

# HOLY CROSS CHURCH

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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

We start the year off with some good news. As you know, our convent building has been unoccupied since the departure of the Sisters of Mercy in 2021. I'm **happy to announce that we are welcoming a group of young ladies as residents of our convent.** These ladies are young women who desire to live together in a type of community life, with common meals and communal prayer, while they work in their respective jobs and careers. Note: they are not religious sisters or nuns; they are lay women with a deep commitment to their faith. They're in the process of moving in and getting settled. Their presence will be a blessing to our parish, and we look forward to having them live here.

As part of welcoming them to the parish, we all have to ensure we are accommodating their needs. One need in particular concerns parking. When the sisters left the convent, it became common for parishioners to park in the convent parking lot. Now that the convent will again be occupied, we have to leave that lot available to the residents. Going forward, **please do not park in the convent parking lot** when you come onto the campus. I realize that we do not have the most convenient parking lots out there and parking can be a challenge, and I appreciate your cooperation in this regard.

I've mentioned previously that Holy Cross is undergoing a process of renewal and pastoral planning in conjunction with the Catholic Leadership Institute called the **Next Generation Parish.** We have officially moved into the "Envisioning" phase, a time to discern and proclaim a vision for Holy Cross that will help us all grow spiritually and attract new parishioners. Along with that will be establishing priorities that we will focus on in the coming years. The team met this past week for the first time. This program has the potential to be of great benefit to our parish, and I ask everyone to pray for its success. I'll provide updates on our progress as they are available.

We have a few other projects going on right now as well, and I'll have updates on them coming up in future bulletins. Stay tuned. It's going to be a great year here at Holy Cross!

## Epiphany of the Lord

### Reading I: Isaiah 60: 1-6

This is a song about the glory of the New Zion. God's light will shine anew. All the nations, including those from Arabia, will come together to rebuild Jerusalem.

### Reading II: Ephesians 3: 2-3a, 5-6

The author assumes that his readers already know about Paul's role in God's plan: to evangelize the Gentile nations.

### The Gospel: Matthew 2: 1-12

The Magi, a caste of wise men associated with astrology and magic, represent the coming of the Christ to the Gentile world. Jesus is here designated as royal. King Herod represents political duplicity at its worst.



# MASSES FOR THE WEEK

**MONDAY, JANUARY 9**

8:30 AM - No Mass

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 10**

8:30 - Maryann Redding

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11**

8:30 AM - Francis Armstrong

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 12**

8:30 AM - Michael O'Kane

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 13**

8:30 AM - James Carroll

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 14**

8:30 AM - Dolores & Vincent DePaul

4:30 PM - The People of Holy Cross

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 15**

8:30 AM - Tom Bunting

11:00 AM - The Living & Deceased

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## The Corner

Brought to you by your Evangelization Team

We know that The Epiphany is traditionally celebrated all over the world on January 6, (this year we observe it today January 8) and is dedicated to the birth of Christ, which includes a nod toward the three Kings who followed the star, travelling from their countries to pay tribute to the Son of God. But Did You Know....

**The three Kings represent Europe, Arabia and Africa?**

---Catholic Online

## SANCTUARY LAMP



This week's Sanctuary Lamp intention is for:

**Church:** Dan Agualino

**Chapel:** Maryann Redding

## COLLECTION INFORMATION

Weekly Need	<b>\$12,820</b>
Weekly Collection, January 1	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,555</b>
Electronic	\$2,818
Basket & Mail-Ins	\$4,737

## PRAY FOR THE SICK



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|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 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        |
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| Carole Kime           | Jean Super            |
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| 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      |                       |
| Joann Marks           |                       |

## 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.

## Delco Monthly Pro-Life Meeting

Please join us for our monthly pro-life meeting at St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Springfield on Wednesday, January 11, from 1-2 PM, in the Rectory basement Conference Room. Entrance to the Rectory is from the parking lot. Your prayers and suggestions to advance the message of the sanctity of human life from conception to natural death are welcome.

National March for Life in Washington, DC is on Friday, January 20. The theme is "Next steps: Marching in a Post-Roe America". Info for bus leaving from St. Francis parking lot will follow.

*Jesus, protect and save the unborn.*

## Scrip Program

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## 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.



## At Delaware County Pregnancy Center's Annual Client Christmas event this year,



Each family received up to two grocery gifts cards and gifts for the parent(s). Every child from infant to 6 years old received clothing, books, and a few toys.

DCPC's client rooms were decorated for Christmas to accommodate the clients and their families. Our parents will be putting warm clothes, hats & coats, toys and many other items under their trees.

We truly appreciate all of the contributions and love poured into our clients for this year's event. There is no greater feeling than the feeling experienced through giving!



*"Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you." Luke 6:38 (NIV)*



## Thank YOU!

*From your friends and our families  
at Delaware County Pregnancy Center*

## 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 or at 610-504-5558.

## Holy Cross School News

Santa Claus came to town. Santa took time out of his busy schedule to enjoy a pizza lunch with the children of Holy Cross School. On Saturday, December 17, Holy Cross School held a "lunch with Santa."

There was a great turnout for this event. Students and their families enjoyed pizza, cookies, and a drink. An electric scooter and a toy basket were the raffle prizes. Our 8th-grade student council helped by doing face painting.

After lunch parents, students and guests walked through the school to see all the teachers' hard work on their Christmas Door decorations. Thank you to the student council and any student who helped on this fun day. A special thank you to J D McGillicuddy's who generously donated the cookies given with this lunch.

Our virtue for the month of December was generosity. Congratulations to the following students who were chosen for this award.

Prek3 Bernisha Massena  
Prek4 Madison Alexander  
Kindergarten- Rm.#9 JJ Gavin  
Kindergarten Rm.#10 Braden Major  
Grade 1 Lilyana Bromley  
Grade 2 Katelyn Hannon  
Grade 3 Scarlet Quinn  
Grade 4 Phoenix Diggs  
Grade 5 Aiden Perez  
Grade 6 Priscilla Joseph  
Grade 7 Bezawit Kebede  
Grade 8 Alexis Smith  
Principal Award: Joseph Cleary

The Faculty and staff of Holy Cross School would like to wish all our families and parishioners a blessed Christmas and a wonderful New Year.

## 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.

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://phillymissions.org) for the Zoom link or type in <https://zoom.us/j/494480541#success>

## 15th Anniversary of Man Up Philly!

Saturday March 4, 2023 will be the 15th Man Up Philly Conference and we are going back to our roots to the Campus of Cardinal O'Hara at the St John Vianney Hall Theater where it all started. Don't miss this opportunity to bring a friend and hear inspiring speakers for a day of reflection and growth!

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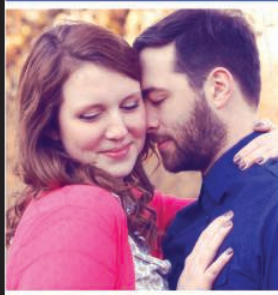
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