

HOLY CROSS CHURCH

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JULY 2, 2023 • 13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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. 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.



Whoever receives you
RECEIVES ME.

MATTHEW 10:40



FROM THE PASTOR

This week, we celebrate Independence Day on Tuesday. There will be Mass at 8:30 am. The parish offices will be closed for the holiday.

Next weekend, our parish will host a priest as part of our participation in the Missionary Cooperative Plan. Father will preach at all Masses about the work of his community in serving the poor and proclaiming the message of Jesus to them. It's good for us to be occasionally reminded of the work being done and the needs of the Church in other parts of the world and to assist in that work through our own prayerful and financial support.

That being said, if we look around, there's a lot of mission work that needs to be done right here in our own community. The Pew Research Center conducts periodic surveys on religious affiliation in the USA. Compare the numbers between 2007 and 2021. (Numbers are rounded)

	2007	2021
Christian	78%	63%
Non-Christian	5%	6%
No Religion	16%	29%

The "non-Christian" category groups together all those who identify as belonging to some faith tradition: Jewish, Muslim, Hindu, Buddhist, etc. The "no religion" category includes those who indicated they were atheist, agnostic, or nothing in particular.

The study provided further breakdowns of that data. While there was slight growth in atheist and agnostic, the real growth is in the response of "nothing in particular." The numbers in non-Christian faiths are pretty stable, which means the growth in people with no religion is happening at the expense of the Christians. By the way, of those who do have a religious affiliation, the study showed 68% attended religious services a few times of year or less and 33% reported that their religion is not too important or not at all important in their lives.

To put this another way, not long after the founding of our parish, just about every house in Westbrook Park was occupied by a Catholic family who attended Mass every Sunday and enrolled all their baby boom children in our parish school. Nowadays, if you sampled 10 houses, 3 of them would be occupied by people with no religion; 1 would be occupied by families who are Jewish, Muslim, Hindu, or Buddhist; and 4 would be occupied by Christians who don't see the inside of a church more than once or twice a year. Only 2 would be occupied by people whose religious practice imitates that of the folks that overwhelmed the area two or three generations ago.

If you're reading this now, that suggests you're one of those two, and there are eight other houses up and down your street the need to hear the message of Jesus Christ. So, a question for your reflection today: how can you reach out to one of them to help turn the data around?

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I: 2 Kings 4: 8-11, 14-16a

The Shunammite woman offers hospitality to Elisha the prophet with generosity and kindness. She does not yet know exactly who he is.

Reading II: Romans 6: 3-4, 8-11

The baptismal ritual represents the death, burial and resurrection of Christ. The convert to the Faith emerges as a new person, now living "for God in Christ Jesus."

The Gospel: Matthew 10: 37-42

Whoever receives an Apostle receives Christ. He insists that we take up our individual cross and follow Him, showing care for the needy as did the Shunammite woman.



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, JULY 3

8:30 AM - No Mass

TUESDAY, JULY 4

8:30 AM - Francis (Buddy) Lamina

WEDNESDAY, JULY 5

8:30 AM - Steve Austin

THURSDAY, JULY 6

8:30 AM - Ted Rudolph (3rd Anniversary)

FRIDAY, JULY 7

8:30 AM - Margaret & James McNicholas &
Jim McFadden

SATURDAY, JULY 8

8:30 AM - No Mass

4:30 PM - Robert & Esther Little

SUNDAY, JULY 9

8:30 AM - The People of Holy Cross

11:00 AM - Paul Tomczyk

SANCTUARY LAMP



This week's Sanctuary Lamp intention is for:

Church: **William & Helen Addison**

Chapel: **Jeffrey Scolis**

COLLECTION INFORMATION

Weekly Need \$12,820

Weekly Collection, June 25

Total \$7,701

Electronic \$3,182

Basket & Mail-Ins \$4,519

PRAY FOR THE SICK

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| Consiglia Borreli | 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 |

The Corner

Brought to you by your Evangelization Team

Do you sometimes have trouble falling asleep? Give your worries to God, and try praying these few lines from the beautiful night prayer from the **Liturgy of the Hours**:

“Protect us Lord, as we stay awake; watch over us as we sleep; that awake we may keep watch with Christ; and asleep, rest in His peace.”

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend

MARRIED COUPLES – "Live your best life in love" in 2023: Why not give yourselves some time together by making a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend? The Summer 2023 in-person experience is July 7-9 at Our Lady of Czestochowa, Doylestown. For more info visit: <https://www.wwme-philly.org/>.

Congratulations Students

Congratulations to the following students who graduated from Monsignor Bonner Archbishop Prendergast High School on June 5, 2023! We are very proud of all that they have accomplished and wish them continued success in the future!

Justin Lane, Zachary Maiorano and Thomas Venditti

FORMED

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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!

Food Pantry Update

The pantry continues to experience high client volumes. The Good News is that many groups are assisting us with our mission. The Philly Food Rescue is providing a full palate of produce each week. We are receiving Manhattan Bagels, Wawa sandwiches and lots of Wawa goodies and Roma rolls. AOH, St. Francis, OLPH, St. Kevins, Annunciation and other churches are sharing their extra food with us. We received Post Office collections from Glenolden and the Southeast Regional offices. Our landscaper, Brant Blackburn provides us with canned fruits. Tim Walton is always dropping off lots of goodies and AOH (Ancient Order of Hibernians) and our Knights of Columbus are always helping.

"What a Wonderful Community effort!" We Thank Everyone who supports our Neighbors in Need in Delco.

With all that said, we are still in need of some dry goods including: cereal, canned meats and tuna, peanut butter, jelly, kiddie treats (with the summer coming and children will be home...), pasta sauce, pasta, mac & cheese, canned spaghetti, granola bars, fruit snacks, juice boxes, pet foods for cats and dogs... and toileteries (body wash, toilet paper, shampoo, soap, tooth paste).

We know its a big list, anything that folks can do is Awesome... just to let you know that SVDP, (which includes our food pantry) receives all the donations from the Holy Cross Poor Box and the monthly envelopes that "Help the Needy in our Community".

If you know anyone in need of food in Delco, please let them know that we are open every Wednesday from 3:30 to 5:30 behind our school.

We will be Closed on July 5th so we can take a little rest and celebrate Independence Day with our families.

Thank you for "Everything you do to keep us going and your prayers".

God Bless All of You.
From your SVDP Food Pantry Friends



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 .

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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



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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 monstration! His message was to stay focused on Jesus through Adoration and thanksgiving.



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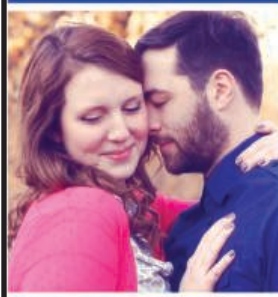
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