

# HOLY CROSS CHURCH

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FEBRUARY 20, 2022 • 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..... 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.

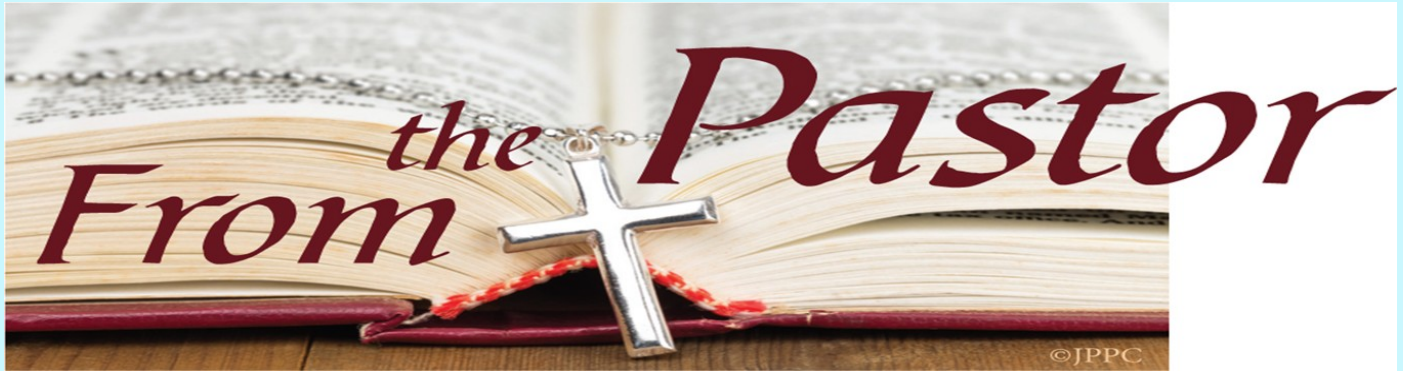
First time parents and godparents are required to attend a Baptism Preparation Session which is held on the 1st Monday of the month at 7:00 PM. Please call the Parish Office for more information.

## 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.



First some good news. The new boiler is in, tuned up, inspected, and running. Yay! The installers added a new control module that helps to regulate both boilers' output based on time of day and outside temperature. In other words, less manual work for the staff to manually start and stop things, and a more efficient use of gas and electricity—which hopefully means some utility bill savings. Yay! Now please be patient, because we're still trying to figure out all the details of how it works, and the thermostats still aren't working, which brings me to...

The bad news. The tech was here several days in the past couple weeks looking at the thermostats and trying to get them to work. No such luck. Boo! I've mentioned before they aren't like the thermostats you have at home. These use a pneumatic system with tubes of air going to every thermostat. As I understand it (and remember, my degrees are in Theology, not heating system repair), there are leaks in the lines, probably because we're dealing with plastic or rubber tubing that is 60-some years old and may have cracked or experience dry rot. It's almost impossible to investigate further without severely damaging the marble walls or bringing in a bunch of marble experts to open them up. Boo!

So, it's back to the drawing board to look into changing to a different type of system altogether. Thankfully with wireless technology, we may have some options that will work well enough, though maybe not as well as we would like. But that will also require some more equipment, more time, and, yes, more cost. Yay, 21st-Century Technology! Boo, more time and money! At any rate, that's where we are. I will, of course, do my best to keep you updated.

Looking ahead, in the next couple weeks, we are also going to start a campaign to help raise funds to offset the cost of all these repairs to our heating and air conditioning system. I don't like asking for money (Boo!), but in this case, it's essential. Please consider making a sacrificial gift to help support these critical infrastructure upgrades. We'll have special envelopes available in the vestibules to the church and will be charting the progress. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Also coming up soon, we will be launching the use of Flocknote in the parish. Flocknote is an electronic communication tool that allows us to be in touch with you via e-mail and possibly text message. If you gave us your information in the parish census in the Fall, we should (famous last words) automatically be able to add you to the list. So be on the lookout for that in the next week or so. Yay, more 21st-Century Technology!

Lent is only about a week away! (Yay? Boo? I don't know...) Our Adult Faith Formation and Evangelization group is running a three-session program based on the Forgiven Series from Formed. Not a huge time commitment for an invaluable opportunity. Please consider joining them to gain a deeper appreciation for and understanding of the Sacrament of Penance. Oh, and they'll have light refreshments available as well. Free food—Yay! The schedule for Confessions and Stations of the Cross are on our website, and hopefully will be e-mailed to you once we get Flocknote up and running.

In the meantime, wishing you all many more Yays than Boos in the week ahead!

--Fr. Kiernan



<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 21</b>
8:30 AM	No Mass
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 22</b>
8:30 AM	Mary Ann Purcell
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 23</b>
8:30 AM	Memorial Fund Mass
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 24</b>
8:30 AM	Kay & Larry Garvey
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 25</b>
8:30 AM	Rita Creato, Kathryn Gregorio & Anne Creato

#### NEXT WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS

<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 26</b>
8:30 AM	Jeffrey Scolis
4:30 PM	Charles Hoban
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 27</b>
8:30 AM	Ellen Linehan
11:00 AM	People of Holy Cross

### Lenten Program – “Forgiven”

Instead of “giving something up,” DO SOMETHING for Lent. Holy Cross Parish will offer a Lenten study of the *Sacrament of Reconciliation*, “Forgiven.” Re-imagine this beautiful Sacrament as a gift, not a burden. The study will be offered at 3 different times in the Holy Cross Parish Center:

Monday evenings (March 7, 14, 21) @ 7:00-8:30PM

Wednesday mornings (March 9, 16, 23) @ 9:15-10:45AM

Wednesday evenings (March 9, 16, 23) @ 7:00- 8:30PM

For more information, contact Pattie Stevens at [pattiejstevens@comcast.net](mailto:pattiejstevens@comcast.net) or 484.868.8571

For those who cannot attend in person, this series is also on FORMED. We will watch a video and have valuable group discussion afterward. All are welcome. Please join us!

### SANTUARY LAMP



This week’s Sanctuary Lamp intention is for:

**Church: Bill Bratton**

**Chapel: Ray Lucas**



### Sunday Collection, February 13

<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>\$10,253</b>
<b>Electronic</b>	<b>\$3,008</b>
<b>Basket &amp; Main-Ins</b>	<b>\$7,245</b>

### Holy Cross will be participating in a parish-wide survey!

Holy Cross will be participating in a parish survey about discipleship conducted by the Catholic Leadership Institute! We need your help!

**Please help us by participating in a 10-15 minute survey online.** The survey can be accessed through an online link from **March 2 thru April 4, 2022** and will ask you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and enable you to provide feedback on our parish’s efforts to help you grow. All responses will be confidential and the parish will only receive information about the community as whole. We will share the link with you a bit closer to the launch of the survey.

We are trying to get the highest response rate possible. This information will be invaluable to **Father Kiernan** and our various ministries as we plan for the future and strive to be the best disciples we can be. We will receive the results this spring/summer at which time we will share what we have learned with the entire parish.

If you prefer a paper copy you may pick up a paper copy of the survey after daily and Sunday Masses. They will be located **in the Church side entrances**. Printable version of the survey is also available to at: [Insert Link to Download Paper Survey on Website]. To submit the completed paper survey, please drop off **at the Church Business Office**. To make special arrangements for getting a paper copy, please contact Terry Carey at 610-626-3321.

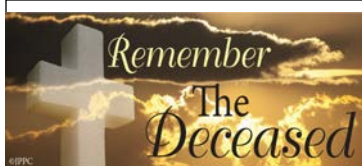
Thank you for helping with this important project!





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### Post-Abortion Healing Retreat

A Rachel's Vineyard Retreat is a non-judgmental, safe, loving, and confidential environment. Come experience the mercy and compassion of God by attending the upcoming retreat. The experience will give you hope for your future and freedom from the pain within your heart and soul.

March 4-6, 2022

IHM Spirituality Center, Malvern PA. For information call Georgeann 484-955-4278 or Susan 610-716-4795.

### Business Office Closed

The Business Office is closed Monday, February 20, 2022 for Presidents' Day.

## The Corner

Brought to you by your Evangelization Team

On Tuesday, February 22, we celebrate the **"Feast of The Chair of St Peter the Apostle."** The Chair of St Peter symbolizes the office and authority that Christ bestowed on Peter, the same office and authority taken up by Peter's successors to this very day.

**"And so I say to you, you are Peter and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the nether-world shall not prevail against it." (Matthew 16:18)**

To celebrate this Feast, let's pray for Pope Francis, Archbishop Perez, all our Pastors, and the unity of the Church throughout the world.

### 14th Annual Man Up Philly

#### Men's Spirituality Conference-

March 19, 2022

***"COME BACK TO ME"***

The men of our parish are invited to join Catholic Men from throughout the Archdiocese for the **14th Annual Man Up Philly Men's Conference on March 19<sup>th</sup> at Immaculata University.** Speakers include **Deacon Harold Sivers**, acclaimed speaker and author of **Behold the Man: A Catholic Vision of Male Spirituality**, **Pat Chambers**, former NCAA Head Basketball Coach, **Keith Nester**, a dynamic youth minister and author of **The Convert's Guide to Roman Catholicism**, and back by popular demand, **Mark Forrest**, internationally recognized Irish tenor, who will lead our **Eucharistic Adoration**. The **Sacrament of Reconciliation** will be available, and the Conference will conclude with **Mass** celebrated by our **Archbishop Most Reverend Archbishop Nelson Perez**.

For more information and to register go to the website:  
[www.manupphilly.com](http://www.manupphilly.com)



### Food Pantry Update

I'm sure most of you saw the signs for the Souper Bowl Food of Caring Collection last weekend.

Our Knights of Columbus folks put the flyers out in Westbrook Park and then collected these donations last weekend.

The outpouring of support was beyond words. There was so much generosity for our Neighbors in Need. The Knights collected close to 2000 items and our pantry was the humble recipient of our community's efforts...

If you are able, we are still in need of oatmeal, cereal, rice, beans, personal items, juice and paper products.

Thank You... Our Knights of Columbus heroes for your support... not just last weekend... also your help, time and energy all year.

God Bless and Thanks again from your friends and neighbors.

The St. Vincent dePaul Food Pantry team

### Three Parish Book Club

The Three Parish Book Club's next meeting will take place on Wednesday, February 23, at 7:00 p.m. at Holy Cross Parish Center. The Club meets on the last Wednesday of the month from September through June to discuss the chosen book and to share other reading suggestions. We welcome new members. You do not need to have read the chosen book to attend the meeting. For more information, please contact Joy Van Berg at 610 328-2095 or [joyvanberg@gmail.com](mailto:joyvanberg@gmail.com).

February:

Let Nothing Disturb You by St. Teresa of Avila

March: Life Is Messy by Matthew Kelly

### Casserole Drop-Off Date

The next drop-off is Wednesday, February 23, 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 12<sup>th</sup> and Race St., Philadelphia. You can make any casserole that you like. Please mark the casserole with the date prepared. Call Connie

**Home Care Needed** - Home Care needed 4 or 5 nights per week for elderly woman. Please call 484-343-6610.

# FORMED

## **\*\*What to Watch\*\***

You've probably already found a few favorite programs on FORMED, but as promised, here are some suggestions for what to watch in February! There are so many categories, we've chosen just a few to get you started. Enjoy!

For Kids: This is under the "Kids" banner; the entire "Brother Francis" series is fun, with catchy tunes and messages. A good episode to start with is "Let's Pray! A Lesson on Prayer."

For Teens: the "Real + True" banner; "Real + True (English)". 3 Seasons (or Units, as they call them), start with Unit 1.

For Families: "The Search" banner. 7 episodes, all are great. "Movie Night" banner: "St Bernadette of Lourdes", "The Adventures of Ocjee Nash", any of "The Bible Collection", which are each dedicated to a particular Book of the Bible

### St. Francis Nursing Home Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to assist residents to daily Mass in the late morning and to devotions on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons at St. Francis Nursing Home in Darby. Volunteers must be fully vaccinated. If interested, please call Fr. John Gabin at 484-493-7173. If no answer, please leave a message.



### 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 2<sup>nd</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, Emma Taylor '23, William Donnelly '24, Emily Fisher '25, Abigail Henzel '25, Amber-Joyce Pensyl '25.

Among those earning second honors were the following students from our parish: Brian Young '22, Caitlin Henzel '23, Mia Macciocca '23, Xavier Tran '23, Harry Donnelly '24, Gionna Terinoni '24, Julia Riley '25.



## Holy Cross Fundraiser Hoops Mania!

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<http://www.charitymania.com/give/YC02B> OR Mail/Drop off the form to the Church Office OR in person after Masses.



## Holy Cross School Principal's Corner

The students enjoyed Catholic Schools Week. We held our annual book fair and Special Persons' Day. Students were treated to ice cream and a dress down day for Student Appreciation Day. Items were collected for the Little Sisters of the Poor and cards were made for First Responders. The Home and School provided lunch for the faculty and staff on Friday for Teacher Appreciation Day.

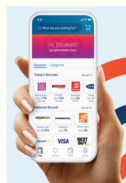
If you are interested in the Pre-K 3, Pre-K 4 and K, you have to register early. Those grades fill up quickly. We will be happy to accept your registration for all other grades as well. Registration is taking place now. Come take a look at your parish school. Our school has been named a School of Distinguished Instruction 2019 and 2021. This is based on the results of the Terra Nova Standardized tests. The children did not take the test in 2020 due to COVID. Our teachers work very hard to instruct the students in a variety of ways. They are truly dedicated to our children.

Thank you for supporting Catholic Education.  
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### Taize Prayer (Prayer Around the Cross)

\*Tuesdays, March 8, 15, 22, 29 and April 5

7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Stipend: Donation

Based on the worship service of the community of Taize in France, this is contemplative prayer which includes scripture, readings, song, meditation, intercessory prayers and silence. It is an especially appropriate prayer form to use during the Lenten season when we reverence the cross of Christ, the key to our salvation.

### AFTERNOON IRISH TEA AT THE MANSION"

Wednesday, March 16, 2022

1:00 – 2:30 p.m.



Stipend: Proceeds from your good will offering will benefit COVENANT HOUSE, PHILADELPHIA

Numbers are limited

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