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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 28, 2024**



# FROM THE PASTOR

The priests of the archdiocese will be gathering in Hershey this week for a multi-day workshop. The focus of the workshop will be on strategic planning initiatives in the diocese and a vision for the future. There's certainly a lot to talk about, not only in terms of the present challenges we face, but also in terms of the signs of hope for the future (and there are plenty). Because of the workshop, **there will be no Mass here at Holy Cross Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday of this week.** Our normal schedule will resume on Friday.

On Saturday, we will celebrate the **First Holy Communion** of our second-grade parish students. All are welcome to the Mass at 10:00. Please pray for them as they prepare for this moment of grace. As usual, I'll tell them on Saturday to wear their outfits again when they come back on Sunday. So, if you see any of them next week all dressed up, please congratulate them!

You may recall last summer, the air conditioning in the church didn't work all too well. We had technicians out several times over the summer, and there were quite a few recommendations. Over the winter, we did our best to put some of them in place. One big piece that is outstanding is a clean-out of the pipes in the cooling system loops. This apparently hasn't been done in years, or maybe even decades. When the technician opened a valve to get a sample of water, it looked like coffee coming out from all the crud that was dissolved in it. It should be clear. We also appear to have a lot of sediment clogging the pipes, so the treatment should help dissolve that and flush it clean. Hopefully a good cleaning and installation of some filters will help remedy the problems we had last summer. That is scheduled to happen in the next week or so. We had to wait until it warmed up enough to turn the system on, and we didn't want to run it while the heat was also on. We're also working on replacing the air conditioning in the convent, which died amid one of the heat waves we had last summer. It was a bad summer for air conditioning here at the parish. Let's hope this one is much better!

Finally, don't forget next Thursday (May 9) is Ascension Thursday. Masses are at 8:30 am and 7:00 pm!

5th Sunday of Easter

### Reading I: Acts 9: 26-31

Paul is at first much feared by the disciples because of his past persecution of them. But his conversion led to the peace described here.

### Reading II: 1 John 3: 18-24

The test of one's acceptance by God is the willingness to do "what pleases Him," namely loving one another as He commands.

### The Gospel: John 15: 1-8

Jesus describes Himself as the true vine, replacing the older image of Israel as the vine. The disciples, representing Jesus in the world, give glory to the Father.



MONDAY, APRIL 29

8:30 AM - No Mass

TUESDAY, APRIL 30

8:30 AM - No Mass

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1

8:30 AM - No Mass

THURSDAY, MAY 2

8:30 AM - No Mass

FRIDAY, MAY 3

8:30 AM - Peter Guadiosi. Jr.

SATURDAY, MAY 4

8:30 AM - No Mass

4:30 PM - Mary Graziano

SUNDAY, MAY 5

8:30 AM - For the People of Holy Cross

11:00 AM - Helen Abram

### The Corner

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On Thursday we observe the feast of St Athanasius. One of the four Great Fathers of the East and a Doctor of the Church, he was a pivotal figure at the Council of Nicaea, and is called the "Father of Orthodoxy" and "Champion of Christ's Divinity."

"He [Jesus] became what we are so that He might make us what He is." ---St **Athanasius** 

# SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's Sanctuary Lamp intention is for:

Church - Capt. Robert A. Matthews Chapel - Neil McCrossen



## **COLLECTION INFORMATION**

Weekly Need	\$13,330
Weekly Collection, April 21	
Total	\$7,874
Electronic	\$3,512
Basket & Mail-Ins	\$4,362

## PRAY FOR THE SICK

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### Interested in Being a Greeter?

<u>YOU</u> 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.

### **Bonner-Prendie Class of '74 Reunion**

Monsignor Bonner- Archbishop Prendergast High School, Class of 1974, is planning their 50th Class Reunion, 6-10 p.m. Friday, Sept. 27 at Paxon Hollow Country Club, 850 Paxon Hollow Rd., Broomall.

The Reunion Committee is currently searching for current email addresses to send out notices with the details. Class members are asked to send name and email address to bonnerprendie50threunion@gmail.com/.

### From the Fundraising Committee

We would like to thank all who supported Tickets for March Madness Fundraiser. Holy Cross Parish's profit was \$910. We are happy to report that we had 7 winners!

# Bonner & Prendie Classes of 1969 Reunion

The Bonner & Prendie Classes of 1969 have scheduled their 55th High School Reunion for Sunday afternoon September 29th from 3 to 7 At the Paxton Hollow Country Club.

The ticket price is \$69.00 which includes Food and an Open Bar.

There will be a limit of 250 tickets sold with NO TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR.

Music by DJ Steve Kurtz of 92.1 FM. Checks to "MBAP Class of 69 Reunion" to: 403 N Lansdowne Ave., Drexel Hill PA 19026 or Credit Card Purchases to the link below. https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=mspCqT Looking forward to another great Reunion!

# Holy Cross Students Excel at Msgr. Bonner & Archbishop Prendergast High School

Our parish recently received notification of the performance of our high school students for the third quarter of the 2023-34 school year. We are particularly proud of those students who have demonstrated academic excellence.

The following students received first honors:

Class of 2026: Sean Erickson

The following students received Second Honors:

Class of 2025: Brett Johnson, Salvatore Squillacioti



## 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



One Ribbon for \$3.00 Or Two Ribbons for \$5.00 Pink Ribbon for Living or White Ribbon for Deceased Choir will be selling the ribbons after masses April 27th & 28th and May 4th & 5th.

Names will be added to the ribbons and placed on tree for display May 11th – May 31st

Names will be part of the offertory and placed on Altar during Sunday Masses May 12th.

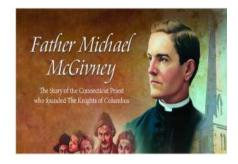
Donations for ribbons can be placed in an envelope with your request form and dropped in the collection basket, dropped off at office, or given to sellers in church vestibule after Masses on appointed days. All names must be received by May 6th.

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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

#### Apri

Carlo Acutis: The First Millennial Saint by Nicola Gori

# Spring Bible Study

# Please join us EVERY week for Weekly Bible Study!

In <u>"Queen of Heaven: Mary's Battle For You"</u> 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 <u>evenings</u> or Wednesday <u>mornings</u> in the Parish Center, so <u>PICK THE TIME</u> 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. <u>To save a seat</u> 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**



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

perfect place.

LOOKING for some answers? I know Who has them.

LOOKING for some peace and quiet? I know the

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.

St. Catherine Laboure. "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 <a href="https://www.stfrancisplayers.org">www.stfrancisplayers.org</a> under Tickets or call 610-505-8874. All performances will be held at Leonard Hall, St. Francis of Assisi Church, Springfield, PA.

### 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, <a href="mailto:repheron@comcast.net">repheron@comcast.net</a>, Ted Donnelly, <a href="mailto:tunal031@gmail.com">tunal031@gmail.com</a>, Para Mary Moody,

marymmoody@yahoo.com. For more information: https://frbillatkinson.org/

## Holy Cross Students Excel at Cardinal O'Hara High School

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

Students who achieved first honors include: Hannah Nguyen '26, Erin Saye '26, Miley Woltanski '26, Sophia Campbell '27, Hayden Ganley '27, Daniel Kull '27

Among those earning second honors were the following students from our parish: William Donnelly '24, Grace Beurket '25, Allison Kirby '25, Amber Joyce Pensyl '25, Joseph Cleary '27, Rocco DiMario '27, Alyssa Zebuski '27.

### **IHM Conference Center Events**

Please register for these events by calling 610-581-0120 or emailing S. Marie at <a href="mailto:ihmconferencecenter@gmail.com">ihmconferencecenter@gmail.com</a>

Movie With Meaning: "Miss Potter Wednesday, May 8, 2024 1:00 p.m. (Lunch at 12:00 noon) Stipend: \$25

Beatrix Potter (Renée Zellweger) overcomes many obstacles in her quest to become a writer, including a domineering mother and the chauvinism prevalent in Victorian England. She falls in love with her publisher, Norman Warne (Ewan McGregor), and his marriage proposal and a subsequent tragedy change her life forever. Starring Renee Zellweger and Ewan McGregor

Conference Day: "Many Spiritualities – One God" Tuesday, May 14, 2025 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Presenter: Sister Rose Adams, IHM

Stipend: \$40 (includes breakfast, lunch and Mas)

While the Christian spiritual life is about "living Jesus", there is no single path to perfection. Instead, each person must discover with the help of scripture, tradition and the guidance of others what it means to "live Jesus" in daily life. Come see how Christian people have followed Jesus from the earliest days up to the present.

#### **Nun Run**

Date!

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. 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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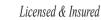
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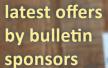


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