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Grete Ingalls, Music Director

## Parish Communication

To receive e-mail and text updates from the parish, text  
holycrossdelco to 84576.

## Mass Schedule

### **Sunday Masses**

Saturday: 4:30 pm

Sunday: 8:30 & 11:00 am

### **Daily Mass**

Tuesday-Friday: 8:30 am

### **Holy Day & Holiday Masses**

As Announced

## Sacrament of Penance

Saturday: 3:30-4:15 pm

or by appointment

## Parish Devotions

### **Holy Rosary**

Tuesday-Friday after Mass

### **Adoration Chapel**

Monday-Friday 9am-7pm

Chapel located in back of rectory

## Sacraments

### **Sacrament of Baptism**

2nd and 4th Sundays at 12 noon

*Please call the office to schedule  
the baptism of children. Parents and  
godparents must attend a Baptism  
Preparation Session.*

### **Sacrament of the Sick**

Please call the parish office or  
speak to the priest after Mass to  
request the Anointing of the Sick.  
If in a hospital or nursing home,  
please ask the staff to notify the  
parish that covers that facility.

### **Sacrament of Matrimony**

Couples looking to get married at  
Holy Cross should contact the  
pastor at least six months before  
the intended wedding date to  
discuss marriage preparations and  
schedule the wedding.

### **Holy Communion for the**

### **Homebound**

Please call the parish office.

## Parish Office Hours

Monday-Thursday, 9:00-12:00 & 1:00-4:00

Closed Fridays, Holidays and Holy Days

Office is located in the back of the church building

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2023



# FROM THE PASTOR

You may have noticed that two large green bins have appeared on our campus near the school gym. They are clothing collection bins. We've partnered with a local company that recycles used/unwanted clothing and shoes. We get a check each month from them, and they also donate a portion of their proceeds to various charitable entities in the local area.

I've seen these sort of clothing bins elsewhere and always wondered how they work. So, I did some research on how this works. The EPA estimates that 85% of textiles end up in landfills. 90% of what ends up in the landfill can be recycled. This company takes collects used textiles that would otherwise be thrown out and sends them off for recycling. What happens depends on the type of fabric. Synthetics can be melted down and made into new fabric. Natural fibers can be shredded and turned back into raw material that can be rewoven into new fabric for new clothing or other fabric-based items. Even items that cannot be turned into new cloth can still find new life as stuffing for furniture. As quickly as fashions change these days, and as quickly as children outgrow their clothing, recycling old clothes seems like a great option from an ecological perspective.

So, as you clean out those closets for Fall and Winter and find there's stuff you want to get rid of, don't throw it out! If Junior just graduated from high school and you're still hanging on to his baby clothes, free up some space! Bag the old clothing up and leave it in one of the new collection bins on campus. They'll accept all sorts of clothing and shoes: things don't have to be "gently used" to be acceptable. Spread the word about the bins, too. The more we keep them filled, the better it is for us as a parish.

Of course, that requires an obligatory reminder. The bins are for clothing and shoes only. They are not dumpsters for garbage. The company cannot accept furniture, appliances, mattresses, housewares, or other general trash. Clothing and shoes only please!

This Monday is Labor Day. The offices are closed, but we will have Mass at 8:30 am.

22nd  
Sunday in  
Ordinary  
Time

**Reading I: Jeremiah 20: 7-9**

Feeling a touch of despair, the prophet accuses Yahweh of being a deceiver. He has faced derision and scorn doing his job, and wants to stop. Yet when he does, he faces "a fire burning within his heart" that compels him to resume his calling.

**Reading II: Romans 12: 1-2**

The offering to God that we must make of our lives will inevitably lead us to be "non conformers" to the prevailing culture.

**The Gospel: Matthew 16: 21-27**

Here we have the first of Jesus' predictions of His passion. We also have a key element involved in being His true disciple, to "deny oneself and take up his/her cross."



# MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

8:30 AM - Dorothy Kussmaul

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

8:30 AM - Matt & Katie Judge

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

8:30 AM - Anthony & Pauline Fiscella

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

8:30 AM - Mary Ann Purcell

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

8:30 AM - Kathryn Gregorio, Rita Creato &

Anne Creato

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

8:30 AM - No Mass

4:30 PM - Alane Dougherty

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

8:30 AM - For the People of the Parish

11:00 AM - Charles & Joan Dunleavy

# SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's Sanctuary Lamp intention is for:

Church: **Dolores Morroni**



# COLLECTION INFORMATION

Weekly Need \$12,820

Weekly Collection, August 27

**Total** \$6,559

Electronic \$2,332

Basket & Mail-Ins \$4,227

# PRAY FOR THE SICK

- |                       |                       |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Consiglia Borreli     | Richard McCullough    |
| Lyndi Butler          | Larry McCusker        |
| Mary Ann Carroll      | Francis Murray        |
| George Dickinson      | Charlotte O'Leary     |
| Bob Frankenberger     | Paige O'Leary         |
| Dawn Gibbons          | Katherine Patrone     |
| Carolyn Henderson     | Mary Rafferty         |
| Steven Henderson      | Ronnie Sidebottom     |
| Jimmy Keating         | Joseph Sindoni        |
| Natalie Giorgio Kitts | Adeline Sulpizio      |
| Ken Kull              | Jean Super            |
| Mary Kull             | Valerie Thompson      |
| Kendall Lambert       | Betty Tomczyk         |
| Zachary Halbing       | Rosemarie Colaberdino |
| Deacon Joe Gousie     | Madalyn Parr          |
| Lee Anne McGough      | Carter Claire Walton  |
| Joann Marks           | Mike Calbertta        |
| Maryanne McCauley     | Alexander Passquini   |
| Matthew Bannon        | Melissa Dunsee        |
| Mary Ann Nero         | Mildred Mancini       |

## The Corner

Brought to you by your Evangelization Team

**This week marks the 4th anniversary of "The Corner," so let's revisit the very first reflection from September 1, 2019.**

"Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. But how can they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how can they believe in him of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone to preach? And how can people preach unless they are sent?" --Romans 10:13-15

## Church Cleaning

The next Church cleaning will take place on Tuesday, 9/5/2023, after the 8:30 am Mass. Extra hands are always welcome.

## Wanted: Singers and Musicians

Choir season starts in September. We are already preparing for 2 big events this year; our Christmas and Easter concerts. We are always looking for additional voices, and we especially need some male voices. You don't have to read music in order to join us, you just need to enjoy singing. We practice on Tuesday evenings, and we sing the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month at the 11:00 Mass, plus some other holidays and special events.

In addition to the choir, if you play an instrument at an intermediate level or above and would like to add to the beauty of our Liturgy, we'd like for you to be part of our music ministry.

For more information, please contact our Music Director, Grete Ingalls, at greteingalls@hotmail.com or 267.253.4007.

## Helping Holy Cross

How can you help Holy Cross? We now have clothing bins on the property. If we fill the bins every month, the company will make a generous donation to the parish for the amount of donations. All donations go to non-profits and local charities. Please be as generous as you are able. This will help with our fundraising budget for the coming financial year. Load up those bins with your unwanted clothing and shoes!

## Alumni Giving/Sponsor a Student

Calling all Holy Cross Alum and Parishioners: If you are interested in donating to Holy Cross School, please check out our website [www.hcscrusaders.com](http://www.hcscrusaders.com).

Click the tab under Alumni Giving if you would like to Donate to Holy Cross School, sponsor a student, or Support Holy Cross School with your tax dollars.

Every donation will make a difference in keeping our wonderful school thriving.

The faculty, staff and students thank you for your support.

## Holy Cross School CARES

Holy Cross School is searching for a part-time employee for their afterschool CARES program. CARES Staff provide a safe and joyful environment for students who stay after school until their parents pick them up. This position would begin with the upcoming 2023-2024 school year. The hours are 2:30pm until approximately 6:00pm, Monday through Friday when school is in session for a full day. CARES is not offered on early dismissal days for students.

Qualified and interested candidates please send your resume and cover letter to [espurrier@hcscrusaders.com](mailto:espurrier@hcscrusaders.com). If the position is offered, the candidate will be required to complete the "Protecting God's Children training" Clearances will be required as well as other documentation.



## Beef N Beer – Oct 7<sup>th</sup>

Come out and enjoy good food, good music and good fun with family and friends at the Beef n Beer on Saturday October 7<sup>th</sup> from 7PM-11PM.

Tickets on sale now - \$40 in advance and \$45 at the door. Roast Beef, Baked Ziti, Salads, Drinks, and Desserts. Raffle Baskets, 50/50 and Holy Cross 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary merchandise available.

All Classes – Reunions welcome. Meet up with old friends and make new ones. Tour of school available.

Tickets will be on sale after masses 9/9-9/10 and 9/16-9/17.

Contact us at

[HCDevelopmentFund@gamil.com](mailto:HCDevelopmentFund@gamil.com) or

[ContactUs@holycrosscatholics.org](mailto:ContactUs@holycrosscatholics.org)

for more information and ticket sales.

## Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend

MARRIED COUPLES – "Live your best life in love" in 2023: Why not give yourselves some time together by making a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend? The next in-person experiences are Sept. 15-17 and Nov. 10-12 at Our Lady of Czestochowa, Doylestown. For more info visit: <https://www.wwme-philly.org/>.

# FORMED

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September is a good time to visit with Mother Mary. In August we celebrated the Assumption and the Queenship of Mary, and this month we celebrate the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Our Lady of Sorrows. Explore all that is available by searching for "Mary." There are reflections, lectures, movies, even some things geared toward kids. If you haven't already done so, go to <https://signup.formed.org> to begin exploring all the content on FORMED. 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!

## Autumn Bible Study-- The Chosen!!



We're back with Season 3 of The Chosen! We will be showing all 8 episodes of Season 3 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, exploring the related Bible passages and the video production details. Light refreshments will be served.

We will show this at 2 different times, so PICK THE TIME that is best for you.

When: Mondays, September 11 thru October 30 --- 7:00 – 8:30 PM - in the Holy Cross Parish Center

Or: Wednesdays, September 13 thru November 1 ---9:15 – 10:45 AM – 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 3", the dark gray book is called "The Way of The Chosen: An Interactive Bible Study (Volume3)". Please join us!

To save a seat or for more information, contact Pattie Stevens at [pattiejstevens@comcast.net](mailto:pattiejstevens@comcast.net) or 484.868.8571.

## Fall Bereavement Support Group St. Bernadette's Church

Starts: Tuesday, September 5, 2023

Time: 7:00 to 8:30 Tuesday evenings for 8 weeks

Where: The Wright Center, 1st Floor

The program is led by an experienced facilitator. It is open to adults, 18 and older, who have experienced the death of a family member or friend. Eight-week commitment is encouraged. Reading material will be available. There is no fee for the program and the program is non-denominational.

For more information and registration call George Salloom @ 610 306-0252 or [email-georgesalloom@hotmail.com](mailto:email-georgesalloom@hotmail.com).

## Bonner & Prendie 70th Anniversary Celebration

On September 9, from 12-4, Bonner & Prendie will celebrate their 70th Anniversary with an Open House on the school campus. Tour the school, learn about what is happening at the school today and enjoy music and catching up with old friends. Food, drinks and Bonner & Prendie apparel will be available for sale. The day will conclude with a mass at 4:00, celebrated by Fr. Mostardi. For more information, visit [www.bonnerprendie.com](http://www.bonnerprendie.com)

## Food Pantry Update

Its hard to believe its almost "Back to School" time. Thanks to our parishioners and many generous benefactors; our Pantry is able to supply food and personal supplies to our "Neighbors in Need".

If you are able, we are in need of mac&cheese, cereal, oatmeal, canned meat / tuna, pasta sauce (no glass please) and pasta, peanut butter, jelly, rice, beans, kiddie treats and personal items (soap, body wash, shampoo, tissues).

If you know anyone in need for food in Delco, please share that the pantry is open every Wednesday in back of Holy Cross School from 3:30 to 5:30.

Thank you for "All you do" for our Neighbors in Need with your generosity and prayers. Please know you are making a difference in many folks' lives.

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## Our Lady of Fatima

### Class of 1973

## 50th Grade School Reunion

Saturday, October 14th

2 pm to 7 pm

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(includes food and entertainment)

Cash Bar

Contact: Kevin McCaffrey 610-639-4199

[Kmccaffrey45@gmail.com](mailto:Kmccaffrey45@gmail.com)

## Three Parish Book Club

The Book Club will resume meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 27 at Holy Cross Church Parish Center. Members will choose books for the coming year and will discuss the September selection. You need not have read the selected book to attend the meeting. If you would like more information, or if you would like to join us, please contact Joy Van Berg at [joyvanberg@gmail.com](mailto:joyvanberg@gmail.com). or 610 328-2095.

### Summer Reading Suggestions

Best Wishes, Sister B by Fran Smith

Poetry by your favorite poet or some favorite poems

### September

Voyage of Mercy by Stephen Puleo

## Home Care Needed

Home Care Needed – Home Care needed to stay overnight with an elderly woman 2 or 3 nights per week. The elderly woman generally takes care of her own needs. The Home Care worker would need to do light housework. Please call (484) 343-6610 for details.

## Eucharistic Adoration



The Eucharist is described in the Catechism as the “source and summit” of our faith. Finding the time to go to Adoration can be difficult. But if you can make it happen, committing to regular Adoration with an open heart can have some surprising results.

You experience peace in other areas of your life Jesus said “Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you.” (John 14:27) The outward peace we can experience in Adoration (the quiet and the stillness) reaches much deeper. It leads to an inner peace that affects all areas of our lives. It doesn’t mean everything in our life will be perfect and without suffering, but Christ’s peace means we know the storms of life can’t shake us.

We are in need of visitors and hourly adorers to maintain our current adoration schedule. Please consider keeping Jesus company in our intimate chapel here at Holy Cross Parish which is open weekdays 9:00am to 7:00pm. For more information, call Eileen at 610.213-3369.



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