

HOLY CROSS CHURCH

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OCTOBER 6, 2019 • TWENTY-SEVENTH 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 Vigil (night before Holy Day) 7:00 PM
 Holy Day 8:30 AM
 Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Saturday 8:30 AM
 Thursday No Mass
 Friday 12:15 PM

NEW PARISHIONERS

All Catholics living in the parish should register. Our Welcome Center 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)
 Saturday & Sunday..... Closed

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday, Lower Church: 3:30 to 4:15 PM

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 Rectory of Mrs. Judy Vacca, Pastoral Minister, when a parishioner is hospitalized or home bound.

His name is Theophane Venard. We met on the "Spirituality Year" – my second year in the seminary. We immediately became friends. Theophane was not Vietnamese, but he went there as a missionary – and there he died refusing to trample upon the Holy Cross. He is one of the 117 Vietnamese martyrs whose feast day is on November 24. He was a favorite saint of the Little Flower, Saint Therese of Lisieux, who held tightly onto Venard's relics as she, herself, lay dying. Perhaps, I was drawn to Saint Theophane Venard, because my best friend in the seminary was Vietnamese. Venard, on arriving in Vietnam, adopted the style and dress of the people there. He did his best to fit in, because not to do so would be to stand out and more readily attract the attention of the authorities. At the time, Vietnam was a land where as soon as a priest placed his foot on the soil upon arriving, he was under a death sentence. Christians were persecuted then and they were driven into hiding. Like Christ, Venard, himself, was betrayed by an ostensible parishioner and friend. Of course, "fitting-in" served the purpose of evangelization as well. It begins with learning customs and thereby making friends. My seminary friend and I knew each other from our discernment days having first met on a retreat. Meeting again in the seminary on our first day, though a year apart in our studies, we would commiserate in our confusion and complain to each other in our consternation at trying to figure out seminary schedules, classes, formation expectations, syllabi, dress codes, and well, just trying to "fit in" as we continued to discern a call to priesthood. I really took to Vietnamese culture. On his part, he really took to American. Our joke used to be that he was a man born in Vietnam, who just wanted to be American. I was a man born in America who seemed to want to be Vietnamese. If we could just exchange bodies, then, at least, we'd at least look the part – and I'd be a good bit taller. In conversation one time, I remarked on the beauty of Vietnamese women. He preferred American blondes. Go figure! He introduced me to the other Vietnamese seminarians. They were hesitant at first; I was not Vietnamese, but soon after taking off my shoes on entering their rooms, joining them while sitting on the floor, and partaking of their native food at one of their (many) "illegal" noodle parties, they adopted me as one of their own. They even gave me a name in Vietnamese. They were good men and good times and we all supported one another in our seminary journey and beyond. One day there was a Vietnamese feast day and all the Vietnamese seminarians were permitted to leave campus to join in the festivities. I wanted to join them, so I asked permission. The Dean said, "You're not Vietnamese." I said, "I know, but they are." "They're my friends and I would like to celebrate with them." The answer was "no." One day later though, I believe through my friend Theophane's intervention, the Dean had a change of heart. I could go to "Vietnam" as it were. I don't know if I would ever have the fortitude and courage to do what Theophane Venard did, but I do hope and pray for an ever greater Faith. I want to believe in something so much as to be willing to die for it. I know, at least, that is the first step of martyrdom. It's why I do what I do as a priest. It is a missionary step crossing boundaries and cultures; overcoming language barriers and encountering customs heretofore unknown. It requires epicurean experimentation, a strong stomach at times, and a good deal of patience, which I especially learned from all my Vietnamese friends. Maybe you, too, could be a missionary; maybe a martyr; maybe a priest overcoming all kinds of barriers and boundaries heretofore unknown. Let me know. It's quite the adventure. I'll even introduce you to my friend, Theophane!

Peace!

Fr . Wilson

Maintenance Appeal - We ask for your support!

Our parish is faced with several maintenance issues and we ask you to consider making an extra donation to help support this appeal:

Church Boiler \$25,000 - Church AC \$3,768 - Church Portico Roof \$1,200

Church Façade \$7,295 - Rectory Roof \$950 – Trees \$ 3,300

Total \$41,513

Please use your maintenance envelope or visit our parish website at

<http://www.holycrosscatholics.org> to give electronically. We appreciate your generosity.

Holy Cross Parish Annual Financial Statement

For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, Holy Cross Parish (apart from the School) had an income of \$766,613 and expenses of \$908,320, leaving a **deficit** of **\$141,707**. Thankfully, due to our reserves, we were able to end the year current with all payables and cash-in-the-bank of \$225,347. However, obviously we cannot continue to run at a deficit.

Holy Cross has 1785 total registered families. Of these, 278 give regularly to the parish through either the envelope or electronic contribution program. The parish Sunday collection yearly budget is \$550,000 or \$10,576 per week. If we divide the budget among our giving families, each family's fair share is \$1,978 yearly or \$38 weekly. Some can give more, others less. If you are not currently giving regularly and would like to receive envelopes or enroll in electronic giving, please contact the Church office at 610-626-3321.

NO Holy Cross offerings are used to fund legal settlements related to sexual abuse.

Please consider prayerfully how you may increase your support of our parish. We need our members collectively to increase their giving almost **20%** this next year in order to balance our budget. Working together we can make this happen! Thank you for your continued support.

Holy Cross Parish Operating Income Statement

	Year Ending 6/30/2019	Year Ending 6/30/2018
Total Revenue	766,613	893,649
Salaries and Benefits	480,571	463,708
Maintenance/Utilities	108,925	148,358
Diocesan Assessment ¹	99,400	99,199
School Tuition Subsidy ²	79,118	91,110
Other ³ (property taxes, insurance, altar supplies, transportation)	140,306	154,383
Total Expenses	908,320	956,758
Surplus (Deficit)	(141,707)	(63,109)

1. Covers diocesan operations. None of these funds are used for legal settlements related to sex abuse.

2. The parish provides a tuition subsidy of \$1400 per child for active parish families.

³ No interest expenses are incurred by the parish as we have no loans with any financial institution. Holy Cross did incur several years ago an obligation to the diocese of \$1.2 million which is non-interest bearing and not currently due.

Masses For The Week

MONDAY OCTOBER 7
8:30 AM JOSEPHINE FERRO

TUESDAY OCTOBER 8
8:30 AM ROSEMARY CASSIDY

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 9
8:30 AM SHEEHAN FAMILY
(SCHOOL MASS)

THURSDAY OCTOBER 10
NO MASS

FRIDAY OCTOBER 11
12:15 PM SGT. CARMEN T.
GRANDIZIO, USMC
(Killed in WW II)

SATURDAY OCTOBER 12
8:30 AM PAUL RUANE
11:00 AM ANOINTING MASS

NEXT WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY OCTOBER 12
4:30 PM TOMCZYK & WHALEN
FAMILIES

SUNDAY OCTOBER 13
8:30 AM ROCCO & MAGDALENA
GENTILE
11:00 AM PEOPLE OF HOLY CROSS

Our Holy Cross School Students and Faculty will be joining us for Holy Mass on Wednesday, October 9. All parishioners are invited to participate.

Life Chain 2019!!

October is "Respect Life Month" and it's time for our annual Life Chain on Baltimore Pike in Springfield today, Sunday, October 6, from 1:00 to 2:00 PM. Come and join us as we stand along the sidewalks of Baltimore Pike starting at Saxer Avenue to Witness for Life! You may bring a chair, a rosary and/or a sign that affirms Life. Families are welcome. Hope to see you there! For more information, please call Regina Scheerer at 610-328-2463.

THANK YOU!

Sunday Collection September 29
Amount Received \$9,041



John Boyle	Helen Lyons
Lyndi Butler	Joanne Marks
John Cassidy	Barbara McCusker
Margaret Cook	Lee Anne McGough
Maryanne Convery	Thomas Miller
Stephen Collins	Dan Murphy
Samuel Dephillipo	Connie Myers
Sharon Diemer	Frances O'Callaghan
Kathleen Dixon	Charlotte O'Leary
Lillian Donahue	Paige O'Leary
Mary Ann Farrell	Laura Palermo
Nicola Giordano	Francis Romano
Donna Giorgio	Jim Sandusky
Carolyn Henderson	Rose Marie Santos
Steven Henderson	Joseph Sindoni
Stefanos Karas	Adeline Sulpizio
Carole Kime	Anthony Torelli
Mary & Ken Kull	George Vrettos
Kendall Lambert	Lily Walker
Rose Leto	Nadia Waltanski
Patricia Lyons	Carter Walton

BEQUEST TO THE PARISH

A planned gift to Holy Cross Church ensures a lasting legacy. You can make a bequest to Holy Cross Parish by having the following statement in your will. "I leave to Holy Cross Parish, Springfield, PA, the sum of (whatever it may be) for its religious, charitable and educational works." This is one way of ensuring that Holy Cross will be able to continue to do in the future the good it has done in the past.

Craft Fair

SATURDAY - OCTOBER 19

9:00 AM-3:00 PM – PARISH HALL

Over 50 Vendors showcasing their crafts and products. Snack bar open during the event. Great time to start holiday shopping! Crafts, jewelry, home decor, candles, food, and so much more!

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Thanks to the Knights of Columbus, our school offices and faculty bathrooms are looking light and bright. Thank you for sharing your time, talent and treasure to make our parish school sparkle.

Thank you, Knights!

The teachers attended a Professional Development Day on Wednesday, October 2, at Cardinal O'Hara High School. It is important that we, as teachers, continue to learn as well. There was no school for our students on that day.

The following students were awarded a certificate for showing friendship, our character virtue for the month of September.

Mia O.	Pre-K3	Jeremiah S.	2
Abby B.	Pre-K 4	Camryn H	3
Ava S.	Pre-K 4	Anthony H.	4
Adam T.	K	Sophia C.	5
James B.	K	Marvin R.	6
Henry J.	1	Abigal H.	7
Kiera F.	1	Isabella P.	8

This month, the teachers will be looking for "Being Prepared." Students are working to be prepared for class and complete all homework and assignments on time.

Our new Student Council Officers for the 2019-2020 School Year are:

President	Harry D.	Vice President	Gionna T.
Secretary	Will D.	Treasurer	Lexi Y.
Class Representative	Jordan G.		

Congratulations!

Have a great week! God bless you!

Dr. Worrilow

The Corner

Brought to you by your Evangelization Team

“Regardless of where you are in life, God’s plan involves you making the right decisions right now. Why wait until later to start being the person that God made you to be?”

— Matthew Warner (Messy and Foolish)



SUNDAY SOCIAL

OCTOBER 13

JOIN US AFTER THE
8:30 AND 11:00
O’CLOCK MASSES IN

THE PARISH HALL FOR COFFEE AND ASSORTED GOODIES! COMING DRESSED IN EAGLES GREEN WILL EARN YOU A CHANCE TO WIN A DOOR PRIZE. DRAWING WILL BE HELD DURING EACH SOCIAL.

JOIN IN THE FUN &
GO EAGLES!

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

Hi, Folks! Our next parish collection will be on October 12 and 13. If you are able, we are in need of veggies, peanut butter, jelly, cereal, oatmeal, pasta and sauce, canned meats and tuna, soup, canned fruit, toilet paper and paper towels.

Just a reminder: if you know anyone in need of food in Delco, please share this information. The Food Pantry is open on Wednesdays from 3:30 to 6:00 PM.

Thank you and God bless you for your support as we help our most-in-need neighbors in our community.

Your friends from the SVDP Food Pantry

DISCOVERING CHRIST - THURSDAYS

Here is some information:

* Sessions are held here at Holy Cross Parish. We are meeting on the second floor of the Parish Center and there is elevator access. Helpers will be in the parking lot to direct you to parking for both regular and wheelchair access.

* Doors open at 6:15 PM. Come early and meet your fellow participants.

* Sessions start promptly with dinner at 6:30 PM and end promptly by 9:00 PM.

* If you have friends or neighbors who have been considering attending this exciting event but have not yet registered, please encourage them to do so. By signing up now, it will also help us determine how many dinners to prepare. Online registration is the easiest; just ask those attending to send their name, email, phone number and parish to:

www.discoveringchristinspringfield.org

but people can also text the information to 484-868-8571.

* Pray for God’s blessings on all who attend. And pray for the team as we have been praying for you.

The Discovering Christ Team

PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY RALLY

Please join us on Saturday, October 12, at Noon, in front of Holy Cross Church to pray the Rosary to Our Lady of Fatima for the sake of all mankind. If you could, please take ten minutes out of your busy day to join us as one of over 12,000 rallies across America on this day. All are welcome; we will begin at noon, rain or shine. Folding chairs and umbrellas are welcome as needed. Thank you for taking the time.

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