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JUNE 13, 2021 • ELEVENTH 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.

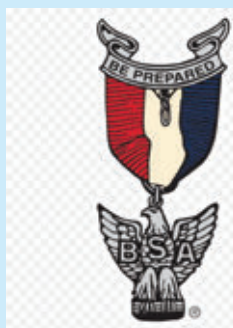
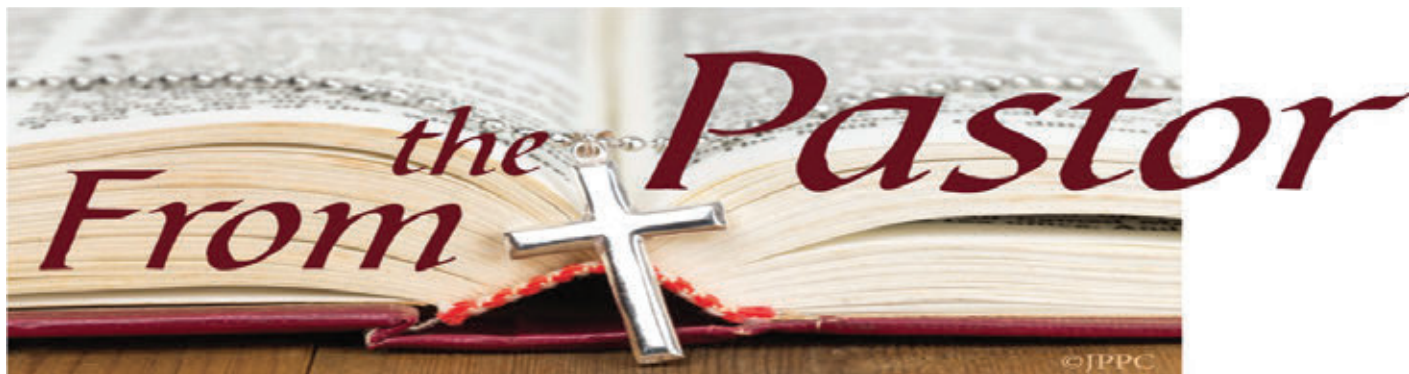
First time parents and godparents are required to attend a Baptism Preparation Session which is held on the 1st Monday of the month at 7:00 PM. Please call the Parish Office for more information.

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.



Jake is a fine young man working towards the rank of Eagle Scout. He approached me some time ago wanting to know if I could assist him in earning his badge. He needed to begin a service project which is always a part of earning the Eagle rank and he had thoughts of perhaps doing something for his parish here at Holy Cross. I've worked with any number of Scouts over the years. They are a fine group of young men. I've met with Cubs and Webelos helping them to earn their religious emblems. Some troops provided Christmas trees



to the church, grateful for permission to sell the rest outside in the parking lot. Scouts I've known have also collected food and other items for the needy. Although I was never a Scout myself, I have offered the invocation and blessing at quite a number of Eagle Scout Ceremonies. I even remember giving one young man the collar from around my neck – literally. Well, everyone else was giving him presents that day and I wanted to give him one as well, unusual as it was. I told him to keep it saying that you might need it one day. He blushed just a little. One of my first experiences as a newly ordained priest was with Scouting. I made the trek to Treasure Island well before the Delaware River swallowed it in a flood. The boys were camping there and I went to say Sunday Mass for them. I was surprised it wasn't raining that day. Most Scouts seem to know that Boy Scout camping trips, for some reason, always involve rain. It's all part of the fun and experience of Scouting. By the way, that day on Treasure Island, after Mass, I had simply the best oil-cooked turkey ever! That turkey was done in about ten minutes or so! The adult Scout Masters asked me not to give away their secret recipe! Scouts and Scouting are a permanent part of our Americana. I told Jake my thoughts for a project and he then set about his work. You may have noticed it already. Some privacy fencing was added to the founding pastor's grave area along with an additional bench. I would like this area to be known as a little prayer garden and, in particular, as the Tom Bunting Memorial Prayer Garden. Tom was a life-long parishioner and long-time sacristan. He was also my friend. It was Tom who donated the first bench (the black one) to our prayer garden before he died. Jake and his fellow Scouts have also tidied up the area around the Guardian Angel statue near the convent and cleaned the statue itself. They also worked to clean up our two grotto areas. The Marian Grotto facing the church has been cleaned and some of the aging figurines at its base have been retired. The other grotto (closer to the Parish Center) has also been tidied up. I must admit that I am at a loss as to the name of the saint whose statue is there. Or is this simply another statue of Mary? I think that Tom would know, but unfortunately I can't ask him directly. Maybe I'll have to consult him soon at his prayer garden. In the meantime, I'm grateful to Jake, all of his fellow Scouts of Troop 512, as well as



their parents for their time, effort, and service to the Holy Cross Parish community. Thank you! I hope all enjoy now more than ever our Garden and Grottos!

Peace!
Fr. Wilson





MONDAY **JUNE 14**
8:30 AM **Mary Ann Purcell**

TUESDAY **JUNE 15**

8:30 AM **Dolores Purcell**

WEDNESDAY **JUNE 16**

8:30 AM **Susan McDevitt**

THURSDAY **JUNE 17**

8:30 AM **No Mass**

FRIDAY **JUNE 18**

12:15 PM **Jean Nihill**

NEXT WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY **JUNE 19**
8:30 AM **Deceased Members of the Morgan Family**

4:30 PM **Mary & Herbert Smythe**

SUNDAY **JUNE 20**

8:30 AM **People of Holy Cross**

11:00 AM **Living & Deceased Members of the Casciano Family**



Sunday Collection, June 6

Total Collection **\$6,393**

Electronic **\$2,600**

Basket & Mail-ins **\$3,793**

Mission Co-op Appeal

Weekend of June 12 & 13, 2021

The Mission Co-op Appeal will be held this weekend, June 12 & 13, 2021. Rev. Luis Carlos DeLeon Perez from The Missionary Fraternity of Mary will be visiting. The Missionary Fraternity of Mary was founded in 1985 amidst the chaos at the conclusion of a 35-year civil war and religious persecution. The Fraternity was established in Guatemala City to meet the religious and temporal needs of those who could least afford it. It is a Society of Religious life with diocesan right within the Roman Catholic Church dedicated to educating and ordaining young men to bring the good news and the sacraments to the marginalized Catholics in the world. They are dedicated to the needs of the poor, promoting vocations and preparing the youth for lay ministry.

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!



Second Collection for Peter's Pence

The Peter's Pence collection will be held next weekend, June 19-20, 2021. This collection is a gesture of solidarity through which every member of the faithful can participate in the activity of the Pope as Pastor of the universal Church. The faithful's offerings to the Holy Father through the Peter's Pence Collection are destined to Church needs, to humanitarian initiatives and social promotion projects, as well as to the support of the Holy See. Thank you for your generosity.



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Catholic Charities Appeal

The 2021 Catholic Charities Appeal has begun. I ask that you consider helping those most in need in the Greater Philadelphia area. I thank all of those who have given and I ask those who have not given yet to prayerfully consider helping those individuals in need supporting the Appeal. Visit catholiccharities-appeal.org to make your donation today!



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9:00 AM—7:00 PM Monday thru Friday

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Ronnie 610-623-8412 or Office 610-626-3321

The Corner

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"Be strong and of good courage; be not frightened, neither be dismayed; for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

---Joshua 1:9

No matter where I go and what I do, Jesus, I am comforted by the thought that you are with me. In you I am strong and courageous!

---From "Stop Worrying and Start Living" by Gary Zimak

SAVE THE DATE

You are invited to join us after the 11 o'clock Mass on
Sunday, June 13, 2021.

Please stop by the Parish Hall to wish Father Wilson
well in his new assignment.

A light lunch will be served.

Hosted by the Social Committee & the HC Knights



TAX SAVINGS

**GET YOUR REQUIRED MINIMUM DISTRIBUTION
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Under the new tax law, those taking Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs) can get a tax break giving to Holy Cross. For more information, contact the Business Office at 610-626-3321.

FOOD PANTRY

Food Pantry Update:

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

Month of the Sacred Heart

We celebrated the feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus on June 11. However, the entire month is dedicated to the Sacred Heart, a month dedicated to humility. Spend the week reacquainting yourself with the history and devotion to the Sacred Heart. The Consecration to the Sacred Heart and Litany of the Sacred Heart are well-known but the lesser-known Sacred Heart Chaplet is also a beautiful prayer.



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 bonnerprendie1970@gmail.com or contact John Matthews at 215-260-4568 or matthewstown@comcast.net.



Three Parish Book Club

The Three Parish Book Club's next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 30, at 7:00 p.m. at Holy Cross Church. Members will discuss One Ordinary Sunday by Paula Huston and will offer suggestions for other reading. You need not have read the book to join the meeting. For 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

Chairlift available

If anyone is in need of a chairlift for stairs, please contact Rita Gentile at ritagentile5@gmail.com. The family of a deceased loved one would like to offer this chairlift to someone in need. You would need only to pay for installation.

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.

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.

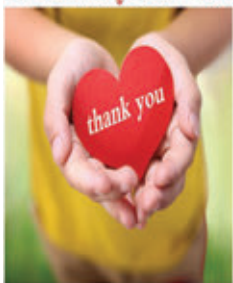
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Saint Joseph, patron and protector of the Universal Church. Pray for us!



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Principal's Corner



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.

Delaware County Emergency Rental Assistance

Are you behind on your rent due to COVID-19? The DELCO Emergency Rental Assistance (DELCO ERA) grant program helps renters who suffered disruption and/or loss of income due to the COVID-19 pandemic by assisting with past due rent and utilities. Residents are encouraged to apply beginning April 1, 2021, and will be considered on a first-come, first-qualified and approved basis. Funds are required to be distributed by the end of 2021. Assistance is available for financial obligations incurred after April 1, 2020. Visit delco-era.com or if you have questions, please email info@delco-era.com or call 484-729-4200.



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