

HOLY CROSS CHURCH

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SEPTEMBER 18, 2022 • TWENTY-FIFTH 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

Just two weeks to go until our **Beef and Beer Dance Party** on Saturday, October 1st. We hope to see a great turnout. You can help by telling your friends and sharing information about the event on social media. And remember that advance ticket sales are at a discount, so get those tickets early.

This past week, our **Parish Religious Education Program** began its new year of instruction. After two years of virtual and hybrid instruction, it is nice to see everyone back in the classroom.

We closed out our fiscal year at the end of June, and we're working on putting together the financial report for this past year. We should be able to share that with everyone in the next few weeks. I do thank all of you for your continued support of this parish financially. We are doing our best to keep our expenses low, which—as you all have experienced in your own homes—is not easy these days.

Speaking of expenses, we are still working slowly on upgrades to the heating and air conditioning system to help us regulate the temperature in the church for comfort and decrease our utility bills. Over the Summer, an engineer made a small upgrade that helped the different pieces of the A/C system communicate with each other. (I say "small," but it still cost several thousand dollars). Another technician spent a day here working on some of the mechanical issues the engineer identified. Those changes have actually helped moderate the temperature a little bit by shutting down and restarting the air handler and the rooftop tower under certain conditions. You may have been in the church and heard the system do that; it's a bit loud and noticeable. We're still nowhere near being able to control the temperature in the space the way we'd like to, but we're in a much better place than we were a year ago when it was cold enough to store meat and milk in the church some days.

Another project we have in the works involves the back entrance to the school yard on Bishop Avenue. The pavement there has deteriorated very badly and the sidewalk has gotten deformed. We're getting estimates to get that fixed and hope to be able to get that started as soon as possible. There is no shortage of maintenance and repair work to be done around here.

One other upgrade we recently made was to the lighting on the front facade of the church. As you know, last summer we had the front of the building power-washed, which cleaned up the statues very nicely. A few weeks ago, we upgraded the lights that illuminate those statues at night to brighter, more energy-efficient LEDs. If you're driving through the area at night, make sure you take a look. I think it looks amazing. There are still a number of outside lights to upgrade around the campus, and we're going to get to them as time, money, and product availability allow.

Have a great week! And don't forget to get those beef and beer tickets!

25th
Sunday in
Ordinary
Time

Reading I: Amos 8: 4-7

The prophet condemns the hypocrites who only observe the sabbath by not working on the day of the new moon, but quickly plot to cheat the poor people by their clever use of various weights.

Reading II: I Timothy 2: 1-8

Paul urges the community to pray for the emperor and other civil authorities to prove to their critics that they are not anti-government. The one true God desires that all human beings be saved.

The Gospel: Luke 16: 1-13, or 16: 10-13

The shrewd steward here is an embezzler who uses his soon to be lost position to prepare for his future. He is an example of how people who live by the present day culture at least have enthusiasm for their work. Jesus contrasts this with the dull response to God's kingdom by some of His own disciples, the so-called "sons of light."



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

8:30 AM - No Mass

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

8:30 AM - Stephen Mark Fuga

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

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

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

8:30 AM - Dawn Marley

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

8:30 AM - Jim Panetta & Family

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

8:30 AM - Carol Clancy

4:30 PM - Anne Scott

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

8:30 AM - Emily Hannigan

11:00 AM - The People of Holy Cross

SANCTUARY LAMP



This week's Sanctuary Lamp intention is for:

Church: Adam Harvitz

COLLECTION INFORMATION

Weekly Need **\$12,820**

Weekly Collection, September 11

Total **\$8,516**

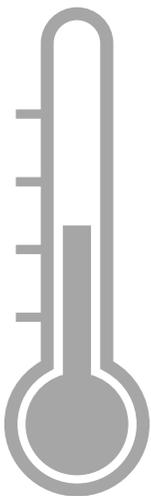
Electronic **\$2,653**

Basket & Mail-Ins **\$5,863**

PRAY FOR THE SICK



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| Steve Austin | Joann Marks |
| Consiglia Borrelli | Maryanne McCauley |
| Lyndi Butler | Richard McCullough |
| Mary Ann Carroll | Barbara McCusker |
| Maryann Convery | Larry McCusker |
| Bill DeVuono | Francis Murray |
| George Dickinson | Frances O'Callaghan |
| Bob Frankenberger | Charlotte O'Leary |
| Dawn Gibbons | Paige O'Leary |
| Ryan Hearne | Katherine Patrone |
| Carolyn Henderson | Mary Rafferty |
| Steven Henderson | Ronnie Sidebottom |
| Jimmy Keating | Joseph Sindoni |
| Carole Kime | Adeline Sulpizio |
| Natalie Giorgio Kitts | Jean Super |
| Ken Kull | Valerie Thompson |
| Mary Kull | Betty Tomczyk |
| Kendall Lambert | Rosemarie Colaberdino |
| Zachary Halbing | |



TAME OUR TEMP!

As of September 11,
we have received
\$14,571 in donations.

We thank you for
your generosity!

Casserole Drop-Off Date

The next drop-off is Wednesday, September 21st between 6:00 and 7:00 PM at the gym annex. The casseroles are appreciated by the homeless who visit St. John's Hospice at 12th and Race St., Philadelphia. You can make any casserole that you like. Please mark the casserole with the date prepared. Call Connie Labowitz at 610-328-0599 with any questions. Thank you!

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.

2022 ROSARY RALLY!

Join us Saturday, October 8th in front of Holy Cross Church at noon. Pray for the United States!

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

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

We celebrate the Feast of St Matthew on Wednesday. His Gospel is so rich, let's reflect on just one inspiration there:

Jesus promises "Tomorrow will take care of itself. Sufficient for a day is its own evil." (Matthew 6:34)

Today, try to catch yourself when you're worrying about something that may or may not happen. Imagine yourself like the bird in Jesus' Gospel, flying free from all the earthly fears trying to pull you to the ground. Think about how birds just go about their business without worrying about the future. God takes care of them, and He'll take care of you.

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

Pro-Life Legal Fund Raffle

The Pro-Life Legal Fund of Southeastern PA supports attorneys' fees in their defense of pro-life issues in our state. Please GIVE LIFE A CHANCE by purchasing a raffle ticket for \$25. Drawing is September 24. 10 Prizes from \$100 up to \$5000. To buy a ticket, please call Regina Scheerer at 610-328-2463, Lori Cotterall at 610-328-6054 or Ted Meehan at 610-804-3285. Take a chance for LIFE!

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.

Delco Life Chain

October is Respect Life Month. Please join us to start the month with our Delaware County Life Chain on Sunday, October 2, from 1 - 2 PM, along the sidewalks of Baltimore Pike in Springfield, starting at Saxer Ave. You may bring a chair, your rosary and/or a pro-life sign, or just come as you are! Let's witness for LIFE! (Rain date October 9 at same time.)

Principal's Corner



We are just beginning the new school year. There have been some changes in our faculty and staff.

We have a new teacher in Kindergarten, Miss McKinnon Coleman, a new teacher in first grade, Miss Shannon Whalen (formerly Pre-K 4), a new teacher in 2nd grade, Miss Makayla Palmer, and our new learning support teacher, Miss Shauna Moll.

Mrs. Spurrier is now our Enrollment Coordinator and Mrs. Sheila Moeller is now our receptionist.

We are looking forward to a great year.



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



Merion Mercy's Open House will be held on Sunday, October 2, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Mass will be celebrated in the convent chapel at 11:00 a.m. and school tours will run 12 p.m.- 3 p.m. The Scholarship and Entrance Exam for 8th graders will be offered on two dates: Saturday, October 15 or Saturday, October 22. A parent tour will be offered on test dates. For more information and to register for events, visit our website at merion-mercy.com.



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.

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

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.



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



Accompanist Needed

The Saint James High School Alumni Choir (The Blue & Gray Voices) needs an accompanist. We are active September through May. To learn more about our organization, please visit our website <https://stjbulldogs.org> please then click the drop down 'about us' and choose The Blue and Gray Voices.

This is a paid position.

For more information contact:

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cell: 610.633.4287

email: pete.mclaughlin@kcc.com

Lou Robinson

cell: 610.812.4806

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Thursday October 6 Scholarship Exam 4:30 to 7:30 PM	Sunday November 6 Scholarship Exam 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM 12:00 - 2:00 PM	Thursday October 20 Open House 6:00 to 7:30 PM
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