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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 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.

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.

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 27, 2025



FROM THE PASTOR

What a beautiful celebration of Holy Week and the Sacred Paschal Triduum! So much work goes into all the liturgical celebrations of this most sacred time. The decorating and undecorating is a big task. There are many readings to prepare and a lot of music to practice. The rites of the week involve a lot of little things that we only do once a year, so we have to read and prepare ourselves. But all the work is worth it to enable us to celebrate those sacred days. To all those who had a role to play in making Holy Week happen, thank you. Also, a word of thanks to all those who came out and participated in the various services of the week.

We had a little adventure here on Holy Saturday before the Easter Vigil. Our pipe organ experienced a malfunction wherein the console assumed one of the pedals was being continually pressed. Anytime the organ was on, it played a continual deep note that couldn't be turned off. Not a good thing two hours before the most important Mass of the year! We were fortunate that our organ repair man lives nearby, and he was kind enough to interrupt time with his family on Saturday night to come out and get the thing fixed, so it was working for the Vigil and all of our Easter Masses. Alleluia! Our church organ is a beautiful instrument, but like many things around here, it is showing its age and different parts are starting to go on it. As we build up money in the music fund, we hope to be able to work on the needed repairs. Thank you for your generosity in using the music fund envelopes we include in your mailing periodically.

The news of the death of our Holy Father Pope Francis on Easter Sunday shocked many. There he was on TV on Easter Sunday, greeting the crowds as best he could. Then on Monday, we woke up to the news that he had died early that morning Rome time. The timing of the pope's death and our bulletin deadline means I don't have much information to share in this space right now about our parish's prayerful response. But let us all pray that the Lord will grand His Holiness eternal rest.

Second Sunday of Easter

Reading I: Acts 5: 12-16

Many people came to believe in Jesus through the signs and wonders worked by the Apostles, especially by Peter.

Reading II: Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19

This first vision describes Jesus in both divine and human terms. White hair for the "Ancient of Days," and a voice like the rumbling of the Lord's glory.

The Gospel: John 20: 19-31

Jesus is raised not simply with a body, but with the same body that had been crucified only days before. St. Thomas makes what is the climatic confession of faith in John's gospel: "My Lord and my God."



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, APRIL 28

8:30 AM - No Mass

TUESDAY, APRIL 29

8:30 AM - Mary Ann Purcell

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30

8:30 AM - Mary Jane McKeon

THURSDAY, MAY 1

8:30 AM - Peter Gaudiosi. Sr.

FRIDAY, MAY 2

8:30 AM - Patrick A. Purcell

SATURDAY, MAY 3

8:30 AM - No Mass

4:30 PM - For the People of the

Parish

SUNDAY, MAY 4

8:30 AM - Alice Markiewicz

11:00 AM - Mary & Nicholas Graziano

The Corner



On this Divine Mercy Sunday, look up the Divine Mercy Chaplet and reflect on the words of Jesus given to St Maria Faustina Kowalska:

"Even if a sinner were most hardened, if only once he will recite this chaplet, he will obtain grace from My infinite mercy." ---Diary, 687

SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's Sanctuary Lamp intention is for:

Church - Joseph A. LaMonaca III Chapel - Joseph A. LaMonaca III



COLLECTION INFORMATION

Weekly Need

\$12,000

Easter Collection

Easter 2025 - \$17,364

Easter 2024 - \$21,596

We thank you for your generosity.

PRAY FOR THE SICK

A name will stay in the bulletin for FOUR WEEKS. The contact person must notify the Parish Office if the person needs to stay on the list or they will be removed. Names can be put on the prayer list or removed from the prayer list by contacting the Parish Office in person, by phone (610.626.3321) or by email (contactus@holycrosscatholics.org).

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First Friday Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Please join us for the Nine First Fridays Devotion of Reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The devotion will begin on Friday, October 4th and end on Friday, June 6th, fulfilling our Lord's request of nine consecutive Fridays.

The Schedule for First Fridays: First Friday Mass will be celebrated at 8:30 am. Adoration will be in the Church from 7:00 pm -8:00 pm. Confessions will be held from 7:00 pm -7:45 pm.

If you would like more information about First Friday and First Saturday devotions, pamphlets are available at the entrance of either side of the Church.

Dr. William R. Lile, Neonatologist

Join the Chester County Pro-Life Coalition, Pennsylvanians for Human Life, and other area prolife service organizations Friday, May 9, 2025 to hear Dr. William R. Lile, Neonatologist from Pensacola, Florida, as he tells the amazing stories of extensive life-saving and life -enhancing surgeries on children in the womb that he and other medical professionals routinely accomplish, with current updates on these children. Through videos, diagrams and words-medically accurate and layman understandable, Dr. Lile will demonstrate the baby in the womb as person and medical patient. There is no charge for this event, free-will donations will be accepted.

Dr. William R. Lile, Obstetrician/Gynecologist, Neonatologist and Medical Advisor, FACOG, Advocate of Patients' Rights for the Unborn Friday, May 9, 2025 7-8:30 PM Saints Simon and Jude, 8 Cavanaugh Court, West Chester, PA For additional information contact davidowsik@verizon.net

SAINT COLMAN CHARITIES CLOTHING DRIVE

MAY 3RD, 9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. Saint Colman Church Parking Lot

On May 3 from 9 A.M. to 12 P.M. Saint Colman Church will host the Thrifty Irishman donation truck in their parish parking lot to benefit the needs of the poor through The Society of Saint Vincent dePaul Philadelphia Archdiocese. Please help us fill the truck! Acceptable donations are usable men's, women's and children's clothing in plastic bags or boxes, books, kitchenware, linens/bedding, sporting goods, small appliances, electronics, CDs & videos, furniture, games/toys. Large appliances cannot be accepted. To learn more visit: https://thethriftyirishman.com. Thank you for your generosity.

Celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday – April 27, 2025

On April 27, 2025, St. Pius X Parish, 220 Lawrence Rd., Broomall, PA 19008, will be celebrating DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY. We invite all to come and experience the wonderful love and mercy of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus said, "Whoever approaches the Fountain of Life on this day will be granted complete forgiveness of sins and punishment." (Diary, 300) Devotions will begin at 2:00 pm with Rosary, The Chaplet of Divine Mercy, and Benediction. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will begin promptly at 3:00 pm. We warmly welcome ALL from neighboring parishes to join us for this special day of grace, mercy and reconciliation. "Jesus I Trust in You." (Contact Cathy 610 353-8117)

School News

April is here, and the Easter Season is upon us. In this season of rebirth and rising anew, we are reminded of the Passion of our Lord, His Death and Glorious Resurrection. Jesus' sacrifice is reflected in the virtue for the month of April.

This month our Virtue is Trustworthy: being reliable, honest, truthful and having sympathetic consciousness. Students who display this virtue will be awarded our Good Deed Beads, and one student per class will be selected by the teacher to receive the Virtue of the Month award.

Our Home and School members are working hard, planning our first annual Spring Fling Dance. The event will be on Saturday, April 26, in the school gym. This is a family dance for students and parents.

New this year: Our Mother's Day Tea. Students in grades Prek-4th are asked to bring one special person to enjoy tea and treats. This will be held on Thursday, May 8.

LEGO club for all grades has started, our Pre-k classes will enjoy our "Builders Club".
Our new Garden club will be decorating our school entrance with beautiful plants and flowers.

So many new things are happening here at Holy Cross School, and more fun and educational events are planned for next school year.

We thank our dedicated teachers, staff, Pastor, and Principal for their support. Most especially we thank you, our supporting parishioners, who make it possible for us to be here at Holy Cross School.

Food Pantry Update

Happy Spring! We continue to be very busy providing food for Our Neighbors in Need.

We have several businesses and folks we would like to recognize...

Thank You to:

- St. Kevin's (ran a Lenten food drive and provided hundreds of bags of food to help fill our shelves). God Bless Our Neighboring parishioners.
- St. Annie's runs a monthly parish food collection and we are the Thankful recipient.
- Chuck Martino (Nirvana Hair Salon) provides pet food. We ran out of both dog and cat food last week, and Chuck Martino quickly replenished our supplies. Some folks will feed their pets before themselves, so we are very Grateful for these donations.
- Shoprite continues to provide large quantities of bakery, bread and miscellaneous items weekly.
- Roma's Deli continues to provides rolls and other goodies weekly.

As we have shared many times, it takes a village to enable us to serve so many. If you are able, we are in need of cereal, oatmeal, breakfast bars, toaster tarts, pasta sauce (no glass please), pasta, canned meats, spaghettios, mac & cheese, rice, peanut butter, jelly and kiddie snacks.

Many folks bring their children with them while picking up supplies. We always try to have little goodie bags for the children.

If you know anyone in Delco in need of food, please let them know that our pantry is open every Wednesday from 3:45 to 5:30.

Thank You for "All" you do for our Community with your generous donations and prayers.

Love and Prayers,

Your Friends from the SVDP Holy Cross Food Pantry

Holy Cross, Students excelling at CARDINAL O'HARA HIGH SCHOOL

Our parish recently received notification of the performance of our high school students at the end of the 3rd quarter report. We are particularly proud of those who demonstrated academic excellence.

Students who achieved first honors include: Amber-Joyce Pensyl '25, Miley Woltanski '26, Sophia Campbell '27, Daniel Kull '27, Sean Campbell '28, Anthony Huynh '28.

Among those earning second honors were the following students from our parish: Julia Riley '25, Erin Saye '26, Rocco DiMario '27, Nicholas Voight '28.

Three Parish Book Club

The Parish Book Club will hold its April meeting in the Holy Cross Parish Center on Wednesday, April 30th at 7:00pm. If you would like to join the meeting or would like more information, please contact Terry Price at 610.506.6449 or via email at termprice@verizon.net.

April Book - Essentialism: The Disciplined Pursuit of Less by Greg McKeown

Mothers' Home in Darby

Mothers' Home in Darby, our area's only residential shelter for homeless pregnant women and their newborns, is seeking volunteers with skills in the areas of social media/networking, event planning/organization for our residents and donors, computer technology, and data entry to work with us approximately five hours per week. Interested individuals may contact Board Member Dennis McAndrews at dmcandrews@mcandrewslaw.com.

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National Day of Prayer

We are delighted to invite you to a special observance of the National Day of Prayer on Thursday, May 1st, 2025. Together, we will unite in prayer, worship, and fellowship, honoring this meaningful day in the spirit of unity and faith.

Location: Rose Tree Park, Media, PA
Time: 11:30 AM
This gathering will feature:
Heartfelt prayers for our Nation and
Community
Uplifting Worship and Praise Music
Opportunities to connect and share fellowship
Light refreshments to enjoy

Let's come together as one community in faith, hope, and love. Help us spread the word! Please share this invitation with your Church, Family, Friends, and Neighbors. Whether they are devoted believers or simply curious to learn more, we welcome all individuals to join us in celebrating the power of prayer and the bonds that bring us together!

We look forward to seeing you there!

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Spring Bible Study at Holy Cross



For May, the month of Mary, we ask the question: who is Mary, the Mother of Jesus, and why is she so important to Catholics? In this series, "MARY: The Bible and the Mother of God" Dr Brant Pitre explores Sacred Scripture and the connections between the Old and New Testaments. As always, we study at your convenience, either Monday evenings or Wednesday mornings, so <u>PICK THE TIME</u> that is best for you. We have valuable group discussions after the videos, and light refreshments are provided.

When: Mondays, May 5 thru June 23 --- 7:00 – 8:30 **PM** - in the Holy Cross Parish Center **Or**: Wednesdays, May 7 thru June 25 --- 9:15 – 10:45 **AM** – in the Holy Cross Parish Center

Please join us and bring a friend! Come a few minutes early to meet others and to get your seat. If you attend the Wednesday morning session, please also join us for 8:30 Mass that morning.

It is always helpful to have a headcount. We have comprehensive workbooks available at a discounted group price of \$20. *To save a seat* or for more information, contact Jane Collins at elizabeth.collins3@verizon.net, or 610.623.3412.



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