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Dr. Mary Rose WorriLOW..... Principal
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.

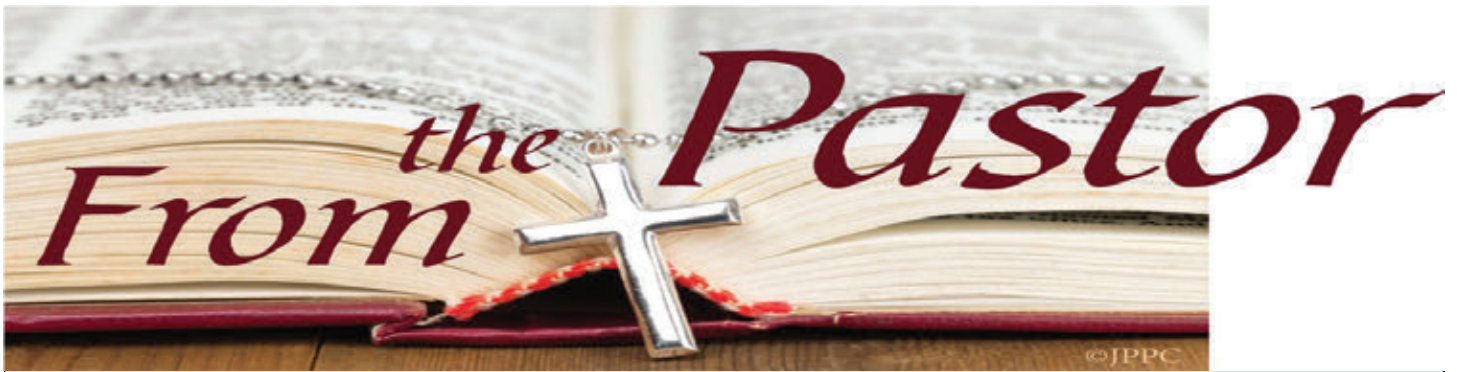
First time parents and godparents are required to attend a Baptism Preparation Session which is held on the 1st Monday of the month at 7:00 PM. Please call the Parish Office for more information.

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.



It was bound to happen, and I'm actually surprised it hadn't happened yet. The other day someone on the staff received a text message claiming to be from me that asked her to run out and buy a bunch of gift cards for an urgent situation. Of course, the whole thing was a scam. Sadly, scammers have made a habit of sending out fake texts and e-mails pretending to be from priests and asking for the potential victim to buy gift cards for some urgent need. Well-meaning victims assume the messages are legitimate and fall into the trap. I've heard of all sorts of fake scenarios: Father is busy and needs gift cards for someone at the hospital; Father is stranded alongside the road and needs gift cards to pay for a tow truck; and even Father needs to be bailed out of jail.

Any priest I've talked to has said something like this has happened at his parish, so this is, unfortunately, not unique. Sadly, the scammers are getting better at what they do. If you get something that seems even remotely suspicious or out-of-the-ordinary, it probably is. (Can you imagine a scene where a judge sets bail as \$500 in iTunes gift cards?) The best thing to do in these situations is mark the message as spam, delete it, and avoid clicking any attachments. Neither I nor the parish will ever e-mail or text you individually with a request for money or gift cards to help us or someone else. Legitimate fundraisers and donation requests will be communicated via the bulletin and official parish channels. Please be careful, as we don't want anyone to be duped by these unscrupulous scam artists.

On a much happier note, I am very proud to be able to report that Holy Cross Catholic School has been recognized (again) as an Archdiocesan School of Distinction! This year we are being recognized in two categories: Recognition for Growth, and Recognition for Exceeding Academic Potential. The first category means that our students have exceeded expectations in academic development from year-to-year. The second category shows that our students scored higher than anticipated on standardized testing. I'm sure those who work in education can provide a better explanation than I can about what exactly those things mean and how those results are determined, but at the end of the day it means our students are learning a lot and learning well.

We can all be proud of and grateful for the hard work done by Dr. Worrilow and our dedicated faculty and school staff. We are blessed as a parish to have such a wonderful team working to educate and form our children. As parishioners, your financial support of the parish helps keep the school operational, so the achievements of our students and faculty are a positive reflection on all of you as well. You make it possible for our school to do these great things. I am confident that even better things are on the horizon for the school and the parish as a whole.

Finally, a quick calendar note. Two weeks from now is All Saints' Day (November 1). Because it falls on a Monday, All Saints is not observed as a Holy Day of Obligation this year—i.e. there is no obligation to attend Mass. Even though we don't normally have Mass on Mondays, for the benefit of those who wish to observe the feast, there will be a Mass at 8:30 am.

Fr. Kiernan



MONDAY	OCTOBER 18
8:30 AM	No Mass
TUESDAY	OCTOBER 19
8:30 AM	Mary Ann Purcell
WEDNESDAY	OCTOBER 20
8:30 AM	Anna May F. Boyle (5th Anniversary)
THURSDAY	OCTOBER 21
8:30 AM	Leo Sheridan
FRIDAY	OCTOBER 22
8:30 AM	Betty Davis

NEXT WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY	OCTOBER 23
8:30 AM	Frances & Katherine Armstrong
4:30 PM	Salvatore Scaramuzzino
SUNDAY	OCTOBER 24
8:30 AM	People of Holy Cross
11:00 AM	Living & Deceased Members of the Casciano Family

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 10

Total Collection \$7,995

Electronic \$2,855

Basket & Mail-ins \$5,140

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!

SPECIAL REQUEST!

I am here waiting for you! Talk with me, tell me your concerns. I will help as I love you very much! I will be waiting for you in the Adoration Chapel, Monday thru Friday, 9:00 am to 7:00 pm. I am your forever friend, Signed Jesus

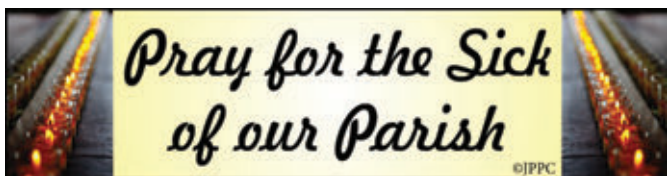


Any questions, please call 610-626-3321

Remember a Loved One on All Souls Day

On October 23, 24, 30 & 31, members of the Social Committee will be in the vestibules after all Masses. Heart-shaped tags will be available to be filled out with the name of a loved one you would like to honor. The tag will be on display in the church.





Lyndi Butler
Gerald Curran
George Dickinson
Carolyn Henderson
Steven Henderson
Jimmy Keating
Carole Kime
Natalie Giorgio Kitts
Ken Kull
Mary Kull
Kendall Lambert
Joann Marks
Maryanne McCauley
Richard McCullough

Barbara McCusker
Francis Murray
Frances O'Callaghan
Charlotte O'Leary
Paige O'Leary
Alexander Ott
Mary Rafferty
Joseph Sindoni
Adeline Sulpizio
Jean Super
Valerie Thompson
Helen Torelli
Amanda Trerotola
George Vrettos

FATHER CHUCK'S CHALLENGE

This weekend Fr. Charles Kennedy is speaking at our Masses for the annual Mission Appeal. He represents *Father Chuck's Challenge*, an initiative celebrating the memory and ministry of Father Charles Pfeffer, 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 nearly 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.

Today there is a special appeal sponsored by the Propagation of the Faith. Checks may be written out to the parish.

Check out our website at: www.fatherchuckschallenge.com

"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

Monday is the feast of Saint Luke, Evangelist. He is one of the 4 Gospel writers, and also wrote the Book of Acts of the Apostles. It is believed he was born a Greek and a Gentile. He was a physician and a historian, and traveled extensively with Saint Paul to deliver the Good News. Luke's story of Jesus and the Church emphasizes the universality of the Christian message and the humanity of Jesus. Read this Gospel for yourself to see his love of the poor, his respect for women, and his desire that the door to God's kingdom be opened to all, seeing hope in God's mercy for everyone.



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 this 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.

Sacred Heart Church, Clifton Heights Pierogi Sale

(Pierogi is a case of dough filled with a savory potato and cheese filling and cooked by boiling and then pan frying)
Made at NEW LOCATION!! St. Stephen's Church Hall, 199 W. Baltimore Ave. (Baltimore Pike & Church St.), Clifton Heights, November 8-19, 2021, \$8.00 per dozen. Order by Calling Joanne Bidoli at 610-574-7077 or the Rectory at 610-623-0409 between 10AM and 3PM. Pick up times at St. Stephen's Church Hall (pierogi must be ordered first) Weekdays 10AM to 12 Noon or Special Evening Pickup Wednesday of both weeks 5:30 to 6:30PM.

ST. EUGENE CHURCH Introduces REV. THOMAS R. MC CARTHY, O.S.A. 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.

Monthly Pro-life Meeting

Please join us for our monthly Pro-life Meeting on Wednesday, October 20, at 7 PM at the Holy Cross (Springfield) Parish Center. The Parish Center is located behind the school in the parking lot. Your prayers and suggestions are most welcome.

Jesus, protect and save the unborn.

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.

A Baby's Breath Crisis Pregnancy Centers

Please support the 19th Annual Silent Auction & Dinner Reception with Special Guest Fr. Stephen Delacy.

An all-volunteer organization providing free services to pregnant women and their families who experience the impacts of a crisis pregnancy.

Saturday, October 30 6:30 PM at the Crowne Plaza in King of Prussia, PA.

Auction features tickets to Phillies & Flyers games; restaurant and golf course gift certificates, gift baskets & much more!

Tickets are \$70 per person (includes dinner, wine and beer)

For tickets and sponsorship donations, go to ababysbreath.org/auctions/ or contact Kim Granito at 610-792-0737 or email kim@thegranitos.com



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