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OCTOBER 10, 2021 • TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Mrs. Kelly Meliti Director of Religious Education
Mrs. Grete Ingalls. MM, CAGO..... Music Director

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. 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, 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.

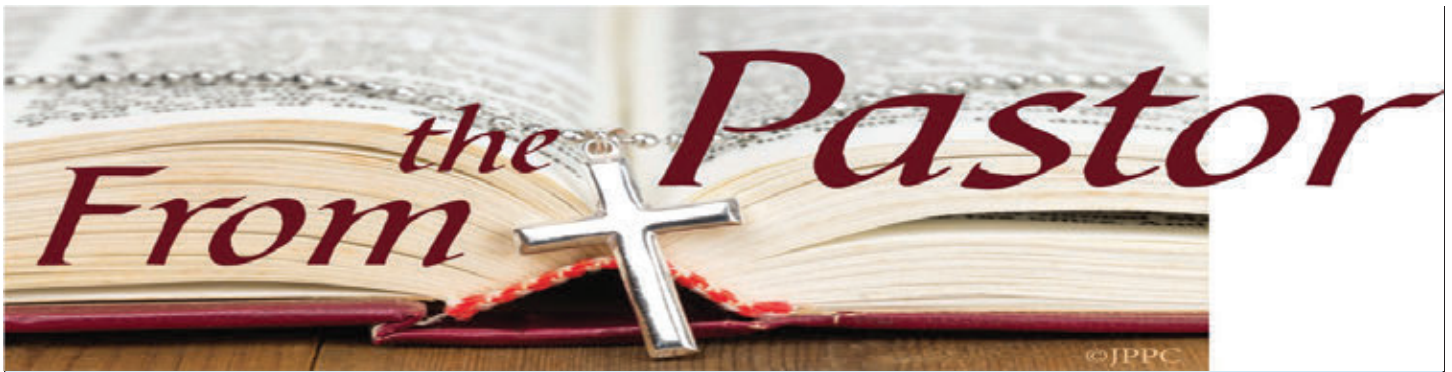
First time parents and godparents are required to attend a Baptism Preparation Session which is held on the 1st Monday of the month at 7:00 PM. Please call the Parish Office for more information.

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.



So now it's official. I have been formally installed as the pastor of Holy Cross Parish. Everything has been signed, sealed, and delivered. And I mean that literally: before Mass there were several documents that I had to sign in the presence of the Bishop and witnesses from the parish, and they had to be sealed with the parish seal and then delivered by the Bishop to the Chancery. The Installation Mass was very beautiful. A big thank you to all who were involved: in particular to Deacon Tom for working with the altar servers; to our altar servers for their assistance at the altar; to Grete Ingalls and the choir for the beautiful music (which received many compliments from visiting friends and family); to the parish staff for all their work behind-the-scenes; and to all of you who attended and participated from the pews. As I have said from the beginning, I am humbled and honored to be here as the pastor of Holy Cross, and I am hopeful and excited to see what we can do together as we work to worship God and spread the Good News to others. There is already so much good happening here, and there is so much potential for more!

As I've said in the past, there are many things being looked at to harness that potential and turn the "we could/we should's" into the "we are's." We are looking at some things as a parish and also at some things being developed across the Archdiocese. The future here is bright, and we are blessed with some great people to bring us there. As always, though, we need people to cooperate and to help. A critical first step is for us to know who is here and how to contact them. (I know I've talked about this before, but it bears repeating.) We need good contact information for all of our households so we can effectively communicate with you about parish life.

You probably received our annual census letter in the mail this past week. If not, you should get it soon. Many parishes in the Archdiocese do an annual census this time of year so they can ensure their records are correct, and many parishes also find the response to that census can be underwhelming. I will admit that back in the day, as a young adult living on my own, I was one of those many parishioners who opened the mailing and said "they have all this information; I'm not filling all this out." Now that I know how valuable the census is and how often all that information can actually change, I wish to apologize to my pastor from the time for ignoring it for so many years. (I hope Monsignor can read this from heaven.)

Adding to my previous lack of desire to complete the census card was that it was printed on the back of a return envelope. I can write pretty small if I need to, but some spaces seemed microscopic. The envelope companies usually have a pre-printed template that they offer for these sorts of things, which is very convenient. But those templates are generic and cram a lot of information into a small space. We opted to design our own form this year and give everyone lots of space to write their responses. This also allowed us to get more parish-specific details that we're looking for to help us in our future communication initiatives. Hopefully, reading all the above convinces you that it's important to accurately fill out and return the census form without having to resort to begging. Some people have already dropped theirs off, and I am grateful. For everyone else, please take the time to help us serve you better by participating in this important effort. And if you happen to be like the old me and have already tossed the thing in the trash but now regret it, please call or e-mail the office, and we will get a fresh form to you.

Fr. Kiernan



MONDAY	OCTOBER 11
8:30 AM	No Mass
TUESDAY	OCTOBER 12
8:30 AM	Poppert Sheehan & Findley Families
WEDNESDAY	OCTOBER 13
8:30 AM	Joseph Nero
THURSDAY	OCTOBER 14
8:30 AM	Tony Torelli (2nd Anniversary)
FRIDAY	OCTOBER 15
8:30 AM	Mary Rita Ryan

NEXT WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY	OCTOBER 16
8:30 AM	Carmen Calderaro
4:30 PM	Joe & Dolores McBride
SUNDAY	OCTOBER 17
8:30 AM	Paul Ruane
11:00 AM	People of Holy Cross

AUTUMN BIBLE STUDY

Do you want to dig deeper into the Bible but don't know where to start? Come join us! You'll receive a Study Pak, including your own DVD series at the end of the course!

What: *"The Turning Point, A Study of the Gospel of JOHN"*

Where: Holy Cross Parish Center

When: 9 Wednesdays, September 8 thru November 3, 2021

Time: 9:15—10:45 am, right after the 8:30 Mass

Who's Invited: Everyone!

Contact: Elizabeth Austin 803.556.7459 or Pattie Stevens 484.868.8571



Sunday Collection, October 3

Total Collection \$9,105

Electronic \$2,885

Basket & Mail-ins \$6,220

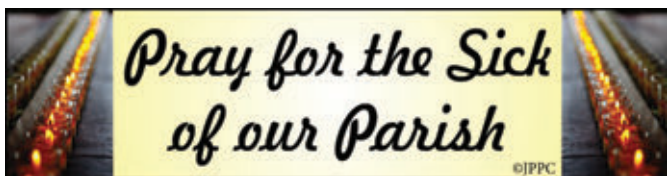
On-Line Giving

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 to all those who give electronically!

WE NEED YOU!

To stay with Jesus in our Adoration Chapel for just one hour. There are many "open" hours where He is alone! Why not commit to just one hour per week?? We are open 9 AM to 7 PM Monday thru Friday. If you need directions, please call the office at 610-626-3321.





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 Alexander Ott
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 Joseph Sindoni
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 Jean Super
 Valerie Thompson
 Helen Torelli
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FATHER CHUCK'S CHALLENGE

Next weekend Fr. Charles Kennedy will be speaking at our Masses for the annual Mission Sunday Appeal. He represents Father Chuck's Challenge, an initiative celebrating the memory and ministry of Father Charles Pfeiffer, a deceased beloved priest of our Archdiocese.

Over the last fifteen years, donors to Father Chuck's Challenge have provided more than 1,400 homes for desperately poor beneficiaries, previously living virtually homeless, in plastic and plank shelters, in an area frequently ravished by tropical storms – in the Northern Highlands of Nicaragua and in hurricane ravaged Haiti. But hundreds more need help of all kinds.

Information is available on our website
www.fatherchuckschallenge.com.

This includes a video on our trip to Haiti and a Mass celebrated in Nicaragua recently in thanksgiving for our donors.

"Whatever you do for the least of My brothers, you do unto Me." (Mt 25:40)



The Corner

Brought to you by your Evangelization Team

Do you remember the story of the loaves and fishes? That story emphasizes Jesus doing **A LOT** with the little that was provided to Him. Notice, He gave His Apostles an opportunity to help Him by asking them **"How many loaves do you have? Go and see."** (Mark 6:38). Then He blessed the offerings and was able to feed 5000 men (plus women and children) with plenty left over. Now... what do you think about when the collection basket is passed at Mass? It is **YOUR** opportunity to offer a little gift to be blessed and multiplied.



Exciting News about Our Choir !!



Our Holy Cross Choir has been invited to sing at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul in Philadelphia on March 26, 2022. We are looking forward to serving as the choir for the Saturday evening Mass. More details will come later so that you can plan to attend if you wish. So, we are looking for additional choir members when we start our choir season again here at Holy Cross this September. We need all voices, especially basses and tenors. You do not need to know how to read music in order to sing. We practice on Tuesday evenings in the choir loft from 7 pm to 8:30 pm. If you would like more information, please contact our Music Director Grete Ingalls at 267.253.4007, or email greteingalls@hotmail.com. Come join us!!

Football Fund Craze

The Holy Cross Knights will be in the church vestibules for this weekend and next weekend. Football Fund Craze tickets will be on sale for \$10.00 per ticket. **No knowledge of football is necessary to win!** The proceeds help raise money for our 8th grade scholarship program.

As always, thank you for your support!

FOOD PANTRY

Food Pantry Update

Our Food Pantry has been busy and we are still providing food as a drive-thru. Through numerous benefactors including Staples, Rosemary Bannon, the O'Shea family, Acme and several others, we were able to provide school bags, school supplies, hand wipes and masks to almost 100 children.

We are so blessed to continue to be able to assist our Neighbors in Need through your generosity and support. If you are able, we are in need of the following: canned meats / tuna, veggies, mac & cheese, peanut butter & jelly, pasta sauce, canned fruit, soup, baked beans, rice, pancake mix and syrup, cereal, paper products, and personal items (toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant).

Just a reminder, we are open to Delco residents every Wednesday from 3:30 to 6 PM. If you know anyone in need of food, please let them know that we are here.

God Bless All of You and please know you are all very much appreciated.

Your Friends from the SVDP Holy Cross Food Pantry

Class Reunion

Msgr. Bonner and Archbishop Prendergast High School Class of 1970 will gather for a 50th reunion celebration at The Drexelbrook Catering and Event Center, 4700 Drexelbrook Dr, Drexel Hill, PA on **Friday, October 22, 2021 from 6PM to 10PM**. For additional information email bonnerprendie1970@gmail.com or contact John Matthews (215) 260-4568; matthewstown@comcast.net.

QUIZZO WITH CCC

Join Catholic Community Choir for Quizzo Night

St. Kevin PLC -- Friday, October 22, 2021

Doors Open at 6:30pm Games Begin at 7:30pm

Teams Up to 10 People (Table of 10 Available)

BYO Drinks & Food

Support CCC while relaxing with friends and/or family!

PRIZES AWAIT OUR WINNERS!

Reserve a ticket/table --> <https://forms.gle/fyKBKcPkdSpynxx5>

Cardinal O'Hara Class of 1971 50th Reunion will take place at the Springfield Country Club on Friday night, October 29, 2021. The cost is \$50.00. Tickets are available at:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/.../cardinal-ohara-class-of...>

Additionally, the next morning, Saturday, October 30th, a 1971 brunch will take place at Anthony's the Lamb Tavern. You can buy tickets (\$35.00) at the above site. After the brunch there will be tours at Cardinal O'Hara High School. From 2:00-4:00 p.m. the 68-year-old, fat, bald and grey-haired men will have the gym for several pickup basketball games. D10 has challenged D9 but thus far we have heard crickets only. At 4:00 p.m. there will be a Mass in the auditorium. Finally, at 6:00 p.m., the St. Pius X Class of 1967 will host its 54th reunion dinner at Anthony's the Lamb Tavern. The grade school reunion charge will be free! Any donation to St. Pius X Respect Life will be gladly accepted. The various feeder schools of Cardinal O'Hara are welcome to attend the 8th grade reunion at the same charge (free!).

If you have any questions, send an email to John at jpw00077@gmail.com or call Amy (for 8th grade reunion reservations) at 610-446-5600 or call John at 610-717-8938.



Eighth Grade Scholarship Exam

Sunday, October 17, 2021

Tuesday, November 9, 2021

To register, be sure to visit:

www.bonnerprendie.com

Bonne & Prendie Open House

Sunday, October 17, 2021

Thursday, November 18, 2021

Three Parish Book Club

The Three parish Book Club's next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 27 at 7:00 p.m. at Holy Cross Parish Center. Members will discuss their favorite psalms. For more information, please contact Joy Van Berg at 610 32-2095 or joyvanberg@gmail.com.

October - Psalms

November - Set Your Heart Free by St. Francis De Sales (Ave Maria Press.)





St. Eugene Parish Community Family

Sunday Funday

Sunday, October 17, 2021, 1:00pm – 5:00pm at St. Eugene Field

Featuring COWPIE 50/50 BINGO!! \$10.00/Ticket
For more information or to purchase tickets visit:
Website: sainteugenechurch.net
Email: cowpiebingo2021@gmail.com

OTHER FUN ACTIVITIES

Flea Market, Raffle Baskets, Games, Music, Food

Flea Market Vendors Needed - contact Denise at 610-331-7130

Home Care Needed

Home Care needed 4 days a week for 94 year-old. Please call Vicky at 610-623-7729.

Maternity B.V.M. School, Class of 1970, 50+1 Reunion

The Class of 1970 Reunion will be held on Saturday, October 16, 2021, from 7-11 PM, at Maternity BVM Parish Hall, 9322 Old Bustleton Avenue. Please send a check to Maternity B.V.M. Rectory, 9220 Old Bustleton Avenue, Phila, PA 19115. \$50 per person; payable to Maternity B.V.M. Church; Attention: Denise. Please include the names of attendees, a contact number and email address. For additional information, please email dvoisard@maternitybvm.net.

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Parish Mission

What does it mean to be Catholic today?
Sunday, October 31, Monday, November 1 & Tuesday, November 2.

Father Tom is an experienced teacher, administrator, retreat director and parish mission preacher. More information to follow.

Principal's Corner



Support our school through Amazon Smile. When making a purchase on Amazon go to smile.amazon.com and enter "Holy Cross Church" All proceeds go to Holy Cross School.

Help Wanted

Part-time position in our after school C.A.R.E.S. program, 15 to 20 hours per week, 3:00 to 6:00 PM, Monday thru Friday.

Also, we are looking for volunteers to work in the library. Please call the school office if interested.



2021 Catholic Women's Conference

Strong & Beautiful

Saturday, October 23, 2021

National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa

654 Ferry Road, Doylestown, PA

Catholicwomensconference.org

Questions? please email: archphillycwc@gmail.com

Mass for Peace and Justice with Archbishop Nelson Perez

October 16, 10:00 AM, Sorgenti Arena at Chestnut Hill College, 9601 Germantown Ave, Philadelphia, PA. Gather in community with wholehearted prayer for an end to violence in our city and bless the efforts of heeding God's call to end gun violence. Individuals of all faiths are welcome. Vaccination and masks are required.



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