

# HOLY CROSS CHURCH

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## MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Evening ..... 4:30 PM  
Sunday, Upper Church ..... 8:30 and 11:00 AM  
Holy Day ..... As announced  
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Saturday ..... 8:30 AM  
Friday\* ..... 12:15 PM

\*Currently suspended - view online only

## 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, Lower Church: 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.

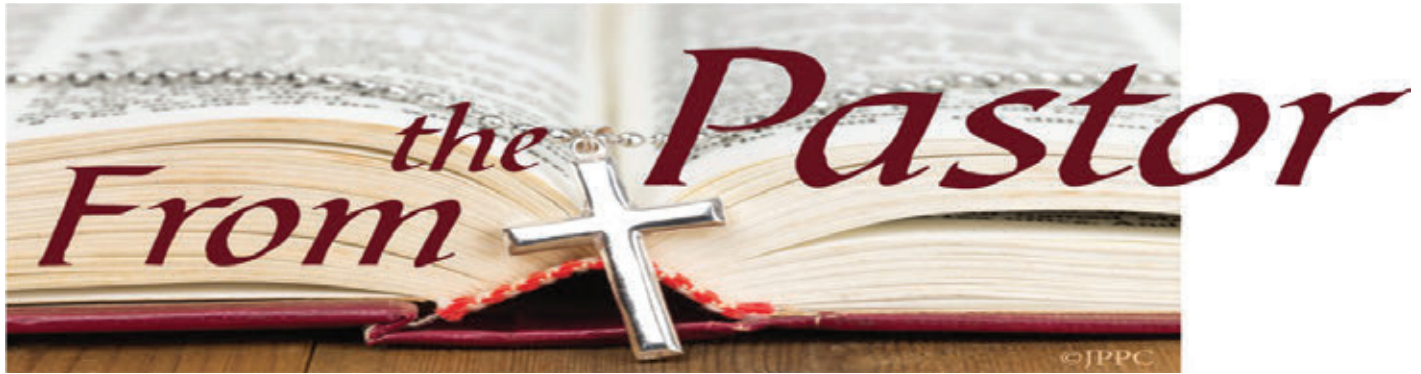
## SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

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.





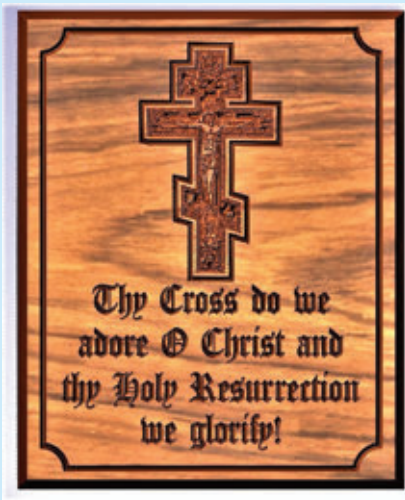
### ***The Precious and Life-giving Cross of Christ***

How precious the gift of the cross, how splendid to contemplate! In the cross there is no mingling of good and evil, as in the tree of paradise: it is wholly beautiful to behold and good to taste. The fruit of this tree is not death but life, not darkness but light. This tree does not cast us out of paradise, but opens the way for our return.



This was the tree on which Christ, like a king on a chariot, destroyed the devil, the lord of death, and freed the human race from his tyranny. This was the tree upon which the Lord, like a brave warrior wounded in his hands, feet and side, healed the wounds of sin that the evil serpent had inflicted on our nature. A tree once caused our death, but now a tree brings life. Once deceived by a tree, we have now repelled the cunning serpent by a tree. What an astonishing transformation! That death should become life, that decay should become immortality, that shame should become glory! Well might the holy Apostle exclaim: *Far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world!* The supreme wisdom that flowered on the cross has shown the folly of worldly wisdom's pride. The knowledge of all good, which is the fruit of the cross, has cut away the shoots of wickedness.

The wonders accomplished through this tree were foreshadowed clearly even by the mere types and figures that existed in the past. Meditate on these, if you are eager to learn. Was it not the wood of a tree that enabled Noah, at God's command, to escape the destruction of the flood together with his sons, his wife, his sons' wives and every kind of animal?



And surely the rod of Moses prefigured the cross when it changed water into blood, swallowed up the false serpents of Pharaoh's magicians, divided the sea at one stroke and then restored the waters to their normal course, drowning the enemy and saving God's own people? Aaron's rod, which blossomed in one day in proof of his true priesthood, was another figure of the cross, and did not Abraham foreshadow the cross when he bound his son Isaac and placed him on the pile of wood?

By the cross death was slain and Adam was restored to life. The cross is the glory of all the apostles, the crown of the martyrs, the sanctification of the saints. By the cross we put on Christ and cast aside our former self. By the cross we, the sheep of Christ, have been gathered into one flock, destined for the sheepfolds of heaven.

- From a sermon by Saint Theodore the Studite
- Office of Readings for Friday of the 2nd Week of Easter

***Our Lady of the Holy Cross, pray for us!***

Peace!  
Fr. Wilson





<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>APRIL 26</b>
8:30 AM	James Danna
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>APRIL 27</b>
8:30 AM	Lori Rudolph and Ted Rudolph
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>APRIL 28</b>
8:30 AM	Pizza & Senderoff Families
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>APRIL 29</b>
8:30 AM	No Mass

Friday—Public Mass suspended during the green phase. Mass available online.

<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>APRIL 30</b>
12:15 PM	Rita Perez

#### NEXT WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS

<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>MAY 1</b>
8:30 AM	Peter Gaudiosi, Sr.
4:30 PM	Jim Flannery
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>MAY 2</b>
8:30 AM	Deceased Members of the McGrory & Dracup Families
11:00 AM	People of Holy Cross

### On-Line Giving

Join the growing number of Holy Cross Parishioners who contribute to the Sunday offertory by electronic means. It is convenient and easy. Please visit our website and click on “Our Parish” and then the “Parish Giving” tab or contact the Business Office for assistance.



### Sunday Collection, April 18

Total Collection	\$8,342
Electronic	\$2,642
Basket & Mail-ins	\$5,700

Easter Collection \$16,124



### TAX SAVINGS

#### GET YOUR REQUIRED MINIMUM DISTRIBUTION TAX FREE!

Under the new tax law, those taking Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs) can get a tax break giving to Holy Cross. For more information, contact the Business Office at 610-626-3321.





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### Homebound/Sick

Any Parishioner who is homebound or sick and would like a visit, please contact the Business Office (610-626-3321).



Visit with Jesus in our  
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9:00 AM—7:00 PM Monday thru Friday

If you need info, call

Ronnie 610-623-8412 or Office 610-626-3321

## The Corner

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Jesus' sacrifice brought me the greater grace of SALVATION than Adam's disobedience brought me CONDEMNATION.



Please keep in your prayers our young people who will receive their First Holy Communion here at Holy Cross on Saturday, May 1, at 10:00 AM.



### Catholic Home Missions Collection

The collection for Catholic Home Missions will be held the weekend of May 1 and 2. This collection supports the neediest dioceses in the United States. This appeal makes the most basic faith programs possible and shares the Gospel message with our brothers and sisters in dioceses where Church communities are struggling. When you participate in the appeal, you join in the Church's healing mission of mercy to all, including support for inmates reentering society, as well as pastoral ministries for crime victims and their families, justice system personnel, and inmates. We thank you for your generosity.



# FOOD PANTRY

## Food Pantry Update:

It's hard to believe the food pantry has been operating as a drive-thru for a year. COVID may have slowed us down; however, with the help of our Holy Cross school children with providing huge donations from various food drives (especially around Thanksgiving and Christmas), the support from you (both with food and prayers), our benefactors, surrounding parishes, the Knights, and our dedicated volunteers, we continue to help our neighbors in need.

If you are able, we are in need of peanut butter, canned meats and tuna, mac & cheese, beans, pasta sauce (no glass, please), canned fruit, pancake mix and syrup, cereal, and paper products. There are tin bins outside the food pantry door or you can leave your donations in the vestibule at church.

If you know any Delco residents in need of food, please let them know our pantry is open every Wednesday from 3:30 to 6:00.

God Bless All of You,  
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## 50th Reunion

Msgr. Bonner and Archbishop Prendergast High School Class of 1970 will gather for a 50th reunion celebration at The Drexelbrook Catering and Event Center, 4700 Drexelbrook Dr., Drexel Hill, PA, on Friday, October 22, 2021, from 6 PM to 10 PM. For additional information, email [bonnerprendie1970@gmail.com](mailto:bonnerprendie1970@gmail.com) or contact John Matthews at 215-260-4568 or [matthewstown@comcast.net](mailto:matthewstown@comcast.net).



## Three Parish Book Club

The Three Parish Book Club's next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 28, at 7:00 p.m., via Zoom. Members will discuss The Power of Silence by Robert Cardinal Sarah as well as suggestions for other reading. You need not have read the book to join the meeting. For more information, please contact Joy Van Berg at 610 328-2095 or at [joyvanberg@gmail.com](mailto:joyvanberg@gmail.com).

May: The World's First Love by Fulton J. Sheen

June: One Ordinary Sunday by Paula Huston

## Catholic Charities Appeal

**The 2021 Catholic Charities Appeal has begun. Please join us in supporting the Appeal as it continues to impact those in need all over the Greater Philadelphia area. Visit [catholiccharities-appeal.org](http://catholiccharities-appeal.org) to make your donation today!**





## Saint Joseph Novena

Let us pray.

O Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Foster Father of the Divine Child, Jesus, you were entrusted as the protective guardian of the Holy Family in Nazareth.

Give today this same protection to the family of the Church in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

Intercede with Christ before the Father of us all:

For the clergy and faithful,  
For married couples and single men and women,  
For all those in the consecrated life,  
For families and young people,  
For the poor, the lonely and neglected,  
For all the sick, suffering and dying.  
For a deepening of our spiritual life,  
For a strengthening of the moral life,  
For a bolder witness to the truth of the Gospel.

For all of us, Saint Joseph, with you as our firm example, may we remain confident in the plan of the Father for us, with lives of faith rooted in the saving death and resurrection of his Son and ever faithful to the demands of the Christian life with the grace of the Holy Spirit.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Saint Joseph, patron and protector of the Universal Church. Pray for us!

## Principal's Corner



If you are considering a Catholic Education for your child(ren), Holy Cross School is accepting registrations for Grades Pre-K 3 to 8<sup>th</sup> grade. We provide students with a strong academic program, spiritual development, social and emotional growth. We have a dedicated staff of teachers who are able to provide in-person and virtual instruction. We educate children in a loving and caring atmosphere and would love to provide an excellent education for your child(ren). Grant money is available through BLOCS, if you meet the criteria.

Holy Cross School will be having a summer camp for children in grades Pre-K to 5<sup>th</sup> grade. It will run from June 14 until August 13. There will be a variety of activities such as arts and crafts, games, indoor and outdoor activities. The camp will be open to all children not just Holy Cross students. The cost is \$270.00 per week.

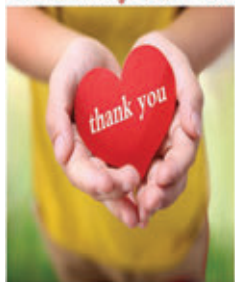
If you have any questions regarding enrollment or summer camp, please call Mrs. Spurrier in the school office at 610-626-1709.

## Wedding Anniversary Mass

The **Annual Archdiocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass** will be celebrated on Saturday, May 1, 2021, at 5:15 p.m., at the Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul. Archbishop Nelson Perez will be the principal celebrant and homilist. This Mass will commemorate those couples celebrating their 1 year, 5 year, 10 year, 25 year and 50 year wedding anniversary milestones. Wedding vows will be renewed on this very special day. For more details and to RSVP, visit [www.phillycatholiclife.org](http://www.phillycatholiclife.org) or call the Office for Life and Family at 215-587-0500.



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