

September 24, 2017 — Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Roman Catholic Community of Holy Cross

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WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 5pm
Sunday 9am
11am

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday 8am
Wednesday 8am
Thursday 8am
Friday 8am

HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE

8am and 7pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4pm

HOLY CROSS SCHOOL

144 East Mt. Airy Avenue
Phone: 215-242-0414
Principal: Emily Diefendorf

HOLY CROSS CONVENT

148 East Mt. Airy Avenue
Phone: 215-247-0262
Sisters of Saint Joseph



Now that we have concluded the major parts of the real estate transactions that have been dominating so much of parish conversation over the last few years, allow me to offer you an overview with some details on the outcome of the work. We have realized from the sale of the property at St. Therese and the property at St. Madeleine Sophie a fair amount of return, which will surely ease, for a little while anyway, some of the financial burden of operating our parish.

We can start at the beginning.

On the Friday of Memorial Day weekend, May 25, we concluded the sale of the property at St. Therese to Dare to Imagine Baptist Church. The property they now own includes the former church and school building, the former rectory building, and the parking lot and grounds. (It does not include the house where the Christian Brothers have lived for the last twenty-plus years – the former convent building.) On the advice of the appraisers who evaluated the property in the fall of 2016, we established a contract sales price of \$2,200,000. Reductions to the purchase price included typical categories such as settlement charges, repairs and easements, the balance of utilities charges, and brokers' commissions. The amounts are listed here in aggregate.

St. Therese Church, School, and Rectory

Contract Price	\$2,200,000.00
Total Reduction Amount to Seller	\$231,735.89
Cash Due to Seller	\$1,968,264.11

In order to complete the sale at St. Madeleine Sophie, the buyers arranged to split the property into two parts; the church and school building is now owned by The Philadelphia School of Circus Arts, and the rectory building is now owned by one of their principal benefactors and long-time colleagues, who intends to use the house as his private home. Because of this, the sale is listed in two parts. The sale of the property at St. Madeleine was concluded on September 1.

St. Madeleine Sophie Church and School

Contract Price	\$1,200,000.00
Total Reduction Amount to Seller	\$174,252.34
Cash Due to Seller	\$1,025,747.66

St. Madeleine Sophie Rectory

Contract Price	\$550,000.00
Total Reduction Amount to Seller	\$62,728.00
Cash Due to Seller	\$487,272.00

Total revenue from the three sales was \$3,481,283.77

The revenue for the sale of the properties was deposited in the Holy Cross Parish Trust Fund held by the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. I am happy to tell you that all past due and current debt to the Archdiocese has been resolved from the proceeds of the sales, and all past due parish invoices have been paid. Since the end of May (when the first sale was completed) we have earned \$1,906.43 in interest on the deposit. After all bills have been paid, we have an ending balance in the trust fund account as of last Wednesday in the amount of \$1,449,637.77

This story is not finished yet. But I a big debt of gratitude, personally and on behalf of our whole parish family, to a number of people whose wisdom and tenacity and expertise have helped shepherd this long process: to the members of our Finance Council (individually and collectively) first of all, and to our broker, Mr. Bob Elfant and his staff. What a blessing they have been to all of us!

The next – and hopefully final – stage in this process is the legal process of terminating the lease with the present tenants in the rectory building at Holy Cross. That process is moving along (more slowly than I would like) to an inevitable conclusion, and will finally bring us all home to a single place. I'm anxious for this whole great adventure to be accomplished!

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 23: 5:00 PM
Elizabeth M. Strohecker

Sunday, September 24:
9:00 AM
People of Our Parish
11:00 AM

Tuesday, September 26: 8:00 AM

Wednesday, September 27: 8:00 AM
Elizabeth M. Strohecker

Thursday, September 28: 8:00 AM

Friday, September 29: 8:00 AM
James M. Ledwith & Louis P. Bell Families

Saturday, September 30: 5:00 PM

Sunday, October 1:
9:00 AM
11:00 AM
Geraldine Lyons Hinkle

**MINISTRIES SCHEDULED FOR
HOLY CROSS**

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2017
5:00 PM

ALTAR SERVERS

A. Hall and A. Scott

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

T. McGovern / W. McGovern / J. Walker

LECTORS

S. Tobia and B. Purnell

GREETERS / USHERS

W. Faust (G/U) P. Murray (G)
E. Sims (G/U) R. Labor (U)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2017
9:00 AM

ALTAR SERVERS

B. Bryant and M. & N. Alvarado

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

V. Alvarado / B. McLahan / L. Macoretta

LECTORS

A. Wells and J. Brooks

GREETERS / USHERS

C. Bollers (G) T. Bryant (G)
D. MacFarland (G/U) K. Truitt (U)
B. Jenkins (U) P. Mikalic (U)

11:00 AM

ALTAR SERVERS

E. Curtis and E. & Z. Tchato

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

M. Wood and M. Szczesniak

LECTORS

E. Giermann and R. Thomas

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D. Stubbs (G/U) L. Etheridge (G/U)
M. McKenna (G) E. Ukaegbu (U)
G. Miranda (U)



PLEASE KEEP IN MIND the following people who at this time need your prayers and support:

Sylvia Allen, Joyce Askins, Robert Bellwoar, Sr.,
Ralph Berarducci, Zayre Berry, Frances Bowman,
Jesse Cooke, Jerome Cotton, Gloria Crittendon,
Ronald Dorsey, Margie Durham, Julie Easley,
JoAnn Evans, Elena Franklin, Joan Gain,
Arnold Hall, Kay Hall, Josephine Kocher,
Arthur Leaphart, Jr., Janet Mark, Frank McIlhenny,
Robert & Patricia McIntyre, Anne Pirmann,
Antonio Rodrigues, Heather Salazar, Frank Seriani,
Bridget Sharpe, James Spurrier, Lawrenson Ward,
Margo Williams
and all of our homebound parishioners.

SISTERS OF SAINT JOSEPH CHANCE DRIVE

A chance to Win \$10,000.00 (less 28%) or
10 prizes worth \$500.00 each!

The Sisters of Saint Joseph will be selling
chances at Holy Cross Church THIS WEEK-
END, September 23rd and 24th after all the
Masses to support Saint Joseph Villa in
Flourtown, PA.

Chances are \$1.00 per chance or \$5.00
for a book of 6.

The seller for the grand prize wins \$50.00.
The seller for the \$500.00 wins \$25.00.

LADIES GUILD — LANCASTER TRIP

Saturday, December 2, 2017

SIGHT'N SOUND THEATRE !

Luncheon Buffet — Outlet Shopping

Leave at 9:00 AM — Return 7:00 PM

\$125.00 Total (Child \$80.00)

Cash or check payable to:

Ladies Guild of Holy Cross Parish

Payment plan:	9/10	\$50.00
	10/8	\$40.00
	11/5	\$35.00 (final)

For information call Mary Nolan at 215-242-2358



HOLY CROSS FOOD PANTRY

The Food Pantry is open on Tuesday
mornings from 10:30 to 11:30.



Beef & Beer w Elvis Impersonator Live

Featuring Rick Purnell straight from
performances in Memphis, Tennessee

Saturday, Oct 21, 2017, 5 to 9 PM

Holy Cross Hall
140 E. Mt. Airy Avenue
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<http://holycrossphl.org/news-events/>

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(\$25 at the Door)**

HELP NEEDED !

We need people as Lectors and Eucharistic
Ministers for the 5 pm Mass on Saturdays.
If you are interested please contact Angela
Taylor, Dir. Parish Ministries and Services
at the rectory 215-438-2921. Thank you.

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

Daniel Brophy, Christian M. Carle,
Jacob Cox, James Florian Dwyer,
Christopher Kineen, John McClure,
Brian Schorn, Duane E. Thomas



*"Lord, hold our troops in Your loving hands. Protect
them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for
the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need.
I ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior.
Amen."*

ADVENTURE FOR BOYS

Young men age 11 to 17 looking for new adventures, outdoor fun and a chance to serve others should join Boy Scout Troop 474. We meet Wednesday nights in Fairmount Park and camp or have an outing every month, year round. Learn to build fires, throw axes and survive in the woods. Become a leader. The Troop is having an Open House on Wednesday, September 27, 7:15 to 8:30 at the Scout House, Henry and Wigard Avenues., check us out. For info email scouttroop474@yahoo.com or call Scoutmaster John Macoretta at 215-680-1049.

CONSECRATION OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA TO OUR LADY OF FATIMA

In honor of the 100th Anniversary of the Apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima, Portugal, Archbishop Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap will consecrate the Archdiocese of Philadelphia to Our Lady of Fatima on Sunday, October 15, 2017 at the 11:00 am Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul in Philadelphia. All clergy, religious and lay faithful of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia are invited to this momentous event in the life of our local Church. To learn more and find resources to spiritually prepare, visit: archphila.org/fatima

IHM SISTERS OKTOBERFEST

The annual IHM Oktoberfest will be held on Saturday, October 7 from 10 am - 3 pm on the grounds of Camilla Hall, located in Immaculata, PA. Join us for a full-filled day of delicious food, crafts, children's games, white elephant flea market and entertainment. Proceeds benefit Camilla Hall Nursing Home for the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary (IHM).

OCTOBER 1st IS RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY

October is Respect Life Month. Each year we pause to reflect on the wonders, dignity and sanctity of all human life from conception to natural death. In years past we have conducted the Baby Bottle Campaign to benefit the ProLife Union of Greater Philadelphia. This year there will be no Baby Bottle Campaign. Instead donations can be mailed directly to the ProLife Union of Greater Philadelphia. The Union has 4,000 individual members and 11 organizational members. Recently the Union has adopted **Guiding Star Ministries** which assists mothers and children by providing emergency, short and long term housing. This is one of many areas of need the Union supports. Please take this opportunity to support these women. Both donations and volunteers are need to make **Guiding Star Ministries** a stable support system for women. If you can volunteer your time or talent or make a donation, please contact the Union at 215-885-8150 or www.prolifeunion.org or mail donation to: ProLife Union of Greater Philadelphia
88 Pennsylvania Avenue
Oreland, PA 19075

Thank you and may God Bless You
for your support!



MEN'S ASSOCIATION

NEW TIME / NEW PLACE

The Men's Catholic Association
is now meeting at 7:00 PM
on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at
Holy Cross Church Library
For more Info: 267-538-0622
Email: mca@holycrossphl.org

**SISTERS OF SAINT JOSEPH
WELCOME CENTER**

TRIVIA NIGHT

Saturday, November 4, 2017

Join the fun at The Commons
Norwood-Fontbonne Academy
8900 Norwood Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19118
(Lower Campus)

Dinner at 6:15 PM, Trivia begins at 7:00 PM
\$40 per person or \$350.00 per table of 10
Includes: Dinner, Soda, Wine and Beer
(Must be 21 or over to attend)

Bring your Own Dessert

Please register by October 20, 2017
To register online go to Eventbrite.com: Trivia
Night!

For more information call: 215-634-1696 or
welcomecenter728@gmail.com

**National Catholic Women's Conference
WINE: Women in the New Evangelization**

Saturday, October 21, 2017
8:30 AM - 4 PM

National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa
654 Ferry Road, Doylestown, PA

Visit: Wineconference.org
Grab a friend and reserve today!

Register online:

PhiladelphiaWINE-2017.eventbrite.com

Mail check to:

WINE Conference, 222 N. 17th Street, 8th fl
Philadelphia PA 19103

Email:

annemarie@CatholicVineyard.com

Call:

267-684-5281

\$55.00 per person. \$50 groups of 5 or more

AFRICAN FAMILY HERITAGE MASS

African Catholic Community
Celebrates
African Catholic Youth & Young Adults:
Hope and Gifts of Our Faith

Celebrant: Bishop John J. McIntyre
Auxiliary Bishop
Archdiocese of Philadelphia

Sunday, October 8, 2017
1:00 PM

St. Cyprian Church
525 Cobbs Creek Parkway
Philadelphia, PA 19143

Reception to follow after Mass
ALL ARE WELCOME!

For more information contact:

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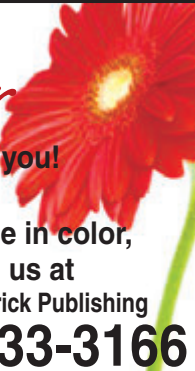
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