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Mass Schedule

Sunday Masses

Saturday: 4:30 pm
Sunday: 8:30 & 11:00 am

Daily Mass

Tuesday-Friday: 8:30 am

Holy Day & Holiday Masses

As Announced

Sacrament of Penance

Saturday: 3:30-4:15 pm
or by appointment

Parish Devotions

Holy Rosary

Tuesday-Friday after Mass

Adoration Chapel

Monday-Friday 9am-7pm
Chapel located in back of rectory

Sacraments

Sacrament of Baptism

2nd and 4th Sundays at 12 noon
Please call the office to schedule the baptism of children. Parents and godparents must attend a Baptism Preparation Session.

Sacrament of the Sick

Please call the parish office or speak to the priest after Mass to request the Anointing of the Sick. If in a hospital or nursing home, please ask the staff to notify the parish that covers that facility.

Sacrament of Matrimony

Couples looking to get married at Holy Cross should contact the pastor at least six months before the intended wedding date to discuss marriage preparations and schedule the wedding.

Holy Communion for the Homebound

Please call the parish office.

Parish Office Hours

Monday-Thursday, 9:00-12:00 & 1:00-4:00
Closed Fridays, Holidays and Holy Days
Office is located in the back of the church building

SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 2024



FROM THE PASTOR

It doesn't seem right, but April is nearly half over. It's been an eventful month so far, with an earthquake and a solar eclipse in the span of a couple days. The day of the earthquake, I had a funeral service shortly after it happened. From a prior service, my funeral ritual book had been set to read the Gospel from the Passion—where it talks about darkness covering the land and the veil of the temple being torn in two because of an earthquake. That wasn't eerie at all.... I think we've had enough out-of-the-ordinary natural phenomena for a while now.

Coming up at the end of April we have a special event taking place to support our parish school. Our **Night at the Races** fundraiser is on **Saturday, April 27, at 7:00**. Flyers for this event are available in the vestibules of the church. Besides purchasing a ticket to attend the event, you can also help sponsor it by buying the naming rights to a horse, jockey, or even an entire race. It's a great opportunity to be creative—and maybe have a little fun “honoring” someone. Anyone want to name a horse Nagging Mother-in-law? Just remember we're a Catholic school, so nothing too (ahem) racy please.

Another event worth highlighting isn't happening at Holy Cross but is connected in a way to our parish. On May 3, Cardinal O'Hara High School will have their 10th annual **Danny Hammond Dance Marathon**. Danny Hammond was a parishioner and an alumnus of Holy Cross School. At the age of 9, he was diagnosed with cancer, and fought it bravely for 13 years. Sadly, he lost the battle and died in 2014. The next year, the students of O'Hara began a dance marathon in Danny's honor to raise money to support those battling childhood cancer and to benefit other worthy causes. We have several students from Holy Cross helping to organize and fundraise for this event.

I was recently asked if the parish could assist by being one of the event sponsors for the marathon. How could I say no? I never knew Danny, but asking around among staff and teachers, anyone who did know him says nothing but great things about him—a beautiful witness of endurance of suffering and a compassionate heart for others. If there is an event named after him to continue his legacy, we need to support it as a parish.

Of course, we all know our piggy bank doesn't have too many extra pennies in it. So, let's make this a true show of parish support. If you'd like to make a special contribution to support the Danny Hammond Dance Marathon at Cardinal O'Hara High School in the name of the parish, you can drop off your gift at the parish office or place it in the collection in an envelope marked for this purpose. We signed up as a “silver” sponsor with a commitment of \$750. I'm confident we can raise at least that much. Anything we take in over that will go to the dance marathon as a general contribution. Thank you in advance for your support as we honor the legacy of one of our own.

**3rd
Sunday
of Easter**

Reading I: Acts 3: 13-15, 17-19

Peter's sermon theme is that the suffering Messiah was raised from the dead. This implies our personal need for repentance and conversion.

Reading II: I John 2: 1-5a

The author connects knowledge of Christ with observance of His commands. This in turn leads to a deep love of God.

The Gospel: Luke 24: 35-38

The main point is not the reality of Jesus' body as much as it is His victory over death by His renewal of the table fellowship with His disciples. Preaching repentance “to all nations” becomes their mission.



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, APRIL 15

8:30 AM - No Mass

TUESDAY, APRIL 16

8:30 AM - Catherine Judge

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17

8:30 AM - Rita Creato, Kathryn Gregorio &
Anne Creato

THURSDAY, APRIL 18

8:30 AM - Anne Creato, Rita Creato &
Kathryn Gregorio

FRIDAY, APRIL 19

8:30 AM - The Deceased Members of the
McSwiggan & Carberry Families

SATURDAY, APRIL 20

8:30 AM - No Mass
4:30 PM - John Kemmey

SUNDAY, APRIL 21

8:30 AM - Barbara McGlinchey
11:00 AM - For the People of the Parish

SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's Sanctuary Lamp
intention is for:

Church - Joseph A. LaMonaca III
Chapel - Steve Austin



COLLECTION INFORMATION

Weekly Need	\$13,330
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Weekly Collection, April 7	
Total	\$8,661
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Electronic	\$3,034
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Basket & Mail-Ins	\$5,527

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Consiglia Borreli	Richard McCullough
Lyndi Butler	Larry McCusker
Mary Ann Carroll	Francis Murray
George Dickinson	Charlotte O'Leary
Dawn Gibbons	Paige O'Leary
Carolyn Henderson	Katherine Patrone
Steven Henderson	Mary Rafferty
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The Corner

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What can we give God that He hasn't already given us? We can never repay God for all He has given us through His sacrifice on the cross. But, He doesn't ask for repayment, He asks for worship.

Interested in Being a Greeter?

YOU are invited to be a greeter at the doors before a Saturday evening or Sunday morning Mass! Please contact Lisa D'Arcy at 610.213.4047 for more information.

Thank You!

Holy Cross Council #15482 would like to thank the parishioners of Holy Cross and the surrounding parishes as well as our friends and families for their support over these past few months for the various events and fundraisers that we have been engaged in. We know that times are challenging and any and all support that we receive is greatly appreciated. Thank you, as always, for your support.

Mass for Parents Who Have Lost Children

Wednesday, April 24 at 7:00 PM

All are welcome to join us at St. Dorothy Church, 4910 Township Line Road, Drexel Hill, as we celebrate a Mass for all Parents Who Have Lost a Child on Wednesday, April 24 th at 7:00 PM. Thank you.

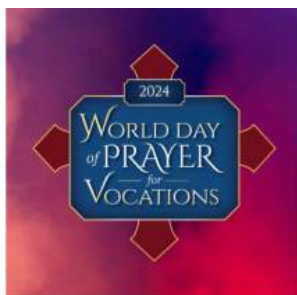
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Franciscan Night ~ Monte Carlo Style
Saturday, April 27, 2024 * 6 - 10 pm
Neumann University Mirenda Center Atrium
501 S. Convent Road, Aston, PA 19014

Online registration is available on our website at www.osfphila.org

St. Francis Over 50 Club

The St. Francis Over 50 Club meets Thursday, April 25 at 12:30 pm in Springfield with entertainment by Ed Mills. \$2.00 at the door includes light refreshments. Join us in the gym of Saint Francis of Assisi School, 136 Saxer Ave, Springfield. Park in school lot. Anyone age 50 or older is welcome, regardless of religious affiliation. Contact President Chuck Di Dio, 610-543-6314; jamesD95@aol.com. Casino Trips: The Club will host bus trips to Resorts Casino on May 8 and June 12. Tickets are \$30 with a \$15 return for slot play. Bus leaves 10am, St. Kevin's Church parking lot, 200 W. Sproul Rd., Springfield. Call Joe Gowen, 610-739-8146.



Sunday April 21, 2024

"The priesthood is the love of the heart of Jesus. When you see a priest, think of our Lord Jesus Christ."

---St John Vianney

School News

Holy Cross School's
NIGHT AT THE RACES!

Saturday, April 27, 2024

Join us for a night filled with excitement, raffle baskets, 50/50 chances, and the best equestrian sports.

Doors open at 6:30PM. Races start at 7:00PM.

\$25.00 a ticket includes food and non-alcoholic beverages.

BYOB event!

Tickets can be purchased at the school office or church office.

Father Judge High School Class of 1974 50 Year Reunion

Saturday, April 27th from 6 - 10 PM at Father Judge

Cost is \$80 per person

Please contact khuckel@fatherjudge.com for more information

WALKS FOR LIFE!

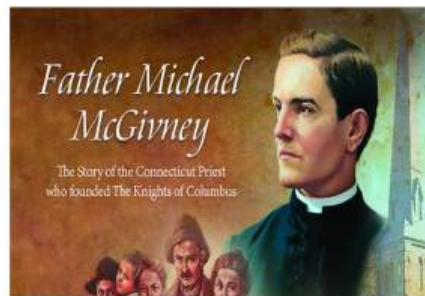
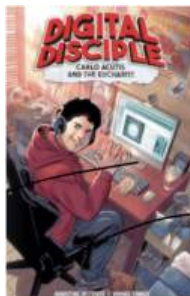
Saturday, April 20: benefits Amnion Pregnancy Care Medical Center in Drexel Hill, at Ridley Creek State Park Pavilion 11, 9 AM check-in, 10 AM start. For info and registration, see friendsofamnion.org.

Saturday, April 27: benefits the Delaware County Pregnancy Center in Chester, at Chester Park, 9 AM check-in, contact Holly at holly@dcpcchester.org to register

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Three Parish Book Club

At each meeting members and guests offer suggestions for spiritual reading as well as discussing the selected book. You need not have read the month's selection to attend the meeting, If you would like to join the discussion or if you would like more information, please contact Joy Van Berg at 610 328-2095 or at joyvanberg@gmail.com.

March

On the Incarnation by St. Athanasius

April

Carlo Acutis: The First Millennial Saint by Nicola Gori

Spring Bible Study

Please join us **EVERY week for Weekly Bible Study!**

In **"Queen of Heaven: Mary's Battle For You"** we will study history's most famous woman. It is an encounter with Mary as you have never had before. We will accompany her from her Immaculate Conception through her apparitions in modern times. This is an 8 episode series with videos and discussions; there are no workbooks for this study. As always, we study at your convenience, either Monday **evenings** or Wednesday **mornings** in the Parish Center, so **PICK THE TIME** that is best for you. If you choose the Wednesday morning option, we begin right after the 8:30 Mass, so please consider joining us for Mass that morning. Come a few minutes early to meet others and to get your seat. No workbooks are required for this study, but please bring your Bible. Light refreshments are provided.

When: Mondays, April 8 thru May 27, 7:00 – 8:30 PM
OR: Wednesdays, April 10 thru May 29, 9:15 – 10:45 AM
It is always helpful to have a headcount. To save a seat or for more information, contact Pattie Stevens at pattiejstevens@comcast.net or 484.868.8571



Food Pantry Update

Thank You Holy Cross parishioners for your support every week to help our Neighbors in Need. Your prayers and generosity are very much appreciated.

One of our volunteers recently shared that they wanted to be "More Christian". Well, after reviewing some articles on the Corporal Works of Mercy, I came across the following:

"The Corporal Works of Mercy are found in the teachings of Jesus and give us a model for how we should treat all others, as if they were Christ in disguise. They "are charitable actions by which we help our neighbors in their bodily needs" (USCCA)."

Of course, feeding the hungry is at the top of the list... I know I am preaching to the choir, since you embrace this every week... I just wanted to share.....

Back to our mission, if you are able we are in need of the following: (no glass please) cereal, oatmeal, pancake mix, syrup, mac & cheese, peanut butter, jelly, pasta and pasta sauce, canned meats, fruit, rice, beans, juice, tea and coffee.

If you know anyone in need of food in Delco, please let them know that we are open every Wednesday from 3:30 to 5:30 as a drive-thru behind our school.

God Bless "All" of you,
Friends from the SVDP Holy Cross Food Pantry

Eucharistic Adoration



ABOVE: This picture an adorer took in our chapel while kneeling in front of Jesus, it's the reflection from the stained glass window showing up on the Host.

LOOKING for some peace and quiet? I know the perfect place.

LOOKING for someone you can TRUST? I know Who you can go to.

LOOKING for some answers? I know Who has them.

St. Catherine Labouré. "If you listen God will speak to you, with the good Lord you have to both speak and listen, God always speaks to you when you approach Him plainly and simply".

We have the perfect intimate chapel here at Holy Cross where you can come to accomplish all of the above!

PLEASE consider visiting with Jesus weekdays from 9:00am to 7:00pm.

We are in need of adorers to maintain our current Adoration schedule!

For more information please contact Eileen 610-213-3369

**TICKETS ON SALE NOW FOR ST.FRANCIS PLAYERS
2024 PRODUCTION OF MEREDITH WILLSON'S THE
MUSIC MAN**

Tickets on sale now for the St. Francis Players 2024 production of Meredith Willson's the Music Man! The St. Francis Players will be sure to dazzle you in this years production - their 63rd production!

Evening performances will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, April 19, Saturday, April 20, Friday, April 26 and Saturday, April 27. Matinee performances will be Sunday, April 21 and Sunday, April 28 at 2:00 PM. Doors open a half hour prior to curtain.

Reserved tickets are \$18.00 with general admission at the door for \$12.00. Senior and student general admission is \$10.00. Senior and student general admission must be purchased by phone or at the door. To purchase tickets to our performances simply visit www.stfrancisplayers.org, under Tickets or call 610-505-8874. All performances will be held at Leonard Hall, St. Francis of Assisi Church, Springfield, PA.

DELCO PRO-LIFE MEETING

Please join us for our monthly Delco Pro-Life meeting on Wednesday, April 24, at 7 PM at the Holy Cross Parish Center in Springfield. The Parish Center is located behind the school. Your prayers and suggestions are most welcome. Jesus, protect and save the unborn.

Servant of God Father Bill Atkinson, OSA

If you, or someone you know, was a caregiver to Fr. Bill Atkinson, OSA, perhaps during your time at Msgr. Bonner HS or as a medical professional, we want to hear from you.

We want to honor and give thanks to all of Fr. Bill's caregivers at a special event in September, as the process for his beautification and sainthood continues. Email: Rich Herron, rpheron@comcast.net, Ted Donnelly, tuna1031@gmail.com, or Mary Moody, marymmoody@yahoo.com. For more information: <https://frbillatkinson.org/>

Nun Run

June 1, 2024: NUN RUN - A 5K Run / 3K Walk. Early bird registration April 1-15th. Register by May 10th to be assured a t-shirt. Sponsored by the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary at Camilla Hall, 100 Maxis Drive, Malvern, PA 19355. Proceeds benefit Camilla Hall, the convent home and health care center for the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. For information or to register go to: www.ihmnunrun.org. A fun family day and great opportunity for youth, young adults and all those who like to run or walk



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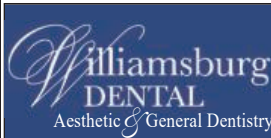
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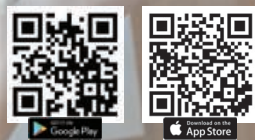
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