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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.

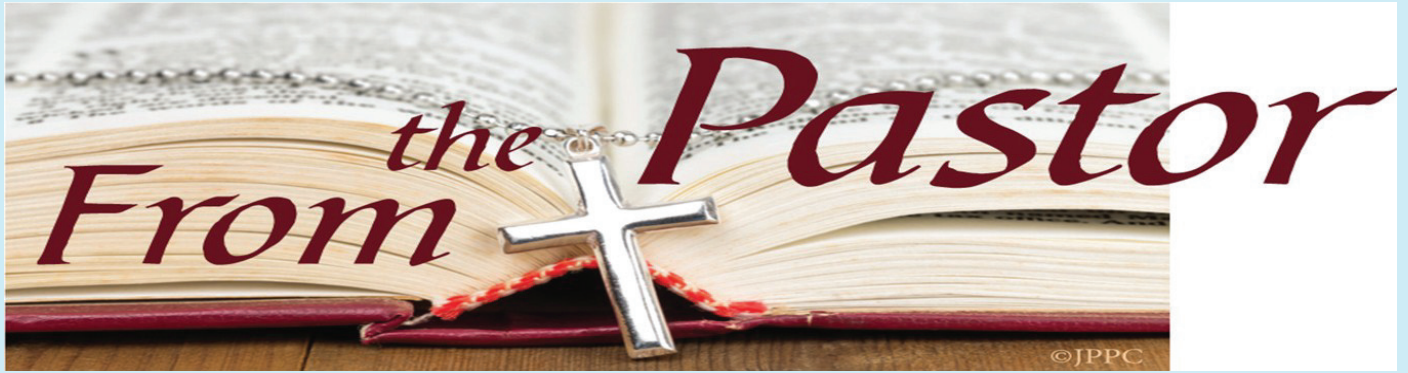
First time parents and godparents are required to attend a Baptism Preparation Session which is held on the 1st Monday of the month at 7:00 PM. Please call the Parish Office for more information.

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.



Lent begins this week with Ash Wednesday. We will have Masses at 8:30 am and 7:00 pm, at which ashes will be distributed. On Ash Wednesday, volunteers will be handing out cards as you leave the church with more information on the Forgiven program that our Adult Faith Formation team is presenting during Lent, along with the Confession schedule. The videos and discussion are pretty powerful, and I hope you will make the effort to participate. The program runs over three weeks, and there are different times and days available each week to hopefully accommodate your schedule.

Also as part of our Lenten devotions, we will have Stations of the Cross on Fridays, both at 2:00 pm and at 7:00 pm. Children from the school will be in attendance at the 2:00 time, and the reflections might be more geared toward their level, but all parishioners are welcome to join us.

We've been talking about it for a while, but now it's here. **The Disciple Maker Index goes live on Ash Wednesday.** A link to the survey can be found on our website, <http://holycrosscatholics.org>, and we will be sending more information to parishioners via e-mail as well. Please, please, *please*, take a few minutes to fill out this survey.

Still being new as the pastor here, the survey will be an invaluable opportunity to get a "state of the parish." Broad participation will help me, working with the staff and volunteer ministry leaders, to plan a vision and set goals for the years ahead. This is *your* parish, and we want (and need) *your* feedback and input to make sure we are serving you well. The survey runs for a few weeks, and I'm sure I'll be talking about it quite a bit in the next couple bulletins.

On Saturday, March 5, our choir will be traveling to the Cathedral to sing at their Saturday Evening Mass. Periodically, the Cathedral welcomes choirs from parishes around the Archdiocese to assist with the singing at one of their Masses, and I am proud that Holy Cross is going to be represented in that group. Let us all wish them well as they share their talents and edify the worship in the Mother Church of the Archdiocese.

Next Sunday, March 6, we will welcome Bishop Senior to Holy Cross Parish as he celebrates the Sacrament of Confirmation for 23 of our parish children at the 11:00 Mass. Please pray for those to be confirmed that the outpouring of grace in the Sacrament will help them to live as faith-filled disciples of Christ. Also, a heads-up: we will have several pews reserved for the candidates, their sponsors, and their families, so you might not be able to sit in your "favorite" pew. Please be on the lookout for reserved signs.

Have a great week!

—Fr. Kiernan



MONDAY	FEBRUARY 28
8:30 AM	No Mass
TUESDAY	MARCH 1
8:30 AM	Thomas Miller
WEDNESDAY	MARCH 2 (Ash Wednesday)
8:30 AM	Diana Woloshin
7:00 PM	
THURSDAY	MARCH 3
8:30 AM	Joseph Nero III
FRIDAY	MARCH 4
8:30 AM	Elsie Mae McKenna
NEXT WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS	
SATURDAY	MARCH 5
8:30 AM	Wayne Michael Kenney
4:30 PM	Edward H. Ryan
SUNDAY	MARCH 6
8:30 AM	People of Holy Cross
11:00 AM	For the Confirmation Recipients

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 or 484.868.8571

Light refreshments will be served. 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: Jeffrey Scolis

Chapel: Norma Crisante & Rose Vagnozzi



Sunday Collection, February 20

<i>Total Collection</i>	\$8,331
<i>Electronic</i>	\$2,922
<i>Basket & Main-Ins</i>	\$5,409

The Disciple Maker Index Survey Opens this Week! Please Read and Help!

It’s official! The Disciple Maker Index Survey opens this week and we need your help!

Please help us participate by completing a **10-15 minute survey** as soon as possible.

Go to <http://holycrosscatholics.org> and click on the link.

There are also opportunities to complete the survey after daily and Sunday Mass and you can obtain a paper copy in the Business Office or by contacting Terry Carey at 610-626-3321.

The survey will only be available from **March 2 to 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 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.

Thank you for helping with this important project!

Pray for the Sick of our Parish

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Consiglia Borrelli
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Ryan Hearne
Carolyn Henderson
Steven Henderson
Jimmy Keating
Carole Kime
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Ken Kull
Mary Kull
Kendall Lambert
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Maryanne McCauley
Richard McCullough
Barbara McCusker
Larry McCusker
Francis Murray
Frances O'Callaghan
Charlotte O'Leary
Paige O'Leary
Mary Rafferty
Ronnie Sidebottom
Joseph Sindoni
Adeline Sulpizio
Jean Super
Valerie Thompson
Amanda Trerotola

The Corner

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Call to mind a person that you find hard to take and then recount in detail the characteristics that make that person so obnoxious to you. Then go to God and ask Him to forgive those same faults in you. Give yourself the gift of the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** this Lent.

Our Choir at the Basilica

Our Holy Cross Choir will be singing at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul in Philadelphia on Saturday March 5. We are honored to be selected to serve as the choir at the 5:15 pm Mass. Please pray for our efforts in "lifting our voices in praise" to Our Lord.

Lenten Confession Schedule 2022

Thursday Mornings, 7:00-8:00 AM

March 3	March 24
March 10	March 17
March 31	April 7

No Confessions Holy Thursday

Saturday Afternoons, 3:30-4:15 PM

March 5	March 26
March 12	April 2
March 19	April 9

No Confessions Holy Saturday Afternoon

Additional Opportunities

Sunday, April 3: 10:00 – 10:45 AM
Saturday, April 9: 9:00 – 10:00 AM*
Palm Sunday, April 10: 10:00 – 10:45 AM
Monday of Holy Week, April 11:
7:00 – 8:00 PM
Good Friday, April 15: 9:30 – 10:00 AM*
Holy Saturday, April 16: 9:30 – 10:00 AM*

*(Start time will be shortly after the conclusion of the earlier liturgical celebration.)

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 19th 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



Food Pantry Update

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

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

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

FORMED

****March Watchlist****

Here are some suggestions for what to watch in March. Since March is the Season of Lent, we are recommending many Lenten programs.

For Kids: This is under the "Kids" banner; "Lent with Brother Francis."

For Teens: the "Real + True" banner; "Real + True (English)". Continue this series with Unit 2.

For Families: "The Search" banner; continue this series. Also, in conjunction with our in-person Parish Bible Study, "The Sacraments" banner has "Forgiven: the Transforming Power of Confession." And "Living Lent as a Family" is a 4-part series; it's under the "FORMED Now" banner, however the easiest way to find it is to do a search for "Living Lent as a Family" and it will pop right up.

"Movie Night" banner: "Don Bosco: The True Story of the Apostle of Youth." Also, continue any of "The Bible Collection" series.

Fast and Abstinence and Other Acts of Penance for Lent 2022

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, March 2, 2022, on all the Fridays of Lent and Good Friday (with the exception of Friday, March 25, The Solemnity of St. of the Annunciation of the Lord). 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.



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.

Office for Life and Family

Join us for the 2nd Annual

Philadelphia March for Life

March 26, 2022

8:30 AM Mass at The Cathedral of Saints Peter & Paul

9:30 AM Ecumenical Prayer Service

10:30 AM March to the Philadelphia Women's Center

12:00 PM Rally for Life—Independence Mall Visitors Ctr.



Holy Cross Fundraiser Hoops Mania!

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Holy Cross School Principal's Corner

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.
God bless you!



FORUM on the TRANSGENDER PHENOMENON INFLUENCING OUR CULTURE for parents, educators, clergy, youth ministers, legal and medical professionals, Saturday, March 12, at St. Peter Church, 2835 Manor Road, West Brandywine, Chester County, PA 19320, 9 AM to 4:30 PM, morning and afternoon sessions, FREE, and lunch included. For details and to register, go to lifelovesexuality.com/clarity2022.



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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

To register call **610-581-0120** or email ihmconferencecenter@gmail.com

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