



# HOLY CROSS CHURCH

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SEPTEMBER 8, 2019 • TWENTY-THIRD 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 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.

There was no G.I. Joe; no Scooby-Doo; no Land of the Lost for me. Nope! I was a brown-bagger all my life! Okay, well, I did flirt once with a Partridge Family lunchbox. What can I say? The bus was cool. But, that lasted only days or so. No, my school days were spent brown-bagging it. Lunch was lovingly prepared by my mother early each morning. Occasionally, that love came in haste when she was running late (because of me) or simply forgot (again, because of me). I would be halfway down the block on my way to the bus stop when the cry could be heard. *Wait! You forgot your lunch!* Huh? C'mon, Mom! *I* forgot? The lunch menu varied, but usually, that bag contained a sandwich, chips or pretzels of some sort, jelly or butterscotch Tastykake Krimpets, juice, and a paper napkin, which doubled as my table cloth, elegant diner that I was. Fruit appeared once in a while as well. Brown-bagged bananas were especially good. The bag would be emblazoned with my sobriquet, shoved into my green army backpack book bag that was so trendy back in the day and wind up in a warm coat closet all morning long. Warm coat closets are probably not the best place for storing food, but I would compare it to our knowing that the best Philly soft pretzels are those sold on street corners or traffic islands with the city soot, humidity, and vehicle exhaust fumes making for a most unique and delectable palatable experience. School-day sandwiches were frequently baloney *and* cheese (square or Swiss) - or baloney *or* cheese depending upon what we ran out of first. And I preferred mayo over mustard. Often enough there was the old standby of PB&J, though it was great when, on the rarest of occasions, we ran out of peanut butter and my mother substituted cream cheese. That's right...cream cheese! By twelve noon, after fermenting all morning in that coat closet, that sandwich was a gooey and delightful mess. Boy, how I loved it! The juice packed would come in little cans – not boxes, and any water desired would come from a drinking fountain as no marketing major had yet thought to put H<sub>2</sub>O into plastic bottles. We dined at our desks at the noon hour before then running out to tear around and tear up at times, the school yard or giant field that was by the school. Clothes, and especially ties, were torn up as well most days and the spray of the industrial-sized can of Lysol over our gamey heads became a regular post-recess ritual. Though menus may have changed slightly and lunches can be packed in stay-fresh insulated containers, there are still moms (and dads as well) lovingly and sometimes in haste preparing school lunches. I wonder what the Lord's Mother prepared for Him? The Lord would have met with the other children of His day to be schooled in the Traditions of Moses and to learn the Psalms. Perhaps, His "lunch bag" contained olives, or figs, or some freshly baked bread. Mary most likely did some baking as bread was a staple then, just as it is today. There was probably something sweet, like berries, included as well and a skin filled not with wine, but water for the Boy Jesus to quench His thirst. Students and their teachers are beginning a new school year and the work of educating our youth is a serious one in which one works up quite a powerful hunger and is in need of nourishment in order to make it through the long afternoon. The same is true for all of us as we begin a new season in the schooling of our Don't forget to pack a lunch and might I even suggest: consider brown-bagging it.

Peace!

Fr. Wilson



**Monday September 9**

**8:30 AM Margaret Hermann**

**Tuesday September 10**

**8:30 AM John Baselice**

**Wednesday September 11**

**8:30 AM Fred Senderoff**

**Thursday September 12**

**NO MASS**

**Friday September 13**

**12:15 AM Cornelius Dunleavy**

**Saturday September 14**

**8:30 AM Clarence Felts**

**NEXT WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday September 14**

**4:30 PM Harry Cook**

**Sunday September 15**

**8:30 AM People of Holy Cross  
11:00 AM Living and Deceased  
Members of the Casciano  
Family**

**John Boyle  
Lyndi Butler  
Margaret Cook  
Maryanne Convery  
Stephen Collins  
Samuel Dephillipo  
Sharon Diemer  
Kathleen Dixon  
Lillian Donahue  
Mary Ann Farrell  
Nicola Giordano  
Donna Giorgio  
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Steven Henderson  
Stefanos Karas  
Carole Kime  
Mary & Ken Kull  
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Barbara Mc Cusker  
Lee Anne Mc Gough  
Thomas Miller  
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Frances O'Callaghan  
Charlotte O'Leary  
Paige O'Leary  
Laura Palermo  
Francis Romano  
Jim Sandusky  
Rose Maria Santos  
Joseph Sindoni  
Adeline Sulpizio  
Anthony Torelli  
George Vrettos  
Lily Walker  
Nadia Waltanski**

## *Parish Feast Day Celebration*

**JOIN US IN THE Parish Hall on Saturday,  
September 14, after the 4:30 PM Mass, for  
Our Parish Feast Day Celebration.  
Hotdog Supper will be served; hope to see  
you there!**

**The Holy Cross Social Committee**

### **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

**THE 2020 MASS BOOK WILL OPEN ON  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, AFTER THE  
8:30 MASS.**

### **THE CORNER**

*For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world but that the world might be saved through Him.*

*John 3: 16-17*

*The parish is 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).*

*Religious Education Program (P.R.E.P.)  
NEW Email: PREPHolyCross@gmail.com  
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As we look forward to another PREP year we would like to thank you for considering Holy Cross for your family! Our children learn and experience the Catholic faith through the message of Jesus Christ with our PREP program. We welcome our new parents and students to our PREP program! We hope you will be with us for the coming PREP year and beyond. To those who have been with us for a while, thank you for your family participation!

PREP classes are held on Mondays from 4:30 PM - 5:45 PM. Please consider being a catechist, aide, or a hall monitor. If you are interested, please contact Kelly Meliti at 610-626-1057.

If you are interested in teaching for PREP (Parish Religious Education Program), formerly known as CCD, please contact Kelly Meliti at 610-547-3995. We are currently looking for 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, and 7<sup>th</sup> grade catechists.

### **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 6.

### **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 610259-8266.*

*Prayer is Powerful!  
Pray for the Sick of Our  
Parish...*



**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.*

*\*\*\* 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.*

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

*The Discovering Christ Team*

**MONTHLY PRO-LIFE MEETING**

*Please join us for our monthly Pro-life group meeting on Wednesday, September 11, at 7:00 PM, at St. Dorothy Parish. The meeting will be in the Rectory basement meeting room and the entrance is from the parking lot. Your prayers and suggestions are welcome. For more information, please call Regina Scheerer at 610-328-2463 or Lori Cotterall at 610-328-6054.*

**GOD IS PRO-LIFE, ARE YOU?**

**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 and 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)*



### **FOOD PANTRY UPDATE**

*Thank you for all of your generosity over the summer months and always. It was a hot summer and*

*our client volume increased over this time. Also, thanks to many of you who dropped off your donations directly to the pantry. This is very helpful.*

*Our next parish collection will be September 14 and 15. If you are able, we are in need of veggies, peanut butter, jelly, pasta and sauce, canned meats, soup, cereal, canned fruit, toilet paper and paper towels.*

*Just a reminder: if you know anyone in need of food in Delco, please share this information. The food pantry is open on Wednesdays from 3:30 to 6:00 PM.*

*God bless you for your support as we help the most in need in our community.*

*Your friends from the SVDP Food Pantry.*

### **MC AULEY ANNUAL SHOULDERS DAY**

**THE SISTERS OF MERCY WILL BE SPONSORING AN OPEN HOUSE AT MC AULEY CONVENT, IN MERION, ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, FROM 1:30 - 3:30 PM.**

*This is an opportunity to visit our retired sisters (some who served here at Holy Cross). We call it SHOULDERS DAY because we stand on the shoulders of the ones who came before us. We are also selling chances for the benefit of our retired sisters and the winning tickets will be pulled at that event. Chances can be purchased here at the Holy Cross Business Office.*

**4<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MC AULEY SHOULDERS DAY  
SEPTEMBER 14, 2019  
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