

HOLY CROSS CHURCH

651 East Springfield Road • Springfield, Pennsylvania 19064

SEPTEMBER 11, 2022 • TWENTY-FOURTH 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

Happy Feast Day! This weekend we observe our Parish's Feast Day with our celebration of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. The proper day for the Feast is September 14, but the liturgical calendar allows us to move major celebrations that fall during the week to Sunday so that a greater number of people are able to celebrate.

With today's celebration of our parish feast, we also **welcome back our parish choir from their summertime hiatus**. They will be singing every other week at the 11:00 Mass and at major liturgies throughout the year. The choir is always happy to welcome new members, so if you like to sing, please contact Grete Ingalls for more information.

Reminder: the **Mass book** for 2023 will open on Tuesday morning. To give everyone a chance to request desired Mass intentions and prevent the book from filling too quickly, there are limits to the number of requests we can accept. We appreciate your understanding. In addition to individual announced Mass requests, **unannounced Masses are always available**. These Masses are offered by local priests in non-parish ministries or retired priests, or they may be transferred to priests who work abroad in the missions. They may be said at any time, and often might end up being offered before a Mass can be scheduled here at the parish. We also have established the **Holy Cross Memorial Fund**. All those enrolled in the fund are remembered monthly at a scheduled Mass. If you are someone who routinely requests multiple Masses each year for a deceased loved one, please consider the Memorial Fund and unannounced Masses as options.

On October 15, there is an **Archdiocesan pilgrimage** planned to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. Holy Cross is partnering with neighboring parishes to send a bus on the trip. It will leave from St. Andrew in Drexel Hill at 7:30am. **The registration deadline is Thursday**, so if you're interested, please call the parish office and we will give you the information to register. (I don't want to put the coordinator's contact information here because that becomes an invitation for scammers to reach out in an attempt to bilk money. Sigh.)

Thanks to everyone who contacted their legislators last week about the delay in textbook fulfillment. Catholicphilly reports that the backlog is starting to clear across the state.

Twenty-one years ago, our nation was shaken by an act of terrible evil and terror. Our celebration of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross reminds us of the greatest evil that took place on Good Friday and how God can transform and redeem evil in the glory of the Resurrection. We pray for the victims of 9/11, and we ask God to bless our nation and bring His glory to these United States of America.

24th
Sunday in
Ordinary
Time

Reading I: Exodus 32: 7-11, 13-14

Yahweh tells Moses, still on the mountaintop, about His people's apostasy down below, and His plan to destroy them. But Moses intercedes and persuades Yahweh to relent and remember His promises to the patriarchs.

Reading II: I Timothy 1: 12-17

Paul, using himself as an example, boldly asserts to Timothy his friend that "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners."

The Gospel: Luke 15: 1-32, or 15: 1-10

Luke selects 3 of Jesus' parables to illustrate how God's mercy allows Him to delight in people who turn back to Him after they have made bad choices to sin.



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

8:30 AM - No Mass

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

8:30 AM - Kathryn Gregorio, Rita Creato, &
Anne Creato

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

8:30 AM - Thomas Greiner

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

8:30 AM - Jeffrey Scolis

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

8:30 AM - Gerald Cullin, Jr.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

8:30 AM - Joseph Cioa, Jr.

4:30 PM - William Greenan

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

8:30 AM - The People of Holy Cross

11:00 AM - Living & Deceased Members of
the Casciano Family

SANCTUARY LAMP



This week's Sanctuary Lamp
intention is for:

Church: **Attendees of 8:30 am Mass**

Chapel: **Attendees of 8:30 am Mass**

COLLECTION INFORMATION

Weekly Need **\$12,820**

Weekly Collection, September 4

Total **\$6,068**

Electronic **\$2,668**

Basket & Mail-Ins **\$3,400**

PRAY FOR THE SICK



Steve Austin

Consiglia Borrelli

Lyndi Butler

Mary Ann Carroll

Maryann Convery

Bill DeVuono

George Dickinson

Bob Frankenberger

Dawn Gibbons

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Richard McCullough

Barbara McCusker

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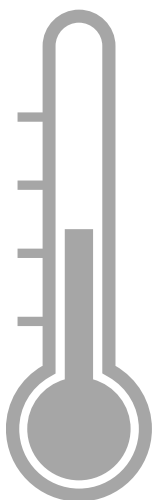
Adeline Sulpizio

Jean Super

Valerie Thompson

Betty Tomczyk

Rosemarie Colaberdino



TAME OUR TEMP!

As of September 4,
we have received
\$14,511 in donations.

We thank you for
your generosity!

Next Church Cleaning

The next Church cleaning will take place on Tuesday, September 13, after the 8:30 am Mass. Extra hands are always welcome.

It's Choir Time!

Choir season starts in just a few weeks. This year, we have been invited again to sing at the Basilica Cathedral of Sts Peter and Paul. We are in need of all voices. You don't have to read music in order to join us, you just need to enjoy singing. For more information, contact our choir director, Grete Ingalls, at greteingalls@hotmail.com or 267.253.4007.

All Musicians Wanted

If you play an instrument at an intermediate level or above and would like to add to the beauty of our Liturgy, please contact our Music Director, Grete Ingalls, at greteingalls@hotmail.com or 267.253.4007.

Mass Book Opening

The Mass book for 2023 will open on Tuesday, September 13, at 9:00 am. During the first month the book is open, there will be a limit of three (3) Masses scheduled per requestor. After the first month, additional Masses may be requested, with a limit of two (2) at a time. No intentions for 2023 announced Masses will be accepted or scheduled before the book opens (except those we are required to include). Phone calls or e-mails received once the book is open will be processed after those who are present in-person have been tended to.

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Beef N Beer Dance Party at Holy Cross



Saturday, October 1st 7PM-11PM

Remember the Holy Cross Dances? Come and Have Some Fun!

Get Your Tickets and Brush Off Your Dancing Shoes!

\$30.00 per Person advanced – Table for 10 Reserved for \$300.00

\$40.00 at the Door



Roast Beef, Baked Ziti, Salads, Beer & Soft drinks Included

BYO for anything else

The Corner

Brought to you by your Evangelization Team

Wednesday is the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. We have such a rich history in our Catholic faith!

Did you know....

The feast was observed in Rome before the end of the 7th century. It commemorates the recovery of the Holy Cross, which had been placed on Mount Calvary by St Helena and preserved in Jerusalem, but then had fallen into the hands of Chosroas, king of the Persians. The precious relic was recovered and returned to Jerusalem by Emperor Heraclius in 629.

But more than anything else, it is a celebration and commemoration of God's greatest work: His salvific death on the Cross and His Resurrection, through which death was defeated and the doors to heaven opened.

FORMED

We celebrate our Parish Feast Day, The Feast of The Holy Cross on September 14. To hear about the development of this feast and more thoughts surrounding the Holy Cross, tune in to an inspiring 30-minute video called "Exaltation of the Holy Cross" with Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. Ben Akers. Next, watch "What is the Mass?" with Chris Stefanik and Fr John Riley. The easiest way to find this 13-minute conversation is to use the search icon and enter What is the Mass. It is in The Search Continues series.

Remember this is a **FREE GIFT** to you from your parish! If you haven't already done so, go to <https://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. Enjoy!

Food Pantry Update

As we have shared before, with the increased cost of food and personal items, our pantry continues to be busy. Our parishioners have supported our St. Vincent dePaul Conference with your contributions in the "Help the Needy" church envelopes and food donations. Not sure if we tell you enough... we appreciate all of your generosity and prayerful support.

If you are able, we are always in need of cereal, pancakes and syrup, pasta and pasta sauce, peanut butter, jelly, veggies, mac & cheese, canned meats, spaghetti, juice, kiddie treats, paper towels and toilet paper.

If you know any Delco residents in need of food, please let them know our pantry is open on Wednesdays from 3:30 to 5:30PM.

God Bless All of You,
Your Friends from the St. Vincent dePaul Society Holy Cross Food Pantry

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP CHURCH

W E L C O M E S

ALAN AMES

— EVANGELIST — AUTHOR — HEALER —

ONE NIGHT ONLY
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH
AT 7 PM

Alan Ames is a Catholic Evangelist, international speaker and author of some 20 books who has traveled to more than 50 countries on six continents since 1994. During his travels, Alan has shared his amazing "Saul to Paul" conversion story and a powerful healing gift. Alan has ministered to multitudes suffering from physical, mental, emotional and spiritual ailments around the world.

Alan personally knows the power of God's redeeming love and grace that dramatically transformed this former motorcycle gang member and violent alcoholic into a passionate disciple of Christ. Alan shares his story with a world that so desperately needs to hear it today.

For one night only, **September 13th at 7:00 pm**, Alan will be at **Our Lady of Perpetual Help (OLPH) Church, 2130 Franklin Ave., Morton, PA 19070.**

The evening begins with Mass, followed by Alan's testimony, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and a Healing Service. Confessions will also be offered.

This event is co-sponsored by Marian Council #3753 of the Knights of Columbus and the OLPH Evangelization Team. A good will offering will be taken.

Registration is requested (but not required) by going to www.olphmorton.org.



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



September 14th & 15th, 2022

Nationally known speakers Dr. Bill Lile, the Pro-Life doctor, and Dr Tim Clinton, Executive Director of the James Dobson Family Institute, will deliver messages that are counter cultural. They are joined by Father John Clote from the Diocese of Phoenix, Devin Schadt from the Fathers of Saint Joseph, and several others.

Guests will have the opportunity to enjoy this stunning venue which features an outdoor Stations of the Cross, a magnificent Marian grotto, and a beautiful adoration chapel in the stone tunnel of the Star Barn.

Mass will be offered daily by Monsignor William King of Mount Saint Mary's Seminary and confessions will be available in the outdoor vineyard.

Conference tickets include lunch. Additional options include a ride on the historic Harrisburg, Lincoln & Lancaster Railroad.

The Star Barn Village, Stone Gables Estate
Elizabethtown, PA

Schedule and Ticket Info: StewardshipConference.org





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.

150th Anniversary of Sacred Heart of Jesus Church

Sacred Heart of Jesus Church in Philadelphia, PA is celebrating their 150th Parish Anniversary with a Mass and dinner on Sunday, October 16, 2022. The ticket price is \$75 per person. Please call our rectory at 215-465-4050 or visit our website, sacredheartchurchsp.com for more information.

Three Parish Book Club

The Three Parish Book Club will hold its first meeting of the season on Wednesday, September 28 at 7:00 p.m. at Holy Cross Family Center. Members will discuss the books read over the summer and select books for the coming year. If you would like to join us, please contact Joy Van Berg at 610 328-2095 or at joyvanberg@gmail.com.

September

The Delight of Being Ordinary
and/or
A Novena for Murder
Bad Faith
The Father Brown Mysteries

October

Mere Christianity by C.S. Lewis

Delco Pro-Life Meeting

Please join us for our kick-off Pro-Life Meeting of this season at St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Springfield on Wednesday, September 14, at 7 PM.

The meeting will be held in the school Library located in the basement of the Church. Entrance is from the parking lot behind the Church.

Upcoming pro-life events are the PA March for Life in Harrisburg on Monday, September 19, our Delaware County Life Chain on Sunday, October 2, along Baltimore Pike in Springfield, and Johnny's Run for Life on Sunday, October 9, at Cardinal O'Hara High School. More info will follow. Your prayers and suggestions are most welcome.

Jesus, protect and save the unborn.

PA March For Life in Harrisburg

Please join us as we witness for LIFE in Harrisburg on MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 at a rally with inspirational speakers at 11 AM in front of the State Capitol followed by a March around the Capitol. Vans will be leaving from St. Pius X Church parking lot on Lawrence Road in Broomall after their 8 AM Mass. Join us for 8 AM Mass also! Come one, come all! Call John Williamson at 610-446-5600 to reserve a seat.



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Contact our team to register or for questions:
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