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JULY 30, 2023 • 17TH 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 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.



KINGDOM OF
Heaven

SUNDAY, JULY 30, 2023



FROM THE PASTOR

As a priest, I've been blessed to have had several assignments before coming here to Holy Cross. I've had a chance to see how different administrative tasks are handled in different places and to kind of assess what approaches and ways of doing things I thought worked well and what I thought maybe didn't go so well. It comes in handy when faced with a "how do we handle this" situation: well, something like that happened at St. So-and-so's and we did X and it worked well, so let's try X. (Or we did Y and it was a disaster: don't do Y.) Sometimes, though, the blessing becomes a curse. It's easy enough to remember how things were done in other places and forget how they're done at the current place!

A few weeks ago, Franciscan Friar Fr. Greg Plata was here from Indiana to speak on behalf of the Missionary Cooperative Appeal, with a collection to support the work of that particular community. The mechanics of that collection vary from parish to parish. I've been in parishes take up a second collection for the Mission Co-op appeal, while others include it with the regular collection via special envelopes. Some parishes send those envelopes home with the regular envelope mailing, and others leave them in the pews or the church entrances. Lots of options.

I thought we were one of the parishes that send the envelopes home. Oops. We're not. We're one of the parishes that normally put special envelopes in the vestibules or pews—which makes sense because we never know when the Mission Co-op speaker will be visiting, and the envelope company wants a finalized list of envelopes to mail for a year in April the year before. Also complicating things is that we do send an envelope for World Mission Sunday, which is a completely different collection in October—for which there may be a guest speaker as well.

So, because I assumed (ahem—we know what that does), we didn't really give people an opportunity to support the Missionary Cooperative Collection. If you wish to make a contribution in support of the work of the Franciscan friars, you can place it in a separate envelope in the regular collection, clearly marked Missionary Co-op. Sorry for any confusion on that. Hopefully we get it right next year.

17th
Sunday in
Ordinary
Time

Reading I: I Kings 3: 5, 7-12

Solomon's dream involves his request for wisdom from God to govern his people. By not asking for a long life or riches, Yahweh also grants them.

Reading II: Romans 8: 28-30

Wise disciples become "conformed to the image of the Son." God cooperates in all things with those who love.

The Gospel: Matthew 13: 44-52, or 13: 44-46

Here is a "kingdom parable," one of three unique to Matthew. The behavior of those who sell everything in order to possess a certain found object is the main lesson.



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, JULY 31

8:30 AM - No Mass

TUESDAY, AUGUST 1

8:30 AM - John P. Doherty

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2

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

THURSDAY, AUGUST 3

8:30 AM - Charley Melaragni

FRIDAY, AUGUST 4

8:30 AM - Priest's Intentions

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5

8:30 AM - No Mass

4:30 PM - DiLorenzo & Ranieri Families

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6

8:30 AM - Ted Rudolph

11:00 AM - For the People of Holy Cross

The Corner

Brought to you by your Evangelization Team

Friday is the feast of Saint John Vianney, an 18th century priest known for his dedication to the Sacrament of Penance. He would often spend up to 16 hours a day in the confessional, and is the patron saint of parish priests. What a perfect reminder for all of us to go to confession this week.

SANCTUARY LAMP



This week's Sanctuary Lamp intention is for:

Church: **Jeffrey Scolis**

COLLECTION INFORMATION

Weekly Need	\$12,820
Weekly Collection, July 23	
Total	\$7,789
Electronic	\$3,114
Basket & Mail-Ins	\$4,675

PRAY FOR THE SICK

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| Lyndi Butler | Larry McCusker |
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| George Dickinson | Paige O'Leary |
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| Carolyn Henderson | Ronnie Sidebottom |
| Steven Henderson | Joseph Sindoni |
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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!

Fall Bereavement Support Group St. Bernadette's Church

Starts: Tuesday, September 5, 2023
Time: 7:00 to 8:30 Tuesday evenings for 8 weeks
Where: The Wright Center, 1st Floor

The program is led by an experienced facilitator. It is open to adults, 18 and older, who have experienced the death of a family member or friend. Eight-week commitment is encouraged. Reading material will be available. There is no fee for the program and the program is non-denominational.

For more information and registration call George Salloom @ 610 306-0252 or email-georgesalloom@hotmail.com.

Prendie Hall of Fame

Do you know a Prendie grad who deserves to be recognized as part of the Prendie Hall of Fame? The Archbishop Prendergast High School Hall of Fame committee is now soliciting nominations for the 2024 Hall of Fame ceremony. More information about the nomination process and the event can be found at prendiehalloffame.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).

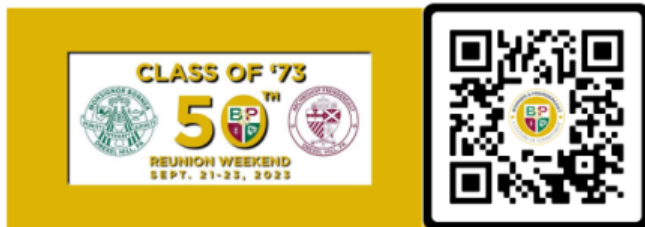
We are adjusting our pantry hours for July and August to 3 until 5 on Wednesdays.. In September, we will return to our normal hours (3:30 to 5:30) on Wednesdays.

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.

Your Friends from the St. Vincent dePaul Holy Cross Food Pantry



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 .

Mass Praise & Worship Adoration Service

Youth Retreat

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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

Home Care Needed

Home care needed 4 or 5 nights per week for an elderly woman. Please call 484-343-6110.

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



The Eucharist is described in the Catechism as the “source and summit” of our faith. Finding the time to go to Adoration can be difficult. But if you can make it happen, committing to regular Adoration with an open heart can have some surprising results.

You experience peace in other areas of your life Jesus said “Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you.” (John 14:27) The outward peace we can experience in Adoration (the quiet and the stillness) reaches much deeper. It leads to an inner peace that affects all areas of our lives. It doesn't mean everything in our life will be perfect and without suffering, but Christ's peace means we know the storms of life can't shake us.

We are in need of visitors and hourly adorers to maintain our current adoration schedule. Please consider keeping Jesus company in our intimate chapel here at Holy Cross Parish which is open weekdays 9:00am to 7:00pm. For more information, call Eileen at 610.213-3369.



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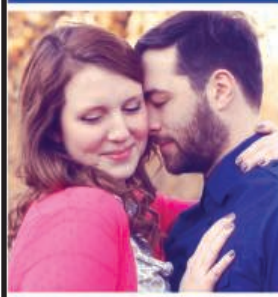
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