

HOLY CROSS CHURCH

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APRIL 16, 2023 • SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER - SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Evening 4:30 PM
 Sunday, Upper Church 8:30 and 11:00 AM
 Holy Day As announced
 Tuesday through Saturday 8:30 AM
 No Mass Monday

NEW PARISHIONERS

All Catholics living in the parish should register. Stop by the Business Office, Monday through Thursday, 9:00AM - 12:00PM or 1:00PM - 4:00PM or register online by accessing the registration forms on our website under parish registration.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

(Entrance through the middle, rear door of the Church)
 Monday-Thursday only... 8:00 AM-4:00 PM
 Friday..... Closed

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday, 3:30 to 4:15 PM or by appointment.

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 Deacon Thomas Taylor or the Parish Office when a parishioner is hospitalized or home bound.



FROM THE PASTOR

Wow! If I do say so myself, our Holy Week celebrations were incredibly beautiful. I was personally edified to see more people in attendance compared to last year. In particular, I noticed more families with children in attendance, which is a hopeful sign.

I want to thank Grete Ingalls and our choir for the outstanding job they did in beautifying our celebrations with sacred music. You can tell they work hard, and we all benefit from their dedication. I also need to thank John Kemmey, our lead sacristan, for all his work preparing for all the special liturgies of Holy Week. A lot of work goes into setting everything up for Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil. You have to set up for one day, then immediately take it all down to set up for the next. Repeat over several days.

Speaking of sacristans, I also want to thank Martin McCann for his years of service as he steps down from his position as our Sunday Sacristan. It's easy to take for granted that I can walk over to the church 15 minutes before Mass on a Sunday, and the doors will be open, the lights will be on, and all the sacred vessels will be in place. Just as importantly, I can leave after Mass and the lights will get turned off and the doors locked. Thank you, Martin, for making life easier!

A quick update on where we are with the Next Generation Parish initiative. Our envisioning team met again this week. We are in the process of establishing our three top priorities for the parish and a number of goals to help us meet them in the next couple years. We have had a number of fruitful discussions over the past couple months. We'll be working on some communications that we can send out to the parish to let you know where we're going. Please keep the success of this initiative in your prayers.

This Saturday is our annual parish flea market! Please come out and see what treasures are available and grab a bite at the snack bar. Until then, have a great week!

Divine Mercy Sunday

Reading I: Acts 2: 42-47

St. Luke presents an idealized picture of the early Church. The Holy Spirit wants us to have a goal worth our striving as we live as members of the present Church.

Reading II: I Peter 1: 3-7

Our salvation derives from an initiative of God the Father, through the life of His Son Jesus, and revealed to us by the Holy Spirit.

The Gospel: John 20: 19-31

Jesus' appearance to His disciples in His glorified body and hears Mary Magdalene's question to the "gardener": "Where have they put Him?" The joy of Jesus' response to her intensifies with the Thomas story. Thomas proclaims the central message of the entire gospel: Jesus is Lord and God.



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, APRIL 17

8:30 AM - No Mass

TUESDAY, APRIL 18

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19

8:30 AM - Anthony Ricci

THURSDAY, APRIL 20

8:30 AM - Michael Gilfedder

FRIDAY, APRIL 21

8:30 AM - Liana Martino

School Mass - 9:30 AM - Kathleen Ciavarelli

SATURDAY, APRIL 22

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

4:30 PM - William McHugh

SUNDAY, APRIL 23

8:30 AM - For the People of Holy Cross

11:00 AM - Living & Deceased Members of the Gentile Family

The Corner

Brought to you by your Evangelization Team

“His mercy endures forever.” ---

Psalm 118:1

Welcome to a day of great grace! **Did you know...**

“On May 5, 2000, five days after the canonization of St Faustina, the Vatican decreed that the Second Sunday of Easter would henceforth be known as Divine Mercy Sunday.” ---United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB)

SANCTUARY LAMP



This week's Sanctuary Lamp intention is for:

Church: Joseph A. LaMonaca III

COLLECTION INFORMATION

Weekly Need \$12,820

Weekly Collection, April 9

Total \$18,399

Electronic \$220

Basket & Mail-Ins \$18,179

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Consiglia Borreli	Maryanne McCauley
Lyndi Butler	Richard McCullough
Mary Ann Carroll	Larry McCusker
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Ken Kull	Betty Tomczyk
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Kendall Lambert	Madalyn Parr
Zachary Halbing	Carter Claire Walton
Deacon Joe Gousie	Mike Calbertta
Lee Anne McGough	Louise Casciano
Joann Marks	Alexander Passquini

Food Pantry Update

The Pantry continues to support our community's "Most in Need" Delco Neighbors and we want to send Special Thanks to you for your efforts.

- Our Holy Cross school children did an Awesome job with their "Personal Items" collection during Catholic Schools Week. The pantry received all the collected items. (Our clients often ask for these... and we provide personal items when we have them...) How Blessed we are for the support.

- Also, our Knights of Columbus participated in the "Souper Bowl of Caring" effort and provided over 2700 food items to our pantry. In addition to the food collection, some of the Knights volunteer at our pantry each week.... A Great Collaborative effort.

If you are able, we are in need of mac&cheese, cereal, canned meat / tuna, peanut butter, pasta sauce (no glass please) and pasta.

If you know anyone in need for food in Delco, please share that the pantry is open every Wednesday from 3:30 to 5:30 in back of Holy Cross School.

Thank you all for your generosity and prayers.

God Bless,
Your Friends from the St. Vincent dePaul Holy Cross Food Pantry

ROSARY GROUP

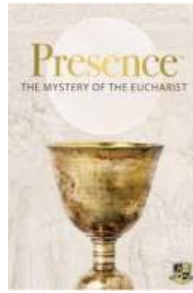
The Holy Rosary is prayed every weekday morning in the church immediately after the 8:30 Mass. Please join us! Your prayers and suggestions are most welcome.

FORMED

A Free Gift to you from Holy Cross Parish
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Here are 2 beautiful selections for April. "Triduum: A Spiritual Pilgrimage" walks through the locations of the Holy Week story. "Divine Mercy with Fr Michael Gaitley" is a 10 part series that tells the story of God's mercy in His message to St Faustina. If you haven't already done so, go to <https://signup.formed.org> to begin exploring all the content on FORMED. Enter ZIP code "19064" and select "Holy Cross Parish" from the drop-down menu, press "Next." Enter your name and email address, and you will receive an email for a link to sign in. No password is needed and you will have full access to the site. ENJOY!



Spring Bible Study

"Presence: The Mystery of The Eucharist"

Do you think you know all about the Sacrament of the Eucharist? Come and see what you may not know! The Holy Cross Bible Study team will present a FREE 6 week study of this "source and summit" of the Christian life. Workbooks will be provided for this series. There will be short videos and valuable group discussions. Light refreshments will be served. We will present this at 2 different times, so PICK THE TIME that is best for you.

When: Mondays, April 17 thru May 22 ---7:00 to 8:30pm - in the Holy Cross Parish Center
OR: Wednesdays, April 19 thru May 24 ---9:15 to 10:45am - in the Holy Cross Parish Center

The Bible Study is free. Come a few minutes early to meet others and get your seat. Please join us!

It is helpful for us to have a headcount to ensure we have enough workbooks. To save a seat or for more information, contact Pattie Stevens at pattiejstevens@comcast.net or 484.868.8571.

Saint Eugene Parish Pasta Dinner

200 S Oak Avenue Primos, PA 19018

After 5:00 Mass on Saturday, April 22, 2023. Share great food and fellowship at the Fourth Annual Pasta dinner! We will have Pasta, meatballs, garlic bread, caesar salad, cannolis, pizzelles and other deserts. Tickets can be purchased through Venmo (@SEP-SOC) or contact Mat MacDonald 215-806-9717. \$12 for adults and \$6 for children.

Hoops Mania

I would like to thank everyone who purchased tickets. The profit on this was \$1,900.00 and we had 4 winners at \$30.00 each.

Thank you for your support.
The Fund-Raising Committee

Drexel Swim Club - become a member!

Looking for something fun to do this summer? Make a splash at Drexel Swim Club! With new renovations and upgrades, family-friendly events, and the home of the Drexel Dolphins Swim Team, we truly are the place to be! We are currently accepting new members and would love to have you and your family! For pricing and inquiries, please email us at Drexelswimclubmembership@gmail.com.

Married Couples

"Live your best life in love" in Spring 2023: Why not give yourselves some time together by making a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend? The next in-person experience April 21-23 will be held at Sheraton Great Valley, Frazer. For more info visit: <https://www.wvme-philly.org/>.

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Three Parish Book Club

The next meeting of the Three Parish Book Club will be for Wednesday, April, 26 at 7:00 p.m. at the Holy Cross Church Parish Center. Members and guests offer suggestions for spiritual reading as well as discussing the selected book. You need not have read the month's selected book to attend the meeting, If you would like to join the group or if you would like more information, please contact Joy Van Berg at 610 328-2095 or at joyvanberg@gmail.com.

April

Braving the Thin Places by Julianne Stanz

May

The Life of the Blessed Virgin Mary

From the Visions of Ven. Anne Catherine Emmerich Trans. by Sir Michael Palairt

DIVINE MERCY

SUNDAY - APRIL 16, 2023
at St. Joseph Church
500 Woodlawn Ave
Collingdale PA 19023

There will be a Holy Hour to celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday from 2:00 to 3:30PM. This Holy Hour will include recitation of the rosary and chaplet of Divine Mercy, readings from The Diary of St. Faustina, and ending with Benediction. All are welcomed.

"I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment". On that day all the divine floodgates through which grace flow are opened". (Diary,699)

Holy Cross School News

Holy Cross students enjoyed a little time away from the classroom to attend two assemblies sponsored by our generous Home and School Association. Grades 4 through 8 enjoyed guest speaker Eddie Cortes. Mr. Cortes mission is to empower students to build resilience and positive self-worth.

Our younger grades enjoyed watching Puss and Boots performed by the traveling theater group Family Stages.

Our Krispy Kreme Doughnuts sale will begin on Monday, April 17, and end on Friday, April 28. The cost will be \$15.00 a dozen. This is a pre-order sale, parishioners who would like to purchase, please visit us in the back vestibules of church the weekends of April 15 and 29. Delivery date and details regarding pick-up will be forthcoming.

Our students will start their Easter break with a half day of school on Wednesday, April 5 and return on Wednesday, April 12. When they return on Wednesday students will have their Spring pictures taken and our 8th grade will pose for their graduation photos.

Please continue to keep our 2nd grade students at Holy Cross and our PREP class as they continue to prepare for the sacrament of First Holy Communion in May.

Parents/Parishioners please do not forget to follow us on social media: Instagram handle: hcs.crusaders
Twitter handle: HCS_Crusaders
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/people/Holy-Cross-Catholic-School/100085015732347/>

Eucharistic Adoration

And Jesus said to them "...remain here and keep watch with me." ---Matthew 26:38

We are blessed to have a very INTIMATE Eucharistic Adoration chapel at Holy Cross Parish, where JESUS is waiting for YOU. In good times and in bad, JESUS LOVES YOU.

We are in need of visitors and hourly adorers to maintain our current adoration schedule. Please consider keeping Jesus company in our chapel, open weekdays 9:00am to 7:00pm. For more information, call Eileen at 610.213.3369.

THE POWER OF ADORATION

St. Teresa of Calcutta has said that without Eucharistic Adoration she would never have been able to do what she did to the level she did it. She even hinted that without it she would have burned out. Mother Teresa required her sisters to do a daily Holy Hour that gave them strength and peace to accomplish their extraordinary work among the poorest of the poor. She attributed the doubling of vocations to the Missionaries of Charity to the nuns' faithful hour of Adoration.

SAVE THE DATES!



Mark your Calendars Now so you don't miss out on any of these upcoming fun events. Tell your Family and Friends!

April 22nd – Annual Flea Market



June 4th - 75th Anniversary - Parish Family Fun Day



October 7th - Beef N Beer



Holy Cross All Class - All Parish Reunion



Nov 4th – Annual Craft Fair



Upcoming Events Benefiting The Little Sisters of the Poor

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Noon lunch / 1:00PM Shotgun Start
Please join us for a fun day of lunch, golf, cocktail reception, and outdoor barbeque on Monday, May 15th at the beautiful Paxon Hollow Country Club in support of Mothers' Home in Darby.

Mothers' Home's mission is to transform the lives of pregnant women in crisis by providing safe housing and programs that prepare them for motherhood and provide a strong foundation for themselves and their children.

For more information and registration please visit our golf website: www.mothershomegolf.com.



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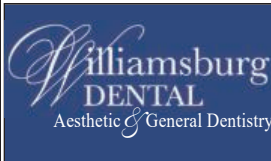
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