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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.

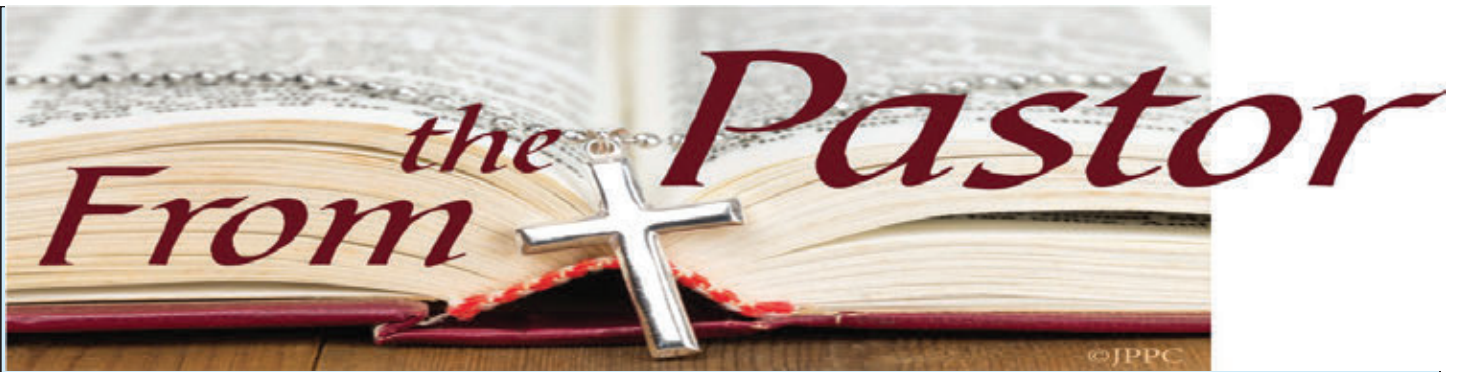
First time parents and godparents are required to attend a Baptism Preparation Session which is held on the 1st Monday of the month at 7:00 PM. Please call the Parish Office for more information.

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.



The other day I was in one of the stores and noticed that the Fall/Halloween decorations were starting to hit the shelves, taking the place of the notebooks and highlighters and other school supplies in the seasonal section. That's a sign that families are stocking up on their supplies and essentials, and the stores are getting ready for the next season. Ready or not, we're in full back-to-school mode. The parish school begins classes this week on a modified schedule, and the public schools are opening soon.

With the return of school comes an important reminder of the return to Religious Education as well. PREP will be resuming in two weeks here at the parish, which begs an important question. Parents, have you registered your children yet? Every parish I have been assigned to sees the same challenge of many last-minute registrations. It's understandable. At the start of Summer it's easy to say "oh yeah, I have lots of time to get that done." And then life happens and other things come up and before you know it, PREP starts in a week and you're in a panic because you never sent the re-registration materials. (I have something similar happen the month my car needs to be inspected: on the first I have plenty of time and it can wait, by the 15th I forget, and on the 30th I'm calling every garage and dealership in town to see who can squeeze me in.)

Nonetheless, our PREP staff has a lot of work to do to plan the year ahead in assigning classrooms and ordering books and supplies. So a gentle reminder that if you haven't submitted your registration, please do so. And if you're reading this as a grandparent or aunt/uncle of a PREP student and know that Mom and Dad aren't going to be reading this, perhaps you could pass on the reminder. If you have questions or need more information about PREP, please contact Mrs. Meliti.

By the way, remember that religious education doesn't have to (shouldn't) stop once you're done with school. Adults are welcome to join our upcoming Bible Study series on the Gospel of John. Of the four Gospels, St. John's stands out for its depth and intensity. It's worth taking the time to study. More information about the study series can be found elsewhere in the bulletin. But if you're interested, please don't hesitate, as the series starts next week.

Enjoy the week ahead, and best wishes to all our students as they head back to the classroom!

Fr. Kiernan





MONDAY	AUGUST 30
8:30 AM	Jack Labow
TUESDAY	AUGUST 31
8:30 AM	Mary Ann Purcell
WEDNESDAY	SEPTEMBER 1
8:30 AM	Ellen Linehan
THURSDAY	SEPTEMBER 2
8:30 AM	No Mass
FRIDAY	SEPTEMBER 3
12:15 PM	Anna DiLorenzo (4th Anniversary)

NEXT WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY	SEPTEMBER 4
8:30 AM	Ellen Linehan
4:30 PM	Thomas & Ida Dunn
SUNDAY	SEPTEMBER 5
8:30 AM	Michael J. Bevan
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.



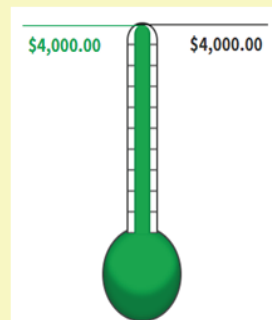
Sunday Collection, August 22

<i>Total Collection</i>	\$8,087
<i>Electronic</i>	\$3,382
<i>Basket & Mail-ins</i>	\$4,705

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Thank you to all those who have contributed to the Freshen Our Façade collection. We have met our goal! 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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"We have no concept of how important we are as individuals to God. It's not what I can do, or what I can't do; it's not what I know and it's not my talents --- it's my person. My person is so important to God that He died just for me."

---Mother Angelica



***** JOIN IN THE CELEBRATION *****

Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

And Welcome Father Kiernan!

Where: The Parish Hall

When: Saturday, September 11, after 4:30 PM Mass. Hotdogs and fixings will be served.

Sunday, September 12, after both Masse Coffee & donuts will be served.



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!!



I am here waiting for you! Talk with me, tell me your concerns, I will help as I love you very much! I will be waiting for you in the Adoration Chapel, Monday thru Friday, 9 AM to 7 PM. I am your forever friend, Signed Jesus

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

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 8 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 - Feast of St. Gregory the Great

September 3 is the feast of St. Gregory the Great. Legend has it that on the feast of St. Mark, Pope St. Gregory the Great, became overwhelmed with a craving for cherries. A servant wandering through the garden visited by St. Mark who blessed him with one cherry tree to produce early. The cherries were taken to St. Gregory and a tradition continues of Popes enjoying a bowl of cherries on the feast of St. Mark. However, spending September 3 enjoying those last cherries of summer with a cherry pie, is an appropriate way to celebrate the feast of St. Gregory the Great.

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

A favorite book from your childhood

Church cleaning

Yes we are back! Our "HC Church Cleaners" have returned to help keep our Church looking its best! Our next date for cleaning is Tuesday, 9/7, after the 8:30 am Mass. We are looking for a few volunteers to help. Feeling ambitious then feel free to join us. Bring your bucket and towel and be ready to help out. Any questions feel free to contact Dolores Morroni at 610-715-1328 and leave a message. Thank you and looking forward to seeing you.

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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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