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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 & Satur	day 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)

Rev. Steven W. Kiernan	Pastor
Rev. Edward C. Kelly	Resident/Faculty COHS
Deacon Thomas L. Taylor	Permanent Deacon
Deacon Robert Frankenberger	Retired
Deacon Joseph N. Gousie	Retired
Mrs. Theresa Carey	Business Manager
Dr. Mary Rose Worrilow	Principal
Mrs. Kelly Meliti Direc	tor of Religious Education
Mrs. Grete Ingalls. MM, CAGO	Music Director

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.

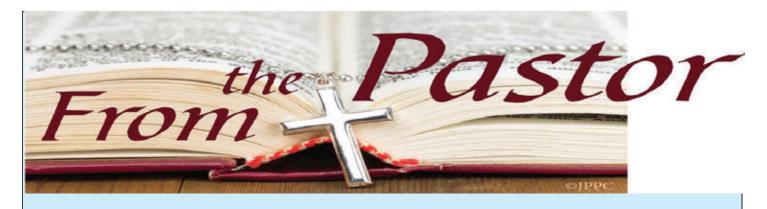
First time parents and godparents are required to attend a Baptism Preparation Session which is held on the 1st Monday of the month at 7:00 PM. Please call the Parish Office for more information.

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.



As I am writing this, what is left of Hurricane Ida is heading this way, having already caused major damage in Louisiana and wreaking havoc on points in between. We are expected to see a lot of rain. (I saw a map of projected rainfall totals and thought, wow, that looks more like a snowfall map than a rainfall map. That's a lot of water.) Only about a week and a half before that, Hurricane Henri flooded us with a bunch of water, and throughout the Summer, we've had an abundance of severe weather and strong storms. Two weeks ago, a magnitude 7.2 earthquake struck Haiti. Thousands died, even more were wounded, and the property damage is indescribable.

We live in an era of amazing technological advancement, and there is so much that humanity is able to control now that we couldn't in the past. Electric lights allow us to make a pitch-dark place look like noontime on a sunny day. Medications help us regulate our blood sugar, ease pain, kill infections, and keep our sinuses clear in allergy season. A phone the size of a deck of cards allows us to communicate face-to-face with people thousands of miles away and provides us with the fastest route despite heavier-than-normal traffic to get from one place to another.

When natural disasters strike, we get a stark reminder that there is still much that is out of our control. As much as scientists can predict the weather and other natural phenomena, there's really nothing that can be done to change it. Since we can't control these things, the best we can do is to prepare for them ahead of time and respond to them after they happen. As the Church, we respond to the suffering of others by expressing solidarity with them and through works of mercy to provide for basic needs, restoration, and comfort. Many Church-based relief agencies fulfill this mission at a local level in disaster-struck areas, and others from around the world jump in to provide additional financial support and resources when necessary. We often do this by special collections that get turned over to the appropriate relief agencies. If you're looking to support disaster-relief efforts financially, you can place a contribution into the regular collection (just be sure to make it clear on the envelope what it is for) and we will forward to appropriate Church-based organizations. Let us also remember to keep all those who have been impacted by disasters in prayer as they work to rebuild and recover.

A quick reminder about the change to the daily Mass schedule. This week we will follow the current schedule, but next week things will change. Daily Mass will be Tuesday-Saturday morning at 8:30. There will be no Mass on Monday. The Sunday schedule is unchanged.

Don't forget, next weekend we will be celebrating our Parish Feast Day! The Social Committee and Knights of Columbus are working hard on the socials for after the Masses. There should be plenty of food and beverages, and enough tables set up to allow people to distance from one another to feel comfortable. Please stop over and join in the festivities, or else I'll have to eat all the leftover doughnuts myself!

Finally, Happy Labor Day! The parish offices are closed tomorrow, but there will be Mass at 8:30. Hope to see you there.

Fr. Kiernan



MONDAY	SEPTEMBER 6
8:30 AM	Anthony, Pauline & William Fiscella
TUESDAY	SEPTEMBER 7
8:30 AM	Pat Lee
WEDNESDAY	SEPTEMBER 8
8:30 AM	Kathryn Gregorio, Rita Creato & Anne
	Creato
THURSDAY	SEPTEMBER 9
8:30 AM	No Mass
FRIDAY	SEPTEMBER 10
12:15 PM	Gloria Cipolla

NEXT WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY	SEPTEMBER 11
8:30 AM	Richard & Rose Kane
4:30 PM	Fred Senderoff
SUNDAY	SEPTEMBER 12
8:30 AM	People of Holy Cross
11:00 AM	Maureen & Jack Egan

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, August 29		
Total Collection	\$8,690	
Electroníc	\$2,470	
Basket & Maíl-íns	\$6,220	

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.

Mass Book

The opening of the Mass book will take place on 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

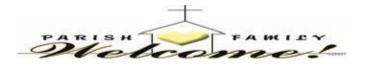
Questions? Contact Kelly Meliti at prepholycross@gmail.com or 610-626-1057



Pray for the Sick of our Parish



Francis Murray Maryann Nero Frances O'Callaghan Charlotte O'Leary Paige O'Leary Alexander Ott Mary Rafferty Joseph Sindoni Adeline Sulpizio Jean Super Valerie Thompson Helen Torelli Amanda Trerotola George Vrettos



*** 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.



I am here waiting for you! Talk with me, tell me your concerns, I will help as I love you very much! I will be waiting for you in the Adoration Chapel, Monday thru Friday, 9 AM to 7 PM. I am your forever friend, Signed Jesus

The Corner

Brought to you by your Evangelization Team Wednesday is the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

"May your Church exult, O Lord, for you have renewed her with these sacred mysteries, as she rejoices in the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, which was the hope and the daybreak of salvation for all the world. Through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen."

---a prayer from "The Word Among Us"



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 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!

Statement of Archbishop Nelson Perez regarding The Obligation to Attend Sunday Mass

"We have all felt the impact of COVID-19 in as individuals and families. It has been a time of acute hardship and struggle, of separation and isolation. It has also had an impact on our lives of faith. Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, has been with us throughout this challenging period and is most especially near to us when we encounter him in the Eucharist. The Eucharist offers us His healing and peace, His mercy and reconciliation. It is now time for everyone to return to the Eucharist with renewed faith and joy.

As many aspects of life are now returning to normalcy, each Catholic Bishop in Pennsylvania will reinstate the obligation to attend Mass in person on Sundays and Holy Days beginning on Sunday, August 15, 2021, the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

This is a moment to thank God anew for the great gift of the Mass and the Real Presence of Jesus to us in his Holy Body and Blood as wells as the joy of gathering together as people of faith."

Multi-parish Pro-life Group Meeting

Pro-life Group Meeting at St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Springfield on <u>Wednesday, September 15</u>, 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.

Bereavement Support Group

St. Dorothy Church

4910 Township Line Road, Drexel Hill

Tuesday, September 7, 2021 7:30—9:00 PM

St. Dorothy Parish offers an 8-week Bereavement Support Group to begin on Tuesday, September 7th at 7:30 PM in the library (Church Annex). All are welcome especially those who have lost a loved one during the past 6-24 months. For information/ registration, please call the rectory office at 610-789-7788 or email: parishnurse@stdots.org.

Principal's Corner



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.

Church cleaning

Yes we are back! Our "HC Church Cleaners" have returned to help keep our Church looking its best! Our next date for cleaning is Tuesday, 9/7, after the 8:30 am Mass. We are looking for a few volunteers to help. Feeling ambitious then feel free to join us. Bring your bucket and towel and be ready to help out. Any questions feel free to contact Dolores Morroni at 610-715-1328 and leave a message. Thank you and looking forward to seeing you.

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We welcomed our students, Grades 1 thru 8, back to school this past Tuesday. Pre-K and Kindergarten start on Tuesday, September 7. We have a dedicated staff of teachers including an experienced resource teacher who can help those children who need additional support. We educate children in a loving and caring atmosphere and provide an excellent education for your child(ren).

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.

If you have any questions, please call Mrs. Spurrier in the school office at 610-626-1709.

BACK TO SCHOOI

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 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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