

HOLY CROSS CHURCH

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APRIL 30, 2023 • FOURTH 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.

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

Not being by choice a pet owner, I find it reassuring when someone else's animal of choice is described as "liking me." My initial response, in particular to a large and energetic canine, is tension within and without for a few minutes until the aforementioned doggie judges me approved. Perhaps all this stems from me not having, or being allowed to have, a pet pooch as I grew up.

I do remember from my childhood that a small dog and even a cat were allowed in our house, but I believe that was because there were less than 6 of us small humans around as well.

At any rate Our good Lord had no such problems. In His human nature of course He certainly knew sheep and their shepherds. Who knows? He may have had a pet lamb in those 30 years of His hidden life in Nazareth.

Here in our famous gospel passage today, He goes so far as to declare Himself "The Good Shepherd." It was a title His listeners in those halcyon days would know and understand. Always the alert and creative teacher, Jesus would seize the moment to declare a truth worth remembering. The Holy Spirit was especially delighted, and so He inspired the New Testament gospel writers to include such teachings in their compositions for the benefit of the Church. Which is to say for all of us and anyone who would take up their Bibles to read all about it.

The good shepherd always had a loving relationship with his dependent flock. He was also very protective of them and was wary of predators always on the move and yes, even human agents of harm. So, if we humble ourselves to be considered as sheep in His flock, our Divine Shepherd will never let us be led astray nor be harmed in any way.

Our Church designates this "Good Shepherd Sunday" to be a Day of Prayer for Vocations. While the word "vocation" applies to single and married persons, the word meaning a "calling from God" for the Church this Sunday is particularly focused on prayer for an increase of permanent deacons, priests, and consecrated religious.

As for priests in particular, I think we Catholics in the States surely know we have a distinct shortage of same. Witness the reduced availability of priests, reduced Mass schedules and other changes made necessary by the reduced numbers as compared to just the 40s, 50s and 60s.

Believing God the Good Shepherd is fully in charge, I tend to agree with our late Pope Benedict XVI that the Church of the future will be smaller and more devout. Nevertheless, she will still need priests. I can assure you that if the calling is authentic it is a great and rewarding life. But gray hairs and bald patches tell the story. So we should turn to prayer about it all. And do our part in telling any young man in our circle whom we believe has all the signs to consider the priesthood as his calling, all the while knowing that God will do His part. The Good Shepherd will be pleased with your faith, as He was on so many occasions while He was here in person. So true is this: "If the Church is ever to get on its feet, it must first get on its knees."

4th Sunday of Easter

Reading I: Acts 2: 14a, 36-41

After proclaiming Jesus as Lord and Christ, Peter calls for his audience to repent and be baptized. Their question is answered. The number 3,000 converts is historically implausible, but gets used to show the success of the Pentecost mission as wrought by the Holy Spirit.

Reading II: I Peter 2: 20b-25

The author (not St. Peter himself) includes an early Christian hymn which stresses that Jesus' wounds heal us and bring us to the true shepherd.

The Gospel: John 10: 1-10

Jesus claims to be both the gate and the shepherd of the true flock. His parable is meant to reveal who He is. The term "good" here means "an ideal or model."



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, MAY 1

8:30 AM - No Mass

TUESDAY, MAY 2

8:30 AM - Peter Gaudiosi, Sr.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3

8:30 AM - Michael Gilfedder

THURSDAY, MAY 4

8:30 AM - Mary Ann Purcell

FRIDAY, MAY 5

8:30 AM - Harry Szurek

SATURDAY, MAY 6

8:30 AM - Anna & Charles DiLorenzo

4:30 PM - For the People of Holy Cross

SUNDAY, MAY 7

8:30 AM - Mary & Nicholas Graziano

11:00 AM - Those enrolled in the Memorial Fund

SANCTUARY LAMP



This week's Sanctuary Lamp intention is for:

Church: Captain Robert A. Matthews

COLLECTION INFORMATION

Weekly Need	\$12,820
Weekly Collection, April 23	
Total	\$8,264
Electronic	\$3,289
Basket & Mail-Ins	\$4,975

PRAY FOR THE SICK

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| Consiglia Borreli | Richard McCullough |
| Lyndi Butler | Larry McCusker |
| Mary Ann Carroll | Francis Murray |
| Maryann Convery | Charlotte O'Leary |
| Bill DeVuono | Paige O'Leary |
| George Dickinson | Katherine Patrone |
| Bob Frankenberger | Mary Rafferty |
| Dawn Gibbons | Ronnie Sidebottom |
| Carolyn Henderson | Joseph Sindoni |
| Steven Henderson | Adeline Sulpizio |
| Jimmy Keating | Jean Super |
| Carole Kime | Valerie Thompson |
| Natalie Giorgio Kitts | Betty Tomczyk |
| Ken Kull | Rosemarie Colaberdino |
| Mary Kull | Madalyn Parr |
| Kendall Lambert | Carter Claire Walton |
| Zachary Halbing | Mike Calbertta |
| Deacon Joe Gousie | Louise Casciano |
| Lee Anne McGough | Alexander Passquini |
| Joann Marks | Melissa Dunsee |
| Maryanne McCauley | |

The Corner

Brought to you by your Evangelization Team

Today is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Join us in praying this prayer:

"O God, Who wish all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of Your truth; send we beg You, laborers into Your harvest, and grant them grace to speak Your word with all boldness; so that Your word may spread and be glorified and all nations may know You, the only God, and Him Whom You have sent, Jesus Christ Your Son, Our Lord, Who lives and reigns world without end. Amen."

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!

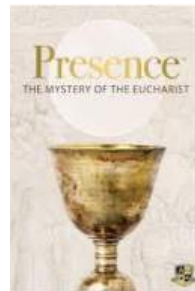


Remembrance Tree Ribbons Donation

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.

IHM Nun Run

Mark your calendars for Saturday, June 3, 2023, for the 10th Annual IHM Nun Run, 5K run / 3K walk. Start time is 8:30 am. Register by May 21. Proceeds benefit Camilla Hall, the convent home and health care center for the IHM Sisters. For more information on how to participate visit: www.ihmnunrun.org



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.

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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 on Wednesday, May 31 at 7:00 p.m. at the Holy Cross Church Parish Center. At each meeting 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 our discussion or if you would like more information, please contact Joy Van Berg at 610 328-2095 or at joyvanberg@gmail.com.

May

[The Life of the Blessed Virgin Mary](#)
[From the Visions of Ven. Anne Catherine Emmerich](#)

Trans. by Sir Michael Palairret

June

[Encounters with Angels](#)
by Odile Haumonte

Holy Cross School News

The year is going by way too fast. Our dedicated teachers continue to work on our Middle States accreditation. This is a long tedious process; we are lucky to have such a wonderful staff who are working so hard to complete all the requirements. Thank you, teachers, for your hard work and dedication to Holy Cross School.

Students received their progress reports on Friday, April 28, and I am sure they all did a wonderful job. Congratulations to all our students who work so hard each day.

Our school show will be on Thursday, May 4, at 7:00pm in the gym. We will also have a 1:00 pm matinee for grandparents. Our Parishioners are welcome at either show. This year we have also invited all our new students and their families who will be joining us next year. We want them to see what talented students we have here at Holy Cross. We could not put on such a great show without Mr. Campbell, our music teacher, and Mrs. Eisenman, our technology teacher. They work so hard sharing their time and talents with our students.

Please continue to keep our second grade and PREP students in your prayers as they look forward to the sacrament of First Communion on Saturday, May 6, 2023.

We continue to have a lot of interest in our school for next year. Please recommend Holy Cross School to anyone looking for a Catholic education for their children. We would love to have interested parents and their children come and see our school and meet our wonderful staff and students.

Wishing all our parishioners, families and students a wonderful week.

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.

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.

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Upcoming Events Benefiting The Little Sisters of the Poor

Teca Restaurant Fundraiser for General Operating
April 13, 2023

Dine in or out at TECA and mention
The Little Sisters of the Poor

The Little Sisters of the Poor Spring Concert
at Villanova University featuring Lights Out
America's #1 Tribute

to Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons
May 6, 2023

<https://littlesistersofthepoorphiladelphia.org/>

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



November 4th – Annual Craft Fair



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