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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

Last year, the Bishops of the USA began a three-year Eucharistic Revival. The stated mission of this revival is “to renew the Church by enkindling a living relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist.” When we speak of the Holy Eucharist, we are referring to two different things at once: a Sacred Object, i.e. consecrated bread and wine that are the Real Presence of Jesus; and a Sacred Action, i.e. the celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. It’s a both-and.

The Eucharist is described in the Catechism of the Catholic Church and numerous other teaching materials as “the source and summit of the Christian life.” In other words, everything we do as the Church flows from the altar and goes back to the altar. As I often tell the children in the parish school, **the most important thing we do as Catholics is the celebration of the Mass.**

But if you look around, it doesn’t seem like that message has sunk in. In 2017, 19% of Catholics in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia attended Sunday Mass regularly. In 2021, the number fell to 12.5%. Here at Holy Cross, those numbers are 11% for 2017, and 6% for 2021. Think about that. Only six percent of our registered parishioners are here on Sunday for the most important thing they do in their life.

Contrast that with some statistics I found about gym memberships and usage. In the USA, the number of gym memberships increased 27% between 2010 and 2019, and 1 in 4 Americans went to a gym in 2019. A survey showed 50% of gym members went twice a week or more; 44% went less than twice a week but more than never; and 6% didn’t use their membership at all. Americans are willing to make an investment in their physical health, but it seems not so much for their spiritual health. People who pay good money to maintain a body that lasts 70, 80, or 90 years aren’t taking advantage of the free gift God gives them to maintain their souls—which live forever!

This is why our envisioning team has chosen increasing participation in the life of the parish (and the Holy Mass in particular) a top pastoral priority for the years ahead. We have work to do, and it’s going to take the effort of everyone who reads this bulletin each week to make it happen. Some more thoughts about this next week.

Next Sunday is our **Parish Family Fun Day**. Stop by after the 11:00 Mass for some **free** food, music, games, bounce houses for the kids, and more. Given everything I wrote above, a lot of people probably aren’t going to know that it’s happening. So, **your first challenge** in helping to turn the tide is to tell a parishioner friend or neighbor or family member who is not attending Mass regularly about this event and to invite that person and his/her family to come. They may not be coming to enjoy the free Bread from Heaven that Our Lord offers, but if we can get them to come out for some bread wrapped around a hot dog and served with some water ice, it would be a step in the right direction!

## Pentecost Sunday



### Reading I: Acts 2: 1-11

The vivid Pentecost scene describes a very special visitation of the Holy Spirit into the human story, and with it, the Church is born.

### Reading II: I Corinthians 12: 3b-7, 12-13

Paul fights against any elitism in the community by declaring that everyone receives the same Holy Spirit. This despite the fact that each person has his/her individual gifts and talents that benefit the group.

### The Gospel: John 20: 19-23

Jesus makes His promised return to the disciples, showing them His now glorified body, complete with the scars of His crucifixion. He then wishes them peace and sends them out on mission.



# MASSES FOR THE WEEK

## MONDAY, MAY 29

8:30 AM - Deceased Veterans

## TUESDAY, MAY 30

8:30 AM - Maryann Redding

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 31

8:30 AM - Priest's Intentions

## THURSDAY, JUNE 1

8:30 AM - Mary Gibson

## FRIDAY, JUNE 2

8:30 AM - Thomas R. Murphy

## SATURDAY, JUNE 3

8:30 AM - John O'Kane

4:30 PM - Kevin Jr. & Kevin M. Conway

## SUNDAY, JUNE 4

8:30 AM - Catherine Ruane

11:00 AM - The People of Holy Cross

# SANCTUARY LAMP



This week's Sanctuary Lamp intention is for:

Church: For the People of Holy Cross

Chapel: Victoria Charlotta Cortez

# COLLECTION INFORMATION

Weekly Need \$12,820

Weekly Collection, May 14

Total \$7,854

Electronic \$2,552

Basket & Mail-Ins \$5,302

# PRAY FOR THE SICK

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

Brought to you by your Evangelization Team

A beautiful ancient chant to invoke the Holy Spirit:

**"Veni, Creator Spiritus,  
Mentes tuorum visita,  
Imple superna gratia,  
Quae tu creasti pectora."**

Translated roughly into an English hymn:

"Come Holy Spirit, Creator, come from thy bright heavenly throne: come, take possession of our souls, and make them all thine own."

## Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend

MARRIED COUPLES – "Live your best life in love" in 2023: Why not give yourselves some time together by making a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend? The Summer 2023 in-person experience is July 7-9 at Our Lady of Czestochowa, Doylestown. For more info visit: <https://www.wwme-philly.org/>.

## 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](http://www.ihmnunrun.org)

# FORMED

A Free Gift to you from Holy Cross Parish  
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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](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.

## 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

## 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@hcsrusaders.com](mailto:espurrier@hcsrusaders.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.

## Home Care Needed

Home Care Needed 4 or 5 nights per week for elderly woman. Please call 484-343-6610.

## 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.

## 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](http://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 4<sup>th</sup> - 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary - Parish Family Fun Day



October 7<sup>th</sup> - Beef N Beer



Holy Cross All Class - All Parish Reunion



November 4<sup>th</sup> - Annual Craft Fair





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