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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

Last Sunday, I used most of the space in this column to discuss the US Bishops' Three-Year Eucharistic Revival and offered some statistics about Mass attendance in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia and Holy Cross Parish. Quick review: in 2017, 19% of Catholics in the Archdiocese attended Sunday Mass regularly. In 2021, it was 12.5%. For us at Holy Cross, those numbers are 11% for 2017, and 6% for 2021. Only 6% of our parishioners are here on Sunday for the most important thing we do as Catholics.

So what do we do about that? Well, for starters, that's why I jumped at the opportunity for us to participate in the Next Generation Parish. This gives us an opportunity to look at parish life and find ways to increase that number. Of course, we also have to be reasonable in our expectations. There is no magic bullet, no program or activity that will suddenly move that needle up from 6% to 60%. It's going to take a lot of work, and it's going to involve everyone making an effort.

One area where we can all make an intentional effort concerns our own demeanor in the sacred spaces of the church building. The church is a sacred space, where we have the opportunity to encounter God through our own private prayer and especially through the celebration of the sacraments. For that encounter to happen effectively, we need to be free from the distractions of the world and enter into a place of quiet. We also need to be respectful of those who are looking for that place of quiet encounter and avoid being a distraction to them.

A few parishioners have commented to me about the level of noise in the church before and immediately after Mass—not just on Sundays, but also on weekdays. ("Commented" seems like a nicer way of saying "expressed their frustration" or "complained.") The feedback from those who have said something is that there is a lot of idle conversation happening in the church that probably could and should take place elsewhere. It gets to be distracting for those who want some quiet time with the Lord. I have to agree. I've seen where people are kneeling in quiet, private prayer and a few feet away is a small group of people chatting and laughing and having a conversation that should be moved outside. So, I'll use this space to ask everyone to **please maintain a spirit of reverent quiet when in the church building out of respect for the Lord and for one another.**

This Sunday is our **Parish Family Fun Day**. I hope everyone will come out after the 11:00 Mass for some free food and fun.

This week is the last week of school for our Holy Cross School students. Our 8th graders will graduate on Wednesday evening. Our Pre-Kindergarten concluded last week, and Kindergarten has their closing ceremonies on Monday. Suddenly, Summer is here!

Holy Trinity

Reading I: Exodus 34: 4b-6, 8-9

Moses, as mediator of the Covenant, goes to meet God on Mt. Sinai. He then hears the divine proclamation of God's mercy and justice.

Reading II: 2 Corinthians 13: 11-13

Aware of relationship problems within the community, Paul writes that God's love is made evident in the powerful graces given by Christ. In turn, these create a common union of the Holy Spirit.

The Gospel: John 3: 16-18

John makes a connection between belief in the Son of God and not being judged. As a result, we have eternal life.



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, JUNE 5

8:30 AM - No Mass

TUESDAY, JUNE 6

8:30 AM - Tony Niewinski

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7

8:30 AM - Mary Ann Redding

THURSDAY, JUNE 8

8:30 AM - Mary Ann Purcell

FRIDAY, JUNE 9

8:30 AM - James Carroll

9:30 AM - School Mass

SATURDAY, JUNE 10

8:30 AM - Those in the Memorial Fund

4:30 PM - The People of Holy Cross

SUNDAY, JUNE 11

8:30 AM - Mary Zaleta

11:00 AM - Holy Cross Class of 1972

SANCTUARY LAMP



This week's Sanctuary Lamp intention is for:

Church: Jeffrey Scolis

COLLECTION INFORMATION

Weekly Need \$12,820

Weekly Collection, May 28

Total \$6,187

Electronic \$2,412

Basket & Mail-Ins \$3,775

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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"I praise You, Lord Father; I praise You, Lord Son; I praise You Lord Spirit. I praise Your Unity in Trinity and desire, with all my heart, that my poor soul may somehow wedge itself into the fold of Your Infinite Love and rest secure and serene through Eternity."
--- Mother Angelica

Father's Day Ribbons

Choir members will be in the vestibules selling ribbons on June 3rd/4th and June 10th/11th.

Church Cleaning

The next Church cleaning will take place on Tuesday, 6/13/2023, after the 8:30 am Mass. Extra hands are always 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/>.

FORMED

A Free Gift to you from Holy Cross Parish
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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!

Summer Bible Study "The Attributes of God"

Please join us for a short summer bible series before everyone gets caught up in vacation schedules. This is a FREE 3 week study. Handouts will be provided. We will be reading directly from our bibles, so be sure to bring yours! (However, we do have a few on hand.) Light refreshments will be served.

We will present this at 2 different times, so PICK THE TIME that is best for you.

When: Mondays, June 5, 12 & 19 ---7:00 to 8:30pm - in the Holy Cross Parish Center

OR: Wednesdays, June 7, 14 & 21---9:15 to 10:45am - in the Holy Cross Parish Center

Come a few minutes early to meet others and get your seat. Please join us!

To save a seat or for more information, contact Pattie Stevens at pattiejstevens@comcast.net or 484.868.8571.

Food Pantry Update

What a wonderful Easter for our pantry clients. We provided some extra goodies including jelly beans.

Our client numbers continue to be high. Thanks to the generosity of our parishioners and community, we are able to meet these needs.

If you are able, we are still in need of cereal, canned meats / tuna, pasta and pasta sauce (no glass please), mac & cheese, peanut butter & jelly, juice and kiddie treats.

Just some info.... the food pantry has been buying scrip cards, which also benefits our school. We have been using the cards for many months and its an easy process to follow to buy goods at stores; where, we already do our shopping. A Win-Win for all.

If you are interested, call the Business Office at 610-626-3321 and select Option 0 for more info.

If you know anyone in need of food in Delco, please let them know our pantry is open every Wednesday from 3:30 to 5:30.

Thanks for making such a difference in so many folks lives and know you are appreciated.

God Bless,
Your Friends from the SVDP Food Pantry

Scrip Program

Support our organization while you shop!

The easy way to raise money, buy gift cards and earn for Holy Cross School.

Start earning with the RaiseRight mobile app today or fill out a Scrip Order Form and return to the Business Office.

The Scrip Order Forms are available at the entrances of the church OR Download the RaiseRight mobile app from the app store using your smartphone or tablet or go to RaiseRight.com on your computer.

Have questions about getting started? Call the ShopWithScrip Customer Support team at 1-800-727-4715 option 3.

Philadelphia March For Life & Baby Shower Collection Saturday, June 24th

8:30 Baby Shower collection in Cathedral parking lot
9:00 AM Mass at the Cathedral
10:30 AM March for Life
11:30 AM Rally at Independence Hall

Baby items will be collected before the March for Life in the Cathedral parking lot, and Catholic Social services will hold the area's largest Baby Shower on September 9th. Donations needed include diapers, wipes, new strollers, new clothing and all the things a new mom & baby need. Please be generous.

Visit ProLifeUnion.org for more information

Holy Cross School News

The year is flying by way too quickly. Students and teachers are looking forward to their summer break.

There is still a lot to learn in the classroom, but we still manage to fit in some "fun time". Our 1st and 2nd grade had their field trip on Wednesday, May 10. Students, teachers, and chaperones went to the Please Touch Museum. This was a fun day out of the classroom. Thank you, Miss Whalen and Miss Palmer for planning this fun day for the students. Thank you to all our parents who chaperoned this trip.

Our field day and walk-a-thon will be on Wednesday, May 17. Thank you to our Home and School who always plan fun activities for the students. Thank you also to our gym teacher Mr. C who helps plan this day of fun as well.

The month of May is dedicated to our Blessed Virgin Mary. On May 12 our students honored the tradition of our May procession. Students processed around the school grounds singing songs of praise and presented flowers in front of the Mary statue in the grotto. It was a beautiful tribute to our Blessed Mother.

If you ordered Krispy Kreme Donuts they will be delivered on Monday, May 22. Pickup time is 5pm-6pm in the gym. We are sorry for the delay; Krispy Kreme's informed us that they were unable to accommodate us with the original pick-up date.

We are still looking for help in our CARES. If you or anyone you know is interested, please forward a resume, or contact information to espurrier@hscrusaders.com. The hours are 2:30 until 6pm every day when school is in session. We do not have CARES on early dismissal days.

As we start to finish our year, we continue to keep our school families and our parishioners in our daily prayers. Thank you to all who support Holy Cross School.

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.

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

Home Care Needed

Home Care Needed 4 or 5 nights per week for elderly woman. Please call 484-343-6610.

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.

Three Parish Book Club

The next meeting of the Three Parish Book Club will be held on June 23. A list of suggested reading for the summer will be available at the June meeting. Book Club meetings will resume in September on the last Wednesday of the month. If you would like to join us for the June meeting, please contact Joy Van Berg at 610 328-2095 or at joyvanberg@gmail.com for the meeting time and location.

June

Encounters with Angels by Odile Haumonte

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!

June 4th - 75th Anniversary - Parish Family Fun Day



October 7th - Beef N Beer



Holy Cross All Class - All Parish Reunion



November 4th - Annual Craft Fair





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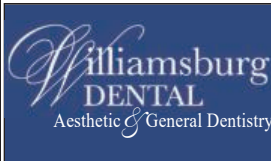
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