients. We provided some extra goodies including jelly beans.

Our client numbers continue to be high. Thanks to the generosity of our parishioners and community, we are able to meet these needs.

If you are able, we are still in need of cereal, canned meats / tuna, pasta and pasta sauce (no glass please), mac & cheese, peanut butter & jelly, juice and kiddie treats.

Just some info.... the food pantry has been buying scrip cards, which also benefits our school. We have been using the cards for many months and its an easy process to follow to buy goods at stores; where, we already do our shopping. A Win-Win for all.

If you are interested, call the Business Office at 610-626-3321 and select Option 0 for more info.

If you know anyone in need of food in Delco, please let them know our pantry is open every Wednesday from 3:30 to 5:30.

Thanks for making such a difference in so many folks lives and know you are appreciated.

God Bless,
Your Friends from the SVDP Food Pantry

ROSARY GROUP

The Holy Rosary is prayed every weekday morning in the church immediately after the 8:30 Mass. Please join us! Your prayers and suggestions are most welcome.

FORMED

A Free Gift to you from Holy Cross Parish
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Here are 2 beautiful selections for April. "Triduum: A Spiritual Pilgrimage" walks through the locations of the Holy Week story. "Divine Mercy with Fr Michael Gaitley" is a 10 part series that tells the story of God's mercy in His message to St Faustina. If you haven't already done so, go to <https://signup.formed.org> to begin exploring all the content on FORMED. Enter ZIP code "19064" and select "Holy Cross Parish" from the drop-down menu, press "Next." Enter your name and email address, and you will receive an email for a link to sign in. No password is needed and you will have full access to the site. ENJOY!



Remembrance Tree Ribbons Donation

One Ribbon for \$3.00 Or Two Ribbons for \$5.00
Pink Ribbon for Living or White Ribbon for Deceased

Names will be added to the ribbons and placed on tree for display May 13th – May 31st

Names will be part of offertory and placed on Altar during Sunday Masses May 13th & 14th

Donations for ribbons can be placed in an envelope with your request form and dropped in the collection basket, dropped off at office, or given to sellers in church vestibule after

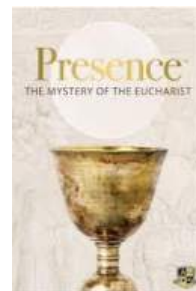
Masses on appointed days. All names must be received by May 8th.

Krispy Kreme Doughnuts Fundraiser

Return order slip to Volunteers in the vestibules of the church this weekend.

\$15/Dozen (CASH ONLY)

Pick up at Holy Cross Gym Wed, May 10, 5:00-6:00PM.



Spring Bible Study

"Presence: The Mystery
of The Eucharist"

Do you think you know all about the Sacrament of the Eucharist? Come and see what you may not know! The Holy Cross Bible Study team will present a FREE 6 week study of this "source and summit" of the Christian life. Workbooks will be provided for this series. There will be short videos and valuable group discussions. Light refreshments will be served. We will present this at 2 different times, so PICK THE TIME that is best for you.

When: Mondays, April 17 thru May 22 ---7:00 to 8:30pm - in the Holy Cross Parish Center

OR: Wednesdays, April 19 thru May 24 ---9:15 to 10:45am – in the Holy Cross Parish Center

The Bible Study is free. Come a few minutes early to meet others and get your seat. Please join us!

It is helpful for us to have a headcount to ensure we have enough workbooks. To save a seat or for more information, contact Pattie Stevens at pattiejstevens@comcast.net or 484.868.8571.

Married Couples

"Live your best life in love" in Spring 2023: Why not give yourselves some time together by making a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend? The next in-person experience April 21-23 will be held at Sheraton Great Valley, Frazer. For more info visit: <https://www.wvme-philly.org/>.

Scrip Program

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Have questions about getting started? Call the ShopWithScrip Customer Support team at 1-800-727-4715 option 3.

Three Parish Book Club

The next meeting of the Three Parish Book Club will be for Wednesday, April, 26 at 7:00 p.m. at the Holy Cross Church Parish Center. Members and guests offer suggestions for spiritual reading as well as discussing the selected book. You need not have read the month's selected book to attend the meeting, If you would like to join the group or if you would like more information, please contact Joy Van Berg at 610 328-2095 or at joyvanberg@gmail.com.

April

Braving the Thin Places by Julianne Stanz

May

The Life of the Blessed Virgin Mary

From the Visions of Ven. Anne Catherine Emmerich Trans. by Sir Michael Palairt

Holy Cross Students Excel at Msgr. Bonner & Archbishop Prendergast High School

Our parish recently received notification of the performance of our high school students for the third quarter of the 2022-23 school year. We are particularly proud of those students who have demonstrated academic excellence.

The following students received first honors:

Class of 2023: Zachary Maiorano

Class of 2026: Sean Erickson

The following students received Second Honors:

Class of 2024: Joslyn Dilbeck

Home Care Needed

Home Care Needed 4 or 5 nights per week for elderly woman.

Please call 484-343-6610.

Holy Cross School News

Holy Cross students enjoyed a little time away from the classroom to attend two assemblies sponsored by our generous Home and School Association. Grades 4 through 8 enjoyed guest speaker Eddie Cortes. Mr. Cortes mission is to empower students to build resilience and positive self-worth.

Our younger grades enjoyed watching Puss and Boots performed by the traveling theater group Family Stages.

Our Krispy Kreme Doughnuts sale will begin on Monday, April 17, and end on Friday, April 28. The cost will be \$15.00 a dozen. This is a pre-order sale, parishioners who would like to purchase, please visit us in the back vestibules of church the weekends of April 15 and 29. Delivery date and details regarding pick-up will be forthcoming.

Our students will start their Easter break with a half day of school on Wednesday, April 5 and return on Wednesday, April 12. When they return on Wednesday students will have their Spring pictures taken and our 8th grade will pose for their graduation photos.

Please continue to keep our 2nd grade students at Holy Cross and our PREP class as they continue to prepare for the sacrament of First Holy Communion in May.

Parents/Parishioners please do not forget to follow us on social media: Instagram handle: hcs.crusaders
Twitter handle: HCS_Crusaders
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/people/Holy-Cross-Catholic-School/100085015732347/>

Eucharistic Adoration

And Jesus said to them "...remain here and keep watch with me." ---Matthew 26:38

We are blessed to have a very INTIMATE Eucharistic Adoration chapel at Holy Cross Parish, where JESUS is waiting for YOU. In good times and in bad, JESUS LOVES YOU.

We are in need of visitors and hourly adorers to maintain our current adoration schedule. Please consider keeping Jesus company in our chapel, open weekdays 9:00am to 7:00pm. For more information, call Eileen at 610.213.3369.

THE POWER OF ADORATION

St. Teresa of Calcutta has said that without Eucharistic Adoration she would never have been able to do what she did to the level she did it. She even hinted that without it she would have burned out. Mother Teresa required her sisters to do a daily Holy Hour that gave them strength and peace to accomplish their extraordinary work among the poorest of the poor. She attributed the doubling of vocations to the Missionaries of Charity to the nuns' faithful hour of Adoration.

SAVE THE DATES!



Mark your Calendars Now so you don't miss out on any of these upcoming fun events. Tell your Family and Friends!

April 22nd – Annual Flea Market



June 4th - 75th Anniversary - Parish Family Fun Day



October 7th - Beef N Beer



Holy Cross All Class - All Parish Reunion



Nov 4th – Annual Craft Fair



Upcoming Events Benefiting The Little Sisters of the Poor

Teca Restaurant Fundraiser for General Operating
April 13, 2023
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The Little Sisters of the Poor

The Little Sisters of the Poor Spring Concert
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Attend the PA premiere of this 90 minute film about the historical, cultural & spiritual consequences regarding the social phenomenon of gender transition among teenagers and children. \$10 per ticket at the door.

2 Local Showings:

West Chester

Friday, April 28th at 7 PM at 430 West Events, 430 Hannum Ave., onsite parking

King of Prussia

Saturday, April 29th at 3 PM at Regal United Artists Theatre King of Prussia, 300 Goddard Blvd., onsite parking

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