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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.

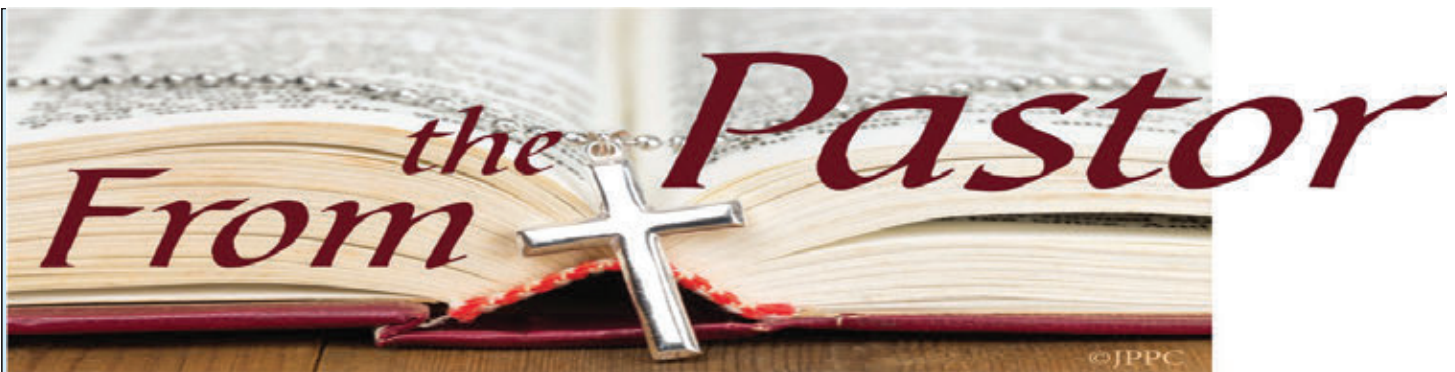
First time parents and godparents are required to attend a Baptism Preparation Session which is held on the 1st Monday of the month at 7:00 PM. Please call the Parish Office for more information.

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.



One of the joys/challenges that comes with being the new priest in a parish is that you get to meet a lot of people very quickly. And many of those people will be very quick to let you know what “ought to be done around here.” That’s a good thing: it shows people care and want the parish to succeed in its mission. It can also be overwhelming: lots of ideas and suggestions coming at you from all angles, all while you’re still trying to figure out where your toothbrush is.

In any environment with a leadership change, it's usually a good idea for the new leader to settle in and assess the state of the place before making any big changes or running with any new ideas. The same applies to a parish. At its core, the mission of our parish is to worship God and form holy Christian disciples. If you have ideas, suggestions, thoughts, or complaints to help us live that mission more fully, great! I want to hear them. But please be patient and understand that we can’t run full steam ahead with every idea immediately.

That being said, this is an early heads-up for some tweaks that will be coming after the Summer. I’m expecting that we will adjust the daily Mass schedule slightly in the Fall. Also, I’m looking into moving the celebration of the Sacrament of Penance back into the upper church. I’ve heard it’s a challenge for some people to navigate the stairs to get to the current reconciliation room, and I’ll be honest, it can be a little dark and spooky down there. More information will follow on these items as decisions are made.

As we emerge from the pandemic, we’re also looking at adjustments that were made to how we celebrate Mass over the past year in response to the pandemic. Now is a good opportunity for us to look at what the celebration of Mass and sacraments is supposed to look like in general and move in that direction, while still following appropriate safeguards for health and safety.

In that vein, we should be reminded that the exchange of the Sign of Peace between members of the congregation remains suspended at this time. The Peace of the Risen Christ (present on the altar) is offered from the priest to the whole congregation. We then move immediately to the Fraction Rite and the singing of the Lamb of God. The exchange of the Sign of Peace between members of the congregation is always an optional element of Mass.

Another pandemic-related note is regarding mask-wearing. If you are wearing a mask to Mass and intend to receive Holy Communion in the hand, please be sure to remove the mask before you extend your hands to receive Holy Communion. Once you’ve consumed the Sacred Host, you can put your mask back on. At times people will receive the Host while still wearing a mask, and then it becomes a challenge for them to try and reverently consume the Host. At that moment, our attention should be on the presence of Christ coming to us in the Sacrament, and having the mask off ahead of time helps us to avoid distraction in that moment. Plus, there’s less chance of dropping the Host that way. (Of course, if you are receiving in the traditional way on the tongue, you pretty much have to remove your mask before you can receive the Host, so the preceding paragraph doesn’t really apply.)

Have a great week!
Fr. Kiernan



MONDAY	JULY 19
8:30 AM	Joseph McGough
TUESDAY	JULY 20
8:30 AM	Eleanor Miller
WEDNESDAY	JULY 21
8:30 AM	John McMenamin
THURSDAY	JULY 22
8:30 AM	No Mass
FRIDAY	JULY 23
12:15 PM	Rita Perez

NEXT WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY	JULY 24
8:30 AM	Gerry Canterino
4:30 PM	Gerry Canterino
SUNDAY	JULY 25
8:30 AM	Judy & Tony Niewinski
11:00 AM	People of Holy Cross

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 11

<i>Total Collection</i>	<i>\$3,785</i>
<i>Electronic</i>	<i>\$2,400</i>
<i>Basket & Main-ins</i>	<i>\$6,185</i>

Casserole Drop-Off

The next drop-off is Wednesday, July 2, between 6:00 and 7:00 PM at the gym annex. Our driver will resume delivering them to St. John's Hospice. 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!

PREP Registration

Registration for 2021-2022

Religious Education is now OPEN!

Information and registration can be found at
www.holycrosscatholics.org/prep

Questions? Contact Kelly Meliti at
prepholycross@gmail.com or 610-626-1057

Feast Day Tip - Feast of St. Mary Magdalene

On Thursday, we celebrate the feast of St. Mary Magdalene. And French madeleines and coffee are appropriate and delicious snack to celebrate. While it isn't known for sure if these little cakes were made in honor of St. Mary Magdalene, the region of France where they originated was noted for their devotion to St. Mary Magdalene. Regardless, this will be a unique way to observe her feast.



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Carolyn Henderson
Steven Henderson
Natalie Giorgio Kitts
Ken Kull
Mary Kull
Jayne Lambert
Kendall Lambert
Maryanne McCauley
Barbara McCusker

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Charlotte O'Leary
Paige O'Leary
Mary Rafferty
Joseph Sindoni
Adeline Sulpizio
Amanda Trerotola
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.

Summer Reading Suggestions

Coffee with Nonna by Vincent Iezzi

The Lost Ravioli Recipes of Hoboken by Laura Schenone

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The Corner

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St Martha's Feast day is next Thursday.

Jesus told Martha **"I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in Me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die. Do you believe this?"**

--John 11:25-26

Look at His last 4 words, "Do you believe this?" It's a good question for all of us.

Sisters of St. Francis

The Sisters of St. Francis would like to invite you to their 26th Annual Golf Tournament on September 20, 2021 at Penn Oaks Golf Club in West Chester, PA.

Please join us for a fun day of golf, dinner and auction to support our aging sisters.

1:00 PM – Golf Start (lunch served at 12 PM)
6:00 PM – Cocktails
6:30 PM – Dinner/Auction

For more information visit 222.osfphila.org/events/26th-annual-golf-tournament/ or email golf@osfphila.org

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.

September 10-12, 2021—Weekend retreat for married couples. Join us for a weekend of renewal and rejoicing in your marriage. The cost is \$280 per couple. Wonderful meals, conferences and time together.

FOOD PANTRY

Have a Great Summer!

Our Food Pantry has been busy and we are still providing food as a drive thru. As we all know, summer is here 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.

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.

World Day for Grandparents

Sunday, 25 July 2021, has been designated by Pope Francis, as the First World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly (Ord Time 17). It coincides with the Feast of Saints Joachim and Anne, grandparents of Jesus, on July 26.

Occurring in the Year of Amoris Laetitia Family 2021-22 with the theme, 'I am with you always', the day draws attention to the vital role grandparents and the elderly play in our communities and in the mission of the Church.

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 bonner-prendie1970@gmail.com or contact John Matthews at 215-260-4568 or matthewstown@comcast.net.



Retrouvaille: Rediscover the Love in Your Marriage

Tens of 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 or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

Home Care Needed

Home Care needed 4 days a week for 94 year-old. Please call Vicky at 610-623-7729.

The Cell Phone vs. The Bible

Ever wonder what would happen if we treated our Bible like we treat our cell phone?

What if we carried it around in our purses or pockets?

What if we flipped through it several times a day?

What if we turned back to go get it if we forgot it?

What if we used it to receive messages from the text?

What if we treated it like we couldn't live without it?

What if we gave it to kids as gifts?

What if we used it when we traveled?

What if we used it in case of emergency?

This is something to make you go....hmmm...where is my Bible?

And oh, one more thing, unlike our cell phone, we don't have to worry about our Bible being disconnected because Jesus already paid the bill.

Makes you stop and think "where are my priorities?" And no dropped calls!

Author Unknown

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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If you are considering a Catholic Education for your child(ren), Holy Cross School is accepting registrations for Grades Pre-K 3 to 8th 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.

The Frankford family life center needs volunteers right now and throughout the summer!

Visit our website, prolifeunion.org and look under the banner where you will find the section titled, "Volunteers Urgently Needed!" The descriptions and requirements for each position we are looking to fill can be found there. If you feel called to serve in one of these positions, please email cpinto@prolifeunion.org. The most urgent need right now is for the Summer Meals Program. All position shifts are flexible.

Haven't heard of the Frankford family life center? In partnership with Catholic Social Services, the Pro-Life Union is opening a family life center in Frankford, Philadelphia. The center is up and running and already serving over 60 women and their families! There will be an official program launch in October.



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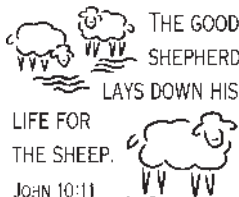
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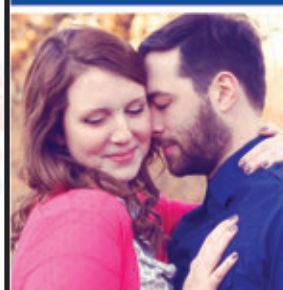
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