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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.

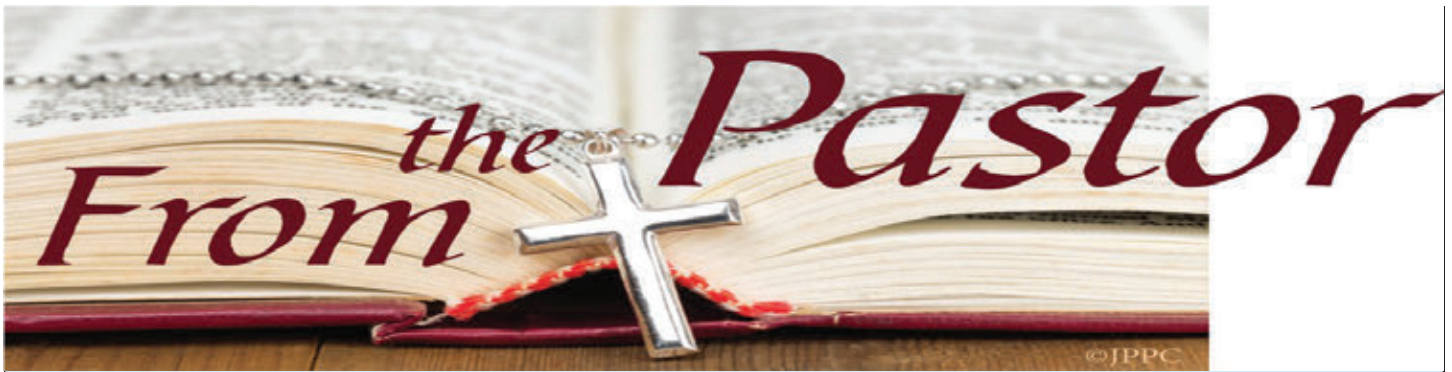
First time parents and godparents are required to attend a Baptism Preparation Session which is held on the 1st Monday of the month at 7:00 PM. Please call the Parish Office for more information.

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.



It was great to see that so many people joined us last week for the parish socials after the Masses. There was a nice turnout and plenty of food. A big word of thanks to the Parish Social Committee and the Knights of Columbus for all the work in procuring food and supplies, decorating, and cleaning up. They did an amazing job. The parish is also grateful to the proprietor of Westbrook Market and the bakery manager at the Giant on Baltimore Pike for their support. They gave us a nice discount on the hot dogs and the doughnuts, without which we wouldn't have been able to have the party.

Talking about that brings up a point that I think we all need to be reminded of periodically. We have a number of local businesses that do a lot to support our parish and our school. As an example, the advertisers in the bulletin pay for the cost of printing it each week. The bulletin company also hosts and supports our website and primary e-mail address. If it weren't for the advertisers in the bulletin, we would be incurring a big expense to maintain a web presence and print these bulletins. When you patronize the local businesses that support Holy Cross, it never hurts to show them your gratitude for supporting the parish. When we support those who support us, it becomes a win-win all around.

Two weeks ago, I mentioned that Hurricane Ida was looming and threatening us with a lot of rain. We certainly got it. Who can forget the images of record flooding along the Schuylkill River from Norristown to Manayunk, or the sight of the Vine Street Expressway flooded almost up to the overpasses? And then there were the tornadoes. I used to work and live in the Fort Washington/Ambler area, which was hit by one of the tornadoes. A couple days ago I had an errand to run near that area, so I took a little detour to drive around. I was shocked and saddened by the destruction: downed trees, damaged homes, highway signs snapped in half—all along roads that I used to drive every day. It took my breath away.

I bring this up because a lot of people are going to need a lot of help to recover. I wrote this in the bulletin two weeks ago, but that week's bulletin didn't get to print, which makes this worth repeating. If you'd like to help support disaster relief efforts financially, you can place a contribution in the regular collection. (Just be sure to make it clear on the envelope that you wish it to go for disaster relief.) We will forward your donation to the appropriate Church-based organizations that provide assistance to those in need. People in our own back yard need the help, as do people across the country and the world.

This past week, the pastoral and finance councils met for a joint meeting, where I outlined some upcoming projects that I'd like us to work on as a parish. There are a number of priorities that we have to tackle, chief among them is getting people to return to Mass. We're also looking at a new fundraising idea to support the parish and school. I don't have space to talk about everything here this week, but in the coming weeks I'll provide further details as the staff and I work to make ideas a reality. So keep reading this column, and have a great week!

Fr. Kiernan



MONDAY	SEPTEMBER 20
8:30 AM	No Mass
TUESDAY	SEPTEMBER 21
8:30 AM	Anne Creato, Rita Creato & Kathryn Gregorio
WEDNESDAY	SEPTEMBER 22
8:30 AM	Ellen Linehan
THURSDAY	SEPTEMBER 23
8:30 AM	Ellen Linehan
FRIDAY	SEPTEMBER 24
8:30 AM	Anne Scott
NEXT WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS	
SATURDAY	SEPTEMBER 25
8:30 AM	Ellen Linehan
4:30 PM	Bernard Zaleta
SUNDAY	SEPTEMBER 26
8:30 AM	People of Holy Cross
11:00 AM	The Living & Deceased Members of the Casciano Family

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.



Sunday Collection, September 12

<i>Total Collection</i>	\$8,234
<i>Electronic</i>	\$2,418
<i>Basket & Mail-ins</i>	\$5,816

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!

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.



Feast Day Tip—San Gennaro

Like St. Joseph and Our Lady of Mount Carmel, St. Januarius, or San Gennaro, patron of Naples, is honored with festivals at many Italian parishes and is traditionally celebrated with pizza. He is noted for a unique miracle that reoccurs three times a year. On his feast, the first Saturday of May, and Dec. 16, the anniversary of the 1631 eruption of Mount Vesuvius, his dried blood liquefies. Celebrate his feast day today, September 19, with pizza.





Lyndi Butler	Francis Murray
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George Dickinson	Frances O'Callaghan
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Steven Henderson	Paige O'Leary
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Maryanne McCauley	Valerie Thompson
Richard McCullough	Helen Torelli
Barbara McCusker	Amanda Trerotola
	George Vrettos

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

Respect Life Mass, March and Rally

Join the Pro-Life Union on Saturday, October 16, for a Respect Life month Mass, March and Rally. More Details coming soon.

Merion Mercy

Families of girls in 6th – 8th grade are welcome to join us at Merion Mercy Academy's Open House on Sunday, October 3, between 10:00 AM to 3:30 PM. Mass will be celebrated at 12 noon in the gym. Students in 8th grade can take Merion Mercy's Scholarship and Entrance Exam on either Saturday, October 9, or Sunday, October 10, from 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM. To register for either event, please visit: www.merion-mercy.com/openhouse

The Corner

Brought to you by your Evangelization Team

Tuesday is the feast of St Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist. Listen to Jesus' words in his Gospel.

"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

--- Matthew 28:18-20



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!!

Unbound Conference

What if you could reach out and touch God's love, and never be the same? More than ever before we are struggling to find our way. The Unbound: Freedom in Christ Conference will empower you to break the powerful chains in your life, so that you can walk in the fullness of freedom. When: October 8 and 9. Where: Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Morton, PA. How: More info and registration - www.heartofthefather.com/event. Cost: \$95 before Sept. 25th/Couple or group pricing available.



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

Free Hospital Bed

Anyone interested in a hospital bed please call Madeline at 610-623-2174. You will need to transport the bed yourself.

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.

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.

Maternity B.V.M. School, Class of 1970, 50+1 Reunion

The Class of 1970 Reunion will be held on Saturday, October 16, 2021, from 7-11 PM, at Maternity BVM Parish Hall, 9322 Old Bustleton Avenue. Please send a check to Maternity B.V.M. Rectory, 9220 Old Bustleton Avenue, Phila, PA 19115. \$50 per person; payable to Maternity B.V.M. Church; Attention: Denise. Please include the names of attendees, a contact number and email address. For additional information, please email dvoisard@maternitybvm.net.

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

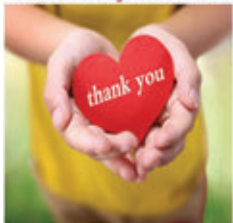
Home Care needed 4 days a week for 94 year-old. Please call Vicky at 610-623-7729.

Fall Rummage Sale Our Mother of Good Counsel Church

31 Pennswood Road, Bryn Mawr, PA 19010
Saturday, September 25 - 9 am - 3 pm.
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Come early, and don't miss out!

thank you. thank you. thank you.

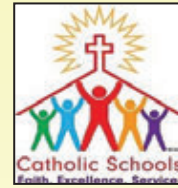


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Principal's Corner



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 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.



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.

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 on Monday, October 4, 2021, at 7:00PM in the Parish Center. If interested, please contact Steve Austin at stephen-waustin@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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