

HOLY CROSS CHURCH

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MARCH 26, 2023 • FIFTH 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. 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

This week, I will be away from the parish Monday afternoon through Wednesday morning attending the annual Spring priests' workshop. The focus of the workshop is on the national Eucharistic Revival, and it will offer us a number of talks on how we can revive our celebration of the Eucharist to encourage better participation by the faithful. I'm curious to see what will be presented.

Because of the workshop, we have to modify our Daily Mass schedule for this week. There will be Mass on Monday, March 27, at 8:30. There will be NO Mass on Tuesday, March 28. I anticipate being back in time on Wednesday morning for Mass. Thank you to our faithful Daily Mass congregation for your flexibility and understanding.

As I write this, we are in the process of doing some concrete work near the side doors on the Blessed Mother side. Those who use that door know that you had to go up a rather high, single step to get from the sidewalk to the door. I'm not sure why it was built that way, but every time I use that door (which is pretty often since I'm usually en route to/from the rectory), it's bugged me that the step was so high. It seemed like a hazard for people who weren't expecting such a big change in height and like it would be difficult to manage for people who may have mobility challenges. So, we're fixing it. Instead of one high step, there will now be two smaller steps, which should be safer and more comfortable for everyone. With that, apologies to those who were trying to pray in the chapel or work in the office while all the jackhammering was going on last week. It did get a bit loud over there as they had to break up all that concrete.

As we get ready for Holy Week next week, remember that we have additional opportunities for the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation. Confessions will be heard this Thursday morning from 7-8 AM; Monday evening, April 3, from 7-8 PM, and Good Friday and Holy Saturday mornings from 9:00-10:00 AM.

Have a blessed week, and looking forward to seeing everyone at the Knights' Pancake Breakfast after Masses this Sunday!

5th Sunday of Lent

Reading I: Ezekiel 37: 12-14

The prophet's mission is to the exiles and it involved bringing new life to a dead Israel. God will take the initiative and He promises resurrection and new life to the people.

Reading II: Romans 8: 8-11

Christian life is one that is lived in the spirit of Jesus. Therefore, the justified Christian is empowered to have his life restored after death, and this for his mortal body as well.

The Gospel: John 11: 1-45, or 11: 3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

Jesus' great miracle of restoring life to His friend Lazarus brings many Jews to believe in Him. Martha's faith throughout the event is outstanding. She is not at all divided, as were many of her fellow observers, over Jesus' identity.



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, MARCH 27

8:30 AM - No Mass

TUESDAY, MARCH 28

8:30 AM - Marty & Guy DeCesare

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29

8:30 AM - Fred & Eleanor Goetz and
Walter & Jean Rovinski

THURSDAY, MARCH 30

8:30 AM - Richard Stefanacci

FRIDAY, MARCH 31

8:30 AM - George Anne Nelson

SATURDAY, APRIL 1

8:30 AM - Deceased Priests of the
Archdiocese

4:30 PM - For the People of Holy Cross

SUNDAY, APRIL 2

8:30 AM - Barbara Oliver

11:00 AM - Adam Harvitz

SANCTUARY LAMP



This week's Sanctuary Lamp
intention is for:

Church: Tom & Kitty McCormick

Chapel: Tom & Kitty McCormick

COLLECTION INFORMATION

Weekly Need \$12,820

Weekly Collection, March 19

Total \$7,890

Electronic \$3,179

Basket & Mail-Ins \$4,711

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 |
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| Carolyn Henderson | Ronnie Sidebottom |
| Steven Henderson | Joseph Sindoni |
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| 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 | |

The Corner

Brought to you by your Evangelization Team

We hear the story of Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead in today's Gospel. Here's a commentary by St Cyril of Alexandria, a 5th century Bishop and a Doctor of the Church. "The Jews thought that Jesus wept on account of the death of Lazarus, but in fact He wept out of compassion for all humanity, not mourning Lazarus alone but all of humanity which is subject to death, having justly fallen under so great a penalty."

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>



Church Cleaning

The next Church cleaning will take place on Tuesday, 4/4/2023, after the 8:30 am Mass. Extra hands are always welcome.

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!"

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](https://www.raise-right.com) on your computer.

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.

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

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

St. Teresa of Calcutta has said that without Eucharistic Adoration she would never have been able to do what she did to the level she did it. She even hinted that without it she would have burned out. Mother Teresa required her sisters to do a daily Holy Hour that gave them strength and peace to accomplish their extraordinary work among the poorest of the poor. She attributed the doubling of vocations to the Missionaries of Charity to the nuns' faithful hour of Adoration.

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 students celebrated the feast of St. Patrick's Day at Holy Cross. We had a green day on Thursday, March 16. Students wore green over their uniforms and were also permitted to wear St. Patty's Day socks, hats, and accessories. We also had Shamrock Shake day which was sponsored by our 8th grade. Our student council sponsored a St. Patrick Gold Hunt. Gold coins and Shamrocks were hidden around Holy Cross Campus. The class who found the most will have a movie day with snacks and drinks. Congratulations to our winners, our 1st grade class and our 8th grade class.

Our PreK-3 had their St. Patrick Day Parade and Party on March 13. Thank you, parents who provided treats for this fun day. And thank you Miss Leicht and Mrs. O. for making this happen.

Our Terra- Nova testing took place the week of March 3 through the 10. This is a very intense week for our students, but they handled this in true Holy Cross spirit.

March 13 our 3rd Semester began. Student report cards were sent home on Thursday, March 16. Students had a long weekend on March 17. Our dedicated hard-working teachers were back at it again working on our Middle States accreditation. Thank you to all our teachers who are working to get through this process.

Thank you, parents and parishioners who make it possible for the teachers and staff at Holy Cross School to work with our wonderful students and families at Holy Cross. We continue to pray for all of you each day.

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.

15th Anniversary of Man Up Philly!

Saturday March 4, 2023 will be the 15th Man Up Philly Conference and we are going back to our roots to the Campus of Cardinal O'Hara at the St John Vianney Hall Theater where it all started. Don't miss this opportunity to bring a friend and hear inspiring speakers for a day of reflection and growth!

Early Bird Registration is Now Open!

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

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.

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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