



# HOLY CROSS CHURCH

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SEPTEMBER 15, 2019 • TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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 Mrs. Judy Vacca ..... Pastoral Minister  
 Mrs. Mary Rose Worrilow ..... Principal  
 Mrs. Kelly Meliti ..... Director of Religious Education  
 Mr. Timothy Reilly ..... Music Director

## MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Evening ..... 4:30 PM  
 Sunday, Upper Church ..... 8:30 and 11:00 AM  
 Holy Day Vigil (night before Holy Day) ..... 7:00 PM  
 Holy Day ..... 8:30 AM  
 Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Saturday ..... 8:30 AM  
 Thursday..... No Mass  
 Friday..... 12:15 PM

## NEW PARISHIONERS

All Catholics living in the parish should register. Our Welcome Center 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)  
 Saturday & Sunday..... Closed

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday, Lower Church: 3:30 to 4:15 PM

## 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 the Rectory of Mrs. Judy Vacca, Pastoral Minister, when a parishioner is hospitalized or home bound.

### **FROM THE PASTOR**

Mr. Potato Head, Yogi, Boo-Boo, Cag and Moiq (both acronyms), Joltin' Jack, Shaky Pete, The Fly, Dirty Harry, Pig-Pen, Fr. Money, Yahweh, Shirley, Klick, Howdy Doody, Tin Man, Spike, Space, and Jersey Joe were just a few of the names. We seemed to have nicknames for almost all of our teachers in high school - and we almost all seemed to have nicknames ourselves. There was Ape, Norbert, Beej, and Ween among us. I remember that there was some guy named Titlow. I'll leave you to guess what his nickname was. One might surmise that nicknames have something to do with adolescent immaturity in high school, but in the seminary there were more nicknames. Some priests today are known by those same nicknames. Yours truly also had one used only by his closest cohorts. Nicknames are often terms of endearment that are in some way descriptive of the person and their characteristic(s) as perceived. Though they may not seem overly flattering at times (in grade school, a classmate was very proud of his nickname that many today would perceive as an ethnic slur), they often reflect a bond of closeness and common experiences had. I did apostolate work in one of our high schools while in the seminary. I became aware that I, too, had a nickname. Lacking any gray, my hair, at that time, was much thicker and fuller as was my beard and the name "Sadaam" was often in the headlines back then. Well, although my features were darker back then, my educational undertakings were not and I was certainly no dictator in the classroom! I understood it simply to be a nickname and term of endearment from my adolescent high school charges. Later, as a priest, I met one of those former students. We got along just fine and there was never any "Gulf War" between us nor was I put to the noose I might add! The Bible is replete with nicknames. There are the Sons of Thunder (Boanerges, the Disciple Jesus loved, Simon "the Rock" Peter, and we have nicknamed old Thomas ourselves calling him "Doubting." Jesus, Himself, is addressed as "Lord" and "Master" and is often referred to as the "Son of Mary" or the "Carpenter's Son." He willed to be recognized as the "Son of Man" and the "Son of God." He, Himself, has a nickname for God, which was something unheard of and, in fact, blasphemous in His day. One could say that it is still blasphemous for many in our day as well. Jesus addresses God as His Father and invites us to do the same. The actual word that Jesus uses would be closer to "daddy" in English. Calling the eternal, omnipotent, and all-knowing God, "Daddy" and the invitation and expectation that we're to have such a close and intimate relation with Him - and He with us - such that we can call this same God, "Pop-Pop?" Blasphemy, indeed! Many people today are afraid or upset with such intimacy when it comes to God. There can be a fear of God's nickname and of what knowing it and using it would truly entail. The Master invites us to such intimacy. He invites us to rediscover the nicknames of our youth and to discover new ones for ourselves and others as we address God by His nickname now known by calling Him Our Father - Our "Daddy" - in the midst of the Church!

Peace!  
Fr. Wilson

### **THANK YOU**

Thank you to the Bunting Family for the donation of a new Roman Missal for use at Mass. Many thanks!



Father Mark Marangone is a member of the Saint Francis Xavier Foreign Mission Society (Xaverian Missionaries). He will be preaching a Mission Appeal at all the Masses at Holy Cross next weekend. Father Mark was born in Italy and ordained a priest in 1984. He has served in the United States and Columbia, South America. Since May 2016, he has served as Provincial Superior of his Community in Wayne, NJ. Please welcome Father Mark to our parish and also, please be supportive to the work that the Xaverian Missionaries do throughout the world.

Congratulations to Dr. Mary Rose Worrilow, our School Principal, and to the entire Holy Cross School Community! Holy Cross School has been recognized by the Office of Catholic Education of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia as a ***School of Distinction*** for 2019. Good things are happening at Holy Cross.

*Are you grieving the loss of a loved one?*  
**PLEASE CONSIDER SEASONS OF HOPE**

*A faith-centered support group offering those who are mourning, an opportunity to come together to share God's love. With the support of our faith community, we can give voice to our unique journeys of grief and find healing together.*

*Please join us on Tuesdays, September 24, October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, Holy Cross Parish Center – 7:00 PM. Sign-in at 6:45; Meeting one a half hours.*

*For more information and registration, please contact Margaret Mary McNicholas at 610-324-2133 or at [mmcnicholas@allstate.com](mailto:mmcnicholas@allstate.com)*

### THREE PARISH BOOK CLUB

The Three Parish Book Club will resume meeting on September 25, at 7:00 PM, in the Parish Center of Holy Cross Parish. We will be discussing our summer reading as well as the September selection. You need not have read the selected books to attend our meetings. We invite you to join us for conversation and refreshments. For more information, please contact Joy Van Berg at 610-328-2095 or at [joyvanberg@gmail.com](mailto:joyvanberg@gmail.com).

### SUMMER READING

The Guernsey and Potato Peel Pie Society

Channel islanders endure the Nazi occupation and its aftermath

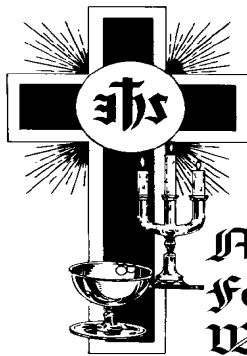
Three Bags Full - A mystery story with sheep detectives

### SEPTEMBER

The Gift of Peace - by Joseph Cardinal Bernardin

### OCTOBER

Dialogues with Silence - by Thomas Merton



## Masses for The Week

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 16</b>
<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>GUS RANIERI</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 17</b>
<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>CLAIRE KEATING</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 18</b>
<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>JIM NC NICHOLAS</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 19</b>
	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 20</b>
<b>12:15 PM</b>	<b>VINCENT HARRINGTON</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 21</b>
<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>ANNE CREATO, RITA CREATO AND KATHRYN GREGORIO</b>
<b>NEXT WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS</b>	
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 21</b>
<b>4:30 PM</b>	<b>RICHARD &amp; MAREN KANIEWSKI</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 22</b>
<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>CLAIRE KEATING</b>
<b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>PEOPLE OF HOLY CROSS</b>



*Remember  
Our Sick*



<b>John Boyle</b>	<b>Helen Lyons</b>
<b>Lyndi Butler</b>	<b>Joanne Marks</b>
<b>Margaret Cook</b>	<b>Barbara Mc Cusker</b>
<b>Maryanne Convery</b>	<b>Lee Anne Mc Gough</b>
<b>Stephen Collins</b>	<b>Thomas Miller</b>
<b>Samuel Dephillipo</b>	<b>Dan Murphy</b>
<b>Sharon Diemer</b>	<b>Francis O'Callaghan</b>
<b>Kathleen Dixon</b>	<b>Charlotte O'Leary</b>
<b>Lillian Donahue</b>	<b>Paige O'Leary</b>
<b>Mary Ann Farrell</b>	<b>Laura Palermo</b>
<b>Nicola Giordano</b>	<b>Francis Romano</b>
<b>Donna Giorgio</b>	<b>Jim Sandusky</b>
<b>Carolyn Henderson</b>	<b>Rose Marie Santos</b>
<b>Steven Henderson</b>	<b>Joseph Sindoni</b>
<b>Stefanos Karas</b>	<b>Adeline Sulpizio</b>
<b>Carole Kime</b>	<b>Anthony Torelli</b>
<b>Mary &amp; Ken Kull</b>	<b>George Vrettos</b>
<b>Kendall Lambert</b>	<b>Lily Walker</b>
<b>Rose Leto</b>	<b>Nadia Waltanski</b>
<b>Patricia Lyons</b>	<b>Carter Walton</b>

### **COMMUNAL ANOINTING OF THE SICK SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12**

The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated at Mass on Saturday, October 12, at 11:00 AM, in the upper church. Our communal celebration of the Sacrament is an opportunity for our parish to pray together for the Lord's healing to come upon our sick brothers and sisters.

Refreshments will be served in the Parish Hall immediately following the Mass.

It is a great help to us if you pre-register. To register for the Communal Anointing, please call our Pastoral Minister, Judy Vacca, 610-259-8266, and leave a voicemail message by Monday, October 7.

### **HELP WANTED**

Donations and volunteers are needed for the Mass of Anointing of the Sick, Saturday, October 12. Please take one of the sign-up papers which are on the tables at the entrances to the Church. Please return them to the Business Office, collection basket, or call Judy Vacca at 610-259-8266.

## ***THE CORNER***

***HERE'S A NEW WAY TO THINK  
OF THE BIBLE!!***

***BASIC  
INSTRUCTIONS  
BEFORE  
LEAVING  
EARTH***

## ***DCPC WALK FOR LIFE 2019***

Please join us for Delaware County Pregnancy Center's Walk for Life 2019 on Saturday, September 28, from 10 to 12 Noon at The Stage at Chester Park. This whole free event is from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM, including prayer, music, games and food. To pledge or join the walk, call DCPC at 610-872-2229 or Regina Scheerer at 610-328-2463 or [www.donors.dcpchester.org/walkforlife2019](http://www.donors.dcpchester.org/walkforlife2019)

*In all your ways, acknowledge God and He shall direct your paths.*

## ***TAKE A CHANCE FOR LIFE!***

Please take a chance in the annual Pro-Life Legal Defense Fund Raffle. The Pro-Life Legal Fund defends pro-life interests in court cases and advances pro-life policies in legislature "pro bono" but there are many other expenses involved. Chances are \$25 each with 10 prizes ranging from \$100 to \$5000. Drawing will be September 28. Call Regina Scheerer at 610-328-2463 or Lori Cotterall at 610-328-6054 for your Chance for Life. Make a check payable to "Pro-Life Legal Fund".

## **PRINCIPAL'S CORNER**

We have great news about our parish school. Holy Cross has been named a 2019 Archdiocesan School of Distinction. This means that there was growth in every grade level tested in the content areas in 2019. It is quite an accomplishment.

Our students in Pre-K 3 to 8<sup>th</sup> grade were in school for the first time this past week. I am so excited to be their principal. The teachers worked very hard getting their classrooms ready for the new school year.

We attended Mass on Wednesday as a school community. The spiritual development of the children is a very important part of their education at Holy Cross.

If you have a child (ren) that are school age, please consider sending them to the parish school. For further information, please call Mrs. Spurrier in the school office 610-626-1709.

God bless you! Have a great week!

Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for painting the Principal's Office. We appreciate that they shared their time, talent, and treasure.

## **THANK YOU**

Sunday Collection	September 1
Amount Received	\$9,769
Sunday Collection	September 8
Amount Received	\$9,083





**SATURDAY - OCTOBER 19  
9:00 AM-3:00 PM PARISH HALL**

**Over 50 Vendors showcasing their crafts and products. Snack bar opened during the event. Great time to start holiday shopping! Crafts, jewelry, home decor, candles, food, and so much more!**

*Holy Cross Parish is in need of Extraordinary Ministers. Please consider volunteering for this Ministry. For more information, contact Mary Jo Elliott Gibson, 215-796-0284. We would love to have you.*

*The parish is also in need of additional lectors for reading at Mass. Please consider volunteering for this service and contact the Business Office if you are interested or need more information (610-626-3321).*

## **DISCOVERING CHRIST STARTS ON THURSDAY!!!**

*Here is some information:*

*\* Sessions are held here at Holy Cross Parish. We are meeting on the second floor of the Parish Center and there is elevator access. Helpers will be in the parking lot to direct you to parking for both regular and wheelchair access.*

*\* Doors open at 6:15 PM. Come early and meet your fellow participants.*

*\* Sessions start promptly with dinner at 6:30 PM and end promptly by 9:00 PM.*

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*If you have friends or neighbors who have been considering attending this exciting event but have not yet registered, please encourage them to do so. By signing up now, it will also help us determine how many dinners to prepare. Online registration is the easiest; just ask those attending to send their name, email, phone number and parish to:*

*[www.discoveringchristinspringfield.org](http://www.discoveringchristinspringfield.org)*

*but people can also text the information to 484-868-8571.*

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*Pray for God's blessings on all who attend. And pray for the team as we have been praying for you.*

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