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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.

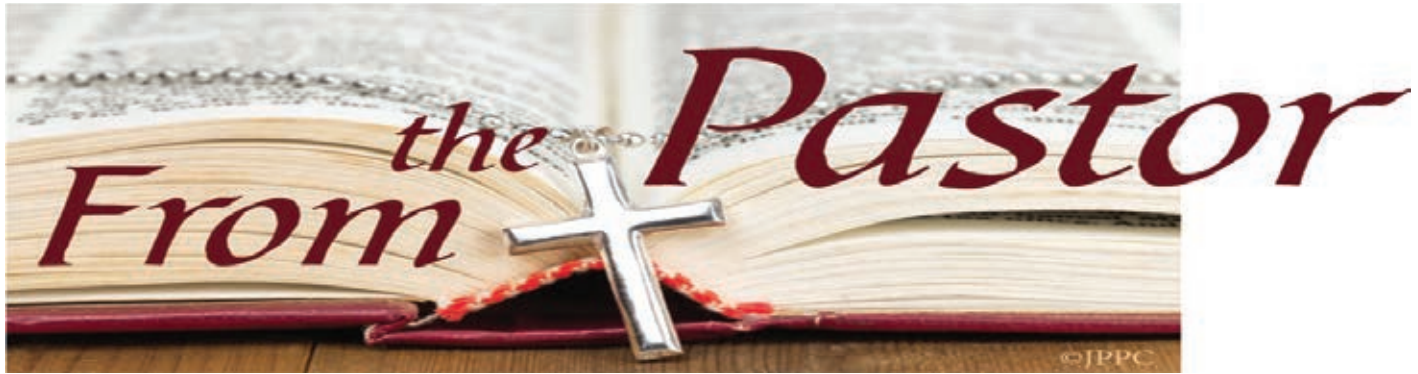
First time parents and godparents are required to attend a Baptism Preparation Session which is held on the 1st Monday of the month at 7:00 PM. Please call the Parish Office for more information.

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.



Harrison Bergeron is an interesting short story that I came across. It's a "thinker." Are there implications for today, perhaps? It was written in 1961 by Kurt Vonnegut, Jr.

THE YEAR WAS 2081, and everybody was finally equal. They weren't only equal before God and the law. They were equal every which way. Nobody was smarter than anybody else. Nobody was better-looking than anybody else. Nobody was stronger or quicker than anybody else. All this equality was due to the 211th, 212th, and 213th Amendments to the Constitution, and to the unceasing vigilance of agents of the United States Handicapper General.

Some things about living still weren't quite right, though. April, for instance, still drove people crazy by not being spring-time. And it was in that clammy month that the H-G men took George and Hazel Bergeron's fourteen-year-old son, Harrison, away.

It was tragic, all right, but George and Hazel couldn't think about it very hard. Hazel had a perfectly average intelligence, which meant she couldn't think about anything except in short bursts. And George, while his intelligence was way above normal, had a little mental handicap radio in his ear. He was required by law to wear it at all times. It was tuned to a government transmitter. Every twenty seconds or so, the transmitter would send out some sharp noise to keep people like George from taking unfair advantage of their brains.

George and Hazel were watching television. There were tears on Hazel's cheeks, but she'd forgotten for the moment what they were about.

On the television screen were ballerinas.

A buzzer sounded in George's head. His thoughts fled in panic, like bandits from a burglar alarm.

"That was a real pretty dance, that dance they just did," said Hazel.

"Huh," said George.

"That dance—it was nice," said Hazel.

"Yup," said George. He tried to think a little about the ballerinas. They weren't really very good, no better than anybody else would have been, anyway. They were burdened with sashweights and bags of birdshot, and their faces were masked, so that no one, seeing a free and graceful gesture or a pretty face, would feel like something the cat dragged in. George was toying with the vague notion that maybe dancers shouldn't be handicapped. But he didn't get very far with it before another noise in his ear radio scattered his thoughts.

George winced. So did two out of the eight ballerinas.

Hazel saw him wince. Having no mental handicap herself, she had to ask George what the latest sound had been.

"Sounded like somebody hitting a milk bottle with a ball peen hammer," said George.

"I'd think it would be real interesting, hearing all the different sounds," said Hazel a little envious. "All the things they think up."

"Um," said George.

"Only, if I was Handicapper General, you know what I would do?" said Hazel. Hazel, as a matter of fact, bore a strong resemblance to the Handicapper General, a woman named Diana Moon Glampers. "If I was Diana Moon Glampers," said Hazel, "I'd have chimes on Sunday, just chimes. Kind of in honor of religion."

"I could think, if it was just chimes," said George.

(Due to space limitations see <http://www.tnellen.com/cybereng/harrison.html> for the complete story.)

Peace!

Fr. Wilson

Masses For The Week



MONDAY NOVEMBER 9

8:30 AM Marie Lanza

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 10

8:30 AM Anne Rickards

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 11

8:30 AM People of Holy Cross

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 12

NO MASS

**FRIDAY - Public Mass suspended during the green phase.
Mass available online.**

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 13

12:15 PM Manus Ferry

NEXT WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 14

8:30 AM People of Holy Cross

4:30 PM Bernard Zaleta

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 15

8:30 AM Nora Gaudiosi

**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!

Sunday Collection, November 1

Total Collection \$7,599

Electronic \$2,620

Basket & Mail-ins \$4,979

Holy Cross Church

Stewardship Restoration Appeal

Thank you for showing such kindness to Holy Cross Church. During this incredibly difficult time, our parish family has shown an extraordinary display of stewardship, as our parishioners and parish community have stepped up in this time of need. As of today the total donated is \$38,055.

I am inspired by your love and faith and grateful to you. Through your good works, our parish remains alight for all those seeking a deeper relationship with the Lord. On behalf of the Pastoral and Finance Councils, volunteers and staff, your generosity is deeply appreciated. Thank you!

(The restoration appeal this year is in place of the annual block collection.)



Fiscal Year 2020 Financial Report

Fiscal Year 2020 (7/1/2019 thru 6/30/2020)

Holy Cross reported overall financial results for FY 2020 with Sunday Collections and the Easter Collection down as compared to FY 2019 by \$60,000. This decrease is due to the COVID-19 pandemic which resulted in the suspension of Masses and the people of our community experiencing personal financial instabilities. In addition, Holy Cross was unable to hold fundraising events which were planned to aid in covering some of the daily operational expenses.

Operating expenses for FY2020 have decreased over \$71K (7.5%). This decrease is partially a result of a decrease in maintenance and utility expenses due to the mild winter, a decline in the cost of envelope mailing and also a reduction of 25% in subsidy provided to the school.

As part of the CARES act, Holy Cross received a loan of \$79,286 for the Church and \$197,451 for the school through the Paycheck Protection Program ("PPP"). The CARES act provides for forgiveness of the loan should the money be used for certain allowable expenses, such as payroll, health insurance and pension benefits. The PPP funds assisted our parish in meeting all necessary expenses during the spring and summer months. Holy Cross expects full forgiveness of the loan in FY 2021.

We are grateful for a bequest Holy Cross has received from a long-time parishioner, Mr. Joseph T. Brown. Mr. Brown's Last Will and Testament specified that these funds be used solely for the parish's physical maintenance and support. Mr. Brown's significant donation has made it possible to complete some necessary physical needs on our campus. A new boiler was installed in the church during this past winter. A new phone system was installed in the Church business office and the rectory. Work has begun on the front of the church repairing the façade. Other maintenance and improvements to be addressed in the future are: replace boiler #2 in the church, cement work around the campus, the sound system in the Church, the front steps of the church and the school roof.

Fiscal Year 2021 (1st QTR - 7/1/2020 thru 9/30/2020)

As we proceed into the second quarter of Fiscal Year 2021, our parish community continues to be affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. In the First Quarter of FY21, Sunday Collections are down \$24K (19%) and our maintenance collection has decreased \$14K (75%) as compared to First Quarter FY20.

Holy Cross has introduced our new initiative: Holy Cross Church Stewardship Restoration Appeal, which takes the place of our annual block collection this year. This appeal is a response to the financial impact of COVID-19. It will play a vital role in paving the path forward towards a hopeful and flourishing future. Please consider a gift for our great community. Let us restore faith and hope for a bright future at Holy Cross Parish.

Holy Cross School

Holy Cross School Administration and faculty were excited to open on September 1, 2020. There were many safety protocols put into place before the children arrived. The majority of students are in class learning, but we have a small number of students who have chosen virtual learning. Our current enrollment is 238. The school community is enthusiastic as we continue into the second month of in-person learning.

Balance Sheet as of **October 9, 2020**

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
Church Operating Account	\$ 68,217		\$ 68,217
Short Term Investments	\$167,440		\$167,440
Long Term Investments		\$291,840*	\$291,840
Total Assets	\$235,657		\$527,497
Current Liabilities	\$152,665		\$152,665
Total Assets less Current Liabilities	\$ 82,992	\$291,840*	\$374,832

*to be used solely for the parish's physical maintenance and support

Church façade	\$10,000	Church sound system	To be determined
Church Boiler #2	\$30,000	Church front steps	To be determined
Cement work around campus	To be determined	School roof	\$200,000

Holy Cross Parish Operating Income Statement For the Twelve Month Period ended June 30, 2020		Year Ended 6/30/2020	Year Ended 6/30/2019
Church Revenue (Includes Contributions from Families of Current Students)		701,080	766,614
Expenses:			
Salaries and Benefits		463,944	480,570
Maintenance/Utilities		91,971	103,381
Diocesan Assessment *		99,700	99,400
Other (Property Insurance, Altar Supplies, Transportation)***		133,776	145,851
Total Expenses		789,391	829,202
Church Operating Income (Loss)		(88,311)	(62,588)
Holy Cross School Subsidy **		(81,584)	(94,928)
Combined Operating Income (Loss)		(169,895)	(157,516)
Other Transactions:			
Government Relief Payroll Protection Loan (Forgiveness Pending)****		79,286	
Legacy (Earmarked for Maintaining Facilities at Holy Cross Church)		291,840	

* Covers Diocesan normal operating costs. None of these funds can be used to fund the legal settlements related to sexual abuse.

** The parish provides a tuition subsidy for parish families.

*** No Interest Expense is incurred by the parish as the parish does not have loans with any financial institution. The amount due to the dioceses of \$1.2 million which was incurred several years ago is non-interest bearing and payment is not due. The parish is currently current with all payables.

**** Parish Staff and Teachers were retained during this period.

24 Hours with Jesus—Join Us!

A special time of Eucharistic Adoration at Holy Cross!

Monday, November 9, 7:00 PM Mass with guest preacher, Deacon Steve Javie, followed by a brief time of Adoration and Benediction*

Tuesday, November 10

8:30 AM Mass with guest preacher, Deacon Javie, followed by all-day Adoration

Simple mid day prayer will be prayed at noon.

Simple evening prayer will be prayed at 4:00 PM.

7:00 PM Mass with guest preacher, Deacon Javie, followed by a brief time of Adoration and concluding Benediction.

**Deacon Steve Javie was ordained in 2019 and is a former NBA referee.*



Food Pantry Update

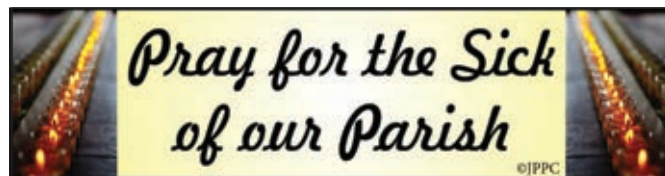
As many of you know, the pantry has been working outside (as a drive-thru) since April. In November, we are moving back inside due to the loss of light and expected colder weather. Social distancing and safety in mind, Father Wilson has been very kind in allowing the operation to move to the first floor in the Parish Center until the pandemic subsides. We are also preparing for Thanksgiving and if possible, if you are able, we are accepting turkeys and fixings along with other staples: such as soups, cereal, oatmeal, canned meats, veggies, pasta, sauce, cheese, peanut butter and paper products on Wednesdays, 3 to 6. Since the turkeys are perishable, if you are unable to drop off during pantry hours, please call the business office and we will make arrangements to pick up your donation.



St. Kevin's Knights of Columbus is coordinating a Thanksgiving food drive on November 15 after their scheduled Masses. Our Holy Cross Knights are also assisting with this effort. What a team effort and wonderful blessing! Please know that your generosity has kept the pantry in operation and that our "Neighbors in Need" volume has significantly increased during this pandemic.

God Bless All of You,

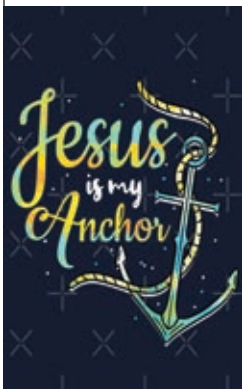
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 Parish Office 610-626-3321

Holy Cross School Help Wanted

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 WorriLOW, Principal, at 610-626-1709. Any questions, please call
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"Laugh for Life" Comedy Showcase

Come to support the cause of LIFE and laugh while you're doing it! The annual "Laugh for Life" Comedy Showcase will be held at the Christian Academy, 4301 Chandler Street in Brookhaven on Saturday, November 14, at 7:00 PM. Tickets \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door, \$25 per Family. For tickets, call Delaware County Pregnancy Center at 610-872-2229 to reserve, or go to www.GordonDouglasIsFunny.com. Freewill offering will be taken during the show to support the Delaware County Pregnancy Center and Christian Academy.



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