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MARCH 5, 2023 • SECOND 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

Congratulations to our students who are receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation at the 11:00 Mass on Sunday! I also want to extend a special welcome to their sponsors, family, and friends who are joining us for this celebration. Thank you for joining us. Let us all pray that this moment of grace for our students will be an opportunity for them to make a deeper commitment to living out their faith as followers of Jesus Christ.

A reminder that this Friday and Saturday is the special Archdiocesan Reconciliation Weekend. Priests from around the area will be available here at Holy Cross for the Sacrament of Penance from 1:00 – 4:00 and again from 6:00 – 8:00 on Friday and from 9:00 – 12:00 on Saturday. If it has been a while since you've celebrated the Sacrament, this might be a great opportunity to do so. For a full schedule of area churches and times, or for information on how to celebrate the Sacrament or examine your conscience, you can visit our website and click the image that will take you to the Archdiocesan website.

This year, St. Patrick's Day falls on a Friday. As you know, the bishops of the USA prescribe that on Fridays of Lent, all Roman Catholics ages 14 and over are obliged to abstain from eating meat as a common penitential practice. Archbishop Perez has granted a dispensation from this obligation for Friday, March 17 of this year, with the expectation that some other penitential work or charitable act be performed by those who take advantage of this dispensation. In other words, we can celebrate the feast day of the Apostle of Ireland with ham or corned beef and cabbage. But it's still a Lenten Friday, so if we do, we should do something else to observe the penitential day. I'm sure that will be welcome news to all of our parishioners of Irish descent. (I wonder if they've come up with "tofu corned beef" or "impossible ham" yet....)

A new Bible Study series starts this week, looking at the Sunday readings of Lent. This year is Year "A," which is the year of the long stories from John's Gospel involving the woman at the well, the man born blind, and the raising of Lazarus from the dead. There is a lot that can be unpacked from those Gospels—way more than can be done in any homily. If you're looking for something to do during Lent to deepen your faith, consider this Bible Study series. You'll learn something and get to interact with some great people from Holy Cross and surrounding parishes.

2nd Sunday of Lent

Reading I: Genesis 12: 1-4a

Abram gets a direct order from Yahweh to leave his native land, which he obeyed. Thus does Abram (later Abraham) become a blessing for all peoples and "our Father in Faith."

Reading II: 2 Timothy 1: 8b-10

God's salvation of us leads to a new holiness of life, "according to His design." As our Savior, Jesus has destroyed death and restored life.

The Gospel: Matthew 17: 1-9

Peter, James and John witness Jesus' complete transfiguration, as He becomes a being of light. This frightens and enchants the trio, and Peter recovers enough to say "It is good to be here." Jesus' touch overcomes their fear.



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, MARCH 6

8:30 AM - No Mass

TUESDAY, MARCH 7

8:30 - Joseph Muratore, Sr.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8

8:30 AM - Rosemarie Westermann

THURSDAY, MARCH 9

8:30 AM - Robert DeFelice

FRIDAY, MARCH 10

8:30 AM - Steve Austin

SATURDAY, MARCH 11

8:30 AM - Nora Gaudiosi

4:30 PM - Josephine & Frank Castracane

SUNDAY, MARCH 12

8:30 AM - Frank & Rose Adduci

11:00 AM - The People of Holy Cross

SANCTUARY LAMP



This week's Sanctuary Lamp intention is for:

Church: Steven Austin

COLLECTION INFORMATION

Weekly Need	\$12,820
Weekly Collection, February 26	
Total	\$8,203
Electronic	\$2,747
Basket & Mail-Ins	\$5,456

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 |
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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 | |
| Joann Marks | |

The Corner

Brought to you by your Evangelization Team

Have you heard the term "Cafeteria Catholic?" It refers to someone who picks and chooses what they like or don't like; what they want to believe and practice about their faith. Let's create a new term, and let's all be "Banquet Catholics", partaking in all the richness of our faith that God sets out before us.

Church Cleaning

The next Church cleanings will take place on the following Tuesdays, 2/7, 3/7 and 4/4/2023 after the 8:30 am Mass. Extra hands are always welcome.

Scrip Program

Support our organization while you shop! The easy way to raise money, buy gift cards and earn for Holy Cross School.

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Note of Thanks

Thank you to all who me out to support our Pasta/Trivia Night! A good time was had by all! A special thank you to Chef George & Chef Tom for preparing our delicious meal. The Social Committees Trivia Team of Eleanor and her Grandson Steven kept us all on our toes. The delicious desserts provided by our Parishioners were a sweet ending to a wonderful evening. The proceeds from our events help support our scholarship program and families in need throughout our community.

Our sincere thanks,
Holy Cross KOC

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.



Join the
Pro-Life Union
at the First Annual



LIFE ADVOCATE RESOURCE CONFERENCE

Saturday, April 1, 2023
10:00 am - 1:00 pm
St Matthew Church Hall
219 Fayette St, Conshohocken, PA 19428

We will focus on:

- how to become a more effective advocate for the unborn and for abortion vulnerable women
- how to make your church Right to Life group more effective
- how to start a church based Pro-Life group if you don't have one
- how to motivate other pro-life minded people to get involved

OVER 15 OF OUR MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS WILL BE ATTENDING
LEARN OF THEIR SPECIAL PRO-LIFE MISSIONS AND HOW THEY CAN HELP ADVANCE
THE PRO-LIFE MESSAGE IN YOUR CHURCH AND COMMUNITY

Who should attend ?

Church pro-life groups
Everyone interested
in becoming more involved with
the pro-life movement

This is a free event but
registration is required

Register by emailing
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or calling
215-885-8150

Lunch will be provided

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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

Courage: mental or moral strength to venture, persevere, and withstand danger, fear, or difficulty.

Congratulations to the below students who were chosen in the month of February for displaying the virtue of Courage.

Ari White, Franco Ciraola, Dylan Hubert, Demi Thompson, Anthony Anderson, Hailey Alexander, Benne Stezzi-DeVito, Mason Harris, Reynel Henry, Ryan Erickson, Remi Adesayna, Jamil Mallory. The principal award went to Brandon Briddis.

As we move towards Easter our students have begun prayerful meditation through the Stations of the Cross in commemoration of Christ's Crucifixion on Good Friday. Parents and parishioners are invited to join the students. Stations begin at 2pm every Friday until March 31.

Holy Cross will have our first visitation on Wednesday, March 1, from the Office of Child Development and Early Learning as we move forward in our certification process through Keystone Stars.

We continue 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.

Holy Cross Students Excel at Msgr. Bonner & Archbishop Prendergast High School

Our parish recently received notification of the performance of our high school students for the first semester of the 2022-23 school year. We are particularly proud of those students who have demonstrated academic excellence.

The following students received first honors:

Class of 2024: Joslyn Dilbeck

Class of 2026: Sean Erickson

The following students received second honors:

Class of 2023: Justin Lane, Zachary Maiorano, Thomas Venditti

Students Excel at Cardinal O'Hara High School

Our parish recently received notification of the performance of our high school students on the end of the 2nd quarter. We are particularly proud of those who demonstrated academic excellence.

Students who achieved first honors include: Marissa Glick '23, Gavin LeSage '23, Xavier Tran '23, Andrew Zeiders '23, William Donnelly '24, Amber-Joyce Pensyl '25, Hannah Nguyen '26.

Among those earning second honors were the following students from our parish: Sean Boyle '23, Ava Devenney '23, Aminata Gogra '23, Caitlin Henzel '23, Victor Madu '23, Emma Taylor '23, Peter Vu '23, Anthony Yost '23, Harry Donnelly '24, Abigail Henzel '25.

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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