

# 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.

# Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

“Are there any questions?” A stock query posed by teachers in classrooms everywhere. Depending on the age group, he or she may hear from a nervous child; or a sarcastic adolescent trying to be the class clown; or all the way up to the adult degree pursuer in a serious seminar. The silly ones are quickly dismissed. The sincere ones may set the whole class at ease as a false interpretation of the material could cause confusion. All said, the teacher must often practice patience answering questions about a matter long since explained but forgotten.

That last case exemplifies what Our Lord had to endure when one of His chosen, like Thomas or Phillip seem to be obtuse. I for one am impressed and edified by His patience. He knows He is working with uneducated simple men but who are also destined to be His messengers and saints.

First up is St. Thomas, already nicknamed for his many doubts. But we have to sympathize with him here when he asks the Lord: “How can we know the Way?” It’s an understandable question. How Our Lord must have surprised Thomas when He answered “I am.” Oh how often we keep looking elsewhere for the right road to eternal life. Not so much for the young among us who don’t think much about their eternal future. We elders have to keep them from being duped by the latest pop philosophy. Or the preferred outlook of one of their college professors cleverly presented as the “only true way” at this crucial time of their lives. Or consider the instances where we adults prefer what is truly a form of darkness because it offers a convenient, secret way to contradict Christ, such as watching internet porn.

Next in line comes Phillip, another good soul, whom we have learned has become an appealing spokesperson of Christ to Greek-speaking people. He wants some clarification about this strange Person Jesus insists on calling “the Father.” Jesus gives Phillip a clear and basic answer, the gist of which Phillip should have known by now after almost 3 years at Jesus’ side. “If you have seen Me you have seen the Father.” Again Jesus practices patience with Phillip. The answer he got has provided much food for thought and prayer for theologians and saints down through the centuries.

We must always remember in this context that doubt is not a sin. To question God in respectful prayer can enrich our belief. Those words we pray in the Nicene Creed each Sunday at Mass deserve research. The Bible comes first. But we also have the Catholic Catechism available in book form or online. Our patience with ourselves as explorers coupled with patience with an inquiring person lends credence to the Good News.

We’ve been seriously considering two important questions, the answers to which enrich our spiritual lives. But there’s always room for humor to allow a pause in our research. So I offer this story.

Once upon a time a man went to a fortune teller, hoping that she would be able to look into her crystal ball and make some stock market predictions. “My fee,” said the fortune teller, “is one hundred dollars. For that amount you may ask two questions.”

The client winced and said, “My, isn’t that a lot of money for just two questions?” “Yes,” the fortune teller replied. “Now what is your second question?”

God love you and give you His peace.

## 5th Sunday of Easter

### Reading I: Acts 6: 1-7

The Greek-speaking Hellenists feel neglected by the Twelve. This creates a need for apostolic helpers. Thus are seven “reputable” men selected for the task of serving the whole community.

### Reading II: I Peter 2: 4-9

The writer pictures the Church as a “spiritual household.” Then he confers on it four titles that were once used of Israel in the Old Testament.

### The Gospel: John 14: 1-12

Jesus calms the disciples’ fear of death and then responds to Thomas’ query about “the Way.” Meanwhile, Phillip struggles to “see the Father.” Jesus’ response adds up to two important answers for us to remember.



# MASSES FOR THE WEEK

**MONDAY, MAY 8**

8:30 AM - No Mass

**TUESDAY, MAY 9**

8:30 AM - Victoria Cortez

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 10**

8:30 AM - Victoria Cortez

**THURSDAY, MAY 11**

8:30 AM - The Boyle Family

**FRIDAY, MAY 12**

8:30 AM

**SATURDAY, MAY 13**

8:30 AM - Catherine Judge

4:30 PM - Henny, Barbara & Maureen  
McGonigle

**SUNDAY, MAY 14**

8:30 AM - For the People of Holy Cross

11:00 AM - Herbert & Mary Smythe

# SANCTUARY LAMP



This week's Sanctuary Lamp  
intention is for:

**Church:** Steve Austin

# COLLECTION INFORMATION

Due to an early submission deadline  
requested by John Patrick Publishing  
the numbers for the Sunday  
Collection were not available at the  
time of Bulletin submission.

# PRAY FOR THE SICK

Consiglia Borreli	Richard McCullough
Lyndi Butler	Larry McCusker
Mary Ann Carroll	Francis Murray
Maryann Convery	Charlotte O'Leary
Bill DeVuono	Paige O'Leary
George Dickinson	Katherine Patrone
Bob Frankenberger	Mary Rafferty
Dawn Gibbons	Ronnie Sidebottom
Carolyn Henderson	Joseph Sindoni
Steven Henderson	Adeline Sulpizio
Jimmy Keating	Jean Super
Carole Kime	Valerie Thompson
Natalie Giorgio Kitts	Betty Tomczyk
Ken Kull	Rosemarie Colaberdino
Mary Kull	Madalyn Parr
Kendall Lambert	Carter Claire Walton
Zachary Halbing	Mike Calbertta
Deacon Joe Gousie	Louise Casciano
Lee Anne McGough	Alexander Passquini
Joann Marks	Melissa Dunsee
Maryanne McCauley	

## The Corner

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## 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.

# FORMED

A Free Gift to you from Holy Cross Parish  
PROGRAMS – MOVIES – AUDIO - BOOKS



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!



## Remembrance Tree Ribbons Donation

One Ribbon for \$3.00 Or Two Ribbons for \$5.00  
Pink Ribbon for Living or White Ribbon for Deceased

Names will be added to the ribbons and placed on tree for display May 13th – May 31st

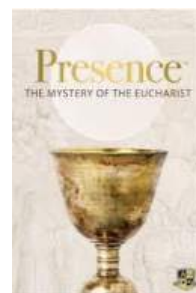
Names will be part of offertory and placed on Altar during Sunday Masses May 13th & 14th

Donations for ribbons can be placed in an envelope with your request form and dropped in the collection basket, dropped off at office, or given to sellers in church vestibule after

Masses on appointed days. All names must be received by May 8th.

## 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)



## 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](mailto:pattiejstevens@comcast.net) or 484.868.8571.

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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](mailto: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 going by way too fast. Our dedicated teachers continue to work on our Middle States accreditation. This is a long tedious process; we are lucky to have such a wonderful staff who are working so hard to complete all the requirements. Thank you, teachers, for your hard work and dedication to Holy Cross School.

Students received their progress reports on Friday, April 28, and I am sure they all did a wonderful job. Congratulations to all our students who work so hard each day.

Our school show will be on Thursday, May 4, at 7:00pm in the gym. We will also have a 1:00 pm matinee for grandparents. Our Parishioners are welcome at either show. This year we have also invited all our new students and their families who will be joining us next year. We want them to see what talented students we have here at Holy Cross. We could not put on such a great show without Mr. Campbell, our music teacher, and Mrs. Eisenman, our technology teacher. They work so hard sharing their time and talents with our students.

Please continue to keep our second grade and PREP students in your prayers as they look forward to the sacrament of First Communion on Saturday, May 6, 2023.

We continue to have a lot of interest in our school for next year. Please recommend Holy Cross School to anyone looking for a Catholic education for their children. We would love to have interested parents and their children come and see our school and meet our wonderful staff and students.

Wishing all our parishioners, families and students a wonderful week.



## 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

## Home Care Needed

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

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## Upcoming Events Benefiting The Little Sisters of the Poor

Teca Restaurant Fundraiser for General Operating  
April 13, 2023

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The Little Sisters of the Poor Spring Concert  
at Villanova University featuring Lights Out  
America's #1 Tribute  
to Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons  
May 6, 2023

<https://littlesistersofthepoorphiladelphia.org/>

## 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!

April 22<sup>nd</sup> – Annual Flea Market



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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