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## MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Evening ..... 4:30 PM  
Sunday, Upper Church ..... 8:30 and 11:00 AM  
Holy Day ..... As announced  
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Saturday ..... 8:30 AM  
Friday..... 12:15 PM

## 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, Lower Church: 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.

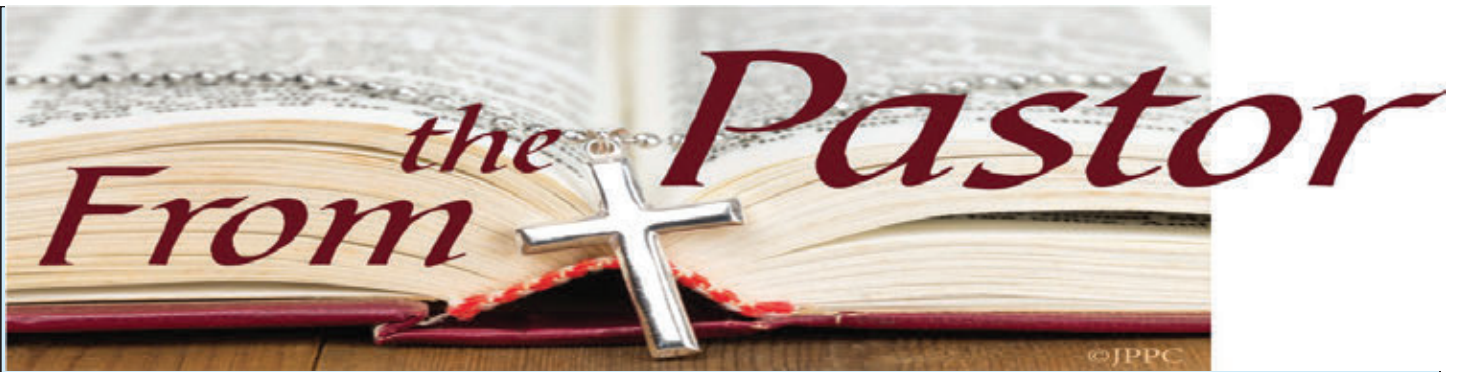
First time parents and godparents are required to attend a Baptism Preparation Session which is held on the 1st Monday of the month at 7:00 PM. Please call the Parish Office for more information.

## 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.



I'm going to start by stealing a couple lines from my last bulletin column from my previous parish. (It's not plagiarism if you steal material from yourself, right?) One of my biggest challenges each week is writing the bulletin column. Often, I forget about it and get caught up in other things until I get the dreaded "Father, are you going to have something for the bulletin this week?" message when the deadline looms. Then, the clock is ticking, and trying to write something coherent and informative isn't always easy. The frenzy that comes with being new and trying to get settled into a new home and workplace makes it challenging to be coherent. I'm still trying to learn the basics (like which key unlocks the rectory) so I feel like I'm the last person that should be providing anyone any kind of reliable information about parish life right now.

So, to start this week, a bit about me. I was born and raised in Stroudsburg, PA, up in the Pocono Mountains. I moved to Southeastern PA after graduating from Penn State with a degree in math, and I worked for seven years as an analyst for a health insurance company. Eventually the vocation bug bit me, and I left my career and sold my home to enter the seminary. I was ordained a priest in 2015, and spent the next few years serving as a parochial vicar in different parishes. Last summer, I was assigned as parochial administrator of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish in Stowe, and then I was asked to come here to Holy Cross as the pastor a few weeks ago. For the past couple years, I have served as the Spiritual Director for a young adult group in Montgomery County, and I was also appointed as an Assistant Master of Ceremonies for Archbishop Perez last year.

These six years of priestly ministry have been filled with a lot of great moments and a number of challenges. As I start this new assignment, I am looking forward to enjoying many great moments here while confronting whatever challenges we need to face. We'll do that together, with the help of God and relying on His providence.

I do want to take a moment to offer a few words of gratitude right way. I'm grateful to our resident priest, Fr. Kelly, for his warm welcome to the rectory as I moved in and for his help in getting acclimated to the area. And I am very grateful to the various members of the parish staff who have been working hard to help me learn the routine around here and gotten me up to speed with regard to important things on the calendar. And finally, I'm very grateful to all of you parishioners who have already taken a moment to say hello and offer a welcoming greeting. Sadly, I'm not great with recognizing and remembering names and faces, so I ask your forgiveness if every time we see each other I have to ask "who are you/what do you do?" until I figure it out. But again, thank you all for the welcome. Please pray for me as I begin this ministry, and know that you are in my prayers as well.

Have a great week!  
Fr. Kiernan



<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>JULY 12</b>
8:30 AM	Mary Ann Purcell
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>JULY 13</b>
8:30 AM	Anne M. Stivender
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>JULY 14</b>
8:30 AM	Carl Anthony Monzo, Jr.
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>JULY 15</b>
8:30 AM	No Mass
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>JULY 16</b>
12:15 PM	Marilyn Gillen

#### **NEXT WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>JULY 17</b>
8:30 AM	Ruth S. Bartivic
4:30 PM	Charles Hoban
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>JULY 18</b>
8:30 AM	People of Holy Cross
11:00 AM	Living & Deceased Members of the Casciano Family

#### **On-Line Giving**

Join the growing number of Holy Cross Parishioners who contribute to the Sunday offertory by electronic means. It is convenient and easy. Please visit our website and click on "Our Parish" and then the "Parish Giving" tab or contact the Business Office for assistance.  
Thank you to all those who give electronically!



#### *Sunday Collection, July 4*

<i>Total Collection</i>	<b>\$6,285</b>
<i>Electronic</i>	<b>\$2,665</b>
<i>Basket &amp; Main-íns</i>	<b>\$3,620</b>

#### **Malvern Retreat House**

July 30—August 1, 2021 Flame of Love National Conference. Join us virtually for the Flame of Love Retreat. Father James Blount will serve as retreat director. Cost \$275 PP Onsite; Virtual \$75.

Friday, August 6, 2021—7:30 AM to 9:00 AM - First Friday Mass and Discussion. Join us in St. Joseph's Chapel at Malvern Retreat House for First Friday Mass. Breakfast will be offered after Mass. \$10 donation for breakfast is appreciated. Registration is required.

Sunday, August 8, 2021—2:00 to 4:00 PM—Women's Tea with Mary Bea Damico of Voveo Marketing. We will reflect on the power of surrender and devotion to Mary. Cost: \$25 onsite and virtual.

#### **Feast Day tip—Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel**

**July 16 is the feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Our Lady of Mount Carmel is noted for giving the Brown Scapular to St. Dominic. If you've abandoned the devotion to the Brown Scapular, consider resurrecting that devotion this week. Italian parishes across the country, particularly in the Northeast, hold festivals in her honor. Even from a distance you can join in the celebration with delicious torrone and granita di caffe, a frozen coffee dessert.**



George Dickinson  
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Francis Murray  
Frances O'Callaghan  
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Paige O'Leary  
Joseph Sindoni  
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George Vrettos



### Three Parish Book Club

The next meeting of the Three Parish Book Club is scheduled for Wednesday, September 29 at 7:00 p.m. at the Holy Cross Church Parish Center. If you would like to join the group or to receive more information, please contact Joy Van Berg at 610 328-2095 or at [joyvanberg@gmail.com](mailto:joyvanberg@gmail.com).

### Summer Reading Suggestions

Coffee with Nonna by Vincent Iezzi

The Lost Ravioli Recipes of Hoboken by Laura Schenone

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Ronnie 610-623-8412 or Office 610-626-3321

## The Corner

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"Think of this for a minute today: Whatever you do to each other, you do to Jesus. If we had that kind of faith, we would never be grouchy, we would never be irritable. We may feel grouchy, we may feel irritable, but we would never manifest it because of our faith and love of Jesus."

---Mother Angelica



### Let Freedom Ring for the Unborn

Saturday, July 17, Freedom for the Pre-Born

8:00 AM Mass at the Cathedral

9:00 AM Walk to Planned Parenthood at 12th and Locust

9:30 AM Prayer Vigil & Rally

### PREP Registration

Registration for 2021-2022

Religious Education is now OPEN!

Information and registration can be found at  
[www.holycrosscatholics.org/prep](http://www.holycrosscatholics.org/prep)

Questions? Contact Kelly Meliti at  
[prepholycross@gmail.com](mailto:prepholycross@gmail.com) or 610-626-1057



# FOOD PANTRY

## Food Pantry Update:

Our Food Pantry has been busy and we are still providing food as a drive thru. As we all know, summer is around the corner and the needs for kiddie treats, juice boxes/pouches are a staple, along with granola bars, always increases during this time of the year.

We are so blessed to continue to be able to assist our Neighbors in Need through your generosity and support. If you are able, we are in need of the following: canned meats/tuna, peanut butter, pasta and pasta sauce, canned fruit, condiments, baked beans, rice, pancake mix and syrup, cereal, and paper products (especially, paper towels and toilet paper).

Just a reminder, we are open to Delco residents every Wednesday, from 3:30 to 6:00. If you know anyone in need of food, please let them know that we are here.

God Bless All of You and Happy Almost Summer,  
Your Friends from the SVDP Food Pantry Team

## St. Vincent DePaul Society Assistance Needed

The St. Vincent DePaul Society Food Pantry Team is looking for someone to clean the Parish Center twice a month. If interested, please contact Ellie Epperson at 610-960-6989.

## Recycling Dumpsters

The paper recycling dumpsters have been removed from our property. There is no longer a benefit for Holy Cross Parish to house the dumpsters. For the past four years we have no longer been receiving a stipend from the recycling company. With issues of the dumpsters overflowing and papers blowing all over campus the decision was made to remove the dumpsters.



## 50th Reunion

Msgr. Bonner and Archbishop Prendergast High School Class of 1970 will gather for a 50th reunion celebration at The Drexelbrook Catering and Event Center, 4700 Drexelbrook Dr., Drexel Hill, PA, on Friday, October 22, 2021, from 6 PM to 10 PM. For additional information, email [bonnerprendie1970@gmail.com](mailto:bonnerprendie1970@gmail.com) or contact John Matthews at 215-260-4568 or [matthewstown@comcast.net](mailto:matthewstown@comcast.net).



## Retrouvaille: Rediscover the Love in Your Marriage

Tens o thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next program begins the weekend of August 13 - 15, 2021 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, visit [www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org) or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

## Lily's Gift Ministry

If a Prenatal Diagnosis is poor, you are not alone. Lily's Gift, is a network of concerned parents and professionals who have experienced or worked closely with issues surrounding poor prenatal diagnosis. This ministry can provide a peer support team to assist couples during this critical time. Email [Lilys-GiftLuke12.27@gmail.com](mailto:Lilys-GiftLuke12.27@gmail.com) or call 215-587-3530.

## Companion Needed

My Mom lives in Colonial park and is in need of a companion two days per week. Although she is very independent (and an amazing woman), she could use assistance with light cleaning, laundry, meal organization, and conversation. Having support two afternoons per week for 3 to 4 hours would be great. If you are interested, please call Anne at 267-283-8148.

## Saint Joseph Novena

Let us pray.

O Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Foster Father of the Divine Child, Jesus, you were entrusted as the protective guardian of the Holy Family in Nazareth.

Give today this same protection to the family of the Church in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

Intercede with Christ before the Father of us all:

For the clergy and faithful,  
For married couples and single men and women,  
For all those in the consecrated life,  
For families and young people,  
For the poor, the lonely and neglected,  
For all the sick, suffering and dying.  
For a deepening of our spiritual life,  
For a strengthening of the moral life,  
For a bolder witness to the truth of the Gospel.

For all of us, Saint Joseph, with you as our firm example, may we remain confident in the plan of the Father for us, with lives of faith rooted in the saving death and resurrection of his Son and ever faithful to the demands of the Christian life with the grace of the Holy Spirit.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Saint Joseph, patron and protector of the Universal Church. Pray for us!



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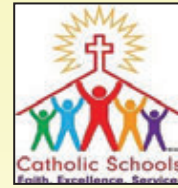


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If you are considering a Catholic Education for your child(ren), Holy Cross School is accepting registrations for Grades Pre-K 3 to 8<sup>th</sup> grade. We provide students with a strong academic program, spiritual development, social and emotional growth. We have a dedicated staff of teachers who are able to provide in-person and virtual instruction. We educate children in a loving and caring atmosphere and would love to provide an excellent education for your child(ren). A considerable amount of grant money is available through BLOCS, if you meet the criteria.

If you have any questions, please call Mrs. Spurrier in the school office at 610-626-1709.

## Franklin Mint Federal Credit Union

Holy Cross Church is now a member of the Franklin Mint Federal Credit Union. All parishioners, students and employees may now open an account and become a member of FMFCU. The local branch is on Baltimore Pike in Springfield. For all things FMFCU visit [fmfcu.org](http://fmfcu.org).

## Delaware County Emergency Rental Assistance

Are you behind on your rent due to COVID-19? The DELCO Emergency Rental Assistance (DELCO ERA) grant program helps renters who suffered disruption and/or loss of income due to the COVID-19 pandemic by assisting with past due rent and utilities. Residents are encouraged to apply beginning April 1, 2021, and will be considered on a first-come, first-qualified and approved basis. Funds are required to be distributed by the end of 2021. Assistance is available for financial obligations incurred after April 1, 2020. Visit [delco-era.com](http://delco-era.com) or if you have questions, please email [info@delco-era.com](mailto:info@delco-era.com) or call 484-729-4200.



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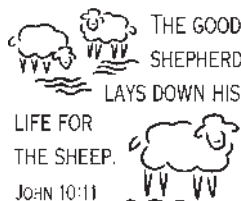
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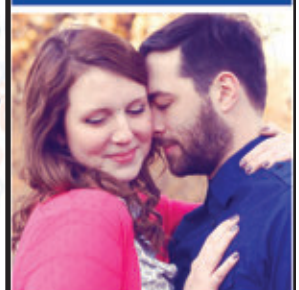
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