BOLY CROSS CHURCH

651 East Springfield Road • Springfield, Pennsylvania 19064

FEBRUARY 5, 2023 • FIFTS SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Deacon Joseph N. Gousie	Retired
Mrs. Theresa Carey	Business Manager
Dr. Mary Rose Worrilow	Principal
Mrs. Kelly Meliti Directe	or of Religious Education
Mrs. Grete Ingalls. MM, CAGO	Music Director

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

Here we are on the first weekend of February already. It's a short month, but there will be a lot of activity here at Holy Cross. This week, the envisioning team will meet again to discern some key goals and priorities as we continue with our Next Generation Parish initiative. Fresh off of a busy Catholic Schools' Week, our school leadership will be meeting soon with our strategic planning team to continue our work on ensuring the school's long-term success. The Finance Council met last week to discuss the school's budget for next year. You may recall in the past few financial reports, our school has been running with significant operating deficits over the past few years. Through the work of the strategic planning team, we're turning that around.

A few weeks ago, the Springfield Ambulance Corps sent a letter to all the local churches. February is National Heart Month. The Ambulance Corps would like to help us be ready to respond in the event that someone were to suffer a cardiac emergency. Studies show that in cases of cardiac arrest, starting CPR right away increases the patient's chances of survival. The Ambulance Company is offering to give some basic lessons to parishioners on how to do bystander CPR--I.e. start chest compressions until first responders arrive. As I understand it, it would not be a formal CPR class, but an opportunity after Mass to practice doing chest compressions on a manikin. Members of the Ambulance Corps would give a quick demo and then let people practice for a bit. Very informal. They will be here on Sunday, February 19. We're still working out more details, but I did want to let you know of the date. Let's hope this is a skill that none of us will ever have to use.

Ash Wednesday is coming up on February 22! It's hard to believe Lent is almost here. Speaking of Lent, the Archdiocese is running an initiative to reinvigorate the Sacrament of Penance this year. The goal is that on March 10 and 11, there will be several extra hours of confessions available in specific churches in the Archdiocese. Holy Cross was asked to be one of the host parishes for this event. (Of course I said yes; you don't say no when the folks downtown ask you to do something.) More details to come, but it's a privilege for us to be asked to host something like this.

The parish fundraising committee is hard at work planning some special events over the year ahead. More information and some save-the-dates will be in the bulletin soon.

Have a great February!



Reading I: Isaiah 58: 7-10

The author lists six ways for light to rise in the darkness. St. Matthew will cite these as the bases for our final judgment. (Mt. 25:31ff)

Reading II: I Corinthians 2: 1-5

The mystery of God is revealed in Christ crucified. Paul adds that he will not use any clever arguments or rhetorical devices to soften this truth.

The Gospel: Matthew 5: 13-16

Jesus uses salt and light as compliments made to His hearers in this early section of the Sermon on the Mount.



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, JANUARY 6

8:30 AM - No Mass

TUESDAY, JANUARY 7

8:30 - Mike Calbertta

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

8:30 AM - Steve Austin

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9

8:30 AM - Norma Crisante

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10

8:30 AM - Steve Austin

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11

8:30 AM - Steve Austin 4:30 PM - Scott Heddinger

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12

8:30 AM - The People of Holy Cross

11:00 AM - Theresa Marie Kline

The Corner

Brought to you by your Evangelization Team

Did You Know?

Saturday, February 11 is "World Day of the Sick." It is a Catholic Church awareness day, or observance, that falls every year on the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. It is aimed at praying and sharing, sacrificing one's suffering for the welfare of the church, and urging everyone to see the face of Christ in his or her ailing brother or sister. St John Paul II established this feast in 1992.

SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's Sanctuary Lamp intention is for:

Church: Steve Austin

COLLECTION INFORMATION

Weekly Need	\$12,820	
Weekly Collection, January 29		
Total	\$6,767	
Electronic	\$2,117	
Basket & Mail-Ins	\$4,650	

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Consiglia Borreli Lyndi Butler Mary Ann Carroll Maryann Convery Bill DeVuono George Dickinson Bob Frankenberger Dawn Gibbons Carolyn Henderson Steven Henderson Jimmy Keating Carole Kime Natalie Giorgio Kitts Ken Kull Marv Kull Kendall Lambert Zachary Halbing Deacon Joe Gousie Lee Anne McGough Carter Claire Walton Joann Marks Maryanne McCauley

Richard McCullough Larry McCusker Francis Murray Frances O'Callaghan Charlotte O'Leary Paige O'Leary Katherine Patrone Mary Rafferty Ronnie Sidebottom Joseph Sindoni Adeline Sulpizio Jean Super Valerie Thompson Betty Tomczyk Rosemarie Colaberdino Janice Mac Bride Madalyn Parr Mike Calbertta



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

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 <u>RaiseRight.com</u> on your computer.

Have questions about getting started? Call the ShopWithScrip Customer Support team at 1-800-727-4715 option 3.

Calling All Bakers!

The Social Committee is looking for volunteers to make handheld or pre-sliced desserts for our upcoming Pasta/Trivia Night on February 18th. Anyone interested in helping us, please contact Mary Ann O'Shea at maryann1950@comcast.net or 610-328-5924 Thank You!

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 <mark>Can You Drink this Cup</mark> Henri Nouwen

FORMED

A Free Gift to you from Holy Cross Parish

PROGRAMS - MOVIES - AUDIO - BOOKS

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 drivethru) 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.

High School Seniors and College Students

St. Mary Polish American Society is accepting applications for the inaugural Felicia Jemionek Rzeznik Memorial Scholarship, a \$1,500 scholarship to a qualified student of Polish ancestry residing within the Archdiocese of Philadelphia pursuing full-time undergraduate studies at an accredited college or university in the United States. All applications are due by 11:59 pm on March 1, 2023. Full information about the scholarship is included in the QR code. For any questions, please call Dorothy Swedkowski at 610-630-0861.



American Red Cross

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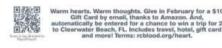
Blood Drive St. Charles Roman Catholic Church

Hall 3422 Dennison Avenue Drexel Hill, PA 19026

Thursday, February 9, 2023 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: Saint Charles RC Church to schedule an appointment.

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15th Annual Man Up Philly

Men's Spirituality Conference - Saturday, March 4, 2023 The Road to Emmaus- Finding Christ in the Breaking of the Bread

The men of our parish are invited to join Catholic Men from throughout the Archdiocese for the 15th Annual Man Up Philly Men's Conference on March 4 th at Cardinal O'Hara HS. Speakers include Timothy Cardinal Dolan, acclaimed speaker, author, and Archbishop of New York City, Jim Wahlberg, writer and producer of Mother Teresa - No Greater Love, Deacon James Mahoney, instructor at St Charles Seminary. Mark Houck, pro-life champion, will offer our reconciliation talk. 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

Seniors Social Club Trip

Norwood Seniors Social Club Presents a trip to Moshulu and Live Casino on Tuesday, May 9, 2023. Presentation of the History of the Moshulu, A tour of the Ship and Three Course Plated Lunch. Cost \$80.00. For information or reservations, please call Nancy at 610-212-7580 or Gerry 610-532-4545.

Holy Cross School News

Catholic Schools Week was a success !!!! Our students enjoyed all the fun activities that our teachers had planned.

The week started with our balloon columns in Holy Cross colors to greet students as they arrived in the car line. Thank you to our generous Home and School who made this such a nice surprise and great start to the week. We have a wonderful Home and School Association and we appreciate all they do to make Holy Cross such a great place to be.

Thank you to all our hard-working teachers and staff who put so much time and effort into this week. Our book fair as always was a success, as well as our special person day. We had a great turn out from parents and special persons. Our visitors were treated to snacks and a tour of our school. Thank you to all our parents who generously sent in snacks and drinks to make this day so special.

Our second-grade class continues to prepare for the Sacrament of Reconciliation which will happen on Saturday February 11.

Our 7th grade students are also preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday, March 5. Please keep our students and their families in your prayers.

Thank you to Dan Cardell and Roman McAveney who represented Holy Cross Students at the 8:30 Mass on Sunday January 29. Dan gave a wonderful speech about what a Catholic education means to him.

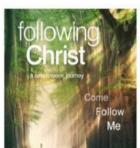
Thank you parishioners and parents who make the gift of Catholic Education possible for our students of Holy Cross School.

Winter Bible Study

St Paul's Letter to the Philippians

The Holy Cross Bible Study team will present a FREE 6 week deep-dive into the Book of Philippians. This is St Paul's letter from prison in Rome, written to thank and encourage the Christian community in Philippi. We will concentrate on this single book of the Bible. Workbooks will be provided for this series. There will be short videos and valuable group discussions. Light refreshments will be served. We will present this at 2 different times, so PICK THE TIME that is best for you. When: Mondays, January 23 thru February 27 ---7:00 to 8:30pm - in the Holy Cross Parish Center OR: Wednesdays, January 25 thru March 1 ---9:15 to

10:45am - in the Holy Cross Parish Center The Bible Study is free. Come a few minutes early to meet others and get your seat. Please join us! 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.



following

A 7-week journey that explores and encourages Catholic discipleship.

Following Christ is designed to help people grow in friendship and union with God. This course guides people in how to live as a Catholic disciple of Jesus Christ in today's world based on basic disciplines and truths that have been practiced by Christians from the time of the early Church.

Following Christ consists of 7 sessions and a retreat day. The weekly sessions include a time of prayer, a video presentation, fellowship time, and small group discussion.

Video Presentation Following Christ provides practical, down-to-earth teaching based on Scripture, Church teaching, and the witness of the speaker's own journey as a disciple of Christ.

Small Group Discussion Small groups are safe places to freely discuss what was heard in the presentation

Session Dates, Times & Thursday, January 26	7:00-8:30pm
Thursday, February 2	7:00-8:30pm
Thursday, February 9	7:00-8:30pm
Thursday, February 16	7:00-8:30pm
Thursday, February 23	7:00-8:30pm
Saturday, February 25	9:00am-3:00p
Thursday, March 2	7:00-8:30pm
Thursday, March 9	7:00-8:30pm

Introduction and Daily Personal Prayer Hearing God in Scripture The Power of the Sacraments Forgiving One Another The Spirit-Empowered Life Retreat Day - We Are At War: The World, The Flesh, and The Devil The Heart of a Disciple Going On with the Lord

- Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, 2130 Franklin Avenue, Morton, PA 19070 Registration is required; please go to <u>https://speterandpaulrc.org/following-christ</u>
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Cost: free! Tell a friend.

To All Parish Faithful and Your Families

Make a commitment to pray the Rosary weekly! Join us Mondays at 8PM to pray virtually via Zoom or phone on the Archdiocesan LIVE World Mission Rosary. United in this most powerful prayer, we ask for the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary for our Catholic faith, peace in the world, personal ntentions and for the Missions world-wide. VISIT phillymissions.org for the Zoom link or type in https://zoom.us/i/494480541#success

RACHEL'S VINEYARD A PLACE TO HEAL FROM ABORTION

DATES: MARCH 3 – 5, 2023

LOCATION: IHM SPIRITUALITY CENTER 210 IHM DRIVE MALVERN, PA 19355

If you or someone you love has been suffering from the emotional and spiritual pains of an abortion - no matter how much time has past - please know that a Rachel's Vinevard retreat weekend will help your soul transform that pain into a hope for the future. Rachel's Vineyard retreats bring healing and God's forgiveness to the trauma and darkness of abortion for those who think they have committed the unforgivable sin. God's mercy is greater than sin and is waiting for us to reach out for it. Join us for a safe, loving and confidential weekend to experience the healing power of God's infinite mercy.

Contact our team to register or for questions: Susan - 610-716-4795 Georgeann - 484-955-4278



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