

HOLY CROSS CHURCH

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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

The company that prints our bulletins is in the process of moving the location of all their printing equipment to a new town. During the month of May, all of our bulletin deadlines have been pushed up quite by several days. Thankfully, our intrepid bulletin editor is on top of it. Unfortunately, our sometimes-absent-minded pastor forgot some of the early deadlines, so our intrepid editor has been substituting a scriptural reflection column for the past couple weeks upon realizing that yours truly had dropped the ball.

A lot has been happening here at the parish. Our Parish Envisioning Committee has completed its work in creating a pastoral plan for the next several years. We've established a list of priorities and some measurable goals for us to attain. We'll be sharing that with all of you soon and in a variety of ways. The next step is to turn those goals into achievements. To make that happen, we'll be recruiting an Implementation Team to come up with ideas and ways to make it all happen. If you have any ideas or suggestions for who should be on the team, please let me know.

The school is busy as we move rapidly to the end of the year. Recently our students staged their annual school show, which was a great showcase of a lot of talent. This past week was our May Procession. The Field Day and Walk-a-Thon is coming up, and after that it's a short hop to Final Exams. The year sure has gone fast!

Last week, we underwent a routine audit from the Archdiocese. It's not a full audit of our books, but a review of our various financial processes and procedures to ensure we are complying with Archdiocesan policies and best practices. These audits happen every two to three years and historically take two or even three days to complete. This year the audit team accomplished everything in one day! That's a compliment to Terry Carey and her organization and attention to detail. I'm sure the auditors will have some recommendations for us (they always do!) that we will work to implement when we get the final report.

This week is Ascension Thursday, a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses are at 8:30 am and 7:00 pm.

And of course, Happy Mother's Day to all the moms out there!

6th Sunday of Easter

Reading I: Acts 8: 5-8

Phillip preached and performed miracles that ultimately brought the Samaritans to belief in Christ. Later, Peter and John visited and conferred the Holy Spirit upon those new converts.

Reading II: I Peter 3: 15-18

This passage urges us to always be ready to explain our faith, but to do so in a kind way and matched with our good conduct. If maligned in some way, we must "turn the other cheek" and offer up our suffering to God as did Jesus.

The Gospel: John 14: 15-21

Jesus tries to prepare His disciples for His approaching departure. He also promises to send them an Advocate. He spells out for them the best way to show their ongoing love for Him with an "action plan."



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, MAY 15

8:30 AM - No Mass

TUESDAY, MAY 16

8:30 AM - Kathryn Gregorio, Rita Creato & Anne Creato

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17

8:30 AM - John F. Grandizio and John & Julia Grandizio

THURSDAY, MAY 18

8:30 AM - For the People of Holy Cross
7:00 PM - Albert A. Capano

FRIDAY, MAY 19

8:30 AM

SATURDAY, MAY 20

8:30 AM - Kathleen Campbell
4:30 PM - Josephine & Frank Castracane & Emily Hannigan

SUNDAY, MAY 21

8:30 AM - Adele Adduci & Anna Marie Edwards
11:00 AM - Msgr. Louis Meyer (100th Ordination Anniversary)

The Corner

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Happy Mother's Day!

Today, in a special way, let us be grateful for:

Our mothers, by birth or adoption, who nurtured us and supported us through life.

Our Church who takes on the maternal role of guiding us through life.

And our Blessed Mother, who protects both the Church and all her children.

SANCTUARY LAMP



This week's Sanctuary Lamp intention is for:

Church: Steve Austin

COLLECTION INFORMATION

Weekly Need	\$12,820
Weekly Collection, April 30	
Total	\$6,604
Electronic	\$2,212
Basket & Mail-Ins	\$4,392

PRAY FOR THE SICK

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| Consiglia Borreli | Richard McCullough |
| Lyndi Butler | Larry McCusker |
| Mary Ann Carroll | Francis Murray |
| Maryann Convery | Charlotte O'Leary |
| George Dickinson | Paige O'Leary |
| Bob Frankenberger | Katherine Patrone |
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| 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 | Louise Casciano |
| Joann Marks | Alexander Passquini |
| Maryanne McCauley | Melissa Dunsee |
| Linda Hackett | |

Food Pantry Update

What a wonderful Easter for our pantry clients. We provided some extra goodies including jelly beans.

Our client numbers continue to be high. Thanks to the generosity of our parishioners and community, we are able to meet these needs.

If you are able, we are still in need of cereal, canned meats / tuna, pasta and pasta sauce (no glass please), mac & cheese, peanut butter & jelly, juice and kiddie treats.

Just some info.... the food pantry has been buying scrip cards, which also benefits our school. We have been using the cards for many months and its an easy process to follow to buy goods at stores; where, we already do our shopping. A Win-Win for all.

If you are interested, call the Business Office at 610-626-3321 and select Option 0 for more info.

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

Thanks for making such a difference in so many folks lives and know you are appreciated.

God Bless,
Your Friends from the SVDP Food Pantry

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.

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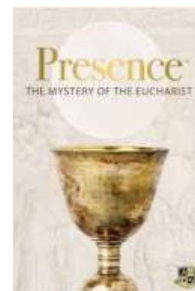
Here are 2 beautiful selections for April. "Triduum: A Spiritual Pilgrimage" walks through the locations of the Holy Week story. "Divine Mercy with Fr Michael Gaitley" is a 10 part series that tells the story of God's mercy in His message to St Faustina. If you haven't already done so, go to <https://signup.formed.org> 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!

Congratulations to Our First Communicants

Hailey Alexander	Matthew Judge
Emmanuel Bangura	Ryan Mahoney
Michael Baylor	Emma Maynard
Quinn Bradley	Sierra McCall
Lucas Brozzetti	Michael McCauley
Everly Bruton	Ava McWilliams
Jake Cardell	Daniel McWilliams
Domenica Constantine	Patrick Murphy
Bianca Dawson	Jacob Ngo
Quinn DeLuca	Mackenzie Rowe
Juliet Duru	Ava Sammons
Zachary Halbing	Owen Thomas
Katelyn Hannon	Zoey Urbanski
Elijah Hassinger	

IHM Nun Run

Mark your calendars for Saturday, June 3, 2023, for the 10th Annual IHM Nun Run, 5K run / 3K walk. Start time is 8:30 am. Register by May 21. Proceeds benefit Camilla Hall, the convent home and health care center for the IHM Sisters. For more information on how to participate visit: www.ihmnunrun.org



Spring Bible Study

"Presence: The Mystery of The Eucharist"

Do you think you know all about the Sacrament of the Eucharist? Come and see what you may not know! The Holy Cross Bible Study team will present a FREE 6 week study of this "source and summit" of the Christian life. Workbooks will be provided for this series. There will be short videos and valuable group discussions. Light refreshments will be served. We will present this at 2 different times, so PICK THE TIME that is best for you.

When: Mondays, April 17 thru May 22 ---7:00 to 8:30pm - in the Holy Cross Parish Center
OR: Wednesdays, April 19 thru May 24 ---9:15 to 10:45am - in the Holy Cross Parish Center

The Bible Study is free. Come a few minutes early to meet others and get your seat. Please join us!

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.

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Three Parish Book Club

The next meeting of the Three Parish Book Club will be on Wednesday, May 31 at 7:00 p.m. at the Holy Cross Church Parish Center. At each meeting members and guests offer suggestions for spiritual reading as well as discussing the selected book. You need not have read the month's selected book to attend the meeting, If you would like to join our discussion or if you would like more information, please contact Joy Van Berg at 610 328-2095 or at joyvanberg@gmail.com.

May

[The Life of the Blessed Virgin Mary
From the Visions of Ven. Anne Catherine
Emmerich](#)

Trans. by Sir Michael Palairret

June

[Encounters with Angels](#)
by Odile Haumonté

Holy Cross School News

Holy Cross is searching for a part-time employee for their afterschool CARES program. CARES Staff provide a safe and joyful environment for students who stay after school until their parents pick them up. This position would begin with the upcoming 2023-2024 school year. The hours are from 2:30pm until approximately 6:00pm, Monday through Friday, when school is in session on full days. Prior childcare experience is preferred.

Qualified and interested candidates please send your resume and cover letter to Mrs. Ellen Spurrier at espurrier@hscrusaders.com. Clearances will be required as well as other documentation if the position is offered. If hired, the new employee will be required to complete the "Protecting God's Children" training through the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

Our 8th grade class are selling Nothing Bunt Cakes Vouchers, Individual bundtlet cost is \$7. You can redeem these vouchers at one of the locations in Springfield, Ardmore, King of Prussia, and Collegeville.

Orders must be placed by 05/19/2023. For ordering and more information contact jodi828@comcast.net.

Thank you to everyone who came to see our students perform in the annual school show. This year the theme was "Movies". Our students did a fabulous job. Thank you to Mr. Campbell, Mrs. Eisenman, the faculty, staff, and parents who helped to make this show a successful event. This year we extended an invitation to our parishioners and new parents. Thank you to them for coming to support our students.

Congratulations to the following students who were chosen by their teachers for displaying the virtue of being Trustworthy: Arinze Samuelson, Shayne Quinn, Jeremiah Wesley, Joseph Aprigliano, Isabella Marin, Savannah Jones, Noah Hall, Hamidat Kanneh, Majid Kamara, Serafina McAveney, Nicholas Voight, Hayden Ganley and Caden McAveney.

Our second grade and PREP students received the sacrament of Holy Communion on Saturday, May 6, 2023. The faculty and staff of Holy Cross School hope that you are full of happiness as you celebrate your very special milestone.

Please continue to keep Holy Cross School students in your prayers as we keep all our parishioners in ours each day.

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.

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 third quarter 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 2023: Zachary Maiorano

Class of 2026: Sean Erickson

The following students received Second Honors:

Class of 2024: Joslyn Dilbeck

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Catholic Charities

This spring, the Catholic Charities Appeal needs your help. Your heartfelt and steadfast support allows over 180 missions and beneficiaries help thousands of people from all walks of life throughout the Archdiocese. If you have already contributed to the Catholic Charities Appeal this year, or if your parish has achieved its goal, your gifts have been invaluable, and we are tremendously grateful for your efforts. All gifts can be given by way of the Appeal website, www.catholiccharitiesappeal.org. On this In-Pew Weekend, if you are inspired to make a contribution, please know that your act of kindness, no matter the amount, will make a substantial difference.

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!

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





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