



HOLY CROSS CHURCH

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MAY 21, 2023 • SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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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

More adventures in building maintenance to talk about this week. In simple terms, the A/C cooling tower on top of the church building is fed by water to chill the air. The water fill valve is controlled by a float that closes the valve when there is sufficient water in the system and opens it to refill the tank when the level drops. It's similar to how your toilet tank works—only on a much, much bigger scale. This saga begins because that float has been broken for a couple of years. When the when the A/C is on, the float isn't saying "hey, there's enough water here so you can close the valve now." So water just flows through the system continuously—just like when you have an issue with the toilet tank assembly and it doesn't shut off. Only again, on a much, much bigger scale: we're not talking about a 1.6 gallon tank being fed by a 3/8 inch feed line. Our water bill the past few summers has been astronomical as a result.

A few weeks ago, before A/C season, we called out our contractor to look at the float assembly and find a replacement that would work. In the process, they discovered that the PVC piping that handles the drainage from the cooling tower is corroded, brittle, and essentially falling apart. (Probably years of getting hit by UV light from the sun.) So now that all needs to be replaced before we can start the A/C system for the summer. It's being worked on, but finding parts is always a challenge.

In some ways, though, we're fortunate that we found the issue when we did, and not, say, when we actually were getting ready to turn the A/C on. Then who knows how long the delay would have been. So we'll call this a small grace from God's Providence.

Remember, in two weeks, Holy Cross will be having a "Welcome Summer Family Fun Day" in our school parking lot after the 11:00 Mass. There will be games, food, music, and socializing. Please plan to join us on Sunday, June 4. Remember, too, it's free!

Once again, our bulletin deadline is much earlier than it normally is, so I'm probably missing something in here. A good reminder to sign up for Flocknote so we can communicate with you electronically and get any updated information to you if necessary. See our website for information on how to sign up. It's really easy.

With Memorial Day next weekend, I'm sure a lot of our parishioners will be starting their Summer escapes to the shore. I am grateful to those who remember us financially during the Summer even when they are not here. The bills continue to come in all year long.

Have a great week!

7th Sunday of Easter

Reading I: Acts 1: 12-14

Having witnessed Jesus' Ascension, the remaining Apostles, now minus Judas, gather for support and prayer in the Upper Room, anticipating the coming of the Holy Spirit.

Reading II: I Peter 4: 13-16

Facing persecution realistically, the author urges the Christian community to be proud of any suffering they endure for Christ.

The Gospel: John 17: 1-11a

In His great prayer, Jesus acknowledges that His work has been completed, and now "the hour has come" for Him to return to His Father.



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, MAY 22

8:30 AM - No Mass

TUESDAY, MAY 23

8:30 AM - Fr. Cahill & The People of the Parish

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24

8:30 AM - The People of Holy Cross

THURSDAY, MAY 25

8:30 AM - Priest's Intentions

FRIDAY, MAY 26

8:30 AM - Priest's Intentions

SATURDAY, MAY 27

8:30 AM - Thomas Judge

4:30 PM - Leo & Jane Conway

SUNDAY, MAY 28

8:30 AM - The People of Holy Cross

11:00 AM - The Living & Deceased

Members of the Casciano Family

SANCTUARY LAMP



This week's Sanctuary Lamp intention is for:

Church: Albert A. Capano

COLLECTION INFORMATION

Weekly Need	<u>\$12,820</u>
Weekly Collection, May 7	
Total	<u>\$6,650</u>
Electronic	<u>\$2,637</u>
Basket & Mail-Ins	\$4,013

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 |
| 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 | Louise Casciano |
| Joann Marks | Alexander Passquini |
| Maryanne McCauley | Melissa Dunsee |
| Linda Hackett | Brian O'Riordan |

The Corner

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"No one has gone up to heaven except the one who has come down from heaven, the Son of Man." ---John 3:13

Only the One who "came from the Father" can return to the Father: Christ Jesus. Left to its own natural powers, humanity does not have access to the "Father's house," to God's life and happiness. Only Christ can open to man such access that we, His members, might have confidence that we too shall go where He, our Head and our Source, has preceded us. --- Catechism of the Catholic Church 661

Casserole Drop Off

The next drop-off is Wednesday, May 24th 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!

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

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.

FORMED

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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	

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

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 on your computer.

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

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 Haumonte

Holy Cross School News

The year is flying by way too quickly. Students and teachers are looking forward to their summer break.

There is still a lot to learn in the classroom, but we still manage to fit in some "fun time". Our 1st and 2nd grade had their field trip on Wednesday, May 10. Students, teachers, and chaperones went to the Please Touch Museum. This was a fun day out of the classroom. Thank you, Miss Whalen and Miss Palmer for planning this fun day for the students. Thank you to all our parents who chaperoned this trip.

Our field day and walk-a-thon will be on Wednesday, May 17. Thank you to our Home and School who always plan fun activities for the students. Thank you also to our gym teacher Mr. C who helps plan this day of fun as well.

The month of May is dedicated to our Blessed Virgin Mary. On May 12 our students honored the tradition of our May procession. Students processed around the school grounds singing songs of praise and presented flowers in front of the Mary statue in the grotto. It was a beautiful tribute to our Blessed Mother.

If you ordered Krispy Kreme Donuts they will be delivered on Monday, May 22. Pickup time is 5pm-6pm in the gym. We are sorry for the delay; Krispy Kreme's informed us that they were unable to accommodate us with the original pick-up date.

We are still looking for help in our CARES. If you or anyone you know is interested, please forward a resume, or contact information to espurrier@hscrusaders.com. The hours are 2:30 until 6pm every day when school is in session. We do not have CARES on early dismissal days.

As we start to finish our year, we continue to keep our school families and our parishioners in our daily prayers. Thank you to all who support Holy Cross School.

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

Adoration helped Mother Angelica build the EWTN television network. For every hour she was on TV, she spent an extra hour in Adoration. When she was being challenged with great difficulties, St John Paul II sent her a monstrance! His message was to stay focused on Jesus through Adoration and thanksgiving.

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

Home Care Needed

Home Care Needed 4 or 5 nights per week for elderly woman.

Please call 484-343-6610.

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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