



# HOLY CROSS CHURCH

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MAY 16, 2021 • 7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER - THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

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## MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Evening ..... 4:30 PM  
Sunday, Upper Church ..... 8:30 and 11:00 AM  
Holy Day ..... As announced  
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Saturday ..... 8:30 AM  
Friday\* ..... 12:15 PM

\*Currently suspended - view online only

## 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, Lower Church: 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.

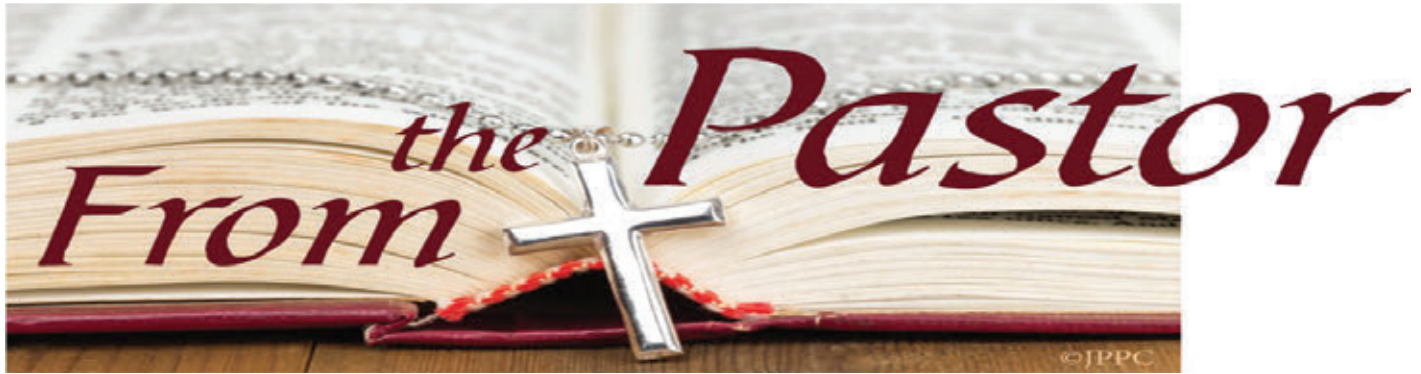
First time parents and godparents are required to attend a Baptism Preparation Session which is held on the 1st Monday of the month at 7:00 PM. Please call the Parish Office for more information.

## 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.



I was sharing some thoughts of concern with a friend recently and his response to me was rather curt and direct, but uplifting. It was exactly what I needed in that moment and a burden was somewhat eased. Later, this had me thinking of the great value of friendship and good relationships. Unfortunately today, COVID has harmed far more than those who have tragically and sadly died from or with the virus. The virus has affected and, one might say, infected, all of us. The unfolding of the pandemic caused much fear and many questions. There were many different answers over time and some questions remain unanswered. Then, governments and politics came into play. There has been a whole mix of emotions in light of this. COVID has caused many relationships harm and some friendships to falter. Some friends became enemies. Lines were drawn; sides were taken. Did you get your jab? Or, are you an anti-vaxxer? We can't even agree on how many "x's" make for the proper spelling of the term. This, in itself, speaks volumes. Many of our pandemic restrictions are set to be lifted come Memorial Day (at least as of this writing anyway, and in spite of a highly contagious mutant strain currently rampant in India and quickly spreading beyond). An attempt will be made to return to some normalcy, though masks and appropriate social distancing will remain. Here at Holy Cross, roped off pews will be opened and videotaping will be reduced to Sunday Mass. As we head into summer, perhaps a good way for everyone to return to a sense of some normalcy is to make the effort to rekindle friendships and relationships. Be thankful for the good ones and work to repair those damaged or broken. Jesus Himself is a Good Friend. He's the Best! He told us that "I will be with you always" - and so He is...remaining, supporting, and comforting as a good friend does. Be good friends to one another and thank you for being good friends to me!



Peace!  
Fr. Wilson





<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>MAY 17</b>
8:30 AM	John F. Grandizio and John & Julia Grandizio
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>MAY 18</b>
8:30 AM	Mary Ann Purcell
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>MAY 19</b>
8:30 AM	Father Thomas Furey
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>MAY 20</b>
8:30 AM	No Mass

*Friday—Public Mass suspended during the green phase. Mass available online.*

<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>MAY 21</b>
12:15 PM	Fr. Cahill & the People of Holy Cross

#### **NEXT WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>MAY 22</b>
8:30 AM	Bernadette McMenamin
4:30 PM	Kevin J. and Kevin M. Conway
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>MAY 23</b>
8:30 AM	People of Holy Cross
11:00 AM	Living and Deceased Members of the Casciano Family

#### **On-Line Giving**

Join the growing number of Holy Cross Parishioners who contribute to the Sunday offertory by electronic means. It is convenient and easy. Please visit our website and click on "Our Parish" and then the "Parish Giving" tab or contact the Business Office for assistance.  
Thank you to all those who give electronically!



#### *Sunday Collection, May 9*

*Total Collection      \$9,362*

*Electronic              \$3,335*

*Basket & Mail-ins    \$6,027*

#### **Catholic Charities Appeal**

**The 2021 Catholic Charities Appeal has begun. I ask that you consider helping those most in need in the Greater Philadelphia area. I thank all of those who have given and I ask those who have not given yet to prayerfully consider helping those individuals in need supporting the Appeal. Visit [catholic-charities-appeal.org](http://catholic-charities-appeal.org) to make your donation today!**



*Welcome to our Newly Baptized*

*Jaxson Christopher Alexander*

*Dominic Julian Frederico*

*Magnus Alexander Jackson*

*Chase Lombardo*

*Abigail Rose Smyth*

*Harper Rae Stauffer*

*Ariel Sterling*



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 Theresa Sherwin  
 Joseph Sindoni  
 Fr. Paul Stenson  
 Adeline Sulpizio  
 Jean Super  
 George Vrettos  
 Lily Walker  
 Nadia Waltanski  
 Carter Walton

**\*\* Sick List—Please Note \*\***

Effective May 30th weekend, all names on the "Pray for the Sick of our Parish" list will be removed. This list has not been revised since before the COVID-19 pandemic began over a year ago. If you would like to place a loved one's name on the list, please call the Business Office at 610-626-3321.



Visit with Jesus in our  
 Adoration Chapel

9:00 AM—7:00 PM Monday thru Friday

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Ronnie 610-623-8412 or Office 610-626-3321

## The Corner

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This Easter season we've been working our way through the *Acts of the Apostles*. As we watch these ordinary men doing extraordinary things, we realize that they were zealously on a mission! Not just a mission, but a commission given to them by Jesus Himself when **"He said to them, 'Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature.'" Mark 16:15**

We are ordinary people, too. And Jesus has given us that same commission, to passionately and joyously bring others to the Lord by proclaiming the Good News of the gospel to every creature.

### Malvern Retreat House

Private Retreat Opportunity

Restore—Reflect—Renew

Two Opportunities

June 1-4, 2021 and August 23-27, 2021

Malvern Retreat House will begin offering personal reflective retreats with silence. These retreats are designed for those who need time to reflect on their lives, discern a new path, pray or refresh themselves spiritually. Each individual will have the option to participate in Daily Mass, Morning and Evening Prayer, Eucharistic Adoration, Individual Eucharistic Adoration, Daily Conferences, Sacrament of Reconciliation, and Rosary. Guests may also schedule time for Spiritual Direction. Register at 610-644-0400 or [malvernretreat.com/register](http://malvernretreat.com/register).



# FOOD PANTRY

## Food Pantry Update:

It's hard to believe the food pantry has been operating as a drive-thru for a year. COVID may have slowed us down; however, with the help of our Holy Cross school children with providing huge donations from various food drives (especially around Thanksgiving and Christmas), the support from you (both with food and prayers), our benefactors, surrounding parishes, the Knights, and our dedicated volunteers, we continue to help our neighbors in need.

If you are able, we are in need of peanut butter, canned meats and tuna, mac & cheese, beans, pasta sauce (no glass, please), canned fruit, pancake mix and syrup, cereal, and paper products. There are tin bins outside the food pantry door or you can leave your donations in the vestibule at church.

If you know any Delco residents in need of food, please let them know our pantry is open every Wednesday, from 3:30 to 6:00.

God Bless All of You,  
Your Friends from the SVDP Food Pantry Team

## St. Vincent DePaul Society

### Assistance Needed

The St. Vincent DePaul Society Food Pantry Team is looking for someone to clean the Parish Center twice a month. If interested, please contact Ellie Epperson at 610-960-6989.

## Secretarial Position Available

St. Francis of Assisi School, in Springfield, is looking for a full-time school secretary. Computer skills are a must and previous secretarial experience is preferred. To further discuss this opportunity, please email the resume to the current principal, Jill Carroll, at [JCarroll@sfaschool.com](mailto:JCarroll@sfaschool.com) who will call and arrange for an appointment.

## 50th Reunion

Msgr. Bonner and Archbishop Prendergast High School Class of 1970 will gather for a 50th reunion celebration at The Drexelbrook Catering and Event Center, 4700 Drexelbrook Dr., Drexel Hill, PA, on Friday, October 22, 2021, from 6 PM to 10 PM. For additional information, email [bonnerprendie1970@gmail.com](mailto:bonnerprendie1970@gmail.com) or contact John Matthews at 215-260-4568 or [matthewstown@comcast.net](mailto:matthewstown@comcast.net).



## Three Parish Book Club

The Three Parish Book Club's next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 26, at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. Members will discuss The World's First Love by Fulton J. Sheen and will offer suggestions for other reading. You need not have read the book to join the meeting. For more information, please contact Joy Van Berg at 610 328-2095 or at [joyvanberg@gmail.com](mailto:joyvanberg@gmail.com).

June

One Ordinary Sunday by Paula Huston

Summer Reading Suggestions

Coffee with Nonna by Vincent Iezzi

The Lost Ravioli Recipes of Hoboken by Laura Schenone

A favorite book from childhood

## 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 2020-21 school year. We are particularly proud of those students who have demonstrated academic excellence.

The following students received second honors:  
Alyssa Gannon, class of 2022  
Joslyn Dilbeck, class of 2024

## Saint Joseph Novena

Let us pray.

O Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Foster Father of the Divine Child, Jesus, you were entrusted as the protective guardian of the Holy Family in Nazareth.

Give today this same protection to the family of the Church in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

Intercede with Christ before the Father of us all:

For the clergy and faithful,  
For married couples and single men and women,  
For all those in the consecrated life,  
For families and young people,  
For the poor, the lonely and neglected,  
For all the sick, suffering and dying.  
For a deepening of our spiritual life,  
For a strengthening of the moral life,  
For a bolder witness to the truth of the Gospel.

For all of us, Saint Joseph, with you as our firm example, may we remain confident in the plan of the Father for us, with lives of faith rooted in the saving death and resurrection of his Son and ever faithful to the demands of the Christian life with the grace of the Holy Spirit.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Saint Joseph, patron and protector of the Universal Church. Pray for us!

## Principal's Corner



If you are considering a Catholic Education for your child(ren), Holy Cross School is accepting registrations for Grades Pre-K 3 to 8<sup>th</sup> grade. We provide students with a strong academic program, spiritual development, social and emotional growth. We have a dedicated staff of teachers who are able to provide in-person and virtual instruction. We educate children in a loving and caring atmosphere and would love to provide an excellent education for your child(ren). Grant money is available through BLOCS, if you meet the criteria.

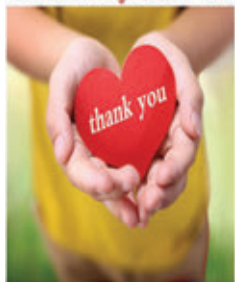
Holy Cross School will be having a summer camp for children in grades Pre-K to 5<sup>th</sup> grade. It will run from June 14 until August 13. There will be a variety of activities such as arts and crafts, games, indoor and outdoor activities. The camp will be open to all children not just Holy Cross students. The cost is \$270.00 per week.

If you have any questions regarding enrollment or summer camp, please call Mrs. Spurrier in the school office at 610-626-1709.

## Delaware County Emergency Rental Assistance

Are you behind on your rent due to COVID-19? The DELCO Emergency Rental Assistance (DELCO ERA) grant program helps renters who suffered disruption and/or loss of income due to the COVID-19 pandemic by assisting with past due rent and utilities. Residents are encouraged to apply beginning April 1, 2021, and will be considered on a first-come, first-qualified and approved basis. Funds are required to be distributed by the end of 2021. Assistance is available for financial obligations incurred after April 1, 2020. Visit [delco-era.com](http://delco-era.com) or if you have questions, please email [info@delco-era.com](mailto:info@delco-era.com) or call 484-729-4200.

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