



# HOLY CROSS CHURCH

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FEBRUARY 16, 2020 • SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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 Dr. Mary Rose WorriLOW..... Principal  
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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 the Parish office or Mrs. Judy Vacca, Pastoral Minister, when a parishioner is hospitalized or home bound.

# G O D K N O W S

*when to send you  
exactly what you need.*

Highly contagious and possibly life-threatening viruses have been in the news lately. It is rather scary. Thankfully, it has been just plain old influenza that has been making its way through our school more recently with any number of students being down and out for a time. (There is the story of one little guy who laughed so hard at something a fellow student had said that he threw-up. Had to be the flu, right?) Even our principal was affected it seems. It's never fun being sick as we all know. A time of being sick that involved a virus and that especially stands out for me was the time that I had the chickenpox. Though now there is a vaccine and outbreaks have dramatically dropped, this used to be a condition to which one was generally exposed in early childhood. Once exposed, immunity usually occurred. Unfortunately, my bout with chickenpox didn't come until high school. It was awful. I have no idea from whom I contracted it. Little bumps and blisters on the skin are terrible at any age, but it is far worse as an appearance-conscious seventeen-year-old, when even some pronounced pimples can cause the pain of embarrassment. Also, it is said that chickenpox can be far more dangerous the older one is. Great! Woe is me! I looked awful. I felt awful. I was nauseous and I itched incredibly. The girlfriend kept her distance for about a month. As I said, woe is me! I remember my father's trying to soothe and comfort me as best that he could, physician that he wasn't. My mother had already gone home to God and maybe it was the stress of that time that contributed to my woeful plight. "A calamine bath is supposed to help the itching," my father said. Invoking the wisdom of home remedies and grandmothers throughout the ages. I wasn't buying it, but at this point, I was willing to try anything. I was already nauseous when I stepped into the warm water of the calamine infused tub. It wasn't helping. In fact, things were getting worse. The hair that wasn't mine that I spotted floating in the tub was causing my stomach to turn. I noticed every single little speck of mildew upon the grout between the tiles. I unfortunately noticed the scum on the underside of the soap ledge that always got missed in cleaning and in the little bathroom of our row house, sitting in the bathtub meant that one's head was about level with, and immediately next to the toilet. That's right – the toilet! I couldn't take it anymore and quickly used said toilet regurgitating what little my stomach held. I hate sitting in the bathtub to this day. I rather prefer a quick shower, thank you. Getting sick is never fun, but getting better is. Though pathetically pockmarked, I returned to school as soon as I could. I didn't want to fall too far behind in my studies nor be further subjected to dad's home remedies. Although I was no longer contagious, I looked horrible as my dear friends so helpfully and unnecessarily pointed out. Thanks, guys! My girlfriend did finally inch slowly closer and eventually my face cleared returning to the occasional prominent pimple. Life got back to normal, whatever that means for a high school senior. If you're sick, I hope that you feel better! If you have the chickenpox, stay away! Jesus, our Divine Physician, reminds us that those who are well don't need a doctor. The sick do. He wants to heal us of all the spiritual viruses that cause us to be sick, looking awful, feeling awful, and making us itchy in our own skin. Though many people bathe in the cleansing waters of New Life that Jesus offers, I, myself, simply prefer a quick shower! Whatever your ailment is this winter, go to the Divine Physician and I hope that you're feeling better soon!

Peace!

Fr. Wilson



<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 17</b>
8:30 AM	JAY CONNOR
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 18</b>
8:30 AM	CLAIRE KEATING
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 19</b>
8:30 AM	LOU VACCA
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 20</b>
	NO MASS
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 21</b>
12:15 PM	PAULINE, ANTHONY, & WILLIAM FISCELLA
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 22</b>
8:30 AM	JOSEPH SWEENEY
<b>NEXT WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS</b>	
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 22</b>
4:30 PM	PATRICIA HYLAND
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 23</b>
8:30 AM	ROBERT ANDREWS
11:00 AM	PEOPLE OF HOLY CROSS



## Ashes To The Homebound

All Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist who can take ashes to their homebound, please pick up the prayer and packet of ashes anytime on Wednesday, February 26, outside the sacristy. Anyone who is not an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist and would like to take ashes to someone who is sick/homebound/or institutionalized may also pick up the ashes outside the sacristy on the 26th . Thank you.



Lyndi Butler	Joanne Marks
Margaret Cook	Barbara McCusker
Maryanne Convery	Lee Anne McGough
Stephen Collins	Thomas Miller
Samuel Dephillippo	Dan Murphy
Sharon Diemer	Connie Myers
Kathleen Dixon	Frances O'Callaghan
Janet Doherty	Charlotte O'Leary
Lillian Donahue	Paige O'Leary
Mary Ann Farrell	Laura Palermo
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Steven Henderson	Rose Marie Santos
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Are you celebrating a special anniversary this year? The annual Archdiocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass will take place on **Saturday, May 2, 2020** at the Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul at the 5:15 PM Vigil Mass. This Mass is to pray for, and with, all married couples who are newlyweds 1-5 years, who have been married 25 years or more, or 50 years or more. Friends and family are welcome and encouraged to attend.

### Registration Required

To register, visit:  
[www.phillycatholiclife.org](http://www.phillycatholiclife.org)  
 or call: 215587-0500



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- ⇒ The 5 lowest scoring cards also win, which means 75 total prizes are awarded at the end of the tournament.

## Thank you

<i>Sunday Collection</i>	<i>September 9</i>
<i>Amount Received</i>	<i>\$9,784</i>

### ATTENTION, MEN:

One of the biggest issues that destroys our own happiness, and rips apart marriages and families is pornography. It's estimated that 60-70% of men are engaging porn with some frequency. If this is an issue you or a loved one deals with, we have a powerful solution for you. It's called STRIVE and it's an ANONYMOUS 21-day challenge that men all around the world are taking to break free from pornography.

The normal cost is \$49, but STRIVE is being provided for FREE for a limited time for all the men of the parishes. All you need to do is sign up at [strive21.com](http://strive21.com) and you can begin right away.



### 2020-2021 SCHOOL REGISTRATION INFORMATION

REGISTRATION FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR BEGAN ON JANUARY 26 FOR NEW STUDENTS IN ALL GRADES. PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE YOU JOIN OUR HOLY CROSS FAMILY!

#### REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION:

- ⇒ BIRTH CERTIFICATE \* BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATE \* FULL IMMUNIZATION RECORD GIVEN TO SCHOOL PRIOR TO SEPT. 1, 2020.
- ⇒ CHILDREN WILL NOT BE ADMITTED TO SCHOOL WITHOUT IMMUNIZATION RECORDS. \* SOCIAL SECURITY CARD
- ⇒ A non-refundable registration fee of \$100 for one child and \$150 for two or more children \*Kindergarten students must be 5 years old by Sept. 1, 2020 \* Pre-k 4 students must be 4 years old by Sept 1, 2020 \* Pre-k 3 students must be 3 years old and potty trained by Sept.1, 2020.

### FAST AND ABSTINENCE AND AND OTHER ACTS OF PENANCE FOR LENT 2020

#### Ash Wednesday—February 26

The Bishops of the United States prescribe , as minimal obligation, that all persons who are fourteen years of age and older are bound to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday, and on all Fridays of Lent and Good Friday. Further, all persons eighteen years of age and older, up to and including their fifty-ninth birthday, are bound to fast by limiting themselves to a single full meal on Ash Wednesday and on Good Friday, while the other two meals on those days are to be light.

All the faithful are encouraged, when possible, to participate at Mass and to receive the Holy Eucharist daily, to celebrate frequently the Sacrament of Penance, to undertake spiritual reading, especially the study of the Sacred Scriptures, and to participate in parish Lenten devotions as well as Lenten education programs. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is especially recommended.

All are encouraged to participate in Operation Rice Bowl which has aided countless hungry persons here in the Archdiocese as well as throughout our nation and our world.



*Because of your generosity and support, our Lottery Calendar fundraising drive was a big success! Thank you so much for your donation and we wish you luck. These funds will be put to good use offsetting the cost of recent expenses for the maintenance of the school and church buildings (Heat—Boiler & Air Conditioner). There were many students, parents and other*

*sellers who did a great job and sold multiple calendars! We also want to thank the volunteers who stayed after Masses to help sell the calendars.*

*Note Calendars can still be purchased—will still have over 300 chances to win. Contact the business office or email [HCDevelopmentFund@gmail.com](mailto:HCDevelopmentFund@gmail.com)*

<i>Calendars Sold</i>	<i>197</i>	<i>\$9,850.00</i>
<i>Cost of Calendars</i>	<i></i>	<i>\$ 295.50</i>
<i>Net Amount</i>	<i></i>	<i>\$9,554.50</i>

*Winners will be paid from this net amount throughout the year.*

*Winners to date: L. Revello*

*Look for future Events, Chances and Sweepstakes that the Holy Cross Development Fundraising committee will be sponsoring throughout the year.*

<b>Holy Cross Parish</b>		
<b>Operating Income Statement</b>		
For the Six Month Period ended December 30, 2019		
	<b>Current 6 Months</b>	<b>Prior 6 Months</b>
	Jul-Dec 2019	Jul-Dec 2018

<b>Church Revenue (Includes Contributions from Families of Current students)</b>	<b>419,565</b>	<b>425,265</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>		
Salaries and Benefits	235,241	242,145
Maintenance/Utilities (includes new heater for \$24,450)	65,604	44,700
Diocesan Assessment *	49,850	49,700
Other (Property Taxes & Insurance, Altar Supplies, Transportation)***	70,702	77,644
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>421,397</b>	<b>414,189</b>
<b>Church Operating Income (loss)</b>	<b>(1,832)</b>	<b>11,076</b>
<b>Estimated Cost of School Tuition Subsidy **</b>	<b>(28,143)</b>	<b>(28,143)</b>
<b>Combined Income (Loss)</b>	<b>(29,975)</b>	<b>(17,067)</b>

\* Covers Diocesan normal operating costs. None of these funds can be used to fund the legal settlements related to sexual abuse.

\*\* The parish provides a tuition subsidy of \$1,400 per child for active parish families.

\*\*\* No Interest Expense is incurred by the parish as the parish does not have loans with any financial institution. The amount due to the diocese of \$1.2 million which was incurred several years ago is non-interest bearing and payment is not due currently. The parish is current with all payables.



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