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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.

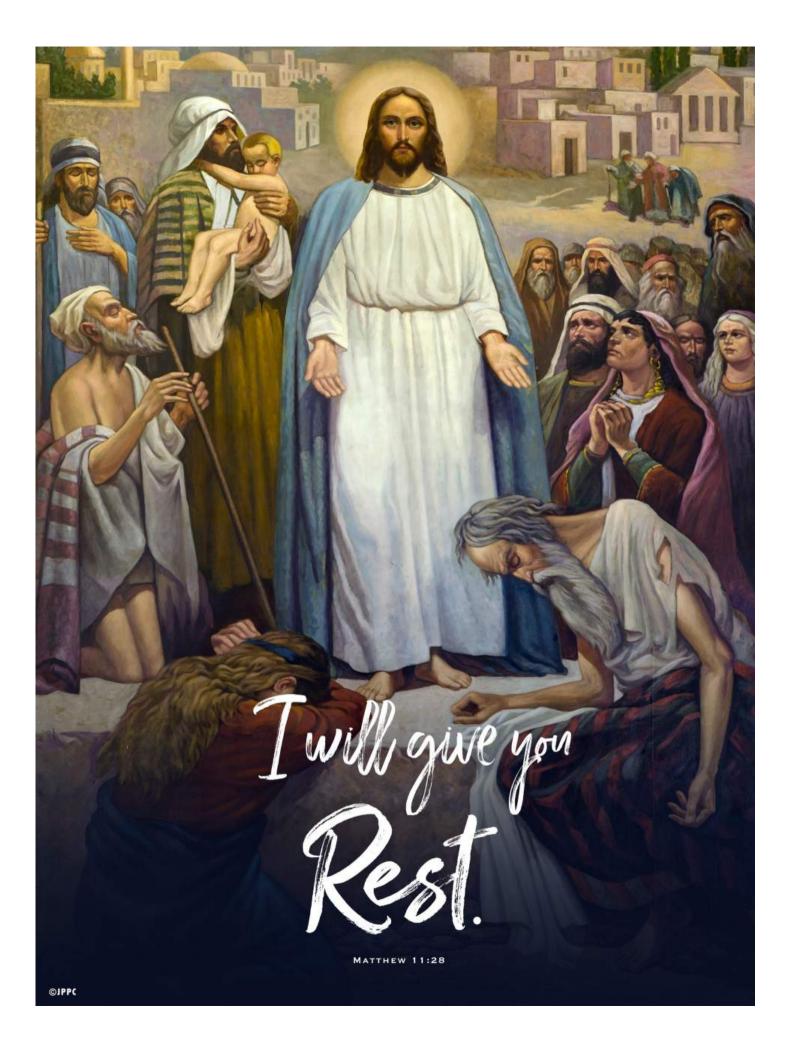
First time parents and godparents are required to attend a Baptism Preparation Session which is held on the 1st Monday of the month at 7:00 PM. Please call the Parish Office for more information.

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.





FROM THE PASTOR

Now that the excitement of the Fourth has passed, we can rightly settle down to the "lazy, hazy crazy days of summer." Whether that means stretching out over the sands of the beach (dermatologist's warning intact about skin protection), or lounging by a mountain lake, or even a long-anticipated trip to a faraway place, there should always be a place for learning.

The higher temperatures of summer almost compel us to slow down, so they provide the pace for learning. Free of any classroom pressure, our minds can relax to "drink in" the truths of life along with our glass of iced tea. So it is with the message provided by this weekend's Gospel passage.

First Jesus asks us to number ourselves among the "little ones." By that He means those willing to douse the fires of pride that may ride along our thought patterns because we have attained this or that academic degree; or found success in the material world, or even a happy blending within of our vocational choice and our given nature. Then He tells us that not only is He God's Son, but also that we can be the same through His selection of us.

But the "topper in the topic" is that soothing invitation: "Come to Me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest." Note here that we are offered more than a summer vacation's rest can bring. It is that deeper rest that ensues when we take off the heavy backpack of cares and worries that weigh us down in all seasons.

Jesus asks us to take up His easy yoke and learn from Him. The word "easy" is "chrestos" in Greek, which can mean "well fitting." In Palestine, yokes were made of wood; the ox was brought, and the measurements were taken. The yoke was then roughed out, and the ox was brought back to have the yoke tried on. The yoke was carefully adjusted so that it would fit well and not chafe the neck of the patient animal. The yoke was tailor-made to fit the ox. There is a legend that Jesus made the best yokes in all of Galilee. We believe He does the same for us.

Ultimately, Jesus is saying to each of us: "The life I give you is not a burden to cause you pain; your task is made to measure to fit you." A summertime lesson to savor and generate thankful praise. Meanwhile, it is also true that "you'll have a better life is you make the most of the best and the least of the worst." (Anon.)

God love you and give you His best measure.

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I: Zechariah 9: 9-10

The king mentioned here is a future earthly king. He will bring peace to his people, and his rule will reach far beyond Judah.

Reading II: Romans 8: 9, 11-13

Christian life is lived in the Spirit of God and is destined for glory. The Spirit's power helps us to remain faithful.

The Gospel: Matthew 11: 25-30

The writer offers thanks for God's revelation. Jesus speaks to us as Wisdom personified. We are life-long learners of His essential teachings about love of God and neighbor.



MONDAY, JULY 10

8:30 AM - No Mass

TUESDAY, JULY 11

8:30 AM - Margaret Sarah Fynes

WEDNESDAY, JULY 12

8:30 AM - Dorothy & Thomas Cassidy & Dorothy Ruane

THURSDAY, JULY 13

8:30 AM - Anne M. Stivender

FRIDAY, JULY 14

8:30 AM - Mary Ann Purcell

SATURDAY, JULY 15

8:30 AM - No Mass

4:30 PM - Dorothy & Ben Pelosi

SUNDAY, JULY 16

8:30 AM - Manuel Bellon

11:00 AM - For the People of Holy Cross

The Corner

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"He's not waiting for you to say vows; He's not waiting for you to make a promise; He's not waiting for your circumstances to change. He wants you today --- just today --- to say yes to Him in your daily duties."

---Father Mike Schmitz "How to Make Great Decisions"

SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's Sanctuary Lamp intention is for:

Church: Betty Tomczyk



COLLECTION INFORMATION

Weekly Need \$12,820 Weekly Collection, June 25 \$7,701 Total \$3,182 Electronic \$4,519 Basket & Mail-Ins

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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/.

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!





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.

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

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 spaghettios, 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".

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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.

<u>Summer Reading Suggestions</u>
Best Wishes, Sister B by Fran Smith
Poetry by your favorite poet or some
favorite poems

<u>September</u>

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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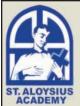
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