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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.

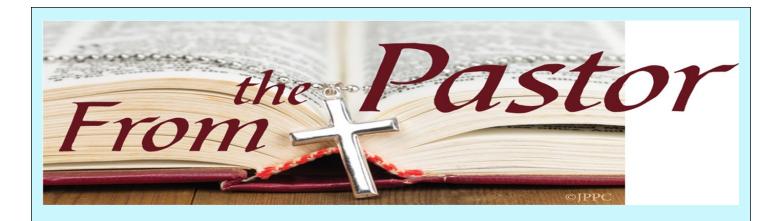
First time parents and godparents are required to attend a Baptism Preparation Session which is held on the 1st Monday of the month at 7:00 PM. Please call the Parish Office for more information.

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.



Oh, the irony! Last Sunday at the 11:00 Mass, we had a beautiful celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation. Just about everything went off without a hitch, except for one thing: from what I can tell, the collection didn't get taken up. Oops. Here's the irony: the first reading was all about making sacrificial gifts back to the Lord. "The priest shall receive the basket from you and shall set it in front of the altar of the Lord, your God.... Then you shall declare before the Lord, your God, '...I have now brought you the first fruits of the product of the soil which you, O Lord, have given me." The day that our ritual gesture around the collection dovetails perfectly with the readings, we forget it! Sheesh.

Aside from that, everything else went very well. The students being confirmed had their jitters, but they were fine, even when Bishop Senior was asking them questions before Mass to see how well-prepared they were. (And great job to those who volunteered to answer the Bishop's questions!) All in all, a great celebration, with a big thank you to all who worked behind-the-scenes to make it happen.

As of my writing this, 29 people have completed the **Disciple Maker Index Survey**. That's a good quick start, but we need to get a lot more feedback. Have you taken the survey? If you haven't, then please go to holycrosscatholics.org and click on the graphic to take the survey. If you have, then maybe your next challenge is to reach out to someone (a friend, a neighbor, a family member) and see if he or she has taken it. Let's see if we can get that number up higher for next week!

As you may know, I was only at my previous parish assignment for about a year when I was asked to be the pastor here at Holy Cross. That meant packing everything up and moving, again. It also meant confronting the reality of having a few boxes full of stuff that I hadn't ever unpacked from when I moved there. Made me wonder, do I really need this stuff? (And we can just gloss over that some of those boxes were actually things that never got unpacked at the prior parish either...). I think many of us have some excess stuff that we no longer need and would like to get rid of. So, let's do something about it. On **Saturday, April 23**, we will have a **Community Flea Market at Holy Cross**. If you're interested in renting a space, please see the form on our website, or contact HCDevelopment-Fund@gmail.com for more information.

Fr. Kiernan



MONDAY MARCH 14

8:30 AM No Mass

TUESDAY MARCH 15

8:30 AM Alice Robinson

WEDNESDAY MARCH 16

8:30 AM Charles Galanaugh

THURSDAY MARCH 17

8:30 AM Memorial Fund Mass

FRIDAY MARCH 18

8:30 AM Philip & Therese Baselice

NEXT WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY MARCH 19

8:30 AM Jeffrey Scolis

4:30 PM Josephine & Frank Castracane

SUNDAY MARCH 20

8:30 AM People of Holy Cross

11:00 AM Gentile Family

Lenten Program - "Forgiven"

Instead of "giving something up," DO SOMETHING for Lent. Holy Cross Parish will offer a Lenten study of the *Sacrament of Reconciliation*, "Forgiven." Re-imagine this beautiful Sacrament as a gift, not a burden. The study will be offered at 3 different times in the Holy Cross Parish Center:

Monday evenings (March 7, 14, 21) @ 7:00-8:30PM Wednesday mornings (March 9, 16, 23) @ 9:15-10:45AM Wednesday evenings (March 9, 16, 23) @ 7:00-8:30PM

For more information, contact Pattie Stevens at <u>pattiejstevens@comcast.net</u> or 484.868.8571

Light refreshments will be served. For those who cannot attend in person, this series is also on FORMED. We will watch a video and have valuable group discussion afterward. All are welcome. Please join us!

SANTUARY LAMP



This week's Sanctuary Lamp intention is

Church: The Pelosi Family

Chapel: Kevin Ryan & Family



Sunday Collection, March 6

Total Collection \$8,928

Electroníc \$3,311

Basket & Main-Ins \$5,617

The Disciple Maker Index Survey Opens this Week!

Please Read and Help!

Don't forget to share your feedback on the Disciple Maker Index! The Survey is LIVE and will be open until **April 4, 2022** You can visit http://holycrosscatholics.org and click on the picture when the slide about the survey shows up. If you prefer a paper copy, you may pick it up after daily Masses. They will be located **Church Business Office.** To submit the completed paper survey, please drop off **at the Business Office.** To make special arrangements for getting a paper copy, please contact Terry Carey at 610-626-3321.

We really need your help in making this a success, so please participate!

Literature Racks

The literature racks have been restocked for Lent. Pick up a book or booklet to take on your Lenten journey. There are also books and DVDs to share with your (grand)kids.

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Lenten Confession Schedule 2022

Thursday Mornings, 7:00-8:00 AM

March 3 March 24
March 10 March 17
March 31 April 7

No Confessions Holy Thursday

Saturday Afternoons, 3:30-4:15 PM

March 5 March 26 March 12 April 2 March 19 April 9

No Confessions Holy Saturday Afternoon

Additional Opportunities

Sunday, April 3: 10:00 – 10:45 AM Saturday, April 9: 9:00 – 10:00 AM* Palm Sunday, April 10: 10:00 – 10:45 AM

Monday of Holy Week, April 11:

7:00 - 8:00 PM

Good Friday, April 15: 9:30 – 10:00 AM* Holy Saturday, April 16: 9:30 – 10:00 AM*

*(Start time will be shortly after the conclusion of the earlier liturgical celebration.)

The Corner

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Remember, God hears everything!

Your "....discordant grumblings are not secret. Therefore guard against profitless grumbling, and from calumny

(calumny: a false and slanderous statement)

withhold your tongues; For a stealthy utterance will not go unpunished, and a lying mouth destroys the soul." ---Wisdom 1:10-11

Be mindful of your tongue, it's the same tongue you use to praise God.

Three Parish Book Club

The Three Parish Book Club's next meeting will take place on Wednesday, March 30, at 7:00 p.m. at Holy Cross Parish Center. The Club meets on the last Wednesday of the month from September through June to discuss the chosen book and to share other reading suggestions. We welcome new members. You do not need to have read the chosen book to attend the meeting.

For more information, please contact Joy Van Berg at 610 328-2095 or joyvanberg@gmail.com.

March: Life Is Messy by Matthew Kelly

April: The Second Mountain by David Brooks

14th Annual Man Up Philly

Men's Spirituality Conference-

March 19, 2022

"COME BACK TO ME"

The men of our parish are invited to join Catholic Men from throughout the Archdiocese for the 14th Annual Man Up Philly Men's Conference on March 19th at Immaculata University. Speakers include Deacon Harold Sivers, acclaimed speaker and author of Behold the Man: A Catholic Vision of Male Spirituality, Pat Chambers, former NCAA Head Basketball Coach, Keith Nester, a dynamic youth minister and author of The Convert's Guide to Roman Catholicism, and back by popular demand, Mark Forrest, internationally recognized Irish tenor, who will lead our Eucharistic Adoration. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available, and the Conference will conclude with Mass celebrated by our Archbishop Most Reverend Archbishop Nelson Perez.

For more information and to register go to the website: www.manupphilly.com



Food Pantry Update

With the increase in goods, the pantry is busier than ever. We have been working with some food agencies to help provide some fresh foods and Wawa is helping with their Philly Food Rescue program... this agency is not just for Philly but it's in our community too.

If you are able, we are in need of dry goods including: cereal, pasta sauce, pasta, peanut butter, jelly, pancake mix, syrup, beans, canned meats, spaghettios, juice, kiddie treats, toilet paper and paper towels.

Our Lady of Fatima 6th grade Confirmation class ran a food drive last week. Thanks so much for all the goodies. Also, St. Kevin's Knights of Columbus is running a food drive for our pantry on March 20. It's wonderful how our parishioners and our surrounding churches are supporting us. Our Neighbors in need are always sharing how appreciative they are for your generosity and support.

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

Thanks for all you do and your prayers.

God Bless,

Your Friends from the St. Vincent dePaul Society Holy Cross Conference

Special Collection for the Church in Latin America

The Special Collection for the Church in Latin America will be held this weekend of March 12-13, 2022. By supporting this collection, you will assist in the formation of priests and religious, the training of catechists and other pastoral ministers, the education of children and young people, and relief efforts in the wake of natural disasters. We thank you for your generosity.

Office for Life and Family

Join us for the 2nd Annual Philadelphia March for Life March 26, 2022

8:30AM Mass at The Cathedral of Saints Peter & Paul

9:30AM Ecumenical Prayer Service

10:30AM March to the Philadelphia Women's Center

12:00PM Rally for Life—Independence Mall

Fast and Abstinence and Other Acts of Penance for Lent

The Bishops of the United States prescribe, as minimal obligation, that all persons who are fourteen years of age and older are bound to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday, March 2, 2022, on all the Fridays of Lent and Good Friday (with the exception of Friday, March 25, The Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord). Further, all persons eighteen years of age and older, up to and including their fifty-ninth birthday, are bound to fast by limiting themselves to a single full meal on Ash Wednesday and on Good Friday, while the other two meals on those days are to be light. All the faithful are encouraged, when possible, to participate at Mass and to receive the Holy Eucharist daily, to celebrate frequently the Sacrament of Penance, to undertake spiritual reading, especially the study of the Sacred Scriptures, and to participate in parish Lenten devotions as well as Lenten education programs. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is especially recommended.

FORMED

March Watchlist

Here are some suggestions for what to watch in March. Since March is the Season of Lent, we are recommending many Lenten programs.

For Kids: This is under the "<u>Kids</u>" banner; "Lent with Brother Francis."

For Teens: the "Real + True" banner; "Real + True (English)". Continue this series with Unit 2.

For Families: "The Search" banner; continue this series. Also, in conjunction with our in-person Parish Bible Study, "The Sacraments" banner has "Forgiven: the Transforming Power of Confession." And "Living Lent as a Family" is a 4-part series; it's under the "FORMED Now" banner, however the easiest way to find it is to do a search for "Living Lent as a Family" and it will pop right up.

<u>"Movie Night"</u> banner: "Don Bosco: The True Story of the Apostle of Youth." Also, continue any of "The Bible Collection" series.

Crab Cake Sales are BACK! The Knights of Columbus at St. Kevin's will be having an Easter Crab Cake Sale. All proceeds will be donated to UKRAINIAN RELIEF. We will be taking pre-paid orders after all Masses on Saturday, March 26, Sunday, March 27, Saturday, April 2 and Sunday, April 3. Orders can also be mailed in to Mike Diemidio, 305 West Ave., Springfield, PA 19064. Questions can be made to Mike at 610-761-4007. All orders must be received by Sunday, April 3. Orders must be picked up at the St. Kevin Parish Life Center, 200 W. Sproul Rd., Springfield on Thursday, April 7 between the hours of 4:15 and 7:00pm. Thanks in advance for your support and we wish you a very Blessed and Happy Easter Season with family and friends!

PRO-LIFE GROUP MEETING

Please join us for our monthly pro-life group meeting on Wednesday, March 16, from 7 to 8 PM at St. Dorothy's Parish in Drexel Hill. The meeting will be in the Rectory basement and is accessed from the parking lot. Your prayers and suggestions are most welcome.

Jesus, protect and save the unborn.

St. Kevin Pioneers Club, Springfield, PA

St. Kevin Pioneers Club is planning two events. Casino Trip to Ceasars in Atlantic City on Thursday, March 31. Cost is \$30. The second event is *David*, Sight and Sound Millennium Theater on Tuesday, May 10. Cost is \$145 per person. Lunch is included. Contact information is Mary Nagle at 610-566-3239 or Betsy Boyd at 610-627-4991.



Holy Cross Fundraiser Hoops Mania!

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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 NEW LOCATION!! St. Stephen's Church Hall, 199 W. Baltimore Ave. (Baltimore Pike & Church St)., Clifton Heights, March 28- April 8, 2022, \$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 12PM to 2 PM or Special Evening Pickup Wednesday of both weeks 5:30 to 6:30PM.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The Holy Cross Knights of Columbus #15482 will be holding their Semi-Annual Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, April 3, from 8:00AM until 1:00PM. Tickets for the breakfast will be \$10 for Adults and \$9 for Kids (12 & Under). There will be advanced discounted tickets sold at \$9 for Adults and \$8 for Kids (12 & Under). Advanced discounted tickets will be sold after all Masses on the weekends of March 19 & 20 and March 26 & 27. Tickets will also be available from any of the Knights before April 3. Remember, "It's More Than Just Pancakes!"



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

Holy Cross School Principal's Corner

If you are interested in the Pre-K 3, Pre-K 4 and K, you have to register early. Those grades fill up quickly. We will be happy to accept your registration for all other grades as well. Registration is taking place now. Come take a look at your parish school. Our school has been named a School of Distinguished Instruction 2019 and 2021. This is based on the results of the Terra Nova Standardized tests. The children did not take the test in 2020 due to COVID. Our teachers work very hard to instruct the students in a variety of ways. They are truly dedicated to our children.

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