



HOLY CROSS CHURCH

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FEBRUARY 26, 2023 • FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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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

Next Sunday, we will welcome Bishop McIntyre to Holy Cross to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation at the 11:00 Mass. Twenty-five students from our parish school and PREP will be confirmed. Please keep them in your prayers.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Capt'n Chucky's Crab Cake fundraiser, and thanks to our loyal team of volunteers who help coordinate all our fundraisers and special events for putting this together so quickly. We discussed trying this fundraiser a couple weeks ago, and when we called Capt'n Chucky's, this past week was the only time they had available to accommodate us. Essentially, it was "now or never," and we opted for now. Hopefully we can do it again next year with a little more time and advance notice!

This Saturday, March 4, is the Man-Up Philly Men's Conference. This year the conference will be literally right down the road at Cardinal O'Hara High School. The conference tends to attract men of all ages and backgrounds, from teens through senior citizens. There are posters around the church with more details.

Have a great week!

A Few Lenten Schedule Reminders

Stations of the Cross: Fridays at 2:00 and 7:00

Sacrament of Penance: Thursday mornings, 7:00 – 8:00; Saturdays 3:30 – 4:15

Reconciliation Weekend: March 9, 1:00 – 4:00 & 6:00 – 8:00; March 10, 9:00 – 12:00

Chapel open for prayer: Monday – Friday, 9:00 – 7:00.

Lenten Bible Study: Monday Evenings or Wednesday Mornings starting March 6.

Archbishop's Weekly Text Message Discipleship Challenge: Text goforth to 84576.

1st Sunday of Lent

Reading I: Genesis 2: 7-9, 3: 1-7

The first man is created "out of the clay of the ground." So our human story begins. Soon after, the woman (her origin not mentioned in this account) eats the forbidden fruit and gives some to her mate. "Their eyes were opened" and so the human struggle with slavery to sin begins as well.

Reading II: Romans 5: 12-19, or 5: 12, 17-19

St. Paul alludes to Genesis here, but he focuses on the theological truth that sin and death entered into the human story and brought on the terrible enslavement of sin.

The Gospel: Matthew 4: 1-11

Jesus' desert experience closely parallels that of Israel, but where Israel fell into sin and alienation from Yahweh at times, the "New Moses," Jesus Our Lord, triumphs over satan's temptations. In doing so, Jesus quotes from Deuteronomy and declares His own obedience to God's First Commandment.



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27

8:30 AM - No Mass

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

8:30 - The Steck Family

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1

8:30 AM - Thomas Miller

THURSDAY, MARCH 2

8:30 AM - Mary Ann Purcell

FRIDAY, MARCH 3

8:30 AM - Priests' Intentions

SATURDAY, MARCH 4

8:30 AM - Leah Simone Spiegler

4:30 PM - William Keating, Jr.

SUNDAY, MARCH 5

8:30 AM - The People of Holy Cross

11:00 AM - For Our Confirmandi

SANCTUARY LAMP



This week's Sanctuary Lamp intention is for:

Church: Barbara Macauley

Chapel: Steven Austin

COLLECTION INFORMATION

Weekly Need	\$12,820
Weekly Collection, February 19	
Total	\$7,631
Electronic	\$3,364
Basket & Mail-Ins	\$4,267

PRAY FOR THE SICK

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| Consiglia Borreli | Maryanne McCauley |
| Lyndi Butler | Richard McCullough |
| Mary Ann Carroll | Larry McCusker |
| Maryann Convery | Francis Murray |
| Bill DeVuono | Charlotte O'Leary |
| George Dickinson | Paige O'Leary |
| Bob Frankenberger | Katherine Patrone |
| Dawn Gibbons | Mary Rafferty |
| Carolyn Henderson | Ronnie Sidebottom |
| 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 | Madalyn Parr |
| Zachary Halbing | Carter Claire Walton |
| Deacon Joe Gousie | Mike Calbertta |
| Lee Anne McGough | |
| Joann Marks | |

The Corner

Brought to you by your Evangelization Team

What strikes us about today's Gospel is this: the devil knows Scripture! But Jesus is not fooled by the taunts and promises, and isn't goaded into "proving" His divinity to the devil. Jesus quotes the Old Testament right back to him with every temptation the devil proposes, and tells him "Get away, Satan!" Let's aspire to know Scripture as well as the devil does.

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.

Start earning with the RaiseRight mobile app today or fill out a Scrip Order Form and return to the Business Office. The Scrip Order Forms are available at the entrances of the church OR Download the RaiseRight mobile app from the app store using your smartphone or tablet or go to RaiseRight.com on your computer.

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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



Join the
Pro-Life Union
at the First Annual



LIFE ADVOCATE RESOURCE CONFERENCE

Saturday, April 1, 2023
10:00 am - 1:00 pm
St Matthew Church Hall
219 Fayette St, Conshohocken, PA 19428

We will focus on:

- how to become a more effective advocate for the unborn and for abortion vulnerable women
- how to make your church Right to Life group more effective
- how to start a church based Pro-Life group if you don't have one
- how to motivate other pro-life minded people to get involved

OVER 15 OF OUR MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS WILL BE ATTENDING
LEARN OF THEIR SPECIAL PRO-LIFE MISSIONS AND HOW THEY CAN HELP ADVANCE
THE PRO-LIFE MESSAGE IN YOUR CHURCH AND COMMUNITY

Who should attend ?

Church pro-life groups
Everyone interested
in becoming more involved with
the pro-life movement

This is a free event but
registration is required

Register by emailing
pcorbett@prolifeunion.org
or calling
215-885-8150

Lunch will be provided

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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

Catechetical Convocation

The catechist is a "witness of faith and keeper of the memory of God ... a teacher and a mystagogue ... an accompanier and educator." -DC 113

We appreciate your kind attention to "reach out" and invite others to join us on Saturday, March 25th, 2023 at Archbishop Carroll High School. PRAY. LEARN. REFLECT.

on The Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist!

This year, the Archdiocese is providing workshops on the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist in both English and Spanish.

The opening Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Pérez followed by a keynote presentation and a series of workshops.

Please see the attached flyer, which includes information regarding the electronic registration.

- Cost is \$45 per person and by credit card only.
- Email kpfeffer@archphila.org to receive a discount code if you have more than 4 people to register. Group rate: 4 or more people: \$35/person
- Registration is limited, on a first come basis, and will close when capacity is reached.

**Also can be found at <https://phillyocf.org/d-cres/>

Blessed Carlo Acutis, pray for us!

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



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

Our students enjoyed an extra long weekend starting Friday, February 17, continuing through Presidents' Day weekend, Monday February 20. Our hard-working teachers were in school on Friday, working on middle states accreditation. This is a long tedious process, and we thank them for their dedication.

Our new FACTS SIS (student information system) is up and running. This will make it easier for our current parents and prospective parents to apply to our school. We continue to get inquiries about Holy Cross and have given lots of tours. Our prospective parents comment on what nice students and friendly staff we have at Holy Cross. Teachers take the time to speak to parents and answer questions.

Our PreK and Kindergarten students celebrated their 100 Days of school. Students made projects and teachers decorated their classrooms to make this day a special celebration.

With spring hopefully in the air, our teachers are planning fun field trips for their classes. It is always nice when students, teachers and parents get a day outside of the classroom for some extra fun.

Our wonderful student council celebrated Valentines Day by selling ring pops with an individual message for students to give to their special Valentine.

Holy Cross faculty, staff and students continue to keep our generous parishioners in our prayers. Thank you to our wonderful pastor, Father Kiernan, who has such a presence in our school, working with our faculty and students to make Holy Cross such a wonderful place to be 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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