

HOLY CROSS CHURCH

651 East Springfield Road • Springfield, Pennsylvania 19064

JULY 16, 2023 • 15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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 Deacon Robert Frankenberger..... Retired
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 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 Friday..... 8:30 AM
 No Mass Monday and Saturday

NEW PARISHIONERS

All Catholics living in the parish should register. Stop by the Business Office, Monday through Thursday, 9:00AM - 12:00PM or 1:00PM - 4:00PM or register online by accessing the registration forms on our website under parish registration.

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.

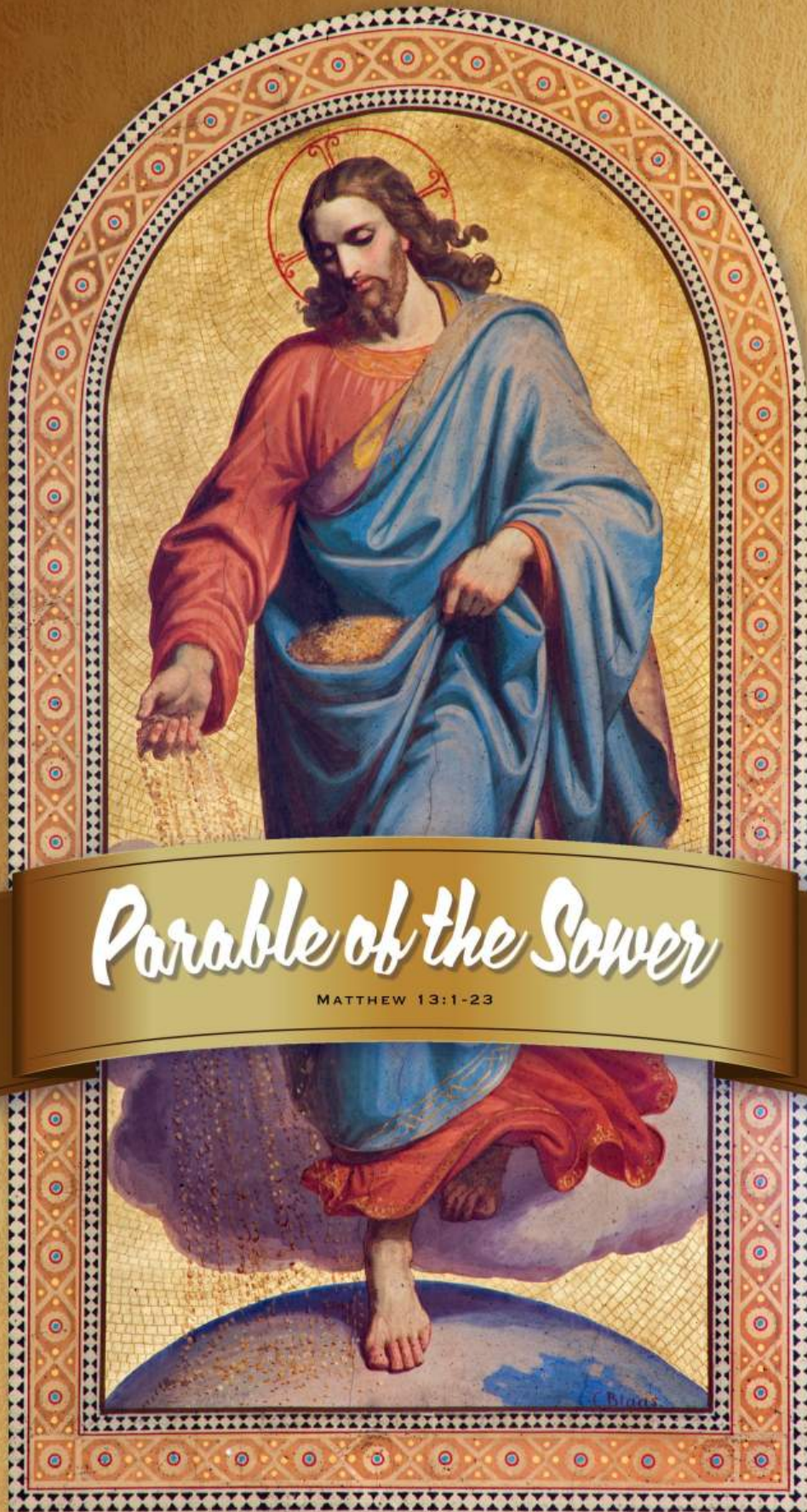
First time parents and godparents are required to attend a Baptism Preparation Session which is held on the 1st Monday of the month at 7:00 PM. Please call the Parish Office for more information.

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.



Parable of the Sower

MATTHEW 13:1-23



FROM THE PASTOR

A couple months ago, I heard about a Catholic Heart Work Camp being hosted at Bonner & Prendie High School the last week of June. Teens from across the country would be coming to Delco to be sent out in groups to do various service projects involving manual labor. Local priests were asked for service project ideas. It didn't take long to come up with one. The suite formerly occupied by Msgr. Curran in the rectory was in desperate need of attention. There was a lot of stuff in the room that needed to be thrown out, and the space needed major cleaning and painting. The thought of free labor was too good to resist, so I wrote in and asked for us to be considered. A leader organizing the camp came out to look, and she told me she'd send a cohort of 10-12 people to tackle the project. We pay for the paint and cleaning products; they supply the brushes and the labor. Perfect! I told her if she had other teens she needed to place on projects, I was sure I could find more things that needed some TLC around here.



Be careful what you wish for. I found out the day before they were to arrive that instead of a group of 10-12, we were being sent a group of 23! On four sweltering days at the end of June, just about two dozen teens and adult chaperones (see the photo) were here at Holy Cross cleaning and painting in the rectory and helping with some cleaning in the school. It was a great effort, and I was so thrilled to be able to welcome them—and even more thrilled that we got some long overdue work done with minimal expense.

Some other news to share. I am happy to welcome Mr. Daniel Salvatore as the new principal of Holy Cross School. Mr. Salvatore has served as a teacher and principal at several area Catholic Schools. He is committed to helping our students to succeed academically and to become future saints as disciples of Jesus Christ. Please keep him in your prayers as he begins this important ministry in our parish.

15th
Sunday in
Ordinary
Time

Reading I: Isaiah 55: 10-11

God's Word comes gently and soaks into the earth only to be drawn back to Him. It is less a message and more an event.

Reading II: Romans 8: 18-23

Through the Spirit the Christian becomes a child of God and destined for glory. All of creation "groans" until we are fully redeemed.

The Gospel: Matthew 13: 1-23, or 13: 1-9

Jesus prefers to teach outdoors rather than in a stuffy academic box. His parable appeals to a rural audience. The four types of soil represent various ways people respond to the Word of God.



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, JULY 17

8:30 AM - No Mass

TUESDAY, JULY 18

8:30 AM - Joseph McGough

WEDNESDAY, JULY 19

8:30 AM - Thomas Greiner

THURSDAY, JULY 20

8:30 AM - Vivian & George Amoroso and
Caroline & Joseph Sindoni

FRIDAY, JULY 21

8:30 AM - Those Enrolled in the Memorial
Fund

SATURDAY, JULY 22

8:30 AM - No Mass

4:30 PM - For the People of Holy Cross

SUNDAY, JULY 23

8:30 AM - Judge & Ruane Families

11:00 AM - The Living & Deceased
Members of the Casciano Family

The Corner

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“Ask Him to remind you when you are far away, He is near; and when you are near, He is content.”

---Jane Trufant Harvey “Ask Him”

SANCTUARY LAMP



This week's Sanctuary Lamp intention is for:

Church: **William Addison, Jr.**

COLLECTION INFORMATION

Weekly Need **\$12,820**

Weekly Collection, July 9

Total **\$7,096**

Electronic **\$2,957**

Basket & Mail-Ins **\$4,139**

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Consiglia Borrelli	Richard McCullough
Lyndi Butler	Larry McCusker
Mary Ann Carroll	Francis Murray
Maryann Convery	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	Madalyn Parr
Zachary Halbing	Carter Claire Walton
Deacon Joe Gousie	Mike Calbertta
Lee Anne McGough	Louise Casciano
Joann Marks	Alexander Passquini
Maryanne McCauley	Melissa Dunsee
Linda Hackett	Brian O'Riordan
Matthew Bannon	Mildred Mancini
Mary Ann Nero	

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We hope you enjoyed the Divine Mercy series during Eastertide! Summer is here and you can try these 2 favorites to keep the kids entertained for hours. For your teens, go to the banner "Saints" and be inspired by the true stories and movies you'll find there. 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!

Holy Cross Students Excel at Msgr. Bonner & Archbishop Prendergast High School

Our parish recently received notification of the performance of our high school students for the fourth quarter of the 2022-23 school year. We are particularly proud of those students who have demonstrated academic excellence.

The following students received First Honors:

Class of 2026: Sean Erickson

The following students received Second Honors:

Class of 2023: Justin Lane. Zachary Maiorano

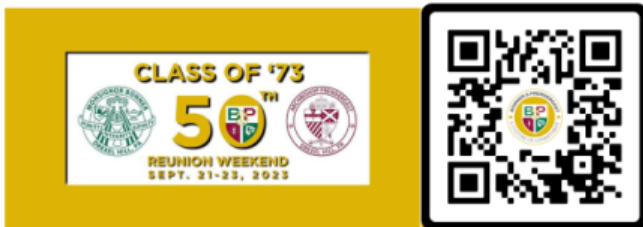
Justin Lane, Zachary Maiorano and Thomas Venditti

Holy Cross Students Excel at Cardinal O'Hara High School

Our parish recently received notification of the performance of our high school students on the end of the 4th quarter. We are particularly proud of those who demonstrated academic excellence.

Students who achieved first honors include: Ava Devenney '23, Mia Macciocca '23, Xavier Tran '23, Anthony Yost '23, William Donnelly '24, Amber-Joyce Pensyl '25, Hannah Nguyen '26, Miley Woltanski '26.

Among those earning second honors were the following students from our parish: Sean Boyle '23, Marissa Glick '23, Gavin LeSage '23, Victor Madu '23, Elizabeth Simpson '23, Emma Taylor '23, Harry Donnelly '24, Abigail Henzel '25, Erin Saye '26.



SCAN ME

Monsignor Bonner & Archbishop Prendergast High School Class of '73 are jointly celebrating their 50th High School Reunion with a 3-day Reunion Weekend this September 21 -23. For more information scan the bar code. Questions send to 73reunions@gmail.com .

Food Pantry Update

The summer has been challenging, since our Food Pantry "Neighbors in Need" volume continues to be high.

If you are able, we are in need of mac&cheese, cereal, canned meat / tuna, pasta sauce (no glass please) and pasta, peanut butter, jelly, rice, beans, oatmeal, kiddie treats and personal items (soap, body wash, shampoo, tissues).

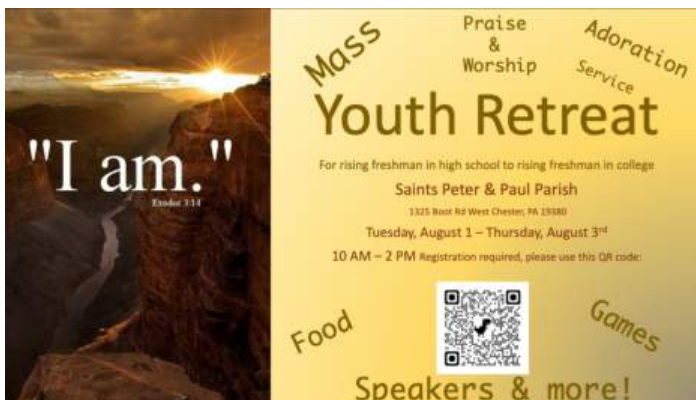
We are adjusting our pantry hours for July and August to 3 until 5 on Wednesdays.. In September, we will return to our normal hours (3:30 to 5:30) on Wednesdays.

If you know anyone in need for food in Delco, please share that the pantry is open every Wednesday in back of Holy Cross School.

Thank you all for "All you do" for our Neighbors in Need with your generosity and prayers.

God Bless and Be Safe... as many of you travel over these summer months.

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Three Parish Book Club

The Book Club will resume meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 27 at Holy Cross Church Parish Center. Members will choose books for the coming year and will discuss the September selection. You need not have read the selected book to attend the meeting. If you would like more information, or if you would like to join us, please contact Joy Van Berg at joyvanberg@gmail.com. or 610 328-2095.

Summer Reading Suggestions

Best Wishes, Sister B by Fran Smith
Poetry by your favorite poet or some favorite poems

September

Voyage of Mercy by Stephen Puleo

INTRODUCTION TO THE BIBLE (ST. ANASTASIA PARISH)

This is a basic 'getting to know the Bible' course that's very easy, interesting, practical, and fun! You will learn: how the Bible is laid out logically, how to find your way around it, what the overall story and timeline of the Bible is, how to pray with scripture, why the Bible matters to the Church, to the world today, and, most especially, to YOU!

Join us for three sessions on Wednesdays: August 9, 16, 23, 6:30 pm Come to one or all sessions! NO previous bible experience needed! There is no cost for these sessions! Bring a bible, but if you don't have one we will have some inexpensive bibles available for sale.

Location: Saint Anastasia Rectory basement meeting room, 3301 West Chester Pike, Newtown Square, PA (enter through the rectory basement door) Please let me know in advance if you are coming so that we have enough supplies available. To learn more, or to sign up contact Theresa Haggerty, 610-504-5558 or thaggerty@saintannies.org

Eucharistic Adoration



And Jesus said to them "... remain here and keep watch with me." ---Matthew 26:38 We are blessed to have a very INTIMATE Eucharistic Adoration chapel at Holy Cross Parish, where JESUS is waiting for YOU. In good times and in bad, JESUS LOVES YOU.

We are in need of visitors and hourly adorers to maintain our current adoration schedule. Please consider keeping Jesus company in our chapel, open weekdays 9:00am to 7:00pm. For more information, call Eileen at 610.213.3369.

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Adoration helped Mother Angelica build the EWTN television network. For every hour she was on TV, she spent an extra hour in Adoration. When she was being challenged with great difficulties, St John Paul II sent her a monstrance! His message was to stay focused on Jesus through Adoration and thanksgiving.



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