

HOLY CROSS CHURCH

651 East Springfield Road • Springfield, Pennsylvania 19064

AUGUST 28, 2022 • TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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 Dr. Mary Rose Worrirow.....Principal
 Mrs. Kelly Meliti Director of Religious Education
 Mrs. Grete Ingalls. MM, CAGO..... Music Director

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.



FROM THE PASTOR

We welcome back the students of Holy Cross School this week. Let's all pray that this is a great year of learning and faith formation for all of them.

I saw the following statistics the other day on a Catholic blog, and they're worth sharing.

U.S. Catholic Population, 2022

Catholic at some point in life: 87,783,408

Currently identify as Catholic: 73,224,400

Attending Mass Christmas/Easter or more 52,721,568

Registered with a Parish 41,957,581

Attending Mass at least once per month 32,950,980

Attending Mass at least once per week 17,573,856

"Very involved" in parish outside of Mass 8,944,068

What does this tell us? It's not a pretty picture.

- Of those who are baptized, 16.5% don't consider themselves Catholic anymore.
- Of those who say they are Catholic, 28% don't even come to Church on Christmas or Easter.
- Of those who say they are Catholic, 42% are not registered with a parish. Makes you wonder, are their kids baptized or in any kind of religious education? Are they supporting the work of the Church financially at all?
- Of those who say they are Catholic, 55% percent attend Mass less than once per month!
- Only 24% of those who say they are Catholic attend Mass weekly.

A few weeks ago, we heard the parable of the Good Samaritan. A man fell victim to thieves and robbers and was left for dead in the street. The Priest and Levite ignored him; the Samaritan made the man's problems his own and cared for him, transporting him with his own animal and using his own money and resources to provide medical care, food, and shelter.

The numbers above show that the Church is wounded, and her enemies are more than happy to leave her for dead. We can look at those numbers with indifference, or we can be like the Good Samaritan, jump in, and do something about it. My goal (and my job) as the pastor of this parish is to engage us as a parish to try and do something about it.

That is why we took the Disciple Maker Index in the Spring. We are now getting ready to start a three-year program called the Next Generation Parish, which will allow us to take a look at those results, assess our parish life, and discern ways to reinvigorate the faith of our parishioners. More information will be coming to us soon about this program. Please pray for its success. With God's help and our dedication, we can do great things, and we will!

22nd
Sunday in
Ordinary
Time

Reading I: Sirach 3: 17-18, 20, 28-29

The high and mighty have more to be humble than the weak and lowly of the world. Hand in hand with practitioners of humility is God's favor.

Reading II: Hebrews 12: 18-19, 22-24a

The old assembly and its covenant was set up here on earth. The new assembly is now in heaven, with no further need of a covenant while they enjoy the reward of the humble.

The Gospel: Luke 14: 1, 7-14

Those who exalt themselves with excess pride and self-worth shall be humbled. This will occur on the Lord's timetable, and it shall be a needed cure of what amounts to a disease.



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, AUGUST 29

8:30 AM - No Mass

TUESDAY, AUGUST 30

8:30 AM - Christina DeFelice

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31

8:30 AM - Fran Stellman

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

8:30 AM - Rev. Luis Carlos de Leon Perez

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

8:30 AM - The Employees of Holy Cross

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

8:30 AM - Carol O'Leary

4:30 PM - Dunleavy & Smythe Families

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

8:30 AM - The People of Holy Cross

11:00 AM - Jennifer Duffy

SANCTUARY LAMP



This week's Sanctuary Lamp intention is for:

Church: Tony Carlino

COLLECTION INFORMATION

Weekly Need \$12,820

Weekly Collection, August 21

Total \$6,336

Electronic \$3,205

Basket & Main-Ins \$3,131

PRAY FOR THE SICK



Steve Austin

Consiglia Borrelli

Lyndi Butler

Mary Ann Carroll

Maryann Convery

Bill DeVuono

George Dickinson

Bob Frankenberger

Dawn Gibbons

Ryan Hearne

Carolyn Henderson

Steven Henderson

Jimmy Keating

Carole Kime

Natalie Giorgio Kitts

Ken Kull

Mary Kull

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Joann Marks

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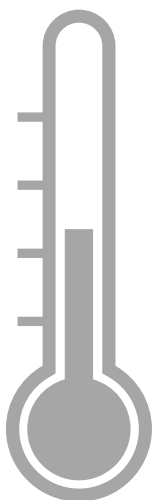
Joseph Sindoni

Adeline Sulpizio

Jean Super

Valerie Thompson

Betty Tomczyk



TAME OUR TEMP!

As of August 21, 2022
we have received
\$13,123 in donations.

We thank you for
your generosity!

It's Choir Time!

Choir season starts in just a few weeks. This year, we have been invited again to sing at the Basilica Cathedral of Sts Peter and Paul. We are in need of all voices. You don't have to read music in order to join us, you just need to enjoy singing. For more information, contact our choir director, Grete Ingalls, at greteingalls@hotmail.com or 267.253.4007.

All Musicians Wanted

If you play an instrument at an intermediate level or above and would like to add to the beauty of our Liturgy, please contact our Music Director, Grete Ingalls, at greteingalls@hotmail.com or 267.253.4007.

Mass Book Opening

The Mass book for 2023 will open on Tuesday, September 13, at 9:00 am. During the first month the book is open, there will be a limit of three (3) Masses scheduled per requestor. After the first month, additional Masses may be requested, with a limit of two (2) at a time. No intentions for 2023 announced Masses will be accepted or scheduled before the book opens (except those we are required to include). Phone calls or e-mails received once the book is open will be processed after those who are present in-person have been tended to.

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Beef N Beer Dance Party at Holy Cross



Saturday, October 1st 7PM-11PM

Remember the Holy Cross Dances? Come and Have Some Fun!

Get Your Tickets and Brush Off Your Dancing Shoes!

\$30.00 per Person advanced – Table for 10 Reserved for \$300.00

\$40.00 at the Door



Roast Beef, Baked Ziti, Salads, Beer & Soft drinks Included

BYO for anything else

The Corner

Brought to you by your Evangelization Team

In the story of the loaves and the fishes, note this detail. "Jesus said, "Have the people recline." So they reclined, and "Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them to those who were reclining," and they had their fill.

--- John 6:10-11

Isn't it amazing that Jesus is always inviting us to rest in Him, and our needs will be met?! Look for other little details like this as you read your Bible.

FORMED

We celebrate our Parish Feast Day, The Feast of The Holy Cross on September 14. To hear about the development of this feast and more thoughts surrounding the Holy Cross, tune in to an inspiring 30-minute video called "Exaltation of the Holy Cross" with Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. Ben Akers. Next, watch "What is the Mass?" with Chris Stefanik and Fr John Riley. The easiest way to find this 13-minute conversation is to use the search icon and enter What is the Mass. It is in The Search Continues series.

Remember this is a **FREE GIFT** to you from your parish! If you haven't already done so, go to <https://signup.formed.org> to begin exploring. 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!

Food Pantry Update

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, mac & cheese, canned meats, 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

Mass and Healing Service

All are invited to a
Mass and Healing Service at Our Lady of Fatima
on First Friday, September 2, 2022, at 7:00 pm
1 Fatima Drive, Secane, PA 19018
610-532-5800

Rev. Roland Slobogin will be the celebrant.

Kathleen McCarthy is the speaker.

Praise, Music, Mass, Anointing of the Sick,
Praying over Individuals for Healing and Witness
Stories

"Heal me, Lord, and I will be healed; save me and I will be saved, for you are the one I praise." (Jer. 17:14)

St. Eugene Parish Community Family Sunday Funday

Sunday – October 2, 2022 - 1:00pm – 5:00pm at St. Eugene Field (behind school)

Featuring COWPIE 50/50 BINGO!! \$10.00/Ticket. For more information or to purchase tickets visit:

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OTHER FUN ACTIVITIES

Flea Market ** Raffle Baskets ** Music ** Food ** Moon Bounce
**Crafters

wake up!

STANDING on BIBLICAL TRUTHS

Be on your guard, *stand firm* in the faith,
be courageous, be strong. Your every act
should be done with love.

— 1 Corinthians 16:13-14

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP CHURCH

W E L C O M E S

ALAN AMES

— EVANGELIST – AUTHOR – HEALER —

ONE NIGHT ONLY
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH
AT 7 PM

Alan Ames is a Catholic Evangelist, international speaker and author of some 20 books who has traveled to more than 50 countries on six continents since 1994. During his travels, Alan has shared his amazing "Saul to Paul" conversion story and a powerful healing gift. Alan has ministered to multitudes suffering from physical, mental, emotional and spiritual ailments around the world.

Alan personally knows the power of God's redeeming love and grace that dramatically transformed this former motorcycle gang member and violent alcoholic into a passionate disciple of Christ. Alan shares his story with a world that so desperately needs to hear it today.

For one night only, **September 13th at 7:00 pm**, Alan will be at **Our Lady of Perpetual Help (OLPH) Church, 2130 Franklin Ave., Morton, PA 19070.**

The evening begins with Mass, followed by Alan's testimony, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and a Healing Service. Confessions will also be offered.

This event is co-sponsored by Marian Council #3753 of the Knights of Columbus and the OLPH Evangelization Team. A good will offering will be taken.

Registration is requested (but not required) by going to www.olphmorton.org.

September 14th & 15th, 2022

Nationally known speakers Dr. Bill Lile, the Pro-Life doctor, and Dr Tim Clinton, Executive Director of the James Dobson Family Institute, will deliver messages that are counter cultural. They are joined by Father John Clote from the Diocese of Phoenix, Devin Schadt from the Fathers of Saint Joseph, and several others.

Guests will have the opportunity to enjoy this stunning venue which features an outdoor Stations of the Cross, a magnificent Marian grotto, and a beautiful adoration chapel in the stone tunnel of the Star Barn.

Mass will be offered daily by Monsignor William King of Mount Saint Mary's Seminary and confessions will be available in the outdoor vineyard.

Conference tickets include lunch. Additional options include a ride on the historic Harrisburg, Lincoln & Lancaster Railroad.

The Star Barn Village, Stone Gables Estate
Elizabethtown, PA

Schedule and Ticket Info: StewardshipConference.org





Autumn Bible Study -- The Chosen!!

We're back with Season 2 of The Chosen! Last Winter we presented Season 1, and now we will be showing all 8 episodes of Season 2 of The Chosen. If you haven't heard of it, this is a beautiful series about Jesus' ministry while on Earth. The actual biblical quotes are true, but the other scenes attempt to fill in the blanks about His everyday life. There will be group discussions after the videos. We will show this at 2 different times, so PICK THE TIME that is best for you.

Wednesdays, September 7 - October 26
9:15 am - in the Holy Cross Parish Center

Mondays, September 12 thru October 24
7:00 pm - in the Holy Cross Parish Center

The Bible Study is free! A workbook is NOT necessary, but if you'd like to have one, you can order that on Amazon. Just search for "The Chosen, Season 2", the white book is called "Blessed Are The Chosen: An Interactive Bible Study (Volume 2)." Please join us! To save a seat or for more information, contact Pattie Stevens at pattiejstevens@comcast.net or 484.868.8571.

To All Parish Faithful and Your Families

Make a commitment to pray the Rosary weekly! Join us Mondays at 8PM to pray virtually via Zoom or phone on the Archdiocesan LIVE World Mission Rosary. United in this most powerful prayer, we ask for the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary for our Catholic faith, peace in the world, personal intentions and for the Missions world-wide. VISIT phillymissions.org for the Zoom link or type in <https://zoom.us/j/494480541#success>

15th Anniversary of Man Up Philly!

Saturday March 4, 2023 will be the 15th Man Up Philly Conference and we are going back to our roots to the Campus of Cardinal O'Hara at the St John Vianney Hall Theater where it all started. Don't miss this opportunity to bring a friend and hear inspiring speakers for a day of reflection and growth!
Early Bird Registration is Now Open!

150th Anniversary of Sacred Heart of Jesus Church

Sacred Heart of Jesus Church in Philadelphia, PA is celebrating their 150th Parish Anniversary with a Mass and dinner on Sunday, October 16, 2022. The ticket price is \$75 per person. Please call our rectory at 215-465-4050 or visit our website, sacredheartchurchsp.com for more information.

Please Join Us: Parishoners of Clifton Heights, Drexel Hill, & Surrounding Parishes

A bus will be leaving from Drexel Hill as part of the Archdiocese Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC. on Saturday, October 15. This special day honors our Blessed Mother Mary and includes recitation of the Holy Rosary, Confessions, exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament, a procession and crowning of the Statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary and concludes with the celebration of Holy Mass. In addition to a full day at the Shrine, pilgrims will have a light breakfast on the bus, a boxed lunch to enjoy on the grounds and a stop for dinner on the way home. For more information and to register, please call Tina Angelo at 610-513-8731 or visit www.sacredheart-cliftonheights.net or www.scbdh.org for an informational flyer and a registration form. Cost of the trip is \$50.00

St. Jeanne Jugan Gala

September 7, 2022

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