



# HOLY CROSS CHURCH

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MARCH 1, 2020 • FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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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

## 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 the Parish office or Mrs. Judy Vacca, Pastoral Minister, when a parishioner is hospitalized or home bound.



As we consider our own Journeys of Faith this Lent, it is worth our while to look for a moment at someone else's. You may remember him here at Holy Cross. He has more recently returned to his home country of Liberia giving permission to share the following with you before he left. I'm grateful that Mr. Jeator was among us for a time and that he was willing to share his inspiring story.

*I would like to begin by saying I am very grateful that my name is written in Holy Cross Church. Since I joined the Catholic religion, God has shown me many blessings. I began in 1984 in Liberia when I joined a prayer and inquiry group called the Heart of Jesus—Heart of Mary. Our country was in civil war at the time. There were food shortages, people were starving and many schools and businesses would be closed or robbed. The Archbishop, Marcus Francis of Monrovia, ordered all priests to hire security for their Masses. I went to church one morning when he saw me. He called the altar boys and asked if they knew me. They replied, "Yes, his name is Mr. Jeator, and he comes here often." He then asked to see me after church. After the service, as I was about to leave, I heard a boy calling me. He informed me that the priest wanted to see me. I was surprised by this and agreed to go with him. Soon after, we arrived at the priest's home where he invited me inside. He asked me what I was doing before the war. I told him that I was working for a mining company. I used to weld and do maintenance on machinery. He asked me if I would like to work security and I told him that I wouldn't mind. As the war front neared the city capital, the rebels would attack the schools, churches and other places where people would gather. The priests were warned to leave the city for some time until the conflict had passed. We were told that rebels would be invading the next night. Churches, schools, and many local businesses would be closed on that day. After this news, I began walking. I lived about 20 minutes from the church. While leaving, I looked back and saw how quiet the church was. A place that was always filled with cheer and inspiration was now a ghost town. There wasn't a soul in sight and I realized that nobody would be brave enough to stand by. This touched my heart. I decided that I would come back. When I got home, I told my family of the news and that I would return. I talked to the other guy who was supposed to be security with me and he explained that he would not go. I was determined and I told him that I would return. The next afternoon, I walked back. Streets were empty, businesses were closed, and everywhere was quiet. When I entered the church, I inspected the area. Finally, I sat down looking outside. Nobody else was coming. I began having doubts, but re-motivated myself. I will stand for what I believe in. After a few minutes a great thunderstorm came over. I walked to the altar looking outside, but there were no lights. I could only see through the windows when the lightning flashed. I was startled to hear the door and I froze. A dark figure entered the church and moved towards the altar. I was terrified when it neared me and I took out my cross and cried out to Jesus. When I opened my eyes it had retreated back to the door and the door was shut. The storm had calmed and the sky was clearing. I came to myself and was able to walk back to my seat where I slept until morning. The next day I met with the bishop. He told me that he had managed to escape to a neighboring country. He asked me what happened and I told him. He was surprised and said, "I want you to be our chief of security." Since then, I have never gotten the chance to give this testimony. Out of fear, I kept it to myself. After reaching America, the first Sunday, the head usher asked me to be a part of this church. I was very grateful and so, I decided to give my testimony. One night I had a dream: it was during the war in 1996 and I was the only one willing to sacrifice his life for God's Church. Here I am today, and so, I freely give it. I am blessed and forever grateful to be included in this church. Thank you! (signed, Daniel D. Jeator) No...**Thank you**, Mr. Jeator!*

Peace!  
Fr. Wilson

## **WELCOME**

**Archbishop Nelson J. Perez will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation at Holy Cross on Sunday, March 8, at the 11:00 AM Mass.**

# Masses For The Week



<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>MARCH 2</b>
<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>CLAIRE CATTALE</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>MARCH 3</b>
<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>THOMAS WALSH</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>MARCH 4</b>
<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>MRS. MARKLEY</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>MARCH 5</b>
	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>MARCH 6</b>
<b>12:15 PM</b>	<b>MANUS FERRY</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>MARCH 7</b>
<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>DECEASED MEMBERS OF TORNELLI FAMILY</b>
<b>NEXT WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS</b>	
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>MARCH 7</b>
<b>4:30 PM</b>	<b>THOMAS TROPIA</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>MARCH 8</b>
<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>PEOPLE OF HOLY CROSS</b>
<b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>CONFIRMATION</b>

## The Corner

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*"Never underestimate the power of the Spirit of God working in you, through you, and despite you!"*

Archbishop Nelson J. Perez

# Remember Our Sick



Lyndi Butler	Joanne Marks
Margaret Cook	Barbara McCusker
Stephen Collins	Lee Anne McGough
Samuel Dephillippo	Thomas Miller
Sharon Diemer	Dan Murphy
Kathleen Dixon	Connie Myers
Janet Doherty	Frances O'Callaghan
Lillian Donahue	Charlotte O'Leary
Mary Ann Farrell	Paige O'Leary
Nicola Giordano	Ted Rudolph
Donna Giorgio	Jim Sandusky
Carolyn Henderson	Rose Marie Santos
Steven Henderson	Michael Sargent III
Stefanos Karas	Joseph Sindoni
Carole Kime	Adele Sulpizio
Mary and Ken Kull	George Vrettos
Kendall Lambert	Lily Walker
Rose Leto	Nadia Waltanski
Patricia Lyons	Carter Walton
Helen Lyons	



## Feeding the Community

## Food Pantry Update

The Food Pantry is doing well; however, we are in need of peanut butter, tomato sauce, cereal, baked beans, soups, canned fruit and paper products (toilet paper and paper towels).

Just a reminder: We are open every Wednesday from 3:30 to 6:00 PM. If you know anyone in need of food in Delco, please share this information.

Thank you for your support so we can continue to provide help to our most-in-need in our community.

God bless all of you,  
Your Friends from the SVDP Food Pantry Team



**2020**

⇒ Daily Mass Mon., Tues., Wed., Sat.—8:30 AM Friday-12:15

⇒ Saturday Vigil—4:30 PM Sunday—8:30 AM and 11:00 AM

⇒ Confessions — Saturdays—3:30—4:15 PM

⇒ Parish Penance Service—Mon.— April 6—7:00 to 8:00 PM at St. Eugene's

⇒ Rosary Prayed—After daily Mass (in Children's Cry Room)

⇒ Miraculous Medal Devotion—Saturday after Mass.

⇒ Amazing Grace Program: [Vincentians USA.org/ParishLent](http://VincentiansUSA.org/ParishLent)

⇒ [Dynamiccatholic.com/best-lent-ever](http://Dynamiccatholic.com/best-lent-ever) (Matthew Kelly)

⇒ Stations of the Cross—Fridays of Lent—7:00 PM

⇒ 40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil—Information: Regina 610-328-2463 or 610-328-6054

⇒ Almsgiving—Rice Bowl (Catholic Relief Services) — Catholic Charities Appeal - Holy Cross Development Fund

⇒ Word mong Us—Daily Mass Readings and Prayers (available in Vestibules)



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- ⇒ The five lowest scoring cards also win, which means 75 total prizes are awarded at the end of the tournament
- ⇒ For questions, contact:  
hcdevelopmentfund@gmail.com



## BOOK CLUB

The Book Club will meet next on Wednesday, March 25, at 7:00 PM at the Parish Center of Holy Cross Church. We invite you to join us for conversation, book recommendations and refreshments. For more information, please contact Joy Van Berg at 610-328-2095 or at: joyvanberg@gmail.com

### March

Our Lady, Undoer of Knots by Marge Fenelon

### April

I Will Always Write Back by Caitlin Alifirenka and Martin Ganda

## FAST AND ABSTINENCE AND OTHER ACTS OF PENANCE FOR LENT 2020

The Bishops of the United States prescribe, as minimal obligation, that all persons who are fourteen years of age and older are bound to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday, on all the Fridays of Lent and Good Friday. Further, all persons eighteen years of age and older, up to and including their fifty-ninth birthday, are bound to fast by limiting themselves to a single full meal on Good Friday, while the other two meals on that days are to be light.

All the faithful are encouraged, when possible, to participate at Mass and to receive the Holy Eucharist daily, to celebrate frequently the Sacrament of Penance, to undertake spiritual reading, especially the study of the Sacred Scriptures, and to participate in parish Lenten devotions as well as Lenten education programs. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is especially recommended.

All are encouraged to participate in Operation Rice Bowl which has aided countless hungry persons here in the Archdiocese as well as throughout our nation and our world.



## *Volunteers Needed*

*The Garden Committee is looking for help maintaining the Rose Garden. No experience necessary! If interested, please contact Mary Ann O'Shea for details (610-328-5924) or marann1950@comcast.net*

*Special Thanks from the Garden Committee who would like to thank Meg Barendse and her husband Ross for their dedication and hard work. We will miss your smiling faces and your helping hands!*

*Wishing you many blessings in your new home.*

**Adult Faith Formation Lenten Opportunities  
For St. Francis of Assisi, St. Kevin and Holy  
Cross Parishes — 2020**

**Lenten Small Church Communities**

Meeting in private homes, or parish meeting rooms from March 1—April 8. Call 610-543-0848 at St. Francis of Assisi to be placed in a group.

**Metanoia**

A six-weeks video series which leads the participant on a journey with Christ into conversion. Each of the episodes explores areas of our lives where conversion is so often necessary. Friday evenings following the Stations of the Cross (7:00 PM) — SFA Library—2-28-2020 to 4-3-2020. No cost to attend. No registration needed.

**A Lenten Scripture Study “No Greater Love:**

**A Biblical Walk Through Christ’s Passion:** A five-part video series and full length book that reveals Christ’s amazing love for us. Best selling author, Edward Sri, through video taken in the Holy Land, will guide you through the last hours of Christ’s life in this biblical pilgrimage. March 4, 11, 18, 25 and April 1, 7:00-8:30 PM SFA School Building First Floor. Full length book and workbook fee: \$25. Please call 610-543-0848 (Ext. 118) to register

**Presentation: What Can We Do? The Role of the Laity in a Time of Crisis**

Guest speaker: Meghan Cokeley, Director of the New Evangelization, Archdiocese of Philadelphia: March 16, 7:00—8:30 PM in SFA Leonard Hall/gym, no registration needed.



***Wedding Anniversary Mass***

*Are you celebrating a special anniversary this year? The annual Archdiocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass will take place on Saturday, May 2, at the Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul at the 5:15 PM Vigil Mass. This Mass is to pray for, and with, all married couples who are newlyweds 1-5 years, who have been married 25 years or more, or 50 years or more. Friends and family are welcome and encouraged to attend.*

***Registration Required***

*To register, visit: [www.phillycatholiclife.org](http://www.phillycatholiclife.org) or call: 215-587-0500.*

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- \*Education
- \*Social Services
- \*Evangelization, Parish and Spiritual Life
- \*Clergy \* Local Mission Activities

For more information about any of the ways you can support the 2020 Catholic Charities Appeal, please call The Catholic Foundation of Greater Philadelphia at 215-587-5650 or email [cca@catholicfoundationphila.org](mailto:cca@catholicfoundationphila.org).



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