



# HOLY CROSS CHURCH

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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.

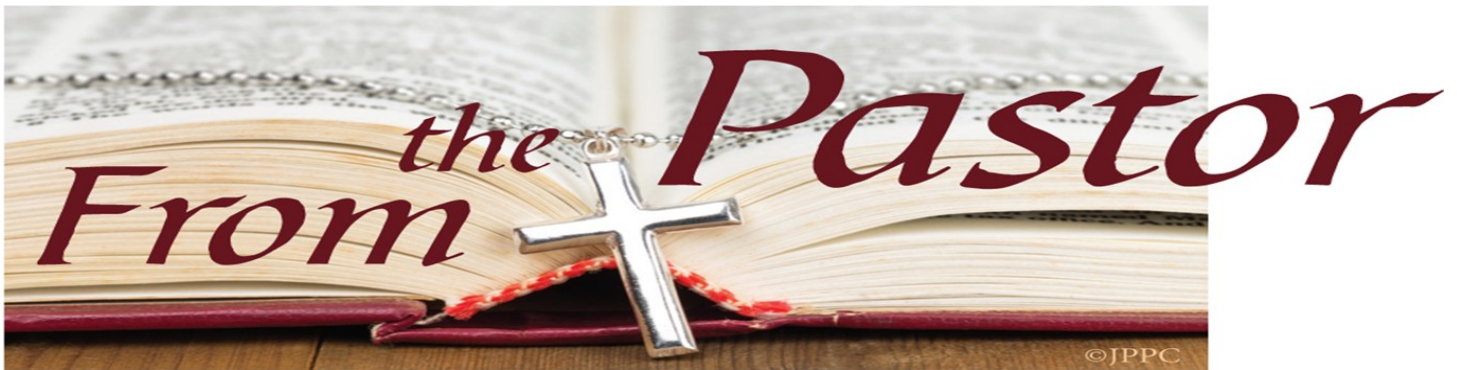
First time parents and godparents are required to attend a Baptism Preparation Session which is held on the 1st Monday of the month at 7:00 PM. Please call the Parish Office for more information.

## 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.



Some years ago, there was a series of commercials for one of the cell phone companies featuring a man going around asking “can you hear me now?” as he was testing where he had a signal on his phone. I think the commercials have ended, but the phrase has sort of persevered as an enduring common phrase. Now, when it comes to our church building, I know the answer to that question is usually “no” or “not really” or “not too well.” I’ve started speaking with a company that has a good track record of helping churches improve their sound quality to get some ideas for what we can do here at Holy Cross. The good news is there are some things we can try that should help. The bad news is the recurring theme of 2021: supply chain issues, product availability challenges, and exponential price increases. The situation with the church boiler has also become a bigger priority, so we’re going to have to wait a bit to look at this project in great detail, but we are at least getting some ideas.

We’re also looking to start setting aside the funds to help pay for the future upgrades. After discussing with the fundraising committee, we’ve decided that money raised in the parish calendar sale this year will be saved and used for sound system upgrades when we are ready to go forward with that project. Calendars are on sale after Mass the next few weekends, and volunteers at the church exits will be happy to provide you with more information on how the calendar works. As always, thank you for your support!

At the risk of talking too much about money and finances in one column, I did want to make another plug for our revitalized scrip program. You can use scrip to purchase e-gift cards, which can be stored in an app on your phone or printed off to give as gifts. When you’re thinking about shopping for Christmas gifts (and your routine household shopping), think about using scrip to help the parish. Just the other day I had to make an online purchase for some equipment for the parish. Once I knew the total, I went to the scrip website, bought an e-gift card to that store, and within seconds used it to pay for my stuff. A few extra clicks and made a few dollars for the parish. Easy money! Once you get into the habit, a little effort can go a long way toward helping the parish and the school. For more information, please contact Terry Carey in the office.

I always feel like Advent is a neglected season in the life of the Church. It’s only four weeks, the last of which is usually shortened depending on what day of the week Christmas is. The secular world has been decorated for and celebrating Christmas since the last trick-or-treater took the final Snickers bar. And there are so many things going on that it’s hard to really focus on the season or maintain a spiritual focus. I mentioned last week that Holy Cross now has a subscription to FORMED – a treasury of Catholic videos, bible studies, e-books, podcasts, and more. If you sign up for Formed, you’ll see they have a whole series of Advent-related videos and talks (including some cartoons for kids), along with the opportunity to sign up to have a daily reflection sent to your inbox. It’s a good opportunity to honor the season at times and in places that are convenient for you.

Enjoy this second week of Advent!

Fr. Kiernan

## Masses For The Week



|                  |                                    |
|------------------|------------------------------------|
| <b>MONDAY</b>    | <b>DECEMBER 6</b>                  |
| 8:30 AM          | No Mass                            |
| <b>TUESDAY</b>   | <b>DECEMBER 7</b>                  |
| 8:30 AM          | Bill Sidebottom                    |
| 7:00 PM          | People of Holy Cross & Benefactors |
| <b>WEDNESDAY</b> | <b>DECEMBER 8</b>                  |
| 8:30 AM          | Nero & Cermignani Families         |
| <b>THURSDAY</b>  | <b>DECEMBER 9</b>                  |
| 8:30 AM          | Mary Ann Purcell                   |
| <b>FRIDAY</b>    | <b>DECEMBER 10</b>                 |
| 8:30 AM          | Martin Moran                       |

### NEXT WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS

|                 |                         |
|-----------------|-------------------------|
| <b>SATURDAY</b> | <b>DECEMBER 11</b>      |
| 8:30 AM         | Adolph & Anna Marks     |
| 4:30 PM         | Nicole Gallo            |
| <b>SUNDAY</b>   | <b>DECEMBER 12</b>      |
| 8:30 AM         | Robert & Edna MacDonald |
| 11:00 AM        | People of Holy Cross    |

## FORMED

### In case you missed it.....

In last week's bulletin, Father told us that the Parish has purchased an awesome gift for all of us, a subscription to FORMED. It is an online platform filled with Catholic movies, kids programs, bible studies, podcasts, daily reflections and more. And this beautiful gift is FREE to all of us! Watch the bulletin for more information, and some parish-wide events that will happen in the new year. In the meantime, please go to <https://signup.formed.org> and sign up to begin exploring. Just enter "Holy Cross Parish, Springfield PA", it will appear in the drop-down menu; select it and press "Next", no password needed, and you will have full access to the site. Thank you, Father Kiernan!

## SANTUARY LAMP



This week's Sanctuary lamp intention is for:

**Church: The Pelosi Family**

**Chapel: Dr. Joseph Armeo**



### Sunday Collection, November 28

**Total Collection**      \$9,781

**Electronic**      \$2,375

**Basket & Mail-ins**      \$7,406

### TAX SAVINGS FOR YOU / GIFT TO HOLY CROSS

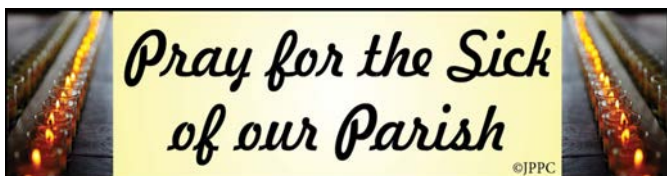
If you are age 70 ½ or older, the best way to make a charitable contribution can be through a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) from a traditional IRA. A QCD can satisfy your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) for the year and reduce your income taxes.

The tax benefit of giving from an IRA is greater than writing a check and taking a tax-deduction. Such gifts are also well-suited if you are subject to the RMD, but no longer itemize deductions for income tax purposes.

Suppose your RMD for the year is \$10,000-. Make at least \$10,000 of QCDs and you have satisfied your RMD and avoided income tax on the distribution. The money is out of your traditional IRA, but there is no gross income on your tax return. **For a charitable distribution from an IRA to qualify as a QCD, the contribution must be made directly from the IRA custodian or trustee to the charity.**







**Lyndi Butler**  
**Gerald Curran**  
**George Dickinson**  
**Dawn Gibbons**  
**Carolyn Henderson**  
**Steven Henderson**  
**Jimmy Keating**  
**Carole Kime**  
**Natalie Giorgio Kitts**  
**Ken Kull**  
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**Maryanne McCauley**  
**Richard McCullough**

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**Adeline Sulpizio**  
**Jean Super**  
**Valerie Thompson**  
**Helen Torelli**  
**Amanda Trerotola**  
**George Vrettos**

## Immaculate Conception

Wednesday, December 8, 2021

Holy Day of Obligation—Masses will be celebrated at:

Tuesday, December 7 7:00PM

Wednesday, December 8 8:30 AM

## Retirement Fund for Religious

The collection for the Retired Religious will take place this weekend. This appeal benefits 30,000 elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests-women and men who have consecrated their lives to serving God and the Church. We are blessed to have 70 religious congregations present and serving within the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Of this number, over 900 are retired. We thank you for your generosity.



Sunday, December 19, after the 11:00 AM Mass, members of Holy Cross Parish will be assembling the Nativity scene in the Church. Anyone who is interested in helping is welcome to come. Please arrive after the 11:00 Mass. Thank You!

## The Corner

*Brought to you by your Evangelization Team*

As we start our new liturgical year, let's reflect on this quote from Minnie Lousie Haskins in *"Approaching Christmas, Meditations for Advent"* by Joyce Huggett.

'I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year: "Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown." And he replied: "Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God; that shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way.'"

## Church Cleaning

A note of thanks to our Holy Cross cleaning ladies who continue to help keep our church and chapel clean! We are blessed and you are appreciated. Next church cleaning is Dec. 14 after the 8:30 am Mass. Extra hands are always welcomed. Contact Dolores Morroni 610-715-1328.



## Annual Cemetery Blanket/Door Wreath Sale

The Holy Cross Knights of Columbus #15482 will again be holding their Annual Cemetery Blanket/Door Wreath Sale beginning on Sunday, 11/21/21 and ending on Sunday, 12/5/21. Unfortunately there was another increase this year from our supplier. Goods and supplies are harder to get and prices reflect that. The price this year will be \$30.00 per Blanket as well as \$30.00 per Door Wreath. To place an order you can call, text or e-mail Andy Grajek @ 610-761-9020 or [gfrandy@juno.com](mailto:gfrandy@juno.com) and leave your name, phone number & the amount of blankets/wreaths that you wish to order. Please leave your contact information in case we need to contact you. If you contact by e-mail, a form can be sent to you electronically. Checks/orders can be sent by mail. Make checks payable to: Holy Cross K.O.C. #15482. Checks can be mailed to: Cemetery Blankets, c/o Andy Grajek, 492 Indian Rock Dr., Springfield PA 19064. Cemetery blankets will be available for "Contactless" pick up in the Holy Cross School Parking Lot on Saturday - 12/11/21 from 8:30am until 11:00am.



# FOOD PANTRY

Our volunteers and Neighbors in-need have no words to express our immense gratitude and sincere appreciation to all of you. We provided Thanksgiving dinners for many families.

If you know any Delco residents, who are in need of food, please let them know that we are open every Wednesday from 3:30 to 5:30 PM directly behind Holy Cross school.

God Bless All of you. We have so much to be thankful for.....

Your Friends from the St. Vincent dePaul Society Food Pantry Team

## Deadline for Parish Bulletin

**Due to the Christmas and New Year Holidays, the Parish Bulletin submission deadlines have been changed. Please note that all materials for the Parish bulletin must be submitted to the Business Office as follows:**

| Publication date | Deadline |
|------------------|----------|
| Dec. 19/20       | Dec. 8   |
| Dec. 26/27       | Dec. 14  |
| Jan. 2/3         | Dec. 21  |

## CARDINAL O'HARA HIGH SCHOOL

Our parish recently received notification of the performance of our high school students on the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter. We are particularly proud of those who demonstrated academic excellence.

Students who achieved first honors include: Ava Devenney '23, Marissa Glick '23, Rebecca McVeigh '23, Elizabeth Simpson '23, William Donnelly '24, Emily Fisher '25, Abigail Henzel '25, Kayleigh Kelly '25, Amber-Joyce Pensyl '25.

Among those earning second honors were the following students from our parish: Brian Young '22, Aminata Gogra '23, Caitlin Henzel '23, Mia Macciocca '23, Victor Madu '23, Emma Taylor '23, Xavier Tran '23, Peter Vu '23, Anthony Yost '23, Harry Donnelly '24, Gionna Terinoni '24, Julia Riley '25.

## Assistance Needed

Grandmother needs assistance during the week caring for her 4 grandchildren. If interested, please call Monica Dougherty at 610-745-5840.

## BE THANKFUL!

**"COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS, NAME THEM ONE BY ONE, AND YOU WILL BE SURPRISED WHAT THE LORD HAS DONE"**, yes we sometimes forget all that Jesus has done for us! Take some time and be thankful. H would like to hear it from you. Our Adoration Chapel is open, 9AM to 7PM, Monday thru Friday.



## Advent Bible Study

For men and women in Springfield: Advent Bible Study at the Parish Center of Holy Cross. 9:15 AM on Wednesday, November 17, December 1, 8 and 15.

Please join us

## TWO GIVING TREES

This year we have two recipients of our Giving Tree and therefore we will have two trees.

On Mary's side there will be items for the Delaware County Pregnancy Center, 2508 Edgemont Ave., Chester, PA. Requests will be listed on the ornaments.

On St. Joseph's side, the items will be for the elderly poor residents at Holy Family Home, 5300 Chester Ave., Philadelphia, PA. This is run by the Little Sisters of the Poor. Requests will be listed on the ornaments. Items can be put into gift bags.

The last day for bringing gifts is Sunday, DECEMBER 12.

Thank you for your generosity!



## Thank You!

On behalf of the Knights of Columbus Holy Cross Council 15482 we want to thank you for your attendance to our semi-annual breakfast on Sunday, Nov. 21. As you know, all funding goes directly to support our students with scholarships. **Our 50/50 drawing was won by LA Rev-ello.**

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



## Holy Cross Development Fundraiser



### \$\$ 365 Chances to Win \$\$

Purchase a Calendar for \$50.00. Each calendar has a 4-digit number. Each day (365) has a cash prize.

|          |          |
|----------|----------|
| Daily    | \$50.00  |
| Weekends | \$100.00 |
| Holidays | \$150.00 |

If your assigned number matches the PA nightly Pick 4 daily number (straight match) you win the cash prize on the calendar for that day. Fill out a calendar fundraiser form and return to the Business Office or place in the Sunday collection basket. For any questions, please contact [hcdevelopment-fund@gmail.com](mailto:hcdevelopment-fund@gmail.com). Can be a great Christmas gift for a family member or friend!



## Principal's Corner

We are still in need of people to work in our CARES program. The children are there from dismissal until 6:00PM. It is a nice little position. You do not have to work all five days. CARES is not open on half-days. Please call Dr. Worriow at 610-626-1709 if you are interested.

The children will be seeing A Christmas Carol play on Monday, December 6. This is thanks to the Connelly Foundation and our parents. They have missed so much because of COVID.



## Holy Cross CYO News

### Congratulations Sierra!



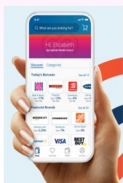
Congratulations to Holy Cross student, Sierra McCall, 6 years old, who placed 8<sup>th</sup> overall in her age group at the Cross Country Championships held in Parish, Kentucky! Sierra was part of the Saint Kevin's/Holy Cross Cross Country team. Way to go, Sierra. The Holy Cross community is very proud of you!



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## 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 first quarter of the 2021-22 school year. We are particularly proud of those students

who have demonstrated academic excellence.

First Honors:

Class of 2023: Zachary Maiorano

Class of 2025: Salvatore Squillacioti

Second Honors:

Class of 2022: Domenica Brunetti, Alyssa Gannon, Madison Groux, Brielle Terinoni





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