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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

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.

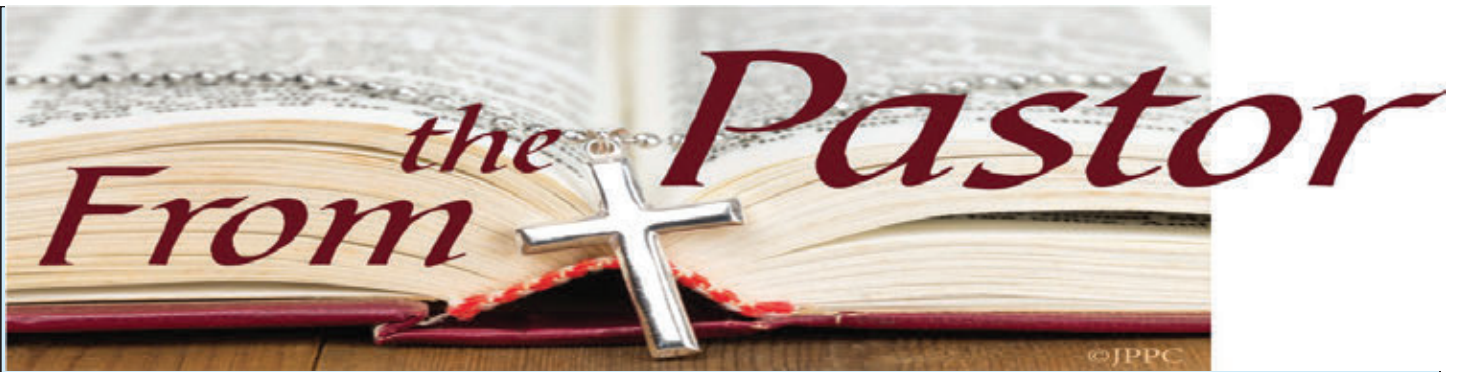
First time parents and godparents are required to attend a Baptism Preparation Session which is held on the 1st Monday of the month at 7:00 PM. Please call the Parish Office for more information.

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.



Mark your calendars! We will be celebrating our Parish Feast Day the weekend of September 11 and 12. Masses Saturday Evening and Sunday will be for the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, and the Social Committee and Knights of Columbus are planning a celebration to take place after the Masses. More information will follow, but it will be great to celebrate our parish. Another calendar item of note for the parish is that the date for my installation as pastor has been set. We will be honored to welcome Bishop McIntyre for the Rite of Installation on Sunday, October 3, at 11:00 a.m. Given how time is flying, these events will be here before we know it.

I'm sure many of us have been keeping an eye on the headlines surrounding the pandemic. We will continue to follow whatever guidelines are issued by the Archdiocese for the celebration of Mass and sacraments, as well as the operation of the school and PREP. The past 18 months have taught us to stay on our toes and be prepared for a change of plans at a moment's notice. I have to say I feel especially sorry for the many young people who had been planning weddings during this time; some of them have had to re-schedule multiple times. Planning a wedding is stressful enough, but how do you tell Aunt Edna she may or may not be welcome depending on potential capacity restrictions?

In the meantime, please be prudent and exercise appropriate care when coming to the church. I would also ask that, in a spirit of charity and good-will, we all be respectful of one another and the choices and decisions each of us makes in response to the current and any forthcoming guidance that may be out there.

One of the challenges that the pandemic has brought to light is the need for quick and effective communication. Our traditional means of communication have significant lead times. The parish bulletin goes to press several days before you get it. Mass mailings take days to weeks for printing, stuffing, and mailing—and they're expensive!

On the other hand, electronic communications can be sent pretty quickly and reliably. There are systems out there that will allow us to send e-mails and/or text messages to the parish for more instant communication. I think it's time for us to leverage what technology can offer us. The office staff and I will be looking at some options in the near future and seeing what is available and how we can best serve the parish with them. Expect to see more information here soon, along with an invitation to sign up for whatever service we go with.

A final note for this week: you'll notice in the vestibule there are posters looking for new choir members. We have one of the largest choir lofts I've seen in this church, and it would be wonderful to have a few more people filling up that space. If you're interested in sharing your vocal talents beyond the four walls of your shower, now's your chance. Please let Grete know and I'm sure she'll be happy to welcome you.

Fr. Kiernan



MONDAY	AUGUST 16
8:30 AM	Ellen Linehan
TUESDAY	AUGUST 17
8:30 AM	Mary Ann Purcell
WEDNESDAY	AUGUST 18
8:30 AM	Joseph Muratore, Jr.
THURSDAY	AUGUST 19
8:30 AM	No Mass
FRIDAY	AUGUST 20
12:15 PM	Fr. Cahill & The People of Holy Cross

NEXT WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY	AUGUST 21
8:30 AM	Peter Caltagirone
4:30 PM	Fred Senderoff
SUNDAY	AUGUST 22
8:30 AM	Thomas Tropia
11:00 AM	People of Holy Cross



Mass Book Opening

The opening of the Mass book will take place on Wednesday, September 15, 2021, after the 8:30 am Mass. Masses will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. On the first day only, September 15, we will be limiting the number of Masses for each individual request to a maximum of three (3). Each Mass intention is \$10.00.



Sunday Collection, August 8

Total Collection \$8,695

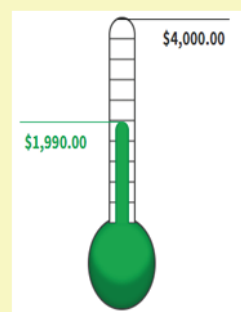
Electronic \$3,485

Basket & Mail-ins \$5,210

Freshen Our Façade

Thank you to all those who have contributed to the Freshen Our Façade collection. To date our parish community has donated \$1,990. We thank you for your generosity.

GOAL



PREP Registration

Registration for 2021-2022

Religious Education is now OPEN!

Information and registration can be found at
www.holycrosscatholics.org/prep

Questions? Contact Kelly Meliti at
prepholycross@gmail.com or 610-626-1057



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Exciting News about Our Choir !!



Our Holy Cross Choir has been invited to sing at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul in Philadelphia on March 26, 2022. We are looking forward to serving as the choir for the Saturday evening Mass. More details will come later so that you can plan to attend if you wish. So, we are looking for additional choir members when we start our choir season again here at Holy Cross this September. We need all voices, especially basses and tenors. You do not need to know how to read music in order to sing. We sing 1 Mass each weekend from September thru early June, and we practice on Tuesday evenings in the choir loft from 7 pm to 9 pm. If you would like more information, please contact our Music Director Grete Ingalls at 267.253.4007, or email greteingalls@hotmail.com. Come join us!!



Visit with Jesus in our
 Adoration Chapel

9:00 AM—7:00 PM Monday thru Friday

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

The Corner

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Did you know.....

Although the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary was a beloved tradition of the church for centuries, it wasn't until 1950 that Pope Pius XII declared it to be an official teaching of the Church.

Respect Life Month

Archdiocesan Opening Celebration

Cathedral Basilica of SS Peter & Paul

September 26, 2021

11:00 AM Mass with Archbishop Nelson Perez

Followed by a brunch reception with The Sisters of Life



*** SAVE THE DATE ***

September 11 & 12, 2021

Parish Feast Day Celebration/

Exaltation of the Holy Cross

And Welcome Father Kiernan!

Join us for a social following all Masses.

Look for details in upcoming bulletins.

Casserole Update

The next drop-off is Wednesday, August 18, between 6:00 and 7:00 PM at the gym annex. Our driver will resume delivering them to St. John's Hospice. You can make any casserole that you like. Please mark the casserole with the date prepared. Call Connie Labowitz at 610-328---0599 with any questions. Thank you!

FOOD PANTRY

Food Pantry Update

It's been a very hot summer and we are still working as a drive-thru. Our client volumes are still high (not as high as during the peak of COVID); although, still running double from prior years. Through your generosity and support, we continue to be able to assist our Most-in-Need Neighbors. With the summer, many families are bringing their children and our kiddie supplies are running low. If you are able, we are in need of juice boxes / pouches and kiddie treats (fruit snacks, granola bars). Also, we are in need of cereal, canned veggies, beans, spaghetti, mac & cheese, soup, canned meats, peanut butter, pasta and sauce, rice, pancake mix and syrup, paper towels and toilet paper.

The Acme has kept us in supplies of cleaning products, wipes, hand sanitizers and masks. We are very blessed with their support. Staples has also provided us with some school supplies (school will be here before we know it) and hand sanitizers.

Just a reminder, we are open on Wednesdays from 3:30 to 6:00 PM. If you know anyone in need of food in Delco, please let them know we are here to help. God Bless All of you who continue to keep us in your prayers and your generous donations. We hope you are enjoying your family time and are grateful to all of you.

Your Friends from the SVDP Holy Cross Food Pantry

AUTUMN BIBLE STUDY

Do you want to dig deeper into the Bible but don't know where to start? Come join us! You'll receive a Study Pak, including your own DVD series at the end of the course!

What: *"The Turning Point, A Study of the Gospel of JOHN"*

This is an easy way to start. We will study in **depth** only 1 book of the Bible

Where: Holy Cross Parish Center

When: 9 Wednesdays, September 9 thru November 3, 2021

Time: 9:15—10:45 am, right after the 8:30 Mass

Who's Invited: Everyone!

Contact: Elizabeth Austin 803.556.7459 or Pattie Stevens 484.868.8571

Please call to register so we know how many Study Paks to order!



Statement of Archbishop Nelson Perez regarding The Obligation to Attend Sunday Mass

"We have all felt the impact of COVID-19 in as individuals and families. It has been a time of acute hardship and struggle, of separation and isolation. It has also had an impact on our lives of faith. Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, has been with us throughout this challenging period and is most especially near to us when we encounter him in the Eucharist. The Eucharist offers us His healing and peace, His mercy and reconciliation. It is now time for everyone to return to the Eucharist with renewed faith and joy."

As many aspects of life are now returning to normalcy, each Catholic Bishop in Pennsylvania will reinstate the obligation to attend Mass in person on Sundays and Holy Days beginning on Sunday, August 15, 2021, the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

This is a moment to thank God anew for the great gift of the Mass and the Real Presence of Jesus to us in his Holy Body and Blood as wells as the joy of gathering together as people of faith."

Home Care Needed

Home Care needed 4 days a week for 94 year-old. Please call Vicky at 610-623-7729.

Bereavement Support Group

St. Dorothy Church

4910 Township Line Road, Drexel Hill

Tuesday, September 7, 2021 7:30—9:00 PM

St. Dorothy Parish offers an 8-week Bereavement Support Group to begin on Tuesday, September 7th at 7:30 PM in the library (Church Annex). All are welcome especially those who have lost a loved one during the past 6-24 months. For information/registration, please call the rectory office at 610-789-7788 or email: parishnurse@stdots.org.



Feast Day Tip - St. Michael's Lent

St. Michael's Lent is what St. Francis termed the period between the Assumption, August 15, and the feast of St. Michael, September 29. By its name, it sounds like a period of intense prayer to St. Michael. While turning to St. Michael during this period is significant, St. Francis used the time to fast, pray, and give alms focusing always on the cross. It was during St. Michael's Lent when he received the stigmata. Can you commit to adding another period of fasting and prayer to your life this year? Are you ready to start Monday morning?

Three Parish Book Club

The next meeting of the Three Parish Book Club is scheduled for Wednesday, September 29, at 7:00 p.m. at the Holy Cross Church Parish Center. If you would like to join the group or to receive more information, please contact Joy Van Berg at 610 328-2095 or at joyvanberg@gmail.com.

Summer Reading Suggestions

Coffee with Nonna by Vincent Iezzi

The Lost Ravioli Recipes of Hoboken by Laura Schenone

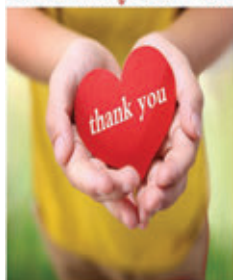
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Principal's Corner



If you are considering a Catholic Education for your child(ren), Holy Cross School is accepting registrations for Grades Pre-K 3 to 8th grade. We provide students with a strong academic program, spiritual development, social and emotional growth. We have a dedicated staff of teachers including an experienced resource teacher who can help those children who need additional support. We educate children in a loving and caring atmosphere and would love to provide an excellent education for your child(ren). A considerable amount of grant money is available through BLOCS, if you meet the criteria.

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



Franklin Mint Federal Credit Union

Holy Cross Church is now a member of the Franklin Mint Federal Credit Union. All parishioners, students and employees may now open an account and become a member of FMFCU. The local branch is on Baltimore Pike in Springfield. For all things FMFCU visit fmfcu.org.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

MARRIED COUPLES – After the Back-to-School rush winds down, take time to refresh your relationship! Why not give yourselves some time together by making a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend?

The next in-person experiences are: September 17-19 and November 12-14 at Our Lady of Czestochowa, Doylestown. For more info visit: <https://www.wwme-philly.org/>.



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