

HOLY CROSS CHURCH

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JANUARY 22, 2023 • THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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 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

I hope I'm not jinxing us by saying this, but thus far, we've had a fairly mild winter. We did that super cold snap around Christmas, but otherwise, temperatures outside seem to have been at or above average for the most part (including a couple of rather warm stretches for January). On the one hand, I rather enjoy a cold, snowy, winter day. On the other hand, I have to sign the checks that pay the bills to heat our enormous church, school, parish center, rectory, and convents; a mild winter is much milder on our budget!

By now you know that our heating and air conditioning system has caused us a number of challenges because there is no workable way to regulate the temperature in the building. In the heating season, we have to manually turn different systems and components on and off and adjust them based on outside temperature and what events are happening in the church. To be honest, it's a pain. And it leads to big temperature swings in the church—it could be 65 degrees in there one day and 80 the next. That's not comfortable for you in the pews, and an 80 degree church is not exactly comfortable for the priest wearing a couple extra layers of vestments either.

We are in the process of installing a new control panel and related equipment for the heat. It's not a small project. Old equipment has to be removed, control valves have to be upgraded, and a new panel has to be put in and connected to everything. The new controller will allow for some measurement of conditions to take place and adjust the boilers and other system components accordingly. It won't be a perfect system (we are on a budget), but it should give us much better control and hopefully keep the temperature steadier in the church. If all goes according to plan, installation will have started this past week, and it should be operational by the end of this month. Fingers crossed.

This Monday has been designated by the US Bishops as a nationwide day of prayer for the legal protection of the unborn. The cause of life received a great victory last year in the Supreme Court's reversal of *Roe v. Wade*. At the same time, the need for us to be stalwart witnesses of the dignity and sanctity of human life continues as the battle to secure legal rights for the unborn is now being waged in so many states. The Bishops have asked us to make Monday a day of prayer and sacrifice for this important intention.

Next week is Catholic Schools' Week. Our school faculty and the Home and School Association are both working on ways to celebrate the good that happens in our parish school. If you or a family member would like more information about Holy Cross School and the excellent education we can provide for your children, please call Mrs. Spurrier in the school office.

3rd
Sunday in
Ordinary
Time

Reading I: Isaiah 8: 23-9: 3

The passage concludes the prophet's memoirs. The rod and staff describe Assyria's oppression. Now that very darkness will end and Yahweh has come to the rescue, bringing great light.

Reading II: I Corinthians 1: 10-13, 17

Paul confronts the problem of divisions within the community with their individual divisive slogans. True preaching releases the power of the one true gospel.

The Gospel: Matthew 4: 12-23 or 4: 12-17

Jesus takes up John the Baptist's ministry in the safer territory of Galilee. Jesus for Matthew is the Promised One of Israel. Jesus urges repentance and the near arrival of God's kingdom, the object of Christian hope.



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, JANUARY 23

8:30 AM - No Mass

TUESDAY, JANUARY 24

8:30 - Hannah M. Kirsch

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25

8:30 AM - Thomas Geiner

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26

8:30 AM - Joseph Muratore, Sr

FRIDAY, JANUARY 27

8:30 AM - Mae Cushin

SATURDAY, JANUARY 28

8:30 AM - Jeffrey Scolis

4:30 PM - Mrs. Mary Smith

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29

8:30 AM - Joseph Muratore, Jr.

11:00 AM - The People of Holy Cross

SANCTUARY LAMP



This week's Sanctuary Lamp intention is for:

Church: Dante DeSimone

Chapel: Steve Austin

COLLECTION INFORMATION

Weekly Need \$12,820

Weekly Collection, January 15

Total \$6,553

Electronic \$2,257

Basket & Mail-Ins \$4,296

PRAY FOR THE SICK

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| 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 | |
| Maryanne McCauley | |

The Corner

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"Then He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures." ---Luke 24:45

As we celebrate this "Sunday of the Word of God" remember that studying the Bible isn't just for saints and mystics. You and I get to hear God speaking to us, too, every time we read the Bible. What is He saying to YOU today?

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.

Casserole Drop-Off Date

The next drop-off is Wednesday, January 25 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 12th and Race St., Philadelphia. You can make any casserole that you like. Please mark the casserole with the date prepared. Call Connie Labowitz at 610-328-0599 with any questions. Thank you!

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 3 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.

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

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

ROSARY GROUP

The Holy Rosary is prayed every weekday morning in the church immediately after the 8:30 Mass. Please join us!

Scrip Program

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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

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.

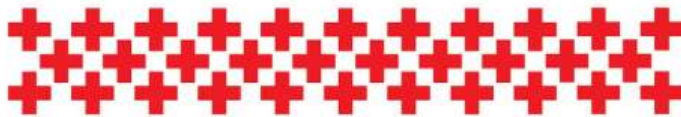
High School Seniors and College Students

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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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 4th 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

Holy Cross School is preparing for Middle states accreditation, which is an expression of confidence in an institution's mission and goals, its performance, and its resources. An institution is accredited when the educational community has verified that its goals are achieved through self-regulation and peer review.

We are also working on our final stages of Keystone Stars, a quality rating system that promotes quality improvement in early learning and development programs and school-age childcare. We are excited that once this process is complete, we will be fully accredited in our PreK and CARES programs.

The children are getting ready for Catholic School's week. On Monday, January 30th our students will start to bring in toiletries we will send these items to an organization for distribution to those in need. We will have our special person's day on Tuesday, January 31st. Students "special person" will be treated to snacks, drinks and a tour of the school. Students are working hard on their beautiful art projects that will be on display.

Our 8th grade will play a game of volleyball against the teachers on Wednesday, February 1st.

Not to be forgotten, our wonderful teachers will be celebrated on Thursday, February 2nd. Our teachers work hard every day to make Holy Cross School such a wonderful school.

So many fun activities will be going on this week, as we celebrate our Catholic Education. As always, we thank Father Kiernan, Principal WorriLOW and our wonderful parishioners and families who support our efforts.

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.

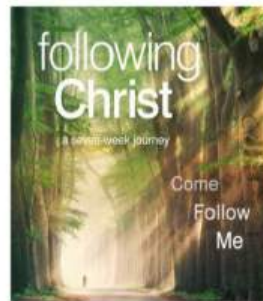
We will present this at 2 different times, so PICK THE TIME that is best for you.

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.



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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 & Topics

Thursday, January 26	7:00-8:30pm	Introduction and Daily Personal Prayer
Thursday, February 2	7:00-8:30pm	Hearing God in Scripture
Thursday, February 9	7:00-8:30pm	The Power of the Sacraments
Thursday, February 16	7:00-8:30pm	Forgiving One Another
Thursday, February 23	7:00-8:30pm	The Spirit-Empowered Life
Saturday, February 25	9:00am-3:00pm	Retreat Day - We Are At War: The World, The Flesh, and The Devil
Thursday, March 2	7:00-8:30pm	The Heart of a Disciple
Thursday, March 9	7:00-8:30pm	Going On with the Lord

2 Locations Available

- **Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church**, 2130 Franklin Avenue, Morton, PA 19070
 - **Registration is required:** please go to www.olpnmorton.org. Scroll down to the *Following Christ* posting and click on the link for registration.
- **Ss. Peter & Paul Church**, 1325 Boot Road, West Chester, PA 19380
 - **Registration is required:** please go to <https://sspeterandpaulrc.org/following-christ>.

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 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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DATES: MARCH 3 – 5, 2023

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