

HOLY CROSS CHURCH

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FEBRUARY 19, 2023 • SEVENTH 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

Last chance to submit your orders for our Capt'n Chucky fundraiser! Orders are due by 11am Monday and need to be picked up between 3 and 7 on Wednesday. As I said previously, we have two meatless days this week, so this is a great way to support the parish and not have to worry about dinner one night.

This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent. Masses are at 8:30am and 7:00pm. The distribution of ashes is a sacramental of the Church. We begin our Lenten journey with a sign of our mortality (we are dust and to dust we shall return). The journey ends with the celebration of the Paschal Triduum, wherein we are given the hope of new life and Resurrection in Jesus. Ash Wednesday is a day for us to acknowledge our sinfulness and use the next forty days of Lent as an opportunity to grow in holiness and virtue. The ashes are an external reminder of a desire for interior conversion. As such, the Church prescribes that the distribution of ashes takes place in the context of a liturgical celebration, so that we can have the opportunity to reflect on what the ashes symbolize and the commitment we are making in receiving them. Some of our non-Catholic brethren have started to do things like "drive-through ashes" or similar opportunities to walk in, get a smudge, and go on your way in 30 seconds or less. That tends to diminish the meaning of the rite and devalue the symbolism.

The Office for Worship of the Archdiocese has reminded all the clergy that we are to follow the rites of the Church with regard to the distribution of ashes. Here at Holy Cross, ashes will only be distributed during the Masses on Ash Wednesday. In the past, I understand it was common for people to pick up containers of ashes to take home. That practice needs to be discontinued. Remember, Ash Wednesday is not a Holy Day of Obligation. If you can't make it to Mass that day, you don't need ashes to begin your Lenten journey. You can fruitfully enter into the season with a desire for repentance and conversion without an external reminder on your forehead.

A few other Lenten reminders:

- Don't forget to sign up for the Archbishop's weekly text message with practical tips on better deepening your faith. Texts begin on Ash Wednesday. Text *goforth* to 84576 to sign up or see the graphic on our website.
- Confessions will be heard during Lent Thursday mornings from 7:00-8:00 in addition to the usual Saturday afternoons from 3:30-4:15. Holy Cross has been chosen as a host parish for a special Archdiocesan Reconciliation Weekend on March 10 and 11, and we'll have more details on that soon.
- Stations of the Cross devotions will take place on Fridays at 2:00 and 7:00. School children will generally be attending at 2:00—and the devotional booklets for the younger kids will probably be more geared to their age level.
- 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, February 22, 2023 and on all the 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.

7th
Sunday in
Ordinary
Time

Reading I: Leviticus 19: 1-2, 17-18

Among the various rules for conduct in this book meant for the priestly tribe are those about charity. Enmity and revenge have no place in one's conduct. Love is the only right measure for our relationships with our neighbors.

Reading II: I Corinthians 3: 16-23

Holiness is to be found in loving service of others. True wisdom is only found in God and His ways. If you belong to Christ, then you know that any wisdom or holiness in you are from His Holy Spirit.

The Gospel: Matthew 5: 38-48

The new ethic proposed by Jesus precludes the retaliation mentioned in the Old Law, and instead urges on us a love that even embraces our enemies.



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20

8:30 AM - No Mass

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

8:30 - Maryann Redding

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22

8:30 AM - Margaret Driscoll

7:00 PM - Priest's Intentions

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23

8:30 AM - Marian Cardell

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24

8:30 AM - Johnny Feerick

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25

8:30 AM - Steve Austin

4:30 PM - The People of Holy Cross

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26

8:30 AM - Rita Creato, Kathryn Gregorio & Anne Creato

11:00 AM - The Living & Deceased

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The Corner

Brought to you by your Evangelization Team

“When we come forward to receive ashes on Ash Wednesday, we are saying that we are sorry for our sins and that we want to use the season of Lent to correct our faults, purify our hearts, control our desires and grow in holiness so we will be prepared to celebrate Easter with great joy.”

--- CatholicSpirit.com

SANCTUARY LAMP



This week's Sanctuary Lamp intention is for:

Church: Jeffrey Scolis

Chapel: Steven Austin

COLLECTION INFORMATION

Weekly Need **\$12,820**

Weekly Collection, February 12

Total **\$6,881**

Electronic **\$2,582**

Basket & Mail-Ins **\$4,299**

PRAY FOR THE SICK

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

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

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Souper Bowl of Caring

The Holy Cross KOC Council wish to thank the 37 volunteers who came out and supported this important event. We also want to thank all who donated the many bags of food. We counted over 2700 pieces of food which completely over stocked our pantry.

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.

February

Padre Pio: Stories and Memories of My Mentor and Friend

John E. Rotelle, OSA ed.

March

Can You Drink this Cup

Henri Nouwen

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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.

Casserole Drop-Off Date

The next drop-off is Wednesday, February 22nd between 6:00 and 7:00 PM at the gym annex. The casseroles are appreciated by the homeless who visit St. John's Hospice at 12th and Race St., Philadelphia. You can make any casserole that you like. Please mark the casserole with the date prepared. Call Connie Labowitz at 610-328-0599 with any questions. Thank you!

CALLING ALL SAINT HUBERT'S BAMBIES CLASS OF 1974

Our 50th High School Reunion is June 5, 2024. If you'd like to be included and receive the reunion packet, we need to know how to reach you.

Please call or text: Sharon (Zawacki) Everly at 215-880-5731 to share your contact information. You can also find us on Facebook at St. Hubert's Class of 1974.

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 18th - KOC Spaghetti Dinner & Trivia Contest

March 26th
KOC- Pancake Breakfast



April 22nd - Annual Flea Market



June 4th - 75th Anniversary - Parish Family Fun Day



October 7th - Beef N Beer



Holy Cross All Class - All Parish Reunion



November 4th - Annual Craft Fair



ROSARY GROUP

The Holy Rosary is prayed every weekday morning in the church immediately after the 8:30 Mass. Please join us! Your prayers and suggestions are most welcome.

Holy Cross School News

On Saturday, February 11, our second grade students in Holy Cross School and our PREP classes received the sacrament of First Reconciliation. We would like to thank everyone who did such a wonderful job in preparing the students for this sacrament. Please keep them in your prayers as they continue to work towards receiving the sacrament of First Communion.

Our Holy Cross students continue to work hard in their classrooms. We congratulate our Kindergarten students in Miss Coleman's class who won first place by collecting over 240 toiletries during our Catholic Schools week. Students will receive a special treat for all their hard work. We thank everyone who were so very generous with their donations.

We continue to move forward in preparation for our middle-states accreditation. Our wonderful team of teachers are working with our Principal, Dr. Worrilow to prepare for this process.

We have much interest in our school. We have been giving tours to several families who are very impressed with our staff and school. We are working every day to improve our school and make it an even better place for our students and families.

Don't forget to give Holy Cross a "Shout Out" on your social media. Send a copy to espurrier@hscrusaders.com and be entered into our monthly drawing of a \$25.00 gift card.

As always, Thank you to all our families and parishioners who make it possible to work for our faculty and staff to work with such wonderful students each day.

Lenten Longings

Do you want a richer experience of Lent this year?

Join us for a 5-week Bible Study
Reflecting on the Lenten Sunday Gospels

Starts week of March 5

This is a FREE series. Workbooks will be provided, along with valuable group discussions. You do not need to bring your Bibles for this study. Light refreshments will be served.

We will present this at 2 different times, so PICK THE TIME that is best for you.

When: Mondays, March 6 thru April 3 ---7:00 to 8:30pm - in the Holy Cross Parish Center

OR: Wednesdays, March 9 thru April 5 ---9:15 to 10:45am - in the Holy Cross Parish Center

Come a few minutes early to meet others and get your seat. Please join us and bring a friend!

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 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

Students Excel at Cardinal O'Hara High School

Our parish recently received notification of the performance of our high school students on the end of the 2nd quarter. We are particularly proud of those who demonstrated academic excellence.

Students who achieved first honors include: Marissa Glick '23, Gavin LeSage '23, Xavier Tran '23, Andrew Zeiders '23, William Donnelly '24, Amber-Joyce Pensyl '25, Hannah Nguyen '26.

Among those earning second honors were the following students from our parish: Sean Boyle '23, Ava Devenney '23, Aminata Gogra '23, Caitlin Henzel '23, Victor Madu '23, Emma Taylor '23, Peter Vu '23, Anthony Yost '23, Harry Donnelly '24, Abigail Henzel '25.

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.

Praise, Music, Mass, Healing Service, Prayer
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"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)



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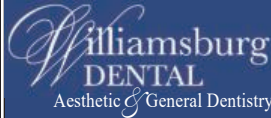
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