

# HOLY CROSS CHURCH

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JANUARY 15, 2023 • SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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 Mrs. Theresa Carey..... Business Manager  
 Dr. Mary Rose Worriow..... Principal  
 Mrs. Kelly Meliti ..... Director 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

With the recent death of Pope Benedict XVI, all parishes were asked to schedule a public Mass to thank God for his service to the Church and to pray for the repose of his soul. We have scheduled a Mass on the one-month anniversary of his death. **Please join us at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, January 31** for this special Mass.

Our Adult Faith Formation and Evangelization Committee will be starting a new **Bible Study** series shortly. The topic will be the letter of St. Paul to the Philippians. It's one of Paul's mid-size epistles, written to the community of Philippi during his imprisonment to thank the community for its support, to encourage their faith, and to warn them against errors. Contained in the letter is the text of what is suggested to be one of the earliest hymns about Christ. The group will have Monday evening and Wednesday morning sessions. I'm sure it will be an enjoyable and informative experience.

This weekend, the Office for Catechetical Formation celebrated their annual Mass for Religious Education, an opportunity for all those involved in parish religious education programs to come together in prayer. At the celebration, service awards were presented for those marking special anniversaries. Kelly Meliti, our Director of Religious Education, was recognized for her ten years of service to Holy Cross Parish. Congratulations, Kelly!

We've entered the time where we start compiling our various parish statistics for the prior year: baptisms, funerals, sick calls, demographics of parish families, and more. It's also the time where we start to look at the parish and school budgets for the upcoming fiscal year. There's a lot of data swirling around the office that helps paint the picture of our parish. I've been encouraged by what seems like a recent uptick in the number of people coming to Mass on Sunday, as well as an uptick in the number of people coming to Mass during the week. I've also noticed an uptick in people coming to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance. Our Christmas collection this year was a little larger than it was last year. Those are all hopeful signs. As always, thank you for your faithful support and participation in the life of Holy Cross!

2nd  
Sunday in  
Ordinary  
Time

**Reading I: Isaiah 49: 3, 5-6**

The prophet is also a servant, with God as his strength. His former mission to Jacob and Israel has been changed. Now he is to be a "light to the nations" as well.

**Reading II: I Corinthians 1: 1-3**

Here is Paul's greeting to the Church in Corinth, which he insists is called to be holy, like all other Christians. He calls for grace to be upon them and the peace of God as well.

**The Gospel: John 1: 29-34**

John the Baptist offers double testimony to Jesus. He is both the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and the dwelling place of the Holy Spirit, who abides in Him.



# MASSES FOR THE WEEK

**MONDAY, JANUARY 16**

8:30 AM - No Mass

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 17**

8:30 - Betty McGarvey

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18**

8:30 AM - Mary DeFelice

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 19**

8:30 AM - Maryann Redding

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 20**

8:30 AM - Scott Hedding

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 21**

8:30 AM - John Baselice

4:30 PM - Richard D. Gregorio, Kathryn

Gregorio & Rita Creato

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 22**

8:30 AM - The People of Holy Cross

11:00 AM - Frank J. Parr (14th Anniversary)

## The Corner

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**“Ask Him to give you a thirst for His word so it will infuse your life with its wisdom, courage, and hope.”**

---from the book “Ask Him” by Jane Trufant Harvey

## SANCTUARY LAMP



This week's Sanctuary Lamp intention is for:

**Church:** Cornelius McCrossen

**Chapel:** Steve Austin

## COLLECTION INFORMATION

Weekly Need **\$12,820**

Weekly Collection, January 8

Total **\$8,207**

Electronic **\$3,007**

Basket & Mail-Ins **\$5,200**

**CHRISTMAS COLLECTION: \$32,000**

## PRAY FOR THE SICK

Steve Austin	Maryanne McCauley
Consiglia Borreli	Richard McCullough
Lyndi Butler	Larry McCusker
Mary Ann Carroll	Francis Murray
Maryann Convery	Frances O'Callaghan
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	Janice Mac Bride
Zachary Halbing	Madalyn Parr
Deacon Joe Gousie	Carter Claire Walton
Lee Anne McGough	Mike Calbertta
Joann Marks	

## Church Cleaning

Next Church cleaning will take place on Tuesday, January 17, after the 8:30 am Mass. Extra hands are always welcome.

## Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship

Holy Cross K of C will have a Free Throw Championship on Sunday January 22, 2023 in the Holy Cross Gym from 1pm to 3pm. All boys and girls ages 9 to 14 are welcome to attend. The age deadline is as of January 1, 2023. All winners will advance to the District Championship on February 5, 2023. It is FREE TO ENTER.

## Thank you so much! From the Little Sisters of the Poor

"The residents of Holy Family Home in Philadelphia loved their gifts! There were "Oohs and Aahs" and smiles around the room at their Christmas gathering!  
Blessings to All from the Little Sisters of the Poor!"

## Football Craze Pool

The Holy Cross KOC Council 15482 announces they sold the winning ticket for this weekend to M. Kennedy. Congratulations to our latest winner.

## Scrip Program

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

## Three Parish Book Club

The Three Parish Book Club will meet next on January 18 at 7:00 p.m. in the Holy Cross Parish Center. Members will discuss the month's chosen book and offer reading recommendations. If one of your New Year's resolutions is to take more time for spiritual reading, we invite you to join us. You do not need to have read the month's selection to attend the meeting. [In February we will return to meeting on the last Wednesday of the month.] For more information, contact Joy Van Berg at 610- 328-2095 or [joyvanberg@gmail.com](mailto:joyvanberg@gmail.com)

January

Daily Meditations with Saint Augustine John E. Rotelle O.S.A ed.

February

Padre Pio: Stories and Memories of My Mentor and Friend Father Gabriele Amorth

## St. Francis Over 50

St. Francis Over 50 Club Casino Trip to Resorts is 1/16/2023. \$30 - \$15 return for slot pay. Bus leaves St. Kevin 10:00AM. 200 W. Sproul Road, Springfield. For Information, call Joe Gowen at 610-739-8146.

# FORMED

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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

Thanksgiving preparation was brisk. Our Holy Cross Students, our Parishioners, Knights of Columbus, St. Kevins, St. Francis, Acme, and the AOH (Ancient Order of Hibernians) ensured that we had "All the Fixings for Our Neighbors in Need" to prepare for their family Thanksgiving dinners.

We distributed over 160 turkeys and the fixings during 3 weeks in November... along with our normal food distributions..

When we reflect on Thankfulness.... All of You are foremost on our minds. God Bless All of You for making such a Big Difference in so many folks' lives.

Just a reminder, if you know any Delco residents who are in need of food, our Food Pantry is open every Wednesday as a drive-thru behind Holy Cross School from 3:30 to 5:30.

Many Blessings to All of you,  
Your Friends from the SVDP Holy Cross Food Pantry

## Singers & Musicians

We are always looking for additional voices in our choir. You don't have to read music in order to join us, you just need to enjoy singing. If you play an instrument at an intermediate level or above and would like to add to the beauty of our Liturgy, we'd be happy for you to join us.

For more information, please contact our Music Director, Grete Ingalls, at greteingalls@hotmail.com or 267.253.4007.

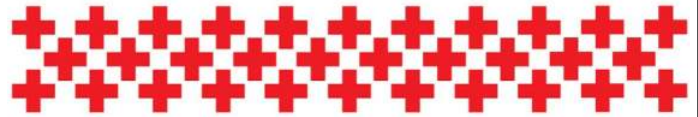
## High School Seniors and College Students

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.



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## Blood Drive St. Charles Roman Catholic Church

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**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](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter: Saint Charles RC Church to schedule an appointment.



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## A Biblical Walk through the Mass

Saint Philomena Parish in Lansdowne will host a video based biblical study beginning on Thursday, January 19th, called A Biblical Walk Through the Mass. Did you know that the prayers and readings of the Mass are richly and deeply rooted in the Bible? You'll come to see and hear the Mass in a whole new way. There is a book connected with the series. The cost is \$15.00. If you want a copy, contact us and we will order it for you. You'll get the book and pay for it the first night of the study (Jan 19). Everyone is welcome, especially those who are new to Bible study: please join us. For more information, contact Theresa and Paul Haggerty at [haggerty83@msn.com](mailto:haggerty83@msn.com) or at 610-504-5558.

## 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

With Christmas break over our students are back at school and looking forward to a great New Year!

Our 2nd grade students are preparing themselves to receive the sacrament of reconciliation. This sacrament will be celebrated by the children on Saturday, February 11, 2023 at 10:00 am at Holy Cross Church.

Our teachers and staff are getting prepared for Catholic School's week which will begin on January 29. Teachers are planning a lot of fun activities and treats for our students. This is always a fun week for staff and students as we celebrate our Catholic Education.

Give a Shout Out to Holy Cross School on your social media and you are eligible to win a \$25.00 Acme Gift Card. Each month starting in January through May, we ask that you post something positive about our wonderful school. This can be about a staff member, student (please do not mention any names, or post photos) or something fun that is going on in our school. Send a copy of your post to [espurrier@hscrusaders.com](mailto:espurrier@hscrusaders.com) and your name will be entered into a drawing each month.

Holy Cross Students, Faculty and Staff wish all our parishioners a Happy Healthy and Blessed New Year!

## 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](mailto:pattiejstevens@comcast.net) or 484.868.8571.

## St. Bernadette's Catholic Church Winter Bereavement Support Group

Starts: Tuesday, January 17, 2023

Time: 7:00 to 8:30 Tuesday evenings for 8 weeks

Where: St. Bernadette's Parish, The Wright Center, 1st Floor, Drexel Hill, Pa, 19026. Park in lot between School and Church on Harper Ave.

More Information: Call George Salloom @ 610 306-0252 or email-[georgesalloom@hotmail.com](mailto:georgesalloom@hotmail.com). George has over 25 years' experience as a bereavement group facilitator.

Program is open to anyone who has experienced the death of a family member or friend 18 years or older.

Eight-week commitment is encouraged. Reading material will be available. There is no fee for the program and the program is non-denominational.

## 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 intentions and for the Missions world-wide. VISIT [phillymissions.org](https://zoom.us/j/494480541#success) for the Zoom link or type in <https://zoom.us/j/494480541#success>

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