



CHURCH OF THE Holy Cross

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Mass Schedule

Weekdays:

6:30 & 8:00 AM

Saturday:

8:00 AM and 5:00 & 7:00 PM

1st Saturday 5:00 PM – Children’s Mass

1st & 5th Saturday 7:00 PM - Gospel Mass

Sunday:

7:30, 9:15, & 11:00 AM and 1:00 & 6:00 PM

9:15 – Children’s Liturgy of the Word

1:00 – Spanish Mass

6:00 – Youth Mass

3rd Sunday 3:00 PM – Latin Mass

Holy Days:

Times will be announced.

Hospital Visitation

If a member of the family is in the hospital and would like to be visited, please call the Parish office.

SACRAMENT of RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 4:00-4:45 & 6:30-6:55 PM

Thursday before First Friday: 8:30 – 9:00 AM

First Friday: 8:00 PM - October through June

SACRAMENT of BAPTISM

Call the Parish Office to register and to arrange for parents’ pre-Baptismal instruction. Baptisms are not celebrated during Lenten Season.

SACRAMENT of MARRIAGE

Arrangements for Marriage must be made one year in advance by contacting a Parish priest to set the wedding date and to plan for pre-Cana instruction.

Holy ORDERS and Religious Life

If you believe you have, or someone you know has, a vocation to the priesthood or religious life, please contact Fr. Cocucci (302) 573-3113.

FOURTH SUNDAY of ADVENT

God’s plan of salvation is fulfilled by Christ’s obedience to the Father’s will. The way the mystery moves from annunciation to fulfillment is by obedience. The same dynamic defines our Christian way of living: we are overshadowed by the Holy Spirit in baptism when, in the midst of the Christian community, the Lord’s presence is announce. But our own annunciation only comes to fulfillment when we spend our lives incarnating Christ for others through the power of the Holy spirit within us.

Think about this: doing God’s will is an incarnation and annunciation! The circumstances of our surrender won’t be as spectacular as Mary’s and Elizabeth’s, but our own surrender is no less fruitful. In our helping hand, God is present. In our visits to the sick and elderly, God is present,. In all of our daily dying to self, God is present. This is incarnation: god is present. This is the depths of the Christmas mystery: we, too, incarnate the divine presence! And this is no science fiction—it is God’s plan of salvation.

Living Liturgy 2010

STAFF CONTACTS

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PARISH OFFICES

Fr. Daniel McGlynn, Pastor	12
Fr. Carlos Ochoa, Associate	14
Fr. John Gabage, Associate	15
Mr. Bob McMullen, Deacon	10
Mr. Pete Nellius, Deacon	36
Mr. Phil Belt, Deacon	10
Mr. Vince Pisano, Deacon	10
Mrs. Diane Belt, Asst. to the Pastor	13
Ms. Elaine Cramer, Tech. Coord.	16
Mrs. Arline Dosman, Hispanic Min.	18
Mrs. Diane Dellinger, Min. of Caring	17
Mr. Ken Trojan, Business Manager	19
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ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Mrs. Denise Jacono, Principal	34
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Mrs. Michelle Mick, Office Manager	11

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Mrs. Carmella Jones,	
Little Church thru Gr. 6	22
Mrs. Tracie Reinhart,	
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Mrs. Marcia Messina, Office Manager	21

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MUSIC MINISTRY

Mr. Michael Perza, Director	698-9302
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“THE CROSS...TO RECONCILE All with God!”

Ephesians 2:16

My DEAR PARISHIONERS,



MERRY CHRISTMAS



I join with Father Gabage and Father Carlos, with Deacon Pete Nellius, Deacon Bob McMullen, Deacon Vince Pisano and Deacon Phil Belt, and the entire parish staff in wishing all of you a very blessed and joyous Christmas.

The mass schedule for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day is printed on page five of this bulletin. Please check it out and be mindful that the mass times are different from previous years.

At Christmas we celebrate the birth of the Prince of Peace. Annually the Holy Father gives his Message for World Peace. Starting in today's bulletin and continuing for the next three weekends, we will be presenting in four parts our Holy Father's Message for World Peace for 2010

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SCHEDULES FOR PARISH OFFICES

Due to the Christmas Holiday, the Parish Offices will be closed on December 24 and December 25.

The School Offices will be closed from December 23 until January 4, 2010.

The Religious Education Offices will be closed from December 23 until January 4, 2010.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from all of us to all of you!

NEW MEMBERS

Holy Cross extends a warm welcome to:

- Norman and Kelly Figueroa
- James and Rona Jones
- Ian Fanorcan and Allison Jones
- Kathleen O'Donnell



NEWLY BAPTIZED

Congratulations to our newly baptized members and their families:

- Bridget Finn Welch

FAREWELLS

We have been notified that the following members have moved or transferred from the parish. Some have had mail returned to us with address unknown. Please, let us know if this information is incorrect. We don't want to lose you unnecessarily.

- Joseph, Yvette and Wesley Liberto and Lydia Rodriguez
- Natasha Rodriguez and Louis Rodriguez-Hairston

DECEASED MEMBERS

The Holy Cross Family extends its condolences to the family of Viola Zapanta.

May the souls of the Faithful Departed, through the Mercy of God rest in Peace. Amen

TABERNACLE SANCTUARY LAMPS

The lamp in the Church is sponsored this week in memory of Stanley and Mary Gorzek.



The lamp in the Adoration Chapel is sponsored this week in memory Angelina McNamee.

RUMOR CONTROL

Don't waste your time spreading rumors. If you hear a "rumor" and just aren't sure, please call the Parish Office, 674-5787, extension 13, to clarify. We are more than happy to fill you in on what we know to be the truth. If we don't have the answer, we will try our best to find it out for you.



THE GIVING TREE

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Giving Tree project this Christmas. We were able to serve 50 different families this year. You brought love and joy to so many children through your generous outpouring of gifts for this project. The families have expressed their sincere appreciation for your generosity. It is such a good feeling knowing we have been able to help these families in need.



The Samaritan Advent tree will stay in the Gathering Space until next Sunday. It's not too late to take an envelope to donate to the Samaritans. These envelopes can be put into the collection basket, mailed to the Parish Office, or handed directly to the priest at mass. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

THAT MAN IS YOU

All men in the parish are invited and welcome to join this dynamic group of men who meet once a week on Wednesday mornings beginning at 6 am to discuss and share various aspects of the importance of the Catholic faith in a man's life. Each week a different topic is discussed, a short video is presented, and great fellowship takes place. We meet on the second floor of the Early Learning Center in the Matthew/Mark meeting room. Please take a Wednesday morning to come see what we are all about.

KNITTING AND CROCHETING GROUP

Do you like to crochet or knit? Would you like to learn? Join other ladies of the parish on Mondays at 12:30 pm in the Bride's room. For more information, contact Marie Kozel by calling 734-5360.

FAMILY SUGGESTION

The way you decorate your home can speak volumes about your family and their lifestyle. Does your home contain any kind of religious art? Does your family collect nativity sets? Does each room in your home contain a cross or crucifix? Religious art can be a wonderful conversation starter for not only your family, but also for visitors. It does not need to be a huge expense; you can find inexpensive prints in crafts stores and frame them yourself. Have each family member choose one and decide where they should be placed in the home. To make it a more personal experience for your child, have them pick out a cross or crucifix to be displayed in their room.

MINISTERS NEEDED

Extra-ordinary ministers are needed to the homebound in the Camden area and also for the hospital on Saturdays, Sundays, and/or some weekdays. Please contact Diane Dellinger by calling 674-5787, extension 17.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Envelopes are available in the Gathering Space for those who would like to make a donation to the flower fund in memory of a loved one this Christmas Season.



SAMARITANS

We are still in need of turkeys to help make up the Christmas baskets that are to be distributed on Tuesday, December 22. If you would be able, please make your turkey donation to the Samaritans by placing the turkey in the freezer on the side porch of the Rectory. Thank you for your generosity this Christmas season.

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society has been set up here at Holy Cross to help with the Prison Ministry. The next meeting will be held at Noon on Thursday, January 14, on the second floor of the Early Learning Center. If you are interested in helping out, we would love to have you join our meeting.

SVDP is also collecting old cellular phones. They are sending them to a recycle place for monetary contributions. You can leave your old cell phone in a bag marked for SVDP in the box in the Gathering Space where the food items are collected. Thanks for your help.

PRISON MINISTRY

Toiletry items are needed to help those individuals who are making their way back in to society. If you can donate any type of toiletry item (shaving cream, razors, deodorants, soap, shampoo, etc.) please leave it in the Gathering Space marked for the Prison Ministry.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHINGS

The reading from Micah today reminds us that greatness of the ruler God sent to earth "shall reach to the ends of the earth; he shall be Peace." At each liturgy, we hear the words of Jesus who is that Ruler and who gave us peace to share with the whole world. As we celebrate the birth of Peace, let us ask ourselves how we contribute to the peaceful reign Jesus initiated. For more information on Catholic social teaching contact Andy Zampini by calling Catholic Charities at 655-9624 or emailing azampini@ccwilm.org

LITURGY

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

DEC. 27, 2009

FIRST READING: 1 SAMUEL 1:20-22, 24-28

Hannah, who had pleaded with god for a child, honors her promise and faithfully dedicates her son to God to live a life of service.

SECOND READING: 1 JOHN 3: 1-2, 21-24

John reminds us that we are the children of God. We are to be confident in the love that God has for each one of us.

Gospel: LUKE 2: 41-52

Mary and Joseph have been to Jerusalem, but on the way home they discover that Jesus is missing. When they find him, Jesus wonders why they did not know that this was the work of his Father.

Holy Cross School

School News

Delaware native and National Geographic veteran Kevin Fleming has published a captivated new book on the wildlife and wild places all across Delaware. Each copy is \$50 and if ordered through the school, we will receive \$25 from each order. Contact the Parish Office if interested. This is lovely gift idea.



HCS Crusader Discount Cards are available for \$10 each in the school offices or the parish office. These cards provide discounts to 21 retailers for one year. They make great stocking stuffers during the holidays!!!!

Thank you to all who purchased a Holy Cross Cookbook. If you are still looking to purchase one, please contact the school office. We thank all who contributed recipes to make this such a wonderful project.

SERVICE PROJECT

Students in our Junior High are doing service projects for one of their classes, and one of the students has asked the help of our parish community.

He is collecting used coats and blankets for his project. Please be sure they have been "gently" used and are in decent shape for others to still use. Please bring your donations on January 2 & 3 to the Gathering Space, where a container will be provided to collect the items. These will be distributed to the poor and needy from within the community. Thank you in advance for any coats and blankets that you can provide.

NUESTRA FAMILIA HISPANIA

ANUNCIOS:

- El padre Carlos está teniendo estudios Biblicos todos los miércoles a las 7:00 pm en el solon del ELC. Estan todos invitados.
- Jóvenes Hispanos: Venga y únice a la Pastoral Juvenil Hispana de Holy Cross Para mas información llame al padre Carlos al 302-674-5787 ext. 14; escriba roch96@hotmail.com.
- Habrá confesiones en español todos los domingos de 12:15 pm. El Padre Carlos Ochoa estará en el confesionario de la mano derecha entrando a la Iglesia.

Religious Education

CCD CHRISTMAS BREAK

There will be **NO LEVEL K THROUGH JUNIOR HIGH** on -campus CCD classes on Wednesday, December 23rd and December 30th, and Thursday, December 24th and December 31st due to the Christmas holiday.

Classes will resume on Wednesday, January 6, 2010 and Thursday, January 7, 2010. Have a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!

COMMUNITY EVENTS

FINDING CHRISTMAS Difficult?

Holy Cross Catholic Church, Christ Episcopal Church, The Modern Maturity Center and Torbert Funeral Chapels in Dover are offering an Ecumenical "Longest Night" Service for those who find it difficult to celebrate at this time of the year. Come join with others in sharing your sadness, loss or loneliness, and know that you are not alone. The Service will be held on Sunday, December 20, 2009 at 4:00 pm. in the Palmer Room in the Modern Maturity Center located at 1121 Forrest Avenue, Dover, Delaware. Light refreshments will follow. For more information call 674-5787 extension 17.

MARRIAGE Help

Retrouvaille is a Catholic based program to help marriages that are stressed or in trouble. Retrouvaille has helped countless married couples in all stages of disillusionment or misery in their marriage. Retrouvaille can help your marriage too. The next program will be held at S. Joseph in the Hills Malvern Retreat Center, Malvern, PA on February 1-14, 2010. All calls are confidential. For more information call 800-470-2230 or 302-832-8044 or visit the web site at www.HelpOurMarriage.com.

MOUNT 2000

Mount 2000 will take place on **February 12 – 14, 2010** at Mt. St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, MD. Join us for this awesome spiritual teen retreat. The cost is \$75.00 and includes meals and transportation. Registration is available online on the Holy Cross website under [teenwire](#) or contact Tracie Reinhart by calling 674-5786, extension 23. All registration due 12/31.

Book Club

The Heavenwards Book Club is reading Same Kind of Different as Me by Ron Hall and Denver Moore for January. We will meet to discuss it Thursday, January 21, at 7 pm, in the St. Luke's room of the ELC. We hope you can join us! For more information, you can contact Lisa Smith at 653-1350, or e-mail heavenwardsbookclub@gmail.com.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

"Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus." Let Worldwide Marriage Encounter help your marriage/holy orders remain Christ-centered. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is February 12-14 in Rehoboth Beach, DE. Openings fill up fast. For more information visit our website at: wwme.org or to register, contact Jack and Bridget O'Connell by calling 653-0593.

VOCATIONS

In today's first reading, the Lord promises to send One "who will shepherd his flock." God has kept that promise throughout the centuries and continues to call shepherds for His people. Is He calling you to serve as a shepherd – to minister to His people as a priest? If you think so, call or write Father Joe Cocucci, Diocesan Director of Priestly and Religious Vocations (573-3113, jcocucci@cdow.org). Be sure to visit our website: www.CalledByTheLord.com! Blessings to all this Christmas season.

MASS INTENTIONS

We invite the family members of those for whom each Mass is being offered to bring the offertory gifts to the altar. Please make yourselves known to the ushers before Mass.

Monday, December 21, 2009

6:30 am Denis J. O'Brien
8:00 am Fred Parman

Tuesday, December 22, 2009

6:30 am Ray E. Jones
8:00 am Dorothy Aschenberg

Wednesday, December 23, 2009

6:30 am Thomas and Doris Costello
8:00 am William McKenzie

Thursday, December 24, 2009

6:30 am Elizabeth Belt
8:00 am Anna Rogalla
Eve Mass Intentions of the People of Holy Cross

Friday, December 25, 2009

8:00 am Intentions of the People of Holy Cross
10:00 am Intentions of the People of Holy Cross

Saturday, December 26, 2009

8:00 am Eugene Tyler
5:00 pm Mary Kathryn Ford
7:00 pm For the People

Sunday, December 27, 2009

7:30 am Deborah Parkowski
9:15 am Anna Furjanic
11:00 am John M. Sclesky
1:00 pm Lancelot Donnatien
6:00 pm Stephanie Swierzbinski

FINANCIAL CLASS

DAVE RAMSEY FINANCIAL PEACE

The Spring session of the Dave Ramsey Financial Peace course will begin in January with a Preview Night on Jan 5. Please join us to find out more about this 13 week course that will get you out of debt and on your way to financial prosperity. Many from the parish have experienced financial success by following this course. Don't miss this opportunity to bring financial peace to your household. Call the Parish Office to register today to leave your name and phone number for Deacon Bob. He will contact you and answer your questions concerning the class.

OUR WEEKLY OFFERING — DECEMBER 6, 2009

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED	BUDGETED/ NEEDED	DIFFERENCE
This Week	\$29,936	\$30,301	(\$365)
YTD	\$676,794	\$700,098	(\$23,304)
Needs	\$680	\$1,730	(\$1050)

Thank you for your offering. It is with your continued support and the sharing of your time and talent that the ministries, programs, and activities of Holy Cross are made possible. "Whatever you give to the Lord, He will return to you a hundred fold."

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE



COME JOIN IN CELEBRATING THE GIFT OF CHRISTMAS

Thursday, December 24, 2009

6:30 am and 8:00 am daily Mass

Christmas Eve - Thursday, December 24, 2009

4:00 pm Mass
4:15 pm Mass in Auditorium
6:00 pm Mass
6:15 pm Mass in Auditorium
8:00 pm Mass
9:45 pm Spanish Mass
Midnight Mass
(Choral/Musical Prelude begins at 11:30 pm)

Christmas Day – Friday, December 25, 2009

8:00 am and 10:00 am Mass

Saturday, December 26, 2009

4:00 pm and 6:30 pm Confessions
5:00 and 7:00 pm Mass

Sunday, December 27, 2009

7:30 am, 9:15 am, 11:00 am Mass
1 pm Spanish, 6 pm Youth Mass

Thursday, December 31, 2009

6:30 am and 8:00 am daily Mass
6:00 pm Vigil Mass for Holy Day
10:00 pm Spanish Mass

New Year's Day – Friday, January 1, 2010

8:00 am and 10:00 am Mass

Saturday, January 2, 2010

4:00 pm and 6:30 pm Confessions
5:00 pm and 7:00 pm Mass

Sunday, January 3, 2010

7:30 am, 9:15 am, 11:00 am Mass
1:00 pm Spanish, 6:00 pm Youth Mass

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION:

God is looking for you to spend an hour with Him

Monday: 2 am, 3 am
Tuesday: 1 am, 2 am, 3 am, 4 am
Wed: 3 am, 4 am
Saturday: 4 am, 5 am, 3 pm



Contact JoAnn Pate by calling 674-4496 if you could spare even one hour to spend with Jesus

BENEDICT XVI SHARES SECRET OF TRUE JOY **UNDERLINES LESSONS FROM THE CRECHE**

Vatican City, December 13, 2009 (Zenit.org) - Benedict XVI is encouraging families to go to the Baby Jesus in the Manger, and to learn from him the way to authentic Christian joy.

As is tradition on this Third Sunday of Advent, Pope addressed the children of Rome who came to St. Peter's Square for a blessing on their little statues of Baby Jesus that will be placed in the family crèches.

In an address to the pilgrims gathered for a blessing and the praying of the midday Angelus, the Pontiff affirmed that the Church "helps us to rediscover the sense and the taste of Christian joy, so different from the world's joy."

He acknowledged the "many children and young people" present, stating, "It is a cause of joy for me to know that in your families you continue the custom of making the crèche."

The Holy Father continued: "But it is not enough to repeat a tradition gesture, however important. It is necessary to try to live every day what the crèche represents, that is, Christ's love, his humility, his poverty."

We must follow the example of St. Francis, who "represented the scene of the Nativity to try to contemplate and adore it, but above all to know better how to put into practice the message of the Son of God, who left everything behind and became a little child out of love for us," Benedict XVI said.

The "secret of true joy," he affirmed, "does not consist in having a lot of things, but in feeling loved by the Lord, in making oneself a gift for others, in loving."

The Pope explained: "The Madonna and St. Joseph do not seem to be a very fortunate family; they had their first child in the midst of great hardships; and yet they are full of deep joy, because they love each other, they help each other and above all they are certain that God is at work in their history, God who made himself present in the little Jesus."

As well, he added, the shepherds have a special reason to rejoice, even though "that newborn certainly would not change the facts of poverty and marginalization in their lives."

Rather, the Pontiff said, "faith helps them to recognize in the 'child wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger' the 'sign' of the accomplishment of God's promises for all men, 'whom he loves,' even them!"

True joy, he affirmed, consists in "feeling that our personal communal existence is visited and filled by a great mystery, the mystery of God's love."

The Holy Father said: "To be joyful we do not just have need of things, but love and truth: We need a God who is near, who warms our heart, and responds to our profound desires.

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Have a Blessed Christmas!