



HOLY CROSS CHURCH

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JULY 31, 2022 • EIGHTEENTH 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. 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, 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

A friend came to visit recently, and I was showing him around the parish campus. While touring the church, I explained that “back in the day,” visiting priests would come to the parish to celebrate Sunday Masses and would sleep in apartments in the back of the church because there was no room in the rectory. We had so many people and so many Masses that we had to bring in extra help, and we had to have overflow accommodations to house the priests who came to assist. Obviously, that’s not the case today.

It’s hard for a young priest like me to imagine what it must have been like in an era where a gargantuan church like ours was filled multiple times every Sunday—upstairs and down. It’s also hard to imagine what it was like back in the day when rectories were full and parishes had multiple priests assigned to them. The reality today is that most parishes (including ours) only have one priest assigned to the care of the parish. In fact, some parishes here in the Archdiocese no longer have a full-time pastor: one priest splits his time between multiple places. In some dioceses, the majority of their priests are responsible for two, three, or even more parishes. It’s not unheard of for priests to drive hundreds of miles on Sunday to offer Mass at a number of churches.

I’m not complaining. There’s a reason God brought me into existence in a particular time and place, and if He wanted me to be a priest 50 or 60 years ago, I would have been alive back then. So why do I bring all this up? Well, I think it’s important for everyone in the parish to be reminded of where we are right now so we can manage our expectations when it comes to the availability of the Mass and Sacraments and other pastoral services.

My goal as the pastor is to be as available and as responsive to your needs as possible. But the reality of having only one priest at Holy Cross is that occasionally the needs of parishioners have to be accommodated in ways that differ from how things may have been done in the past or how people may expect. Most of the time, people say okay, that’s not what I expected, but that will work. Sometimes, though, people don’t like hearing that they can’t get what they want, when they want, and exactly how they want. Sometimes people have their vision or expectation for something to be handled in a certain way, and they don’t like being told otherwise. And I know you’ll find this hard to believe, but sometimes people can even get a little testy or bent out of shape when these things happen!

I could provide a laundry list of examples here, but I don’t want to look like I’m complaining or possibly singling anyone out in any way. That’s not why I’m writing, and I don’t want anyone to think I am writing about him or her. But I am asking for your patience and understanding when it comes to parish life and pastoral services. If you’re told x is not possible or y isn’t how things are done and you get presented with an alternative, please understand it’s not personal, and it’s not for a lack of care or concern. My brother priests and I are committed and dedicated to serving the people entrusted to our care, but we have limits. We can’t do everything by ourselves all the time, so we rely on each other and on deacons, parish staff, and lay volunteers to help and assist us in that work. With your cooperation and understanding, we can continue the good work of the Church: worshipping God, sharing the Good News, and helping one another get to Heaven.

-- Fr. Kiernan

18th
Sunday in
Ordinary
Time

Reading I: Ecclesiastes 1: 2; 21-23

At first enjoying the fruits of his toil, a man must then pass them on to some heir who did not labor to produce them. Nor did that heir endure any of the trials that production entailed. So it is foolhardy to base one’s happiness solely on what we have done.

Reading II: Colossians 3: 1-5, 9-11

Jesus fulfilled all the promises made about the Messiah. Listed are the vices that have to be “put to death” and the virtues that lead to holiness, teaching a person to set his/her heart on what lasts forever.

The Gospel: Luke 12: 13-21

This section provides us with a long meditation on the harmful effects that many possessions can have on true disciples. A Christian should aim to be rich on “what matters to God.”



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, AUGUST 1

8:30 AM - No Mass

TUESDAY, AUGUST 2

8:30 AM - Thomas Greiner

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3

8:30 AM - William Greenan

THURSDAY, AUGUST 4

8:30 AM - Mary Ann Purcell

FRIDAY, AUGUST 5

8:30 AM - William, Anthony, & Pauline

Fiscella

SATURDAY, AUGUST 6

8:30 AM - Carol O'Leary

4:30 PM - Cosma Testa & John

McMenamin

SUNDAY, AUGUST 7

8:30 AM - The People of Holy Cross

11:00 AM - Barbara Ellis

SANCTUARY LAMP



This week's Sanctuary Lamp intention is for:

Church: Catherine Miller

COLLECTION INFORMATION

Weekly Need **\$12,820**

Weekly Collection, July 24

Total **\$8,067**

Electronic **\$3,268**

Basket & Main-Ins **\$4,799**

PRAY FOR THE SICK



Steve Austin

Consiglia Borrelli

Lyndi Butler

Mary Ann Carroll

Maryann Convery

Bill DeVuono

George Dickinson

Bob Frankenberger

Dawn Gibbons

Ryan Hearne

Carolyn Henderson

Steven Henderson

Jimmy Keating

Carole Kime

Natalie Giorgio Kitts

Ken Kull

Mary Kull

Kendall Lambert

Joann Marks

Maryanne McCauley

Richard McCullough

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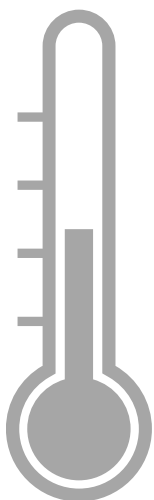
Joseph Sindoni

Adeline Sulpizio

Jean Super

Valerie Thompson

Betty Tomczyk



TAME OUR TEMP!

As of July 24, 2022 we have received **\$12,076** in donations. We thank you for your generosity!

Beef N Beer Dance Party at Holy Cross



Saturday, October 1st 7PM-11PM

Remember the Holy Cross Dances? Come and Have Some Fun!

Get Your Tickets and Brush Off Your Dancing Shoes!

\$30.00 per Person advanced – Table for 10 Reserved for \$300.00

\$40.00 at the Door



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150th Anniversary of Sacred Heart of Jesus Church

Sacred Heart of Jesus Church in Philadelphia,
PA is celebrating their 150th Parish
Anniversary with a Mass and dinner on
Sunday, October 16, 2022. The ticket price is
\$75 per person. Please call our rectory at 215-
465-4050 or visit our website,
sacredheartchurchsp.com for more
information.

The Corner

Brought to you by your Evangelization Team
Lord, help me to know that when I
criticize others, I condemn myself.

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This summer, take the opportunity to become
familiar with all that FORMED has to offer. There
are movies for the whole family, children's series
and cartoons, lectures, Bible Studies, tours,
books... so much to explore and learn, all with a
Catholic perspective.

Remember this is a **FREE GIFT** to you from your
parish! If you haven't already done so, go to
<https://signup.formed.org> to begin exploring.
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!

Three Parish Book Club Summer Reading Suggestions

1. Ready for a road trip with Pope Francis and the
Dalai Lama?
The Delight of Being Ordinary by Roland Marullo
2. Want to solve a puzzle or two? Try one or more of
these vintage mysteries.
A Novena for Murder by Sister Carol Anne O'Marie -
introducing Sister Mary Helen and her "side kick"
Sister Eileen, Bad Faith by Aimee and David Thurlo –
whose sleuth is Sister Agatha, an exturn nun in a
Southwest Monastery, The Father Brown Stories by
G. K. Chesterton – oldies but still goodies.
3. Up for something different? Take the Miss
Rumphius challenge. Read Miss Rumphius by
Barbara Cooney (to a child or another adult.) Then
decide together on a "third thing"
and make it happen.

Book club meetings resume on September 28. For
more information contact Joy Van Berg at 610 328-
2095 or at joyvanberg@gmail.com

Food Pantry Update

As we have shared before, with the increased cost of food and personal items, our pantry continues to be busy. Our parishioners have supported our St. Vincent dePaul Conference with your contributions in the "Help the Needy" church envelopes and food donations. Not sure if we tell you enough.... we appreciate all of your generosity and prayerful support.

If you are able, we are always in need of cereal, pancakes and syrup, pasta and pasta sauce, peanut butter, jelly, veggies, mac & cheese, canned meats, spaghetti, juice, kiddie treats, paper towels and toilet paper.

If you know any Delco residents in need of food, please let them know our pantry is open on Wednesdays from 3:30 to 5:30PM.

God Bless All of You,
Your Friends from the St. Vincent dePaul Society Holy Cross Food Pantry

Life in the Spirit Seminar 2022

You who are dispirited due to the challenges in this world, come and receive the Spirit of Hope to witness.

Fridays only, July 15 to August 26, 2022, 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM. St. Raymond of Penafort Church, 1350 Vernon Road, Philadelphia, PA. For more information and to register visit www.PhillySpirit.com

Adventure Island Vacation Bible Camp

OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL
31 Pennswood Road, Bryn Mawr, PA
August 15-19
9:00 AM to Noon

All children ages 4-9 are invited to join us for a week of discovering more about God in our Vacation Bible Camp August 15-19, 2022. Join us on Adventure Island to discover the Light of God in our lives! The cost of the camp is \$50. Scholarships are available. Contact Karen Carey at 610-525-0147 for information. To register go to www.omgcp parish.org and follow the prompts for VBC!

Registration for PREP

PREP 2022-2023 Registration is NOW OPEN! For forms and information please see the PREP Information tab on the website at holycrosscatholics.org.

Retrouvaille: Rediscover the Love in Your Marriage

Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next program begins the weekend of August 19 - 21 and October 14 - 16 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, visit HelpOurMarriage.org or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.



September 14th & 15th, 2022

Nationally known speakers Dr. Bill Lile, the Pro-Life doctor, and Dr Tim Clinton, Executive Director of the James Dobson Family Institute, will deliver messages that are counter cultural. They are joined by Father John Clote from the Diocese of Phoenix, Devin Schadt from the Fathers of Saint Joseph, and several others.

Guests will have the opportunity to enjoy this stunning venue which features an outdoor Stations of the Cross, a magnificent Marian grotto, and a beautiful adoration chapel in the stone tunnel of the Star Barn.

Mass will be offered daily by Monsignor William King of Mount Saint Mary's Seminary and confessions will be available in the outdoor vineyard.

Conference tickets include lunch. Additional options include a ride on the historic Harrisburg, Lincoln & Lancaster Railroad.

The Star Barn Village, Stone Gables Estate
Elizabethtown, PA

Schedule and Ticket Info: StewardshipConference.org





Autumn Bible Study -- The Chosen!!

We're back with Season 2 of The Chosen! Last Winter we presented Season 1, and now we will be showing all 8 episodes of Season 2 of The Chosen. If you haven't heard of it, this is a beautiful series about Jesus' ministry while on Earth. The actual biblical quotes are true, but the other scenes attempt to fill in the blanks about His everyday life. There will be group discussions after the videos. We will show this at 2 different times, so PICK THE TIME that is best for you.

Wednesdays, September 7 - October 26
9:15 am - in the Holy Cross Parish Center

Mondays, September 12 thru October 24
7:00 pm - in the Holy Cross Parish Center

The Bible Study is free! A workbook is NOT necessary, but if you'd like to have one, you can order that on Amazon. Just search for "The Chosen, Season 2", the white book is called "Blessed Are The Chosen: An Interactive Bible Study (Volume 2)." Please join us!

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

Cardinal O'Hara Class of 1987

35 Year Reunion - Friday, October 21, 2022 at Anthony's at Paxon 7:00pm to 11:00pm, \$60 per person includes dinner and 4 hour open bar. Ticket information - [Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com) - search Cardinal O'Hara Class of 1987 OR <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/cardinal-ohara-class-of-1987-35-year-reunion-tickets-271167959667>

"Golfing for Gianna" - In Support of Catholic, Pro-Life Health Care!

Monday, Aug 15, 2022

Come out in the fresh air and swing your irons on this gorgeous, well-loved Bobby Weed course, nestled in the serene horse country of Malvern, PA. This professional event gives much-needed support for the Gianna Center of Philadelphia, which is dedicated to providing authentically Catholic, Pro-Life Health Care that honors the sanctity of life, the dignity of women, and the integrity of marriage. Over 60% of the Gianna Center's income comes from supporters like you who believe in our cause.

Location: White Manor Country Club, 831 Providence Road, Malvern, PA 19355

More info: Click [here](#) to register for Golfing for Gianna. Be assured of many levels of Sponsorship opportunities that include the display of your business information on our event signage, program booklet, and Gianna's Monthly Newsletter.

Gianna Center of Philadelphia: For more info about this life-saving work, visit www.phGiannaCenter.org Questions? Please contact: admin@phGiannaCenter.com

Archbishop Prengergast Class of 1962

60th Class Reunion Luncheon on Sunday, October 23, 2022 at Anthony's (Formally The Lamb Tavern). For more information call Rosemary Peranteau McCarthy 610-543-3977.

Cardinal O'Hara Class of 1982

SAVE THE DATE!! Our 40th reunion will be held on November 25, 2022 at The Streetlight Café in Drexel Hill, PA. Tickets will be \$75. Purchasing information to follow. If you have any questions please email Margie Ettorre-Harper/Chuck Martino at oharaiclass1982@gmail.com



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