

July 15, 2018 — Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Roman Catholic Community of Holy Cross

Holy Cross Church
140 East Mt. Airy Avenue
Philadelphia, PA

PARISH OFFICE

Holy Cross Rectory
154 E. Mt. Airy Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19119

Office Hours

Monday thru Friday
9am to 4pm

Phone: 215-438-2921

FAX:

Email: secretary@holycrossphl.org

Web: www.holycrossphl.org

Parish Registration

Parish Registration Forms are available for download on our homepage at www.holycrossphl.org

Rev. William E. Grogan, *Pastor*
Rev. Rayford E. Emmons, *Parochial Vicar*
Rev. Msgr. David H. Benz, *Pastor Emeritus*

Deacon Edward M. Purnell
Deacon Richard C. Coyne, Retired

Ms. Angela Taylor, *Director of Parish Services and Ministries*
Mr. Darin Williams, *Director of Religious Education and Youth Ministry*
Mr. Federico Piantini, *Music Director*

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 5pm
Sunday 9am
11am

HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE

8am and 7pm

HOLY CROSS SCHOOL

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

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

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

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4pm

HOLY CROSS CONVENT

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

Nearing the conclusion of his exhortation, **Rejoice and Be Glad**, Pope Francis opens for us something of the treasury of his own heritage of spirituality. The practice of the posture of self-awareness – discernment – along with the “daily examen”, are crucial hinges of the Jesuit prayer tradition; these two practices, especially when taken together, open the person to the profound movement of the Spirit of God in the depths of oneself. Highly recommended for all!

AN URGENT NEED

167. **The gift of discernment has become all the more necessary today, since contemporary life offers immense possibilities for action and distraction, and the world presents all of them as valid and good.** All of us, but especially the young, are immersed in a culture of zapping. We can navigate simultaneously on two or more screens and interact at the same time with two or three virtual scenarios. Without the wisdom of discernment, we can easily become prey to every passing trend.

168. This is all the more important when some novelty presents itself in our lives. Then we have to decide whether it is new wine brought by God or an illusion created by the spirit of this world or the spirit of the devil. At other times, the opposite can happen, when the forces of evil induce us not to change, to leave things as they are, to opt for a rigid resistance to change. Yet that would be to block the working of the Spirit. **We are free, with the freedom of Christ. Still, he asks us to examine what is within us – our desires, anxieties, fears and questions – and what takes place all around us – “the signs of the times” – and thus to recognize the paths that lead to complete freedom. “Test everything; hold fast to what is good” (1 Thess 5:21).**

ALWAYS IN THE LIGHT OF THE LORD

169. Discernment is necessary not only at extraordinary times, when we need to resolve grave problems and make crucial decisions. It is a means of spiritual combat for helping us to follow the Lord more faithfully. We need it at all times, to help us recognize God’s timetable, lest we fail to heed the promptings of his grace and disregard his invitation to grow. **Often discernment is exercised in small and apparently irrelevant things, since greatness of spirit is manifested in simple everyday realities. It involves striving untrammelled for all that is great, better and more beautiful, while at the same time being concerned for the little**

things, for each day’s responsibilities and commitments. For this reason, I ask all Christians not to omit, in dialogue with the Lord, a sincere daily examination of conscience”. Discernment also enables us to recognize the concrete means that the Lord provides in his mysterious and loving plan, to make us move beyond mere good intentions.

A SUPERNATURAL GIFT

170. Certainly, spiritual discernment does not exclude existential, psychological, sociological or moral insights drawn from the human sciences. At the same time, it transcends them. Nor are the Church’s sound norms sufficient. **We should always remember that discernment is a grace. Even though it includes reason and prudence, it goes beyond them, for it seeks a glimpse of that unique and mysterious plan that God has for each of us, which takes shape amid so many varied situations and limitations.** It involves more than my temporal well-being, my satisfaction at having accomplished something useful, or even my desire for peace of mind. It has to do with the meaning of my life before the Father who knows and loves me, with the real purpose of my life, which nobody knows better than he. Ultimately, discernment leads to the wellspring of undying life: to know the Father, the only true God, and the one whom he has sent, Jesus Christ (*cf. Jn 17:3*). It requires no special abilities, nor is it only for the more intelligent or better educated. The Father readily reveals himself to the lowly (*cf. Mt 11:25*).

171. The Lord speaks to us in a variety of ways, at work, through others and at every moment. Yet we simply cannot do without the silence of prolonged prayer, which enables us better to perceive God’s language, to interpret the real meaning of the inspirations we believe we have received, to calm our anxieties and to see the whole of our existence afresh in his own light. In this way, we allow the birth of a new synthesis that springs from a life inspired by the Spirit.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 14:

5PM

Sunday, July 15:

9AM Living & Deceased Members of the
Speck & D'Elia Families

11AM Janis Kirschner

Tuesday, July 17:

8AM

Wednesday, July 18:

8AM

Thursday, July 19:

8AM

Friday, July 20:

8AM People of Our Parish

Saturday, July 21:

5PM

Sunday, July 22:

9AM

11AM

SAVE THE DATE

Please put the **Parish Picnic, Sunday, September 16, 2018** on your calendar. Everyone is invited for good food and conversation immediately after the 11:00 Mass that day (12:00 noon). Further information for attendees and volunteers will be forthcoming in August.

Hospitality will return in October.

MINISTRIES SCHEDULED FOR HOLY CROSS

**SATURDAY, JULY 21, 2018
5:00 PM**

ALTAR SERVERS

A. Hall and A. Scott

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

J. Walker / A. Hall

LECTORS

R. T. Mail / P. Gontarek

GREETERS / USHERS

W. Faust (G/U) E. Sims (G/U)

C. Chavarria (G/U) R. Labor (U)

**SUNDAY, JULY 22, 2018
9:00 AM**

ALTAR SERVERS

K. Truitt and R. Laws

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

V. Alvarado / R. Laws

LECTORS

P. Scott / N. Heverin-Alvarado

GREETERS / USHERS

E. Mahlman (G) S. Monheim (G)

M. Wismer (G) B. Jenkins (U)

D. MacFarland (U) C. Bollers (U)

11:00 AM

ALTAR SERVERS

E. Curtis

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

M. Wood / R. Thomas

LECTORS

J. Macoretta / M. Johnson

GREETERS / USHERS

M. Szczesniak (G) D. Johnson (G)

Sr. B. Schneider (G) S. Williams (G)

J. Glover (G) D. Stubbs (U)

L. Etheridge (U) E. Ukaegbu (U)

G. Miranda (U)

LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER

We Pray For...



Those who are SICK :

...and all of our homebound parishioners.

Those serving in our MILITARY :

Those who have DIED :

* In an effort to keep the 'Sick List' current, it will be refreshed the first Sunday of every month. If you would like the name of your loved one to remain on the list longer, please contact the Parish Office.

PARISH GIVING

Thank you all for your faithful Stewardship and Support of our beloved Holy Cross Parish!

Weekend Collection (7/8/2018):

REVENUE SUMMARY – Weekly

Regular Collection	\$4267
Candles	\$49
Human Development	\$315
Retirement Fund for Religious	\$5
Maintenance	\$182
TOTAL Weekly Revenue:	<u>\$ 4818</u>

If you have any questions or concerns, please forward them along to Veronica at veronica@heverin.com, and she will see to it that the appropriate person is informed and responds accordingly.

**Help
Wanted**

We are looking for a member or members of the Holy Cross Parish family who have experience in **grant writing for not-for profit organizations**. If this sounds like you, or someone you know, please contact us at the rectory by phone (215-438-2921) or by email (pastor@holycrossphl.org).

HOLY CROSS FOOD PANTRY

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



**Save the Date
July 23rd, Monday at 7:05**



**Sponsored by
Men's Catholic Association
Information: mca@holycrossphl.org**



We now have on hand and available **Low-Gluten Hosts** for distribution for people who experience gluten sensitivity or intolerance.

In order to avoid the risk of cross-contamination during the distribution of Communion, please advise the celebrant of the Mass beforehand so that appropriate cautions can be taken.

16th ANNUAL "SHORE THING"

The Church of St. Anne
2328 E. Lehigh Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19125

The Community is invited to join in the fun at Our Annual "Shore Thing" on Saturday, August 18, 2018 from 2 pm to 6 pm at

Keenan's
113 Olde New Jersey Avenue
North Wildwood, NJ 08260.

We're in the AC room with additional fans to keep everyone comfortable. Rain or Shine we'll stay cool and dry.

****\$35 per person includes:**

Buffet, Music, Photo Booth, Soda, Wine, Domestic Bottled Beer (\$2 charge for Beer/Wine is included)

Purchase Tickets now by calling 215-425-3219

**All Fund Raising proceed money will be used toward the installation of an Elevator Lift in St. Anne Church as an accommodation to provide visitor access to the building for all Community Events.

Join us at Keenan's for a GREAT afternoon of fun. Reconnect with former Neighbors, long lost Friends and Classmates.

Under 21 years old will NOT be admitted. Proper ID could be required.

DAY AT THE BAY

**Roman Catholic Alumni
and
J.W. Hallahan Alumnae**

Celebrating the 25th Annual DAY AT THE BAY

Saturday, August 4, 2018 ~ 2:00PM to 6:00PM

Keenan's Irish Pub
113 Old New Jersey Avenue
North Wildwood, NJ

Tickets Prices: \$30.00 in advance/\$40 at the door

Roman Alumni: 215-627-1890
Hallahan Alumnae: 215-568-3081

UPDATE: HC PARISH ACTIVITY: FEED THE HUNGRY

Hi Faithful Ministry Leaders,

Chosen 300 Ministries

The dates that have been confirmed for Holy Cross to sponsor a meal (preparation and serving) are the 4th Friday of August and October, 8/24 and 10/26 respectively — Save the Dates! If all goes well, this might become an event we do 2-3 times a year. The cost will be \$600 per meal, and there is a training that those helping to cook the meal will have to attend. The training date still needs to be confirmed.

Please promote these volunteer opportunities within your respective Ministries. Here's more information about the organization:

<http://chosen300.org/ourmission.html>

I'm excited to bring the congregation together in fellowship and service, two things we do exceptionally well!!

Thanks so much for your support!

Veronica
267-825-2580



A Word from the Pantry

Thanks, Parishioners, School Staff, Parents and students for your contribution to the **Manna Food Collection** that benefited our pantry.

We appreciate your continued support. The pantry is thriving because of the variety and the amount of food that you give.

Our pantry was chosen, along with 3 other pantries, to benefit from **Weavers Way Co-op** at 8414 Germantown Avenue (*HUNGER DOESN'T TAKE A VACATION*) **Summer Food Drive** on June 22 through June 24. We were blessed to be chosen. Two volunteers from our pantry participated in the food drive on June 22.

Thanks to Weavers Way for supporting Holy Cross Food Pantry.

SAVE THE DATE
Friday, September 21, 2018
Mothers' Home First Annual
Gala Dinner and Fundraiser
Drexelbrook Ballroom

Please join us for a wonderful night of dinner and dancing in support of the women and children of Mothers' Home.

Meet and congratulate our honoree, Msgr. Ralph Chieffo, pastor of St Mary Magdalen Parish in Media, for his unwavering support of our program.

Ticket and sponsorship information can be found on our website: mothershome.org

Thanks

My sincere thanks to all who came to the Day of Reflection for Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers. I pray that what you heard from your fellow ministers resonated with you and gave you food for thought.

Again, thank you for attending and may God continue to bless you in your ministry.

Angela Taylor

Neumann-Goretti Alumni All Classes Reunion, Saturday, September 26, 2018, 4-8 pm at Sugar House Casino—Fishtown Hops—DJ Jimmy Dee and Special Guest Appearance by Jerry Blavat—visit www.themillayclub.org for tickets and detailed information or call the Alumni Office at 215-389-0925—DON'T BE LEFT OUT!

Save the Date for the Wedding of the Sea!
Wednesday, August 15, 2018 • Atlantic City, NJ

Schedule of Events:

Opening Remarks/Mass Boardwalk Hall 12:00 PM;
Followed by Procession of Blessed Mother & Benediction on the Boardwalk; Prayer and Wreath Toss at the Surf; Wedding of the Sea Festival St Michael's, Georgia Ave 1:00 PM - 7:00 PM

The Parish of Saint Monica Invites you once again to the Wedding of the Sea! The Catholic Mass celebrating the Feast of the Assumption at Boardwalk Hall is followed by a procession to the surf led by the Bishop of Camden and a City Official.

The day concludes with the Wedding of the Sea Festival, a wonderful Atlantic City tradition attended by over 700 participants, featuring 10+ area restaurants serving their signature dishes, a beer garden, raffle prizes, children's games, and live music.

CHURCH BULLETIN ADVERTISING

DOES YOUR ADVERTISING

- Establish a relationship?
- Build a friendship?
- Earn referrals?
- Generate a testimony?
- Capture repeat business?

Community
support worthy
of patronizing!



©iStock.com/JohnPatrickPublishing

This happens for thousands every day
with church bulletin advertising!

The constant visual presence your business needs to succeed.



JOHN PATRICK
publishing company, inc.



FAMILIAR • TRUSTED
PROVEN EFFECTIVE

NOW THAT'S ADVERTISING!

800-333-3166 ext. 161

www.JPPC.net

JACOB F. RUTH FUNERAL DIRECTORS

est. 1851

Family Owned and Operated
Pre-Arrangements Available
Cremation Services

Joseph C. Thomas, *Supervisor*
Joseph C. Thomas, Sr. (1924-2012)

8413 Germantown Avenue
Chestnut Hill

215-247-9090

www.jacobfruth.com



**Experience Peace of Mind:
Pre-Arrange Your Burial at an
Archdiocese of Philadelphia Cemetery.**

CALL 215-352-4001 TODAY

- Save today through pre-planning
- Convenient terms for **all** of your burial needs
- Traditional in ground, mausoleum & cremation options available at most cemeteries

**Advertise
Your
Business
Here
800-333-3166
ext. 161**

catholicmatch[®]

Pennsylvania



CatholicMatch.com/datePA



Make a Difference in Your Community

VOLUNTEER

with the American Red Cross

Join today at redcross.org/Volunteer



Funding

Commercial Rates are at an **All Time Low**. Contact us today to get a free analysis to see if we can help **Save you money** with your monthly payments on your commercial property. Multi-Family, Retail, Office Building, Apartment and Condos. Can close in as little as 45 days! Four season customer service is our top priority.

Call us today **215-586-1575** or **267-251-0341**

www.duqfunding.com

3900 City Avenue, Suite 107 • Philadelphia, PA 19131

Wedding Invitations

Holiday Cards

You're invited!

Log onto www.JPPC.net conveniently from your home or office.

ONLINE CATALOG - ONLINE ORDERING - ONLINE PROOFING

All Major Credit Cards Accepted

FREE UPS GROUND SHIPPING!

**This Space is Available!
800-333-3166 ext. 161**