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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 7, 2024

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

It starts in the childhood playground and often lingers through adolescence and even to adulthood. I refer to nicknames. Red-headed Renee or Ricky become known as “Reds.” Other such labels derive from a person’s usual behavior or some event in the classroom or the ballfield, or whatever event that everybody else remembers.

Case in point: the naming of St. Thomas as “The Doubter.” In retrospect, it’s an unfair nickname given to this Apostle who makes a beautiful act of faith to the risen Jesus. (Imagine him doing so on his knees.) Ever since then, Thomas’ statement “My Lord and my God” makes a perfect prayer to say as the priest elevates the sacred Host right after its consecration as the Body of Christ at every Mass.

At any rate, this incident surely makes St. Thomas the patron saint of those who have doubts, especially about our holy Faith. I presume that includes a lot of us from time to time. Let’s start with doubt about the Eucharist truly being the Body and Blood of Christ. Sadly, that embraces a lot of surveyed Catholics these days. Then there are those who doubt our Church’s teachings, sometimes only because they don’t like them.

Moving on from there, we have people who doubt the goodness of life here “below heaven.” Doubt their own goodness as God’s creatures. That means they doubt the person in their mirror as having value.

We must always remember that doubt itself is morally neutral. It spurs on a healthy “proing” into what our Church teaches. That, in turn, can lead to a renewed faith. Open-minded research into this or that teaching provides previously untapped evidence. Of course, some teachings, like the Holy Eucharist, ultimately depend on faith, nurtured by prayer. We can be sure St. Thomas prayed.

Today is the Octave, or the eighth day of Easter. Pope St. John Paul II designated it as “Divine Mercy Sunday.” This is a beautiful devotion based on the visions of a holy Polish nun named Sr. Faustina, wherein Our Lord Himself bids us to trust in Him. That’s what St. Thomas did with renewed vigor in that Upper Room. We can do the same. As an anonymous writer put it: “Doubt makes the mountain which faith can move.”

God love you and give you His Easter peace.

**2nd
Sunday of
Easter**
Divine Mercy

Reading I: Acts 4: 32-35

This selection is a summary of the community’s support for each other and the power of the Apostles’ witnessing the Resurrection.

Reading II: 1 John 5: 1-6

True obedience to the Lord’s love command is shown by interaction with others. Faith opposes the world’s ideas about how to live.

The Gospel: John 20: 19-31

The author identifies the crucified Jesus with the risen Lord. Thomas’ doubt turns into a beautiful act of faith. Jesus’ blessing on those “who have not seen” encourages believers down through the ages.



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, APRIL 8

8:30 AM - No Mass

TUESDAY, APRIL 9

8:30 AM - Dorothy & Thomas Cassidy
and Dorothy Ruane

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10

8:30 AM - Constance Croushore

THURSDAY, APRIL 11

8:30 AM - James Devenney

FRIDAY, APRIL 12

8:30 AM - Ellen Dickinson

SATURDAY, APRIL 13

8:30 AM - No Mass

4:30 PM - Gus Ranieri

SUNDAY, APRIL 14

8:30 AM - For the People of the Parish

11:00 AM - James & Margaret McNicholas
and Jim McFadden

SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's Sanctuary Lamp
intention is for:

Church - John Kemmey
Chapel - Gerry Canterino



COLLECTION INFORMATION

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| Easter Collection 2023 | <u>\$23,617</u> |
| Easter Collection 2024 | |
| Total | <u>\$21,186</u> |
| Electronic | <u>\$180</u> |
| Basket & Mail-Ins | \$21,006 |

PRAY FOR THE SICK

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| Consiglia Borrelli | 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

Brought to you by your Evangelization Team

Oh, the depths of God's loving Divine Mercy!

"On that day...the soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment."

---Diary of St Maria Faustina Kowalska, #699

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.

The Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia invite you to join us!

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

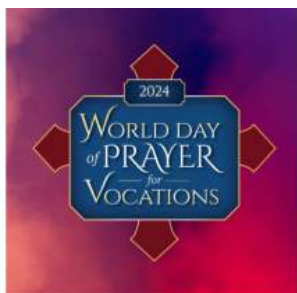
Online registration is available on our website at www.osfphila.org



Attention MDP/MTC Alumni!

Join us for an unforgettable All- Class reunion!
Scan the QR code to access more information and RSVP. We can't wait to reconnect and reminisce with you.

Help Us Spread the Word!



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

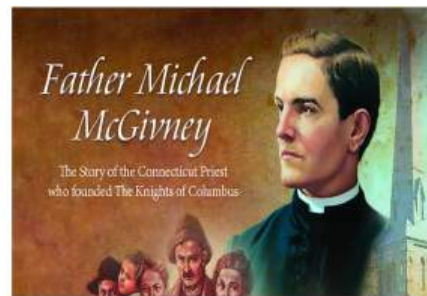
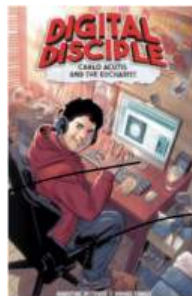
St. Cyril School Reunion

Please join us for St. Cyril's All Class Reunion 95th Anniversary Celebration benefitting SS. Cyril & Philomena Catholic School. It will be held at the Oaks Ballroom in Glenolden, Pa on Saturday, April 13, 2024 from 6:30 till 10:30pm. Tickets are \$65.00 per person. Tickets can be purchased online at tinyurl.com/cyрил-95th. For more information contact Jim or Barb Gray at 610- 284-5984 or Jim at jeg19026@gmail.com.

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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

As we approach Easter, many groups have been very active with running food drives to support our "Most In Need Neighbors".

Thank You to all of our Holy Cross parishioners for your continuing generosity and prayers.

Also, our Holy Cross Prep class (along with St. Francis) participated in a food collection and provided almost 400 cans of soup.

St. Kevin's parish ran a Lenten Food Collection and provided over 180 bags of food. AOH (Ancient Order of Hibernians) provided a car full of food and St. Annie's is running a monthly food collection and we are very grateful for all the supplies.

If you are able, we are in need of: cereal, oatmeal, mac & cheese, pasta & pasta sauce, canned meats, fruit, rice and beans.

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.

Thank you for All you do and many blessings. In case we haven't told you lately, we Appreciate You.

Your 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



**JOIN KEITH AND ESTELLE NESTER TO PRAY THE ROSARY
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KEITH NESTER is a former Protestant Pastor and Catholic Convert. He is a Catholic speaker, author of the popular book *Unpacking the Mysteries of the Rosary* and has a popular Youtube channel and podcast. Keith and Estelle lead the Rosary Crew, a worldwide live-stream prayer community that has prayed the Rosary daily since March 18th, 2020. Keith and Estelle travel the United States in their RV, making stops along the way to pray with people in different cities. Join them as they come to town!

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rosarycrew.org

MC Knights of Columbus Council 1093 sponsors events to benefit programs serving the neighboring communities.

Celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday – April 7, 2024

On April 7, 2024, 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)



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

The Archdiocese of Philadelphia
The Office for Persons with Disabilities &
The Office for Life and Family Introduce:

The Peace in the Storm Project

A pastoral model for accompaniment of adults with chronic pain and illness

Presented by Author and Speaker
Maureen Pratt, MTS, MFA

Thursday, April 11
2:00 PM or 7:00 PM on Zoom
Participant Choice

Understanding the Suffering in our Parishes...

- More than half of adults in the United States have one or more chronic illnesses, including cancer, autoimmune illness, and diabetes, and/or live with chronic pain.
- Approximately 70 percent of adults with chronic illness and pain suffer from mental health issues that spring from the challenges of chronic illness and pain.
- Many of these adults are members of our parishes but might not be readily known or visible due to their health challenges and often, their questions of faith.

What can we do to help?

The Peace in the Storm Project provides parishes with an intentional and compassionate model of spiritual and pastoral accompaniment with adults with chronic pain and illness. Based on scripture, fellowship, the beauty of Church tradition, and the strengthening grace of the sacraments, The Peace in the Storm Project is encouraging, theologically sound, and easy to implement in any size parish or health care organization and is appropriate for adults with any of a wide range of chronic pain and illnesses including cancer, autoimmune disorders, diabetes and heart disease.

Register here for **2:00 PM** or **7:00 PM**
or visit www.opdarchphilly.org

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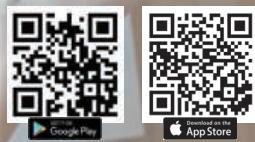
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