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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Evening 4:30 PM
Sunday, Upper Church 8:30 and 11:00 AM
Holy Day As announced
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Saturday 8:30 AM
Friday..... 12:15 PM

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, Lower Church: 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.

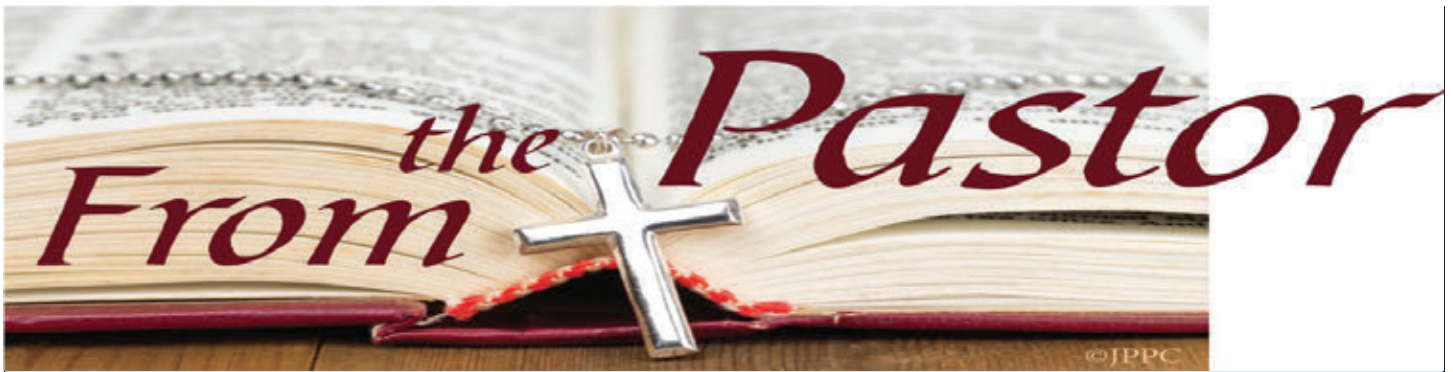
First time parents and godparents are required to attend a Baptism Preparation Session which is held on the 1st Monday of the month at 7:00 PM. Please call the Parish Office for more information.

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.



A few quick reminders:

- Since last week's bulletin did not make it to print, a final reminder that the Social Committee and Knights of Columbus are hosting a parish social after all Masses this weekend. If you're reading this after Mass and haven't made it home yet, stop by the school gym for some refreshments. I'm looking forward to getting a chance to meet and interact with all of you.
- The change to the daily Mass schedule takes effect this week. There will be no Mass on Monday. Daily Mass will be offered Tuesday-Saturday at 8:30 am.
- The celebration of the Sacrament of Penance has been moved back into the confessionals of the main church. Each priest will have his own confessional, so keep an eye out for the light to be on indicating where he is.

Another announcement: with the change to the daily Mass schedule, we will also make a small change in the options we exercise in the celebration of the Mass. During the week, we will no longer have a procession of the gifts of bread and wine to the altar (sometimes called the offertory procession). While there is a beautiful symbolism in having members of the congregation bring up the gifts, it is an optional part of the celebration. After discussing with a few people, it seems fitting that we opt not to have the procession at this time. Having said that, however, if the family of the person for whom the Mass is offered on a particular day are present and wish to bring up the gifts, they are still welcome to do so. In that case, we would ask that someone alert the sacristan in the sacristy before Mass begins.

Speaking of Mass intentions, the Mass book for 2022 opens this week. More information can be found elsewhere in the bulletin. We're going to try something a bit different this year. In many places, the opening of the Mass book is an occasion for many people to come to the parish office. While you're here and waiting, the ladies in the office might be asking you to verify the data we have about you and your family in our records so we can ensure we are up-to-date. One thing we often find is that people don't notify the parish when their contact information changes. For example, many people have dropped their landlines and not given us their cell phone numbers, or switched internet providers and not told us the old e-mail address isn't valid. Having accurate contact information and demographic data about our parishioners is vital for parish planning and administration, and since a good number of you will be here anyway, it seems like a good time to do that.

Thank you as always for your support of the parish. Hope to see you over in the gym after Mass, and Happy Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross!

Fr. Kiernan



MONDAY SEPTEMBER 13

8:30 AM No Mass

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 14

8:30 AM Ellen Linehan

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 15

8:30 AM Ellen Linehan

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 16

8:30 AM Mary Ann Purcell

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 17

8:30 AM Gerry Canterino

NEXT WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 18

8:30 AM James McNicholas

4:30 PM Mary Scott (1st Anniversary)

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 19

8:30 AM Robert MacDonald

11:00 AM People of Holy Cross

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE CHANGES

Starting the week of September 12, Mass during the week will be celebrated Tuesday thru Saturday with NO Mass on Mondays. ALL daily Masses will be at 8:30 AM. Any Mass intentions that were scheduled for a Monday will be moved to the corresponding Thursday of that week.

Freshen Our Façade

Thank you to all those who have contributed to the Freshen Our Façade collection. We have met our goal! We thank you for your generosity.



Sunday Collection, September 5

Total Collection \$9,403

Electronic \$3,470

Basket & Mail-ins \$5,933

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!

Mass Book—OPENING

The opening of the Mass book will take place this Wednesday, September 15, 2021, after the 8:30 am Mass. Masses will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. On the first day only, September 15, we will be limiting the number of Masses for each individual request to a maximum of three (3). Each Mass intention is \$10.00.

PREP Registration

Registration for 2021-2022

Religious Education is now OPEN!

Information and registration can be found at
www.holycrosscatholics.org/prep

Questions? Contact Kelly Meliti at
prepholycross@gmail.com or 610-626-1057



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***** JOIN IN THE CELEBRATION *****

Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross
And Welcome Father Kiernan!

Where: The Parish Hall

When: Saturday, September 11, after 4:30 PM
 Mass. Hotdogs and fixings will be served.

Sunday, September 12, after both Masses
 Coffee & donuts will be served.

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.



The Corner

Brought to you by your Evangelization Team

As we celebrate the feast of The Exaltation of The Holy Cross this week, let's reflect on the words of this beautiful hymn.

"Let us raise our voices to the cross of Christ where the earth and heaven unite;

God has wed creation on the tree of hope where the darkness becomes our light.

Let us join in the dance of heaven and earth, give thanks for the goodness of God."

---from the Hymn "Glory in the Cross"



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!!

Respect Life Month

Archdiocesan Opening Celebration

Cathedral Basilica of SS Peter & Paul

September 26, 2021

11:00 AM Mass with Archbishop Nelson Perez

Followed by a brunch reception with The Sisters of Life

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



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"*

This is an easy way to start. We will study in **depth** only 1 book of the Bible

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

Please call to register so we know how many Study Paks to order!

Altar Server Training

Altar Server training will take place on Saturday, September 25, 2021, from 10 AM to 12 PM for all current altar servers. All current altar servers please come to the church at 10:00 AM. Lunch will follow.

On October 3, 2021 Bishop McIntyre will be coming for the installation of our new Pastor at the 11:00 AM Mass. Any server who is available to serve this Mass please call the office at 610-626-3321.



Multi-parish Pro-life Group Meeting

Pro-life Group Meeting at St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Springfield on Wednesday, September 15, from 7 to 8 PM to plan upcoming activities. Your prayers and ideas are most welcome.

The meeting will be held in the school library located in the church basement. Entrance is from the parking lot behind the church.

Jesus, protect and save the unborn.

St. Kevin's Three Day Novena to SAINT THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS OF THE HOLY FACE 200 W. Sproul Rd., Springfield, PA 19064

The Three Evening Novena to St. Therese will be livestreamed on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/skparish1/> (Facebook account not needed to view) and also open to the public in Church at 7pm on Tuesday, September 28th, Wednesday, September 29th, and Thursday, September 30th. On the third and final evening Mass will be celebrated. If you like, you may bring your written intention with you to be placed in a basket on the Altar. Join us as we bring our intentions in prayer through her to Jesus. For more information call 610-544-8777.



Three Parish Book Club

The Three Parish Book Club will hold its first meeting of the season on Wednesday, September 29, at 7:00 p.m. at Holy Cross Parish 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

Coffee with Nonna

The Lost Ravioli Recipes of Hoboken

A Favorite Book from Childhood

October - Psalms

Home Care Needed

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

Principal's Corner



Our school has openings in our PRE-K 3 classroom. Students must be three (3) by August 31 and potty-trained. If you have any questions, please call Mrs. Spurrier in the school office at 610-626-1709.

Help Wanted

Part-time position, 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.



Franklin Mint Federal Credit Union

Holy Cross Church is now a member of the Franklin Mint Federal Credit Union. All parishioners, students and employees may now open an account and become a member of FMFCU. The local branch is on Baltimore Pike in Springfield. For all things FMFCU visit fmfcu.org.

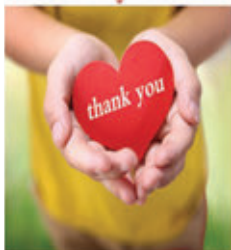
Welcome to our new reader Consiglia (Ceil) Borrelli

Good Society

Looking for a few Holy Cross parishioners to field test a new interactive program in development for Catholics to learn and discuss the Church's social, economic, and political teaching. We will meet Mondays at 7:00PM in the Parish Center for 4 weeks, starting September 20. If interested, please contact Steve Austin at stephenwaustin@live.com or 803-556-7481. Disclaimer: This curriculum is still in development and has not yet received an ecclesiastical review.



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