

# HOLY CROSS CHURCH

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MARCH 19, 2023 • FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (LAETARE SUNDAY)

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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

On Tuesday morning, as snow was falling, wind was howling, and temperatures were below freezing, I began to wonder why it seems we've had more days of wintery weather in March than we had in all of December, January, and February combined. Tomorrow is the first day of Spring, a season that brings the hope of new life and a restoration of sorts. Today, we celebrate the 4th Sunday of Lent with rose-colored vestments. The lighter shade reminds us of the joy to come from our patient endurance of suffering and penance while looking forward to the Resurrection. The prayer, fasting, and almsgiving of Lent leading to Easter are symbolic of our whole lives as we embrace the way of Jesus and die to self in the hope of sharing in His Resurrection one day.

The reconciliation weekend last week was well-attended. The lines were steady, and we had a number of visitors from area churches come to celebrate the sacrament. I received a note from our regional dean thanking our parish for hosting the event. All in all, it seemed like a positive and fruitful experience. Our Thursday morning confessions from 7:00-8:00 are also going well. It isn't super-busy, but people are coming. If you don't want to wait in line, that's your best bet.

Holy Cross has also been asked to be the host site for a monthly Holy Hour for young adults in Delaware County. Our first one was in February, and we had another one this past week. The events are being coordinated by the Office for Ministry to Young Adults, and we will be working on more publicity in the future. The ladies who live in our convent (which we are referring to as the Sacred Heart House) also recently hosted a gathering for young adults involving a Holy Hour in the church and a social afterward in their house. That, too, was very well attended. Often, we say that it's hard to get young people to come to Church things. That is certainly true. But there are a lot of young adults out there who are looking for Church-related activities—more than you might think. I'm glad that we are able to be a gathering place for them, and I hope these events will continue to grow and be successful.

Next Sunday, the Knights of Columbus will be putting on one of their semi-annual pancake breakfasts. They are always a great time for parishioners to mingle and meet one another while helping support the work of the Knights. You may recall last time there was a pancake breakfast, the power went out in the middle of the 8:30 Mass. Let's hope there are no repeats this time!

## 4th Sunday of Lent

**Reading I: I Samuel 16: 1b, 6-7, 10-13a**

Samuel anoints young David, who is the clear choice of the Lord. Samuel has not seen as God sees in this important matter.

**Reading II: Ephesians 5: 8-14**

Baptism brings us from darkness to light. This light in turn produces conduct that pleases the Lord. The section closes with what seems to be an early baptismal hymn.

**The Gospel: John 9: 1-41, or 9: 1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38**

Jesus cures a blind man, and there follows the question: "Is Jesus from God or not?" The Pharisees wind up being the real "blind men" for refusing to see Jesus for whom He is.



# MASSES FOR THE WEEK

## MONDAY, MARCH 20

8:30 AM - No Mass

## TUESDAY, MARCH 21

8:30 AM - Those in the Memorial Fund

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22

8:30 AM - Nan Collins & Kay Liddy

## THURSDAY, MARCH 23

8:30 AM - Nancy Fortunato

## FRIDAY, MARCH 24

8:30 AM - Michael Mahon

## SATURDAY, MARCH 25

8:30 AM - Samuel Forlano

4:30 PM - Michael Henry

## SUNDAY, MARCH 26

8:30 AM - For the People of Holy Cross

11:00 AM - Angela M. Organek

# SANCTUARY LAMP



This week's Sanctuary Lamp intention is for:

Church: Steve Austin

Chapel: Mary Pizzano

# COLLECTION INFORMATION

Weekly Need \$12,820

Weekly Collection, March 12

Total \$8,202

Electronic \$2,637

Basket & Mail-Ins \$5,565

# PRAY FOR THE SICK

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|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Consiglia Borreli     | 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.

## Holy Week Missions

Holy Week Missions have become one of the most life-changing events for many high schoolers around the area. Each year we have over 100 high schoolers come with us for a week into Kensington and Center City to bring Christ to each person we encounter. In order for us to be able to support our missionaries during the week, we need your help with meal donations. The QR code will bring you to a link with all our food needs during Holy Week. Thank you for your generosity and openness to help.

If you think a link is preferred, here it is:  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904044EA5A623A4FA7-meals>



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

## 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.

## Pancake Breakfast

The Holy Cross Knights of Columbus #15482 will be holding their Semi-Annual Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, March 26th from 8:00AM until 1:00PM. Tickets for the breakfast will be \$10 per person. Advanced discounted tickets will be sold after all Masses on the weekends of March 11th & 12th and March 18th & 19th. Tickets will also be available from any of the Knights before March 26th. Remember, "It's More Than Just Pancakes!"

## 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.

## Legion of Mary

Legion of Mary annual acies celebration will be held on Saturday, March 25, at Annunciation B.V.M., 401 Brookline Blvd., Havertown. Mass at 11:00am, reception to follow in the church hall. All active and auxiliary members are invited.

# FORMED

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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](mailto: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 18<sup>th</sup> - KOC Spaghetti Dinner & Trivia Contest

March 26<sup>th</sup>  
KOC- Pancake Breakfast



April 22<sup>nd</sup> - Annual Flea Market



June 4<sup>th</sup> - 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary - Parish Family Fun Day



October 7<sup>th</sup> - Beef N Beer



Holy Cross All Class - All Parish Reunion



November 4<sup>th</sup> - 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

Holy Cross School will be selling Krispy Kreme Donuts. School families and parishioners are welcome to purchase a dozen donuts which will be pre-ordered. Volunteers will be on both sides of our church lobby starting on 04/22 after each Mass. Cost (cash only please) and pickup information will be forthcoming.

Our students received their report cards on Thursday March 16. I am sure they did wonderful, thanks to their dedicated teachers.

**SAVE THE DATE:** Our school show will be here before we know it. Our music teacher Mr. Campbell is already working to prepare the children. The theme for the production will be Movies. All students from Prek-3 through 8th grade perform and do a marvelous job. The date of the show will be Thursday, May 4, at 7pm. We welcome parishioners to come and enjoy a night of song and dance.

Our "Shout Out" for Holy Cross was awarded to Krista Callaghan who posted a picture of herself and her son on social media during Student Appreciation week. Thank you to Krista, she won a \$25.00 Target gift card.

Parents/Parishioners please do not forget to follow us on social media: Instagram handle: hcs.crusaders  
Twitter handle: HCS\_Crusaders  
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/people/Holy-Cross-Catholic-School/100085015732347/>

We ask our parishioners to please keep our students and staff in your daily prayers, as we do for you. Thank you for your support of our school.

## 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](mailto:pattiejstevens@comcast.net) or 484.868.8571.

## Casserole Drop Off

The next drop-off is Wednesday, March 22nd between 6:00 and 7:00 PM at the gym annex. The casseroles are appreciated by the homeless who visit St. John's Hospice at 12th and Race St., Philadelphia. You can make any casserole that you like. Please mark the casserole with the date prepared. Call Connie Labowitz at 610-328-0599 with any questions. Thank you!

## 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](mailto:joyvanberg@gmail.com).

March

Can You Drink This Cup by Henri Nouwen

April

Braving the Thin Places by Julianne Stanz

## 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](mailto:georgesalloom@hotmail.com). Experienced bereavement group facilitator.

Program is open to adults who have experienced the death of a family member or friend 18 years or older. Eight-week commitment is encouraged. Reading material will be available. There is no fee for the program and the program is non-denominational.



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