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JUNE 27, 2021 • THIRTEENTH 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.

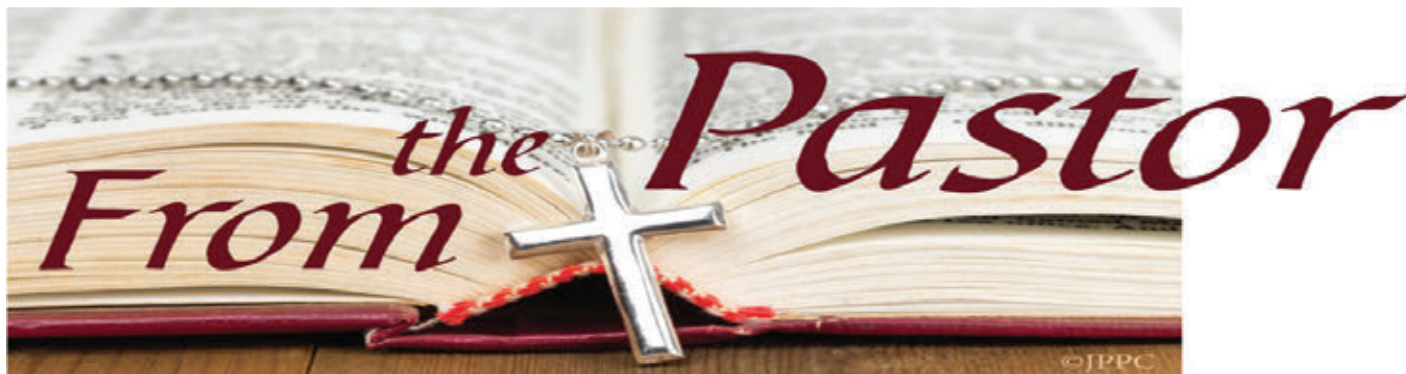
First time parents and godparents are required to attend a Baptism Preparation Session which is held on the 1st Monday of the month at 7:00 PM. Please call the Parish Office for more information.

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.



Nine points – that’s what I would like to leave you. It doesn’t seem like much, but I think that it’s more than anyone can imagine. I’ve never been a big Scrabble player, but I certainly have played the game often enough over the years. Coming to a parish as a new pastor might be likened to a game of Scrabble in some ways: trying to make some sense out of what you’ve been given by forming words from letters. With a little luck together with God’s good grace and a little ingenuity, one sets out words and scores points. Of course, sometimes one hears “that’s not a word!” “Well, it is in German, mein Freund!” For me, the most important part of the game was always the enjoyment of spending time with friends. “I have called you friends,” said Jesus and so is true for me. You have not only been good parishioners over my brief time here at Holy Cross, but you have been good friends and that is very much to your credit. I can’t thank you enough! From my first days here at Holy Cross right up until these final days, there have been so many of you that have been abundantly kind, generous, and supportive. I’m grateful for that. We have been through some challenges for sure, but we’ve gotten through them together and now, so it would seem, we are finally moving beyond this darn, godforsaken pandemic! Over these three years also, the parish staff and school faculty have been wonderful as well. What a pleasure it has been to work with them. I have especially enjoyed our young people in the parish and our students in our school. I will miss them very much. I regret not having more time with you here at Holy Cross, but it is time for me to begin a new game of Scrabble as it were. Patti’s husband especially enjoyed reading the Pastor’s Corner each week in the parish bulletin. They both took notice of how I would always conclude with the word “peace.” It was Patti that created a little memento for me. Beautifully framed were the five Scrabble letters spelling out the word “peace.” Those letters add up to nine points. That may not be enough to win a game of Scrabble that one is playing, but trust me, it wins the Scrabble game of life both in this world and the next. Jesus not only called His disciples friends, but He gave them something as well: nine points. I’d like to leave you with these nine points as well!

Peace!
Fr. Wilson

PS – Many thanks for the many cards, gifts, and kind notes that I have received! I am truly humbled! The Social Committee’s Farewell for me was simply wonderful. Thank you also to the Knights of Columbus for their help that day and over the years! Know that you are always most welcome at my new parish! You are in my prayers! Please keep me in yours! Stay in touch and stay well, my friends...and again, PEACE!

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MONDAY	JUNE 28
8:30 AM	Mr. & Mrs. Maurice O'Leary
TUESDAY	JUNE 29
8:30 AM	John & Julia Grandizio and John F. Grandizio
WEDNESDAY	JUNE 30
8:30 AM	Tony & Judy Niewinski
THURSDAY	JULY 1
8:30 AM	No Mass
FRIDAY	JULY 2
12:15 PM	Frank Keating

NEXT WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY	JULY 3
8:30 AM	Baselice Family Deceased Members
4:30 PM	Ben & Dorothy Pelosi
SUNDAY	JULY 4
8:30 AM	People of Holy Cross
11:00 AM	Tom & Kathy Wegmann 50th Wedding Anniversary

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, June 20

<i>Total Collection</i>	\$4,224
<i>Electronic</i>	\$2,947
<i>Basket & Mail-ins</i>	\$7,171

Altar Flowers

Donated by her family, the flowers on the altar this weekend are in memory of Margaret Groux.



Second Collection - Campaign for Human Development

The Second Collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) will be held the weekend of July 3-4, 2021. As the domestic anti-poverty program of the U.S. Catholic Bishops, CCHD supports community groups to address the root causes of poverty by enabling the most vulnerable members of our community a chance to build a brighter future for themselves and their families. Philadelphia ranks highest in poverty amongst the largest U.S. cities, with over 23% of its residents living below the poverty line. Many also suffer from educational deficits, language barriers, substance abuse, incarceration, and health challenges. The annual CCHD collection is an opportunity for you to help your neighbors near and far. God bless you for your generous response to this year's CCHD appeal.



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Carolyn Henderson
Steven Henderson
Jayne Lambert
Kendall Lambert
Maryanne McCauley

Barbara McCusker
Francis Murray
Frances O'Callaghan
Joseph Sindoni
Amanda Trerotola
George Vrettos
Adeline Sulpizio



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!



Visit with Jesus in our
Adoration Chapel

9:00 AM—7:00 PM Monday thru Friday

If you need info, call

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

The Corner

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When I read the Bible it strikes me with alarming importance that in the course of the entire Gospels the disciples ask only one request of Jesus as a group: **"Lord, teach us to pray." (Luke 11:1)**

---Matthew Kelly "Rediscover Catholicism"

Feast Day Tip

Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul

Make Tuesday night a family movie night with one of the more recent religious films, Paul, Apostle of Christ. If you are looking for some interesting movie snacks, try Brazilian snacks like Pacoquinha or Pe de Moleque. In Brazil, a large festival is held in June to celebrate the three feasts, St. Anthony, St. John the Baptist, and Sts. Peter and Paul. These peanut sweets are a large part of the celebration.

Prayer Garden

Our memorial prayer garden was dedicated to Tom Bunting, a life-long parishioner and sacristan, this past Wednesday. Please take an opportunity to stop by and visit to say a prayer.

TAX SAVINGS

GET YOUR REQUIRED MINIMUM DISTRIBUTION TAX FREE!

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.

Congratulations

Congratulations to our new altar servers on their installation this weekend:

David George

Camryn Hannon

Giuliana Ribaudo

Jeremiah Sesay

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

.Recycling Dumpsters

The paper recycling dumpsters have been removed from our property. There is no longer a benefit for Holy Cross Parish to house the dumpsters. For the past four years we have no longer been receiving a stipend from the recycling company. With issues of the dumpsters overflowing and papers blowing all over campus the decision was made to remove the dumpsters.

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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