

HOLY CROSS CHURCH

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MARCH 12, 2023 • THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

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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..... 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

We had a beautiful celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation here last Sunday. I am grateful to Kelly Meliti, Linda Ryan, and Mark Hager for preparing our students for the Sacrament and for coming in early on Sunday to set up the seating and get the students and sponsors organized. John Kemmey did his usual fine job in the sacristy preparing everything we needed for the Mass and cleaning up afterward. Deacon Tom was a big help rehearsing our altar servers, and our dedicated servers did a fine job with all the extra ceremonies. Thank you! You make it look so easy.

After Mass, the newly-confirmed and their sponsors were having photos taken with the Bishop. One of the sponsors came up to me and pointed out how beautiful the church was and how wonderful the choir sounded at Mass. She was right of course. Our church is beautiful, and our choir does a fine job under the direction of Grete Ingalls. I always look forward to having the 11:00 Mass on Sundays when the choir sings—and I've been in parishes where being the celebrant when the choir was singing made me cringe.

Such compliments from visitors are really a testament to the dedicated parishioners of past generations who built this parish, and to you, our current parishioners, who keep us going. Sometimes people like to give the pastor credit for things for which he can't take any credit. Let's be honest: I didn't put all the stained glass and marble together, and you definitely don't want me attempting to play the organ and conduct the choir, but the compliments come to me. I'm just happy to be able to pass on the praise where it is due. It shows that when each of us contributes our time, our particular talents, and our financial resources, together we can do great things as we labor in the Lord's vineyard.

Over the past few weeks, there has been a noticeable increase in the number of people coming to Mass on Sunday. From the sanctuary, I've noticed the church looks a little less empty and I've seen some new faces in the congregation. If you're reading this and are one of those new people, welcome! If you're returning to Mass after a bit of an absence for whatever reason, welcome back! I am glad you are here, and I hope to continue to see you in the future. And please feel free to say hello and introduce yourself in the vestibule after Mass. I promise I don't bite.

I find it hard to believe March will be half over this week. Where is the time going? A Happy and Blessed Saint Patrick's Day to all those who are (or wish they were) of Irish descent! Remember, the Archbishop has dispensed us from the obligation of abstaining from meat on Friday, with the understanding that we should substitute some other prayerful, penitential, or charitable good work if we take advantage of that. Coming to Stations of the Cross that evening or making a visit to our chapel during the day would be appropriate examples.

3rd
Sunday
of Lent

Reading I: Exodus 17: 3-7

Yahweh's third test of His people wandering in the desert is all about water. There is no scolding from the Lord. Moses receives instructions about providing water for the quarrelsome people. The final verse is the real test question: Is Yahweh present among us or not?

Reading II: Romans 5: 1-2, 5-8

How does God prove His love for us? St. Paul answers this question in a powerful way. While it may be easy to die for a good person, the fact is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

The Gospel: John 4: 5-42, or 4: 5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

An unnamed Samaritan woman comes to the well where Jesus is seated and in the course of their conversation, the woman concludes that Jesus is "the savior of the world" and then becomes His first missionary.



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, MARCH 13

8:30 AM - No Mass

TUESDAY, MARCH 14

8:30 - The Polec Family

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15

8:30 AM - Aunt Pauline & Uncle Anthony
Fiscella

THURSDAY, MARCH 16

8:30 AM - Philip & Therese Baselice

FRIDAY, MARCH 17

8:30 AM - John & Patricia Chepulis

SATURDAY, MARCH 18

8:30 AM - Gerard J. Thompson

4:30 PM - For the People of Holy Cross

SUNDAY, MARCH 19

8:30 AM - Priest's Intentions

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

SANCTUARY LAMP



This week's Sanctuary Lamp
intention is for:

Church: Marian Cardell

COLLECTION INFORMATION

Weekly Need	<u>\$12,820</u>
Weekly Collection, March 5	
Total	<u>\$8,626</u>
Electronic	<u>\$2,972</u>
Basket & Mail-Ins	<u>\$5,654</u>

PRAY FOR THE SICK

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| Consiglia Borrelli | Maryanne McCauley |
| Lyndi Butler | Richard McCullough |
| Mary Ann Carroll | Larry McCusker |
| Maryann Convery | Francis Murray |
| Bill DeVuono | 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 | |
| Joann Marks | |

The Corner

Brought to you by your Evangelization Team

You may feel stagnant in your walk with Christ like you are constantly taking two steps toward God and one step back, but His view of things is different. St Paul reminds us in Philippians 1:6 that "He who began a good work in you will carry it to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." Even if you can't see it or feel it, God promises us that He will bring our transformation to completion. During Lent, let's take this promise to heart and give thanks and praise to God for all the mercies He has shown us, especially the gift of Salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. Take that step forward toward transformation in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Those who received the sacrament of Confirmation at Holy Cross by Bishop John J. McIntyre

Edward Anthony Ashbridge
Brendan Joseph Becker
Trea *Henry* Brennan
Sean *Peter* Campbell
Joseph *Robert* Clifford IV
Joseph *Thomas* Colella
Kyle *Antonio* Estep
Derek *Philip* Holahan
Anthony *Anthony* Huynh
Braeden *William* Kelly
Samuel *Sebastian* Kubiak
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Alexander *James* Marcone
Allison *Bernadette* Marcone
Chase *Michael* Marcone
Kayla *Rose* Masterson
Avery *Elizabeth* McIntyre
Abby *Mary* Natow
Daniel *Michael* Raum
Angelo *Alfonso* Romolini
LaMirah *Rose* Sabb-Toombs
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Michael *John* Valori
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PRO-LIFE PRAYER WARRIORS NEEDED

Prayer warriors needed to commit to saying 5 Hail Mary prayers each day to petition Our Blessed Mother for the end of abortion through the conversion of hearts and minds. Abortion needs to become unthinkable.

Sacred Heart Church, Clifton Heights Pierogi Sale

(Pierogi is a case of dough filled with a savory potato and cheese filling and cooked by boiling and then pan frying)
Made at Stephen's Church Hall, 199 W. Baltimore Ave. (Baltimore Pike & Church St), Clifton Heights, March 20-31, \$8.00 per dozen. Order by Calling Joanne Bidoli at 610-574-7077 or the Rectory at 610-623-0409 between 10AM and 3PM. Pick up times at St. Stephen's Church Hall (pierogi must be ordered first) Weekdays Noon to 1:30PM or Special Evening Pickup Wednesday of both weeks 5:30 to 6:30PM.

DELCO PARISHES PRO-LIFE MEETING

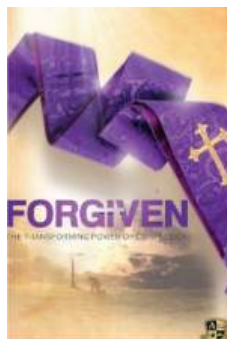
Please join us for the next Delco Parishes Pro-Life monthly meeting on Wednesday, March 22, at 7 PM in St. Dorothy's Rectory in Drexel Hill. Entrance is from the parking lot.
Your prayers and suggestions are most welcome.
Jesus, protect and save the unborn.

Pro-Life Youth Seminar

"Equipping Students and Young Adults to Build a Culture of Life", Saturday, March 18, 10 AM to 1 PM, White Manor Country Club, 831 Providence Road, Malvern, PA 19355. Mass will be celebrated at 9:15 AM. Adults \$25, Students \$10. Refreshments included. To register and/or more information, go to www.generationlife.org.

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"Forgiven" is a short series about the Sacrament of Reconciliation, perfect for viewing during Lent. 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!

Food Pantry Update

The Pantry continues to support our community's "Most in Need" Delco Neighbors and we want to send Special Thanks to you for your efforts.

- Our Holy Cross school children did an Awesome job with their "Personal Items" collection during Catholic Schools Week. The pantry received all the collected items. (Our clients often ask for these... and we provide personal items when we have them...) How Blessed we are for the support.

- Also, our Knights of Columbus participated in the "Souper Bowl of Caring" effort and provided over 2700 food items to our pantry. In addition to the food collection, some of the Knights volunteer at our pantry each week.... A Great Collaborative effort.

If you are able, we are in need of mac&cheese, cereal, canned meat / tuna, peanut butter, pasta sauce (no glass please) and pasta.

If you know anyone in need for food in Delco, please share that the pantry is open every Wednesday from 3:30 to 5:30 in back of Holy Cross School.

Thank you all for your generosity and prayers.

God Bless,
Your Friends from the St. Vincent dePaul Holy Cross Food Pantry

Catechetical Convocation

The catechist is a "witness of faith and keeper of the memory of God ... a teacher and a mystagogue ... an accompanier and educator." -DC 113

We appreciate your kind attention to "reach out" and invite others to join us on Saturday, March 25th, 2023 at Archbishop Carroll High School. PRAY. LEARN. REFLECT.

on The Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist!

This year, the Archdiocese is providing workshops on the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist in both English and Spanish.

The opening Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Pérez followed by a keynote presentation and a series of workshops.

Please see the attached flyer, which includes information regarding the electronic registration.

- Cost is \$45 per person and by credit card only.
- Email kpfeffer@archphila.org to receive a discount code if you have more than 4 people to register.
Group rate: 4 or more people: \$35/person
- Registration is limited, on a first come basis, and will close when capacity is reached.

**Also can be found at <https://phillyocf.org/d-cres/>

Blessed Carlo Acutis, pray for us!

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!



February 18th - KOC Spaghetti Dinner & Trivia Contest

March 26th
KOC- Pancake Breakfast



April 22nd - Annual Flea Market



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



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.

Holy Cross School News

Our 7th grade Holy Cross Students and PREP Students received the sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday, March 7. Thank you, Bishop McIntyre who confirmed the students, bringing them fully into the church. Holy Cross Students gathered as a school to receive ashes on Ash Wednesday. Thank you, Father Kiernan, and Principal Worrilow, for distributing ashes to our students during Mass.

Every Friday at 2pm students attend Stations of the Cross. Parents and Parishioners are welcomed to join us. Our PreK-4 class, celebrated a week of READ ACROSS AMERICA WEEK in honor of Dr. Seuss's birthday. Every day was a different theme to coordinate with one of his books. And yes, they even ate "Green Eggs and Ham". Thank you Mrs. Hines and Mrs. Matticola for making this week so much fun for the children.

Our 8th grade class held a bake sale on Friday, February 3. Parents provided all kinds of treats to be sold at lunch and proceeds went to our 8th grade graduation fund. Thank you to all the parents who sent in goodies .

Interest in our school has been wonderful. We have been showing our school and staff off to a lot of new perspective families. Please recommend Holy Cross to anyone who is looking for a Catholic education for their children. Perspective parents can log onto our website: www.hcscrusaders.com to start the enrollment process or to inquire about our school.

Parents/Parishioners please do not forget to follow us on social media:

Instagram handle: [hcs.crusaders](https://www.instagram.com/hcs.crusaders)

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Holy Cross continues to keep all our parishioners in our daily prayers.

Lenten Longings

Do you want a richer experience of Lent this year? Join us for a 5-week Bible Study

Reflecting on the Lenten Sunday Gospels

Starts week of March 5

This is a FREE series. Workbooks will be provided, along with valuable group discussions. You do not need to bring your Bibles for this study. Light refreshments will be served.

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

When: Mondays, March 6 thru April 3 ---7:00 to 8:30pm - in the Holy Cross Parish Center

OR: Wednesdays, March 9 thru April 5 ---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 and bring a friend!

It is helpful for us to have a headcount to ensure we have enough workbooks. To save a seat or for more information, contact Pattie Stevens at pattiejstevens@comcast.net or 484.868.8571.

Three Parish Book Club

The Book Club will meet at Holy Cross on Wednesday, March 29 at 7:00 p.m. members discuss the current month's reading and offer suggestions for other spiritual reading. For more information or if you would like to join us, please contact Joy Van Berg at 610 328-3095 or at joyvanberg@gmail.com .

March

Can You Drink This Cup by Henri Nouwen

April

Braving the Thin Places by Julianne Stanz

Host Families Needed

Host Families Needed: Nacel Open Door is excited to welcome international students from China who will be attending Cardinal O'Hara High School for the upcoming school year, fall 2023. These F1 visa students are very excited to be introduced to an American family who they will live with while they are here to study at Cardinal O'Hara and achieve the best scores possible. These students speak English, have travel health insurance, and bring their own spending money for personal expenses. Host families provide room and board and receive a monthly hosting stipend to help offset expenses.

These Chinese students (juniors) have applied as seniors for the 2023-2024 school year. If you have an extra room in your home, it's a great experience to host an international student. Maybe you have a close friend or neighbor who might also like to experience hosting a student. If so, please reach out to me. Hosting is truly a wonderful experience for the whole family and can create lifetime friendships from across the globe. If you are willing to consider opening your heart and your home to one of these students, or would like more information, please contact Hope Egolf at 610-850-1398, or email hegolf@team.nacelopendoor.org. You can also visit our website Nacelopendoor.org for answers to frequently asked questions and there you can also begin the application process.

Thank you so much for considering to host a student!

Hope Egolf 610-850-1398

hegolf@team.nacelopendoor.org

Bereavement Support Group

St. Bernadette's Church

Starts: Tuesday, April 4, 2023

Time: 7:00 to 8:30 Tuesday evenings for 8 weeks

Where: The Wright Center, 1st Floor, St. Bernadette's Church, Harper Ave. Drexel Hill, Pa, 19026. Park in lot between School and Church on Harper Ave.

More Information: Call George Salloom @ 610 306-0252 or email georgesalloom@hotmail.com.


Experienced bereavement group facilitator.

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