



# HOLY CROSS CHURCH

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FEBRUARY 12, 2023 • SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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. 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..... 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.



# FROM THE PASTOR

Lent begins in a week and half with the celebration of Ash Wednesday. To help make your Lenten dining experience a little easier, the parish and school will be selling crab cakes and soup from Capt'n Chuckies this week. Information on how to order can be found on flyers in the vestibules and on our website. Orders must be turned in by 11:00 am on Monday, February 20. Orders will be available for pickup on Ash Wednesday from 3:00-7:00 pm. See the flyer for more information.

Here's an opportunity to consider for Lent and beyond. Archbishop Perez will be sending out a weekly challenge via text message to those who sign up. Each message will consist of a concrete action step you can do to help you deepen your friendship with Jesus or grow in your mission to help bring Jesus to others. If you wish to sign up, it's really easy. You can text GOFORTH to 84576. Or you can visit [phillydisciples.org/goforth](http://phillydisciples.org/goforth) and provide your information that way. The program starts Ash Wednesday; messages will be sent weekly for a year. I hope you'll consider signing up!

Something else to consider for Lent: sign up for Formed, and make an effort to check out their content on a daily or weekly basis, especially as a family. There are videos, podcasts, children's programs, and more. And it's all FREE! (Well, free to you. As a parish we pay a subscription fee each year so can access the content at no cost.) Signing up for Formed is really easy: just go to [formed.org](http://formed.org), click "sign up as a parishioner," search for our ZIP code 19064, and pick Holy Cross. Once you're signed up, there's a ton of content available. Grandparents: there are lots of fun kids' programs with Catholic themes. If you're babysitting, instead of watching Paw Patrol or Peppa Pig for the 1 billionth time, check out the Brother Francis videos—there's even a kids' version of the Stations of the Cross, which would be great during Lent.

This weekend, a number of our second grade students in PREP and Holy Cross School celebrated the Sacrament of Penance for the first time. We can all be proud of them and grateful to their teachers for getting them ready for this important sacramental celebration. Please remember these students in your prayers as they get ready for First Communion in a couple months.

Next Sunday, we plan for the Springfield Ambulance Corps to be here at Holy Cross to give a brief tutorial after the Masses about compression-only CPR. It will be worth sticking around for a few minutes to learn a skill that could help save someone's life.

Enjoy the week ahead!

6th  
Sunday in  
Ordinary  
Time

**Reading I: Sirach 15: 15-20**

Here we have a forthright affirmation of man's free will. Yet God is still the First Cause of all activity in the world.

**Reading II: I Corinthians 2: 6-10**

Christ crucified and risen is the wisdom of God. The Holy Spirit gifts us with the wisdom to see what "eye has not seen, which is what God has prepared for those who love Him."

**The Gospel: Matthew 5: 17-37**

The Law was thought to be the summary of all wisdom, human and divine. But Our Lord Jesus could not accept that conclusion as the last word. But Jesus could not accept that conclusion because He knew that He was the Law's fulfillment.



# MASSES FOR THE WEEK

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13**

8:30 AM - No Mass

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14**

8:30 - Gabriel DeFelice

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15**

8:30 AM - Those Enrolled in the Memorial Fund

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16**

8:30 AM - Steve Austin

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17**

8:30 AM - Steve Austin

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18**

8:30 AM - Dorothy Cassidy-Ruane & Tom & Dorothy Cassidy

4:30 PM - Dante DeSimone

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19**

8:30 AM - Pauline & Anthony Fiscella

11:00 AM - The People of Holy Cross

# SANCTUARY LAMP



This week's Sanctuary Lamp intention is for:

**Church:** Maryann Redding

**Chapel:** Dan Agualino

# COLLECTION INFORMATION

Weekly Need \$12,820

Weekly Collection, February 5

Total \$7,708

Electronic \$2,927

Basket & Mail-Ins \$4,781

# PRAY FOR THE SICK

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|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Consiglia Borreli     | Richard McCullough    |
| Lyndi Butler          | Larry McCusker        |
| Mary Ann Carroll      | Francis Murray        |
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| Bill DeVuono          | Charlotte O'Leary     |
| George Dickinson      | Paige O'Leary         |
| Bob Frankenberger     | Katherine Patrone     |
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| Steven Henderson      | Joseph Sindoni        |
| Jimmy Keating         | Adeline Sulpizio      |
| Carole Kime           | Jean Super            |
| Natalie Giorgio Kitts | Valerie Thompson      |
| Ken Kull              | Betty Tomczyk         |
| Mary Kull             | Rosemarie Colaberdino |
| Kendall Lambert       | Janice Mac Bride      |
| Zachary Halbing       | Madalyn Parr          |
| Deacon Joe Gousie     | Carter Claire Walton  |
| Lee Anne McGough      | Mike Calbertta        |
| Joann Marks           |                       |
| Maryanne McCauley     |                       |

## The Corner

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### Did You Know?

Do you think folks are hungry for the Word of God? Just think about this... The top 2 podcasts on Apple Podcasts are "The Bible in a Year" and "The Catechism in a Year," both hosted by Father Mike Schmitz. The Bible in a Year has been downloaded more than 430 MILLION times worldwide!

## Annual Spaghetti Dinner & Trivia

The Holy Cross Knights of Columbus will be hosting their Annual Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, February 18th in the Parish Hall following the 4:30pm Mass. Price for tickets is \$10. This is a BYOB event.

Tickets will be sold after the Masses on February 4th & 5th and February 11th & 12th. You can also get tickets from any of the Knights before the event. An added bonus! Our Parish Social Committee will again be hosting a "Trivia Night" immediately following the dinner in the Parish Hall. Please stick around after the dinner to match your wits with your fellow parishioners and guests!

## Church Cleaning

The next Church cleanings will take place on the following Tuesdays, 2/7, 3/7 and 4/4/2023 after the 8:30 am Mass. Extra hands are always welcome.

## Scrip Program

Support our organization while you shop! The easy way to raise money, buy gift cards and earn for Holy Cross School.

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Have questions about getting started? Call the ShopWithScrip Customer Support team at 1-800-727-4715 option 3.

## Calling All Bakers!

The Social Committee is looking for volunteers to make handheld or pre-sliced desserts for our upcoming Pasta/Trivia Night on February 18th. Anyone interested in helping us, please contact Mary Ann O'Shea at [maryann1950@comcast.net](mailto:maryann1950@comcast.net) or 610-328-5924 Thank You!

## Three Parish Book Club

Because Ash Wednesday falls on the last Wednesday of February, the Book Club will meet at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 1 (location to be announced) to discuss the February readings. Members will offer recommendations for Lenten and other spiritual reading. If you would like to join us, or if you would like more information, please contact Joy Van Berg at 610 328-3095 or via [joyvanberg@gmail.com](mailto:joyvanberg@gmail.com).

February

**Padre Pio: Stories and Memories of My Mentor and Friend**

John E. Rotelle, OSA ed.

March

**Can You Drink this Cup**

Henri Nouwen

# FORMED

A Free Gift to you from Holy Cross Parish

**PROGRAMS – MOVIES – AUDIO - BOOKS**

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!

## Food Pantry Update

Thanks to many benefactors our food pantry is pretty well stocked. The Boy Scouts Troop 512 and Cub Scouts Pack 240, our Holy Cross School children, St. Francis CYO, St. Kevins Knights of Columbus provided our pantry with many donations.

We appreciate "All of You" for your support and prayers. If you are able, we are in need of cereal, pasta sauce (no glass please), pasta, and macaroni & cheese, and personal items including: shampoo, soap, deodorant, toothpaste and toothbrushes.

Just a reminder, we are open every Wednesday (as a drive-thru) from 3:30 to 5:30. If you know anyone in need of food in Delco, please provide them with our info.

God Bless and stay well,  
Your Friends from the St. Vincent dePaul Holy Cross Conference

## WANTED - A FEW GOOD MEN!

It's a new year, and the choir is getting ready for the upcoming Holy Season of Lent and Easter. Male voices add so much to the liturgical hymns, and we are specifically looking for a few men to join the 2 we have in choir now.

We practice 1 night a week, and sing every other Sunday plus special feast days. You don't have to read music in order to join us, you just need to enjoy singing....like you do in your car or along with your favorite radio station.

For more information, please contact our Music Director, Grete Ingalls, at greteingalls@hotmail.com or 267.253.4007.

## High School Seniors and College Students

St. Mary Polish American Society is accepting applications for the inaugural Felicia Jemionek Rzeznik Memorial Scholarship, a \$1,500 scholarship to a qualified student of Polish ancestry residing within the Archdiocese of Philadelphia pursuing full-time undergraduate studies at an accredited college or university in the United States. All applications are due by 11:59 pm on March 1, 2023. Full information about the scholarship is included in the QR code. For any questions, please call Dorothy Swedkowski at 610-630-0861.



## 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!



February 18<sup>th</sup> - KOC Spaghetti Dinner & Trivia Contest

March 26<sup>th</sup>  
KOC- Pancake Breakfast



April 22<sup>nd</sup> - Annual Flea Market



June 4<sup>th</sup> - 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary - Parish Family Fun Day



October 7<sup>th</sup> - Beef N Beer



Holy Cross All Class - All Parish Reunion



November 4<sup>th</sup> - Annual Craft Fair



## DELCO PRO-LIFE MEETING

Please join us for the next meeting of the Delco Parishes Pro-Life meeting on Wednesday, February 15, at 7 PM at Holy Cross Parish Center in Springfield. The Parish Center building is located behind the school; park in the parking lot behind the church and take the walkway to the center.

Your prayers and suggestions are most welcome.

Jesus, protect and save the unborn.

## Holy Cross School News

As we end Catholic School's week we would like to thank everyone who made this week such a success. Our hard working teachers, staff and Principal. Special thanks to our Pastor Father Kiernan who went above and beyond to make this week so special for the staff and children.

We are starting our enrollment for the 2023-24 school year. We are implementing our new "continuous" enrollment. This process will make it easier on our parents who are currently enrolled in Holy Cross School as well as new enrollments. We have had a lot of interest in our school and are moving forward each day to make our school an even better place for our students. If anyone is interested in getting to know more about what Holy Cross has to offer their children, please contact our school office or email Mrs. Spurrier at [espurrier@hcscrusaders.com](mailto:espurrier@hcscrusaders.com). We would love for parents/guardians to come and see our school and meet our wonderful students and faculty.

We are in the process of planning our first "Spring Fling". This will be a dance for our students and a family member or special person. This is planned for the end of April.

As always, thank you to our parents and parishioners who make it possible for Holy Cross to continue to provide a Catholic Education for our students.

## Winter Bible Study

### St Paul's Letter to the Philippians

The Holy Cross Bible Study team will present a FREE 6 week deep-dive into the Book of Philippians. This is St Paul's letter from prison in Rome, written to thank and encourage the Christian community in Philippi. We will concentrate on this single book of the Bible. 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, January 23 thru February 27 ---7:00 to 8:30pm - in the Holy Cross Parish Center**

**OR: Wednesdays, January 25 thru March 1 ---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](mailto:pattiejstevens@comcast.net) or 484.868.8571.

## 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 semester 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 2024: Joslyn Dilbeck**

**Class of 2026: Sean Erickson**

The following students received second honors:

**Class of 2023: Justin Lane, Zachary Maiorano, Thomas Venditti**

## ULTRASOUND TECH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Delaware County Pregnancy Center, located at 2508 Edgmont Ave. in Chester, is in need of volunteer ultrasound technicians to provide pregnancy confirmation ultrasound exams. Can you volunteer a few hours each week any time between 10 AM and 4 PM, Monday through Thursday to help the cause of Life? Please contact Director Destiny Diggs at 610-872-2229 and see the website <https://dpcpcchester.org> for more information.

Jesus, protect and save the unborn.

All are invited to a  
**Mass and Healing Service at Our Lady of Fatima**

on First Friday, March 3, 2023, at 7:00 pm  
1 Fatima Drive, Secane, PA 19018  
610 - 532 - 5800

Rev. Roland Slobogin will be the celebrant.

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