

# HOLY CROSS CHURCH

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JUNE 25, 2023 • 12TH 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.



# FROM THE PASTOR

It's hard to believe that I'm at the two-year point in my tenure as the pastor of Holy Cross. It has been an eventful and quick-moving two years. As a parish, we've accomplished a lot in the past two years, and we've laid the groundwork for even more. The craft fair has returned, an annual Beef and Beer is on the calendar, and our Summer Family Fun Day from a few weeks ago looks like something we'll want to keep going each year. We completed the Disciple Maker Index survey and have begun a process of pastoral planning and renewal through the Next Generation Parish initiative. We purchased access to Formed and increased the number of Bible Studies and Faith Formation series being offered (with more people coming to these programs). We had the façade of the church power-washed, replaced a boiler in the church, began to add upgrades to the church HVAC to better control the temperature (and save on our utility bills), replaced a bunch of broken lights around the parking lot, fixed the one step leading to the side door of the church to make it easier to climb, and patched a bunch of leaks in any number of roofs on this campus. We began some strategic planning for the school and put the brakes on years of 5-and-6-figure school operating deficits. A group of dynamic, faith-filled young ladies is now living in the convent, which is providing manifold graces to our parish. I've noticed a small uptick in younger people and families at Mass on Sundays and on weekdays. Finally, the social outreach through the food pantry and St. Vincent DePaul Society is beyond amazing.

All that being said, we still have many challenges to face: pastoral, financial, and operational. A couple weeks ago, a parishioner commented on the financial snapshot in the bulletin, which shows how low our collection is compared to what we actually need, and asked if it keeps me up at night. Short answer: yes. Longer answer: I trust in God. I am confident that the Lord will send us the people and resources we need to accomplish what He has set us to do. With His help, and your cooperation, we will do just that. Thank you, dear parishioners, for all you do to for this parish. There would not be a Holy Cross without you.

Speaking of thanks, a few parishioners have thanked me for putting something in the bulletin a few weeks ago about our comportment in the church before and after Mass. It does seem like the noise level has come down a bit, leading to a more prayerful reverence in the church. Thank you to all of you for maintaining that sense of respectful quiet in the house of God.

Finally, a favor: please avoid propping open the doors to the church building before and after Mass. The reason for this is two-fold. One, we don't want to lose all the cooled air in the church to the outside. Two, there are many families of birds nesting behind the downspouts in our church walls. A couple weeks ago we had an errant balloon flying around inside the church. I think we'd all agree a bird would be much worse. So let's try to avoid that by keeping those doors closed.

12th  
Sunday in  
Ordinary  
Time

**Reading I: Jeremiah 20: 10-13**

The prophet expresses a confidence in the Lord, who will protect and defend him from his persecutors.

**Reading II: Romans 5: 12-15**

We are saved by God's grace operative within us, overflowing and capable of embracing many people.

**The Gospel: Matthew 10: 26-33**

There are two kinds of fear: the appropriate and the inappropriate. We followers of Christ should only have one, as He spells it out: "those who can destroy both soul and body in Gehenna."



*So do not be afraid;*  
you are worth more than many sparrows.

MATTHEW 10:31





# MASSES FOR THE WEEK

**MONDAY, JUNE 26**

8:30 AM - No Mass

**TUESDAY, JUNE 27**

8:30 AM - Priest's Intentions

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28**

8:30 AM - Priest's Intentions

**THURSDAY, JUNE 29**

8:30 AM - Lillian Ankney

**FRIDAY, JUNE 30**

8:30 AM - Katherine Armstrong

**SATURDAY, JULY 1**

8:30 AM - Margaret & James McNicholas

and Jim McFadden

4:30 PM - The People of Holy Cross

**SUNDAY, JULY 2**

8:30 AM

11:00 AM

# SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's Sanctuary Lamp intention is for:

**Church: Frank J. Parr**



# COLLECTION INFORMATION

Weekly Need \$12,820

Weekly Collection, June 11

Total \$7,801

Electronic \$2,967

Basket & Mail-Ins \$4,834

# PRAY FOR THE SICK

Consiglia Borrelli	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	

## The Corner

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## LIONS IN THE SUN

Cardinal O'Hara High School All-Class Reunion – Saturday, July 29, 2023  
Oar House Pub – Sea Isle City, NJ – 5pm-9pm. Come connect with fellow alumni, enjoy summer fare, and listen to Chico's Vibe! Tickets are \$25 per person and can be purchased in advance at [www.cohs.com/alumni](http://www.cohs.com/alumni) or at the door. We hope to see you there! Questions? Contact [alumni@cohs.com](mailto:alumni@cohs.com) Sponsored by the Cardinal O'Hara Alumni Association.

## 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).

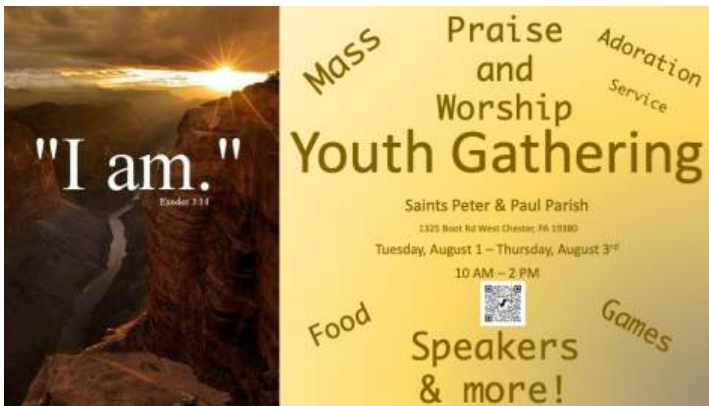
We know its a big list, anything that folks can do is Awesome... just to let you know that SVDP, (which includes our food pantry) receives all the donations from the Holy Cross Poor Box and the monthly envelopes that "Help the Needy in our Community".

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



# 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!



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## 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**

## ROSARY GROUP

The Holy Rosary is prayed every weekday morning in the church immediately after the 8:30 Mass. Please join us! Your prayers and suggestions are most welcome.

## 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/>.

## 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.

### SAVE THE DATES!



Mark your Calendars Now so you don't miss out on any of these upcoming fun events. Tell your Family and Friends!

October 7<sup>th</sup> - Beef N Beer



Holy Cross All Class - All Parish Reunion



November 4<sup>th</sup> - Annual Craft Fair




## THE POWER OF ADORATION

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



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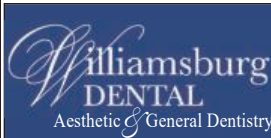
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