

HOLY CROSS CHURCH

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OCTOBER 16, 2022 • TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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. 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.



FROM THE PASTOR

As the saying goes, there is nothing certain in life except death and taxes. Neither of those is a pleasant subject to discuss, but this week we get to talk about both! (Sorry.)

Our parish celebrates 50-55 funerals per year. That comes out to about one per week on average, but they are never spaced out that evenly! What tends to happen is that we'll have multiple funerals one week and then a couple weeks where there aren't any. As those of you who've experienced the loss of a loved one know, a lot of things have to happen in a relatively short amount of time to get the funeral planned. Included in that list of things to do is planning for the funeral Mass: choosing readings, readers, music, gift-bearers, etc.

Here at Holy Cross, we are blessed to have a parishioner who meets with families to plan the funeral Mass. She also attends the funeral to work with the readers before Mass and ensure things go smoothly. I am extremely grateful that we have someone doing this, as it's a way for the laity to be involved in the life of the parish, and it is a help to know the planning is being taken care of when my calendar is full. I think it's also helpful for the grieving families: there's something less intimidating about meeting with a friendly lay person than with the parish priest—especially when family members may be away from the Church and unfamiliar with the liturgy.

With that in mind, we'd like to add a few more volunteers and create a funeral planning ministry team. That way the work doesn't fall on only one volunteer, and we aren't overburdening one person when we have several funerals clustered together. Basic qualifications for this ministry are availability during the day to meet with the family and attend the Mass (most of our funeral Masses are at 10:30). For the funeral Mass itself, being willing to read if the family can't find readers is a plus. We need kind and compassionate people who can balance respect for the family's wishes with a respect for the Church's liturgical norms. If you would be interested in helping with this important corporal work of mercy, please call the parish office and let me know. If you can't commit but have suggestions for someone who might do well in this role, please suggest them to us. We will reach out and ask.

And now on to taxes. In a couple weeks, a representative from the Foundation for Catholic Education will be here at Holy Cross to talk about a program in the Commonwealth of PA that provides tax incentives to those who donate to help support tuition assistance in private schools. In short, you donate money for tuition assistance at Holy Cross and you get a credit on your PA income tax. It's a great way to support the students in our school and help them receive the benefits of a Catholic education. We have several parishioners supporting this program now, and we'd love to get a few more.

Okay, that's enough death and taxes talk for one week. Just a reminder, Saturday is Designer Bag Bingo, which looks to be a great time. Two weeks after that is the return of the Holy Cross Craft Fair! I'm told we might be near capacity for the number of vendors. Please plan to come out and check out what they have to offer and support our local community on November 5.

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I: Exodus 17: 8-13

Moses defeats the fierce Amalekites by stretching out over them the same rod with which he had defeated Pharaoh. But Yahweh uses this tool to help only when Moses holds the rod aloft.

Reading II: II Timothy 3: 14-4:2

Through Timothy's effort St. Paul urges the community to retain what they have learned from him. He notes that all Scripture, referring to the Old Testament of course, is inspired and useful for teaching. The same holds for the New Testament, yet to be written down in Paul's time.

The Gospel: Luke 18: 1-8

Jesus teaches His disciples and us, the power of prayer. He does it with a story about a persistent widow and her power over a corrupt judge. Important to remember that in those days a widow was nearly powerless in a male-dominated society. Our Lord wants us to pay attention to that fictional judge's remarks.



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, OCTOBER 17

8:30 AM - No Mass

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18

8:30 AM - Poppert, Sheehan, & Findley Families

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19

8:30 AM - Gerald Curran, Jr.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20

8:30 AM - Giambattista John Gerardi

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21

8:30 AM - Emily Rivero

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22

8:30 AM - Benjamin Michael Glackin

4:30 PM - Francelline Tucker

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23

8:30 AM - Daniel Manson Hall

11:00 AM - The People of Holy Cross

The Corner

Brought to you by your Evangelization Team

Is it time for you to go to Confession and receive the grace of God's mercy?

"If we say "We are without sin," we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we acknowledge our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from every wrongdoing."

---First John 1:8-9

SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's Sanctuary Lamp intention is for:

Church: John Jr. "Reds" Cassidy

Chapel: McAloon & Ronayne Families



COLLECTION INFORMATION

Weekly Need **\$12,820**

Weekly Collection, October 2

Total **\$8,115**

Electronic **\$2,873**

Basket & Mail-Ins **\$5,242**

PRAY FOR THE SICK



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Consiglia Borrelli

Lyndi Butler

Mary Ann Carroll

Maryann Convery

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Natalie Giorgio Kitts

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Mary Kull

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Zachary Halbing

Joann Marks

Maryanne McCauley

Richard McCullough

Larry McCusker

Francis Murray

Frances O'Callaghan

Charlotte O'Leary

Paige O'Leary

Katherine Patrone

Mary Rafferty

Ronnie Sidebottom

Joseph Sindoni

Adeline Sulpizio

Jean Super

Valerie Thompson

Betty Tomczyk

Rosemarie Colaberdino

All Souls Day Remembrance

On the weekends of October 22 & 29 The Social Committee will be in the vestibules after Mass. Heart-shaped tags will be available for you to fill out with the name of a loved one you would like to honor. The hearts will be on display in Church.

Singers and Musicians

Our choir is singing the 4:30 Mass at the Basilica Cathedral of Sts. Peter and Paul on Saturday November 19. We are always looking for additional voices. You don't have to read music in order to join us, you just need to enjoy singing. If you play an instrument at an intermediate level or above and would like to add to the beauty of our Liturgy, we'd be happy for you to join us. For more information, please contact our Music Director, Grete Ingalls, at greteingalls@hotmail.com or 267.253.4007.

Help Wanted

An elderly member of the parish is looking for someone to visit a day maybe 2 each week, 4PM - 7PM for conversation, prepare dinner and tidy-up kitchen afterwards. Please call Anne at 484-885-1295 if you would like to be considered.

Scrip Program

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Father Judge Class of 1973

A 50th Reunion for the Class of 1973 from Father Judge High School is being planned. If you are a member of this class, or know of someone who is, please contact Jim Sutliff '73, jim.sutliff@yahoo.com

Three Parish Book Club

The Three Parish Book Club will meet on October 26 at 7:00 in the Holy Cross Parish Center. Members discuss the month's selection and offer recommendations for other spiritual reading. If you would like to join us please contact Joy Van Berg at 610 328-2095 or at joyvanberg@gmail.com. You do not need to have read the month's selection to attend the meeting.

October

Mere Christianity by C.S. Lewis

November

A Convert's Guide to Roman Catholicism by Keith Nestor

FORMED

October is a good time to study some of the saints who have feast days this month. Look under the banner "Saints" and find (1) a movie "St Francis"; feast day 10/4 (2) a conversation "Misery Meets Mercy: St Faustina Kowalska"; feast day 10/5 (3) a 7-part series "St Teresa of Avila"; feast day 10/15 (4) a movie "Pope John Paul II"; feast day 10/22.

Under the banner "Summer on FORMED" there is an entertaining tour of the Holy Land called "The Faithful Traveler in the Holy Land"; 6 shows, half-hour each.

Under the banner "Faith Formation" is a nostalgic presentation called "Sheen Gems"; clips from the live shows of Bishop Fulton J Sheen.

Under the banner "Faith at Home" is a fun 11 part series called "Extraordinary Stories about Solanus Casey for Children." Each episode is less than 10 minutes.

Enjoy this **FREE GIFT** to you from your parish! If you haven't already done so, go to signup.formed.org to begin exploring. 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.

Food Pantry Update

It's been a long time since we've provided you with an update on our pantry. Business has been brisk. The number of "Neighbors in Need" is on the rise with the increased costs of food in general.

Many folks and organizations are helping with goodies and supplies to sustain and support our mission including: Franklin Mint Credit Union, AOH (Ancient Order of Hibernians), Amerihealth, Wawa, Manhattan Bagel, Philly Food Rescue (fresh produce), Nirvana (pet supplies), Good St. Anne and the Cassidy and Walton families.

As you know, our parishioners help us every week and we have a large number of volunteers from Holy Cross, St. Francis, St. Kevins, Our Lady of Fatima and Sacred Heart and St. Bernadette's who enable us to continue to distribute to our community.

Thank you for "All of your support". If you are able, we are still running low on some basic supplies including cereal, oatmeal, peanut butter, jelly, pasta, pasta sauce, canned meats (tuna, chicken, spam, beef stew), beans, rice, soups and mac & cheese.

If you know anyone in Delco who is in need of food, please let them know we are open every Wednesday from 3:30 to 5:30 as a drive-thru in the back of our school.

God Bless All of You for touching so many folks' lives during their time of need.

Your Friends from the St. Vincent dePaul Holy Cross Food Pantry

Principal's Corner



Our students are in a daily routine now and the school year is taking off. We now have a new Science series that the children are using. Next year, we will be putting in a new reading series. The children in grades K-2 are working on Foundations. This is a phonics program that helps the children to decode words using a phonetic approach. The Delaware County Intermediate Unit is collaborating with the teachers to present the program. I was really impressed by what I saw when instruction was taking place.

Thank you for your support of our parish school. God bless you!



Michael Kors, Tory Burch, Coach, Kate Spade, & More!

Benefitting Holy Cross Church & School
651 E Springfield Rd, Springfield PA 19064

Saturday October 22, 2022

Bring your own food and drink event.

Doors open at 5:30pm, Games start at 6:30pm Raffles baskets (If anyone would be willing to donate a basket, please reach out)

Tickets are \$35

Buy Tickets in advance – if you have a group of 10 a table will be reserved for your group!

Contact Kellie Thomas to purchase tickets
kjensen2322@gmail.com



There's still time to register for these fall admissions events at Merion Mercy Academy!

- Scholarship & Entrance Exam for 8th grade girls: Saturday, October 15 or Saturday, October 22 (parent info session and tour offered during test times)
- 8th Grade Visit Days: October - December
- Twilight Tour: Wednesday, October 19, 4-6 p.m. (open to students and their families)
- Meet Merion Monday parent visit experience: November 7 or December 5

Please go to our website's Visit Merion page for more information and we hope to see you soon!

15th Anniversary of Man Up Philly!

Saturday March 4, 2023 will be the 15th Man Up Philly Conference and we are going back to our roots to the Campus of Cardinal O'Hara at the St John Vianney Hall Theater where it all started. Don't miss this opportunity to bring a friend and hear inspiring speakers for a day of reflection and growth!

Early Bird Registration is Now Open!

IN PERSON/LIVE Pray with the World Mission Rosary

The evening will be a wonderful time to meet and see each of you and your families AND you will also have the opportunity to MAKE your OWN World Mission Rosary! This gives you the Rosary to pray with us each week. And perhaps you would make another to be given to our Missionaries! They will pray for you as you pray for them!

All are welcome to join us on:

Monday, October 24th at 7:30 PM

at Annunciation BVM Church in Havertown

Please visit phillymissions.org to let us know you are coming!



Autumn Bible Study -- The Chosen!!

We're back with Season 2 of The Chosen! Last Winter we presented Season 1, and now we will be showing all 8 episodes of Season 2 of The Chosen. If you haven't heard of it, this is a beautiful series about Jesus' ministry while on Earth. The actual biblical quotes are true, but the other scenes attempt to fill in the blanks about His everyday life. There will be group discussions after the videos. We will show this at 2 different times, so PICK THE TIME that is best for you.

Wednesdays, September 7 - October 26
9:15 am - in the Holy Cross Parish Center

Mondays, September 12 thru October 24
7:00 pm - in the Holy Cross Parish Center

The Bible Study is free! A workbook is NOT necessary, but if you'd like to have one, you can order that on Amazon. Just search for "The Chosen, Season 2", the white book is called "Blessed Are The Chosen: An Interactive Bible Study (Volume 2)." Please join us! To save a seat or for more information, contact Pattie Stevens at pattiejstevens@comcast.net or 484.868.8571.

Cardinal O'Hara Class of 1982

The Cardinal O'Hara Class of 1982 will be celebrating our 40th reunion on November 25, 2022. The reunion will be held at the Streetlight Café in the Holiday Inn at Drexelbrook in Drexel Hill PA. Tickets are \$75 and can be purchased by going to cohs40yearreunion.eventbrite.com. You can make hotel reservations by calling 1-800-HOLIDAY (465-4329) and ask for the O'Hara 40th reunion discount rate (while they last). If you have any questions please email Margie Ettore-Harper/Chuck Martino at oharaclass1982@gmail.com.

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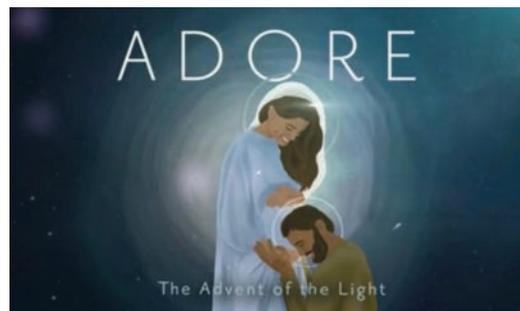
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Contact our team to register or for questions:
Susan – 610-716-4795
Georgeann – 484-955-4278

COMING SOON!



How are you preparing for Advent this year? Our Bible Study team will present a 4-part series to help us get our minds and hearts ready for that First Coming of the Son of God. Watch the bulletin for more information!



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