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JULY 25, 2021 • SEVENTEENTH 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
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.

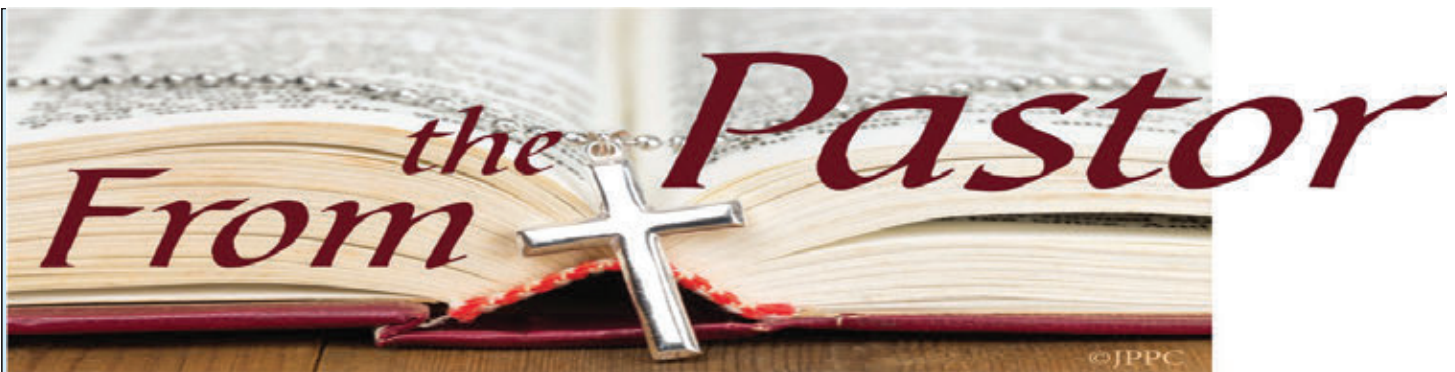
First time parents and godparents are required to attend a Baptism Preparation Session which is held on the 1st Monday of the month at 7:00 PM. Please call the Parish Office for more information.

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.



Over the past few weeks, when I would tell someone that I was being assigned to Holy Cross, more often than not, I would then hear “oh, that’s the church with the big statues and all the stairs.” Yep, that’s us! Let’s be honest, the front facade of our church is unique. It stands out and is memorable to anyone: parishioner or visitor. But over time, it’s gotten pretty dirty and has started to look a bit blah. The statues in particular were getting pretty bad and were turning a dull gray and even black in some spots. I think there was a general consensus that a good cleaning was necessary.

Fr. Wilson shared that sentiment and a couple months ago started to get quotes to have the facade cleaned. He got transferred before the work could start, so after I arrived, we contacted the company with the best bid to arrange for it to happen. The project started this past Monday. As I’m writing this, it’s still a work in progress, but the change in appearance just from the pre-treatment is already noticeable. In fact, we’ve already gotten some calls from people who’ve already noticed the work as they were driving by.

Now for the tricky part: paying for it. The bill is going to come to several thousand dollars. We do take up a regular collection for maintenance and repairs, but we’ve had some other significant facilities expenses recently that will eat that up and more. For example, the air conditioning in the church went on the fritz and has required a few thousand dollars in repairs to keep it chugging along—absolutely essential in the blazing hot days we’ve been having! Our options were either to defer the cleaning for several months or a year, or to go for it and see if we can’t raise a little extra money to help with the expense. We went for it. After all, we don’t want to be known all over the place as “the church with those tired and dirty statues and the dingy stairs!”

And now we need your help. We’ve created a special “Freshen our Facade” Fund. There are envelopes for this fund at the entrances to the church if you’d like to make a special gift to the parish to offset the cost of this project. Donations can be placed in the collection basket or mailed in or dropped off; just make sure we know that it’s for this fund. You can also help by spreading the word to friends and Holy Cross Alumni and seeing if they might like to contribute a few dollars to the effort.

As we emerge from the pandemic and see more people returning to Mass, it will be nice to do so in a building that looks fresh and clean from the outside. You can help us keep up our reputation for having a recognizable, memorable, and beautiful church building that will continue to impress visitors and parishioners for years to come. Thank you in advance for your support!

Fr. Kiernan



MONDAY	JULY 26
8:30 AM	Neil McCrossen
TUESDAY	JULY 27
8:30 AM	Maryann Nero
WEDNESDAY	JULY 28
8:30 AM	Special Intention
THURSDAY	JULY 29
8:30 AM	No Mass
FRIDAY	JULY 30
12:15 PM	Peter Baylor

NEXT WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY	JULY 31
8:30 AM	Intentions of Archbishop Perez
4:30 PM	Beatrice Jesilowski
SUNDAY	AUGUST 1
8:30 AM	People of Holy Cross
11:00 AM	Louis & Ethel Taylor

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 18

<i>Total Collection</i>	<i>\$10,057</i>
<i>Electronic</i>	<i>\$2,275</i>
<i>Basket & Mail-ins</i>	<i>\$7,782</i>

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

Mass Book Opening

The opening of the Mass book will take place on Wednesday, September 15, 2021, after the 8:30 am Mass. Masses will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. On the first day only, September 15, we will be limiting the number of Masses for each individual request to a maximum of three (3). Each Mass intention is \$10.00.

Feast Day Tip - Feast of St. James

Today is the feast of St. James the Greater. In Galicia, Spain, where his body is entombed, seafood, particularly paella, is the traditional meal for this feast. For dessert, cool off with St. James Cups. Simply add your favorite sherbet on top of your favorite summer fruit. Those who need a crunch top it with nuts.



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Paige O'Leary
Mary Rafferty
Joseph Sindoni
Adeline Sulpizio
Valerie Thompson
Amanda Trerotola



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

A favorite book from your childhood



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9:00 AM—7:00 PM Monday thru Friday

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The Corner

Brought to you by your Evangelization Team

Friday is the Feast day of St. Peter Chrysologus, a Doctor of the Church who lived in the 5th century, and is referred to as "The Bishop of Homilies." It's good to read the thoughts of our Church Doctors and see how pertinent they are today:

"Fasting is the soul of prayer, mercy is the life-blood of fasting. So if you pray, fast; if you fast, show mercy; **if you want your petition to be heard, hear the petition of others. If you do not close your ear to others, you open God's ear to yourself.**"

---St Peter Chrysologus

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

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

Food Pantry Update

It's been a very hot summer and we are still working as a drive-thru. Our client volumes are still high (not as high as during the peak of COVID); although, still running double from prior years. Through your generosity and support, we continue to be able to assist our Most-in-Need Neighbors. With the summer, many families are bringing their children and our kiddie supplies are running low. If you are able, we are in need of juice boxes / pouches and kiddie treats (fruit snacks, granola bars). Also, we are in need of cereal, canned veggies, beans, spaghetti, mac & cheese, soup, canned meats, peanut butter, pasta and sauce, rice, pancake mix and syrup, paper towels and toilet paper.

The Acme has kept us in supplies of cleaning products, wipes, hand sanitizers and masks. We are very blessed with their support. Staples has also provided us with some school supplies (school will be here before we know it) and hand sanitizers.

Just a reminder, we are open on Wednesdays from 3:30 to 6:00 PM. If you know anyone in need of food in Delco, please let them know we are here to help.

God Bless All of you who continue to keep us in your prayers and your generous donations. We hope you are enjoying your family time and are grateful to all of you.

Your Friends from the SVDP Holy Cross Food Pantry

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.

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.



Statement of Archbishop Nelson Perez regarding The Obligation to Attend Sunday Mass

"We have all felt the impact of COVID-19 in as individuals and families. It has been a time of acute hardship and struggle, of separation and isolation. It has also had an impact on our lives of faith. Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, has been with us throughout this challenging period and is most especially near to us when we encounter him in the Eucharist. The Eucharist offers us His healing and peace, His mercy and reconciliation. It is now time for everyone to return to the Eucharist with renewed faith and joy."

As many aspects of life are now returning to normalcy, each Catholic Bishop in Pennsylvania will reinstate the obligation to attend Mass in person on Sundays and Holy Days beginning on Sunday, August 15, 2021, the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

This is a moment to thank God anew for the great gift of the Mass and the Real Presence of Jesus to us in his Holy Body and Blood as well as the joy of gathering together as people of faith."

Home Care Needed

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

Assisi House—Retirement Community of the Sisters of St. Francis

Assisi House is a 120-bed Retirement Convent for the Sisters of St. Francis. We have assisted living, advanced care and a dementia unit. We are in dire need of clinical help: Nurses and/or CAN's, we would welcome qualified full-time, part-time or occasional assistance. If anyone is interested or able to help us care for our elderly sisters, please contact Sr. Peggy Egan OSF, Administrator at 610-558-5321.

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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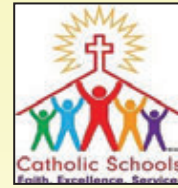


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If you are considering a Catholic Education for your child(ren), Holy Cross School is accepting registrations for Grades Pre-K 3 to 8th grade. We provide students with a strong academic program, spiritual development, social and emotional growth. We 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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