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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, August 18, 2024



FROM THE PASTOR

A few decades ago, the pastor of one of our archdiocesan parishes was leaving for a vacation. As he left, he gave the contact information for where he'd be to his new, young assistant and said "don't call me unless the church is on fire." Sure enough, a few days later, a candle was left burning too close to something flammable, and that new priest had to call the pastor and tell him that the church was indeed on fire. So much for that pastor's vacation!

Fortunately here, we didn't experience anything nearly so drastic while I was away. (I think Fr. Collins was praying especially hard for that!) The heavy rains from Tropical Storm Debby did have an impact though. They did a nice job exposing the leaks we have in the rooves of some of our buildings. And we had a few downed tree branches, including a rather large chunk of a tree right on the property line in the parking lot that had to be removed by a professional arborist. Fortunately, it doesn't appear that anything was damaged.

We are continuing to work on assessing our buildings and grounds to see where work may be needed in the future. A couple weeks ago, an engineer who works for the archdiocese visited Holy Cross to look at our buildings. He's in the process of putting together a full report of what he noticed, which will help identify any immediate concerns and give us an idea of what to expect and for what we should plan. Some things are relatively minor. For example, the hot water heater in one of our buildings is getting kind of old and ought to be replaced in the next year or two. Easy enough. Others...not so much. For example, the steps in front of the church will eventually need attention, which would probably carry a six-figure price tag. Gulp! When I get the final report, I'll share some highlights in a future column.

I mentioned a few weeks ago that we received a grant for the school to upgrade the security camera system. That grant is still being held up in bureaucratic red tape, so we haven't been able to get started on the project yet, so it'll probably be something that happens during the school year. Meanwhile, we also found out about a grant available to churches to finance safety and security projects, and we are in the process of applying for that as well. Say a prayer that we are selected as a recipient of some of those funds.

20th
Sunday in
Ordinary
Time

Reading I: Proverbs 9:1-6

The "house" mentioned is the school of Wisdom. The "banquet" is her teaching. She invites "simple and humble" people to enjoy it.

Reading II: Ephesians 6: 15-20

In communion with the Lord, we are filled with the Holy Spirit. Our daily lives are meant to reflect this truth.

The Gospel: John 6: 51-58

Jesus clearly equates eating His flesh and drinking His blood as the only true access to salvation.

Pray a rosary this week!



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, AUGUST 19

8:30 AM - No Mass

TUESDAY, AUGUST 20

8:30 AM - Fr. Cahill and the People of Holy Cross

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21

8:30 AM - Fred Senderoff

THURSDAY, AUGUST 22

8:30 AM - Josephine Elliott

FRIDAY, AUGUST 23

8:30 AM - Mary Ann Purcell

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24

8:30 AM - No Mass

4:30 PM - Bernice T. McNamara

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25

8:30 AM - Samuel Richard Gibson

11:00 AM - For the People of Holy Cross

SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's Sanctuary Lamp intention is for:

Church - Mary Piombino

Chapel - Steve Austin



COLLECTION INFORMATION

Weekly Need \$12,000

Weekly Collection, August 11

Total \$8,035

Electronic \$3,519

Basket & Mail-Ins \$4,516

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Consiglia Borrelli	Richard McCullough
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The Corner

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**If you doubt God's love,
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carry.**

RCIA at Holy Cross

The Rite of Christian initiation for Adults is the process for people of other faith traditions, those not baptized or not baptized and baptized Catholics who want to refresh their faith or complete their Sacraments.

RCIA is a journey where a person encounters Jesus Christ and begins the conversion to the Catholic Faith. Each meeting is designed to stimulate a person both intellectually and spiritually. We explore numerous aspects of the Catholic Faith through the bible and other reading material.

If you are interested in exploring your faith or know someone is looking to renew their faith in the Church, please contact Deacon Tom Taylor at deacontom2011@gmail.com

Autumn Bible Study – The Chosen!!



We're back in our newly refreshed Parish Center with Season 4 of **The Chosen**! We will be showing all 8 episodes of Season 4 of **The Chosen**. If you haven't heard of it, this is a beautiful series about Jesus' ministry while on Earth. The actual biblical quotes are true, but the other scenes attempt to fill in the blanks about His everyday life. There will be group discussions after the videos, exploring the related Bible passages and the video production details. Light refreshments will be served.

We will show this at 2 different times, so **PICK THE TIME** that is best for you.

When: **Mondays**, September 16 thru November 4 - -- 7:00 – 8:30 PM - in the Holy Cross Parish Center
Or: **Wednesdays**, September 18 thru November 6 - --9:15 – 10:45 AM – in the Holy Cross Parish Center
The Bible Study is free! A workbook is NOT necessary. **Please join us!**

To save a seat or for more information, contact Jane Collins at elizabeth.collins3@verizon.net or 610.623.3412.

Parish Ministry Fair

September 28 & 29

Get to Know Your Holy Cross Ministries

In back vestibule of Church

FORMED

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During August, we'll hear at Mass the Gospel of John as he relates The Bread of Life Discourse. Dive deeper into the Eucharist in the series "Presence: the Mystery of the Eucharist." For kids, there are many episodes of "Christine in Action," where kids (and adults) can learn about the Catholic faith through music!

Signing up for FORMED is EASY and FREE!

1. Just go to FORMED.org or download the FORMED app
2. Enter your ZIP code and select "Holy Cross" from the drop-down menu and press "Next"
3. Register with your name and email address
4. Check that email account for a link to begin using FORMED. No password is needed and you will have full access to the site. ENJOY!

Warm Winter Clothing Needed

St. John's Hospice is in desperate need of warm weather clothing for men :

- Men's shorts and cargo shorts (Med, Lg and XL)
- Men's sweatpants (Med and Lg)
- Boxer Briefs (Med, Lg and XL)
- Soap – Large bars / Body Wash – large bottles

All donations can be dropped off at the parish office. You can also order items on Amazon and send them directly to St. John's Hospice, 1221 Race Street, Phila., PA 19107
ATTN: Tootsie, Volunteer Coordinator. We will be sure to acknowledge receipt of your gift. Thank you for your support!

Mary Mother of Captives is a support group for those coping with a loved one in prison.

The group meets every second Thursday of the month in the St Charles Borromeo Parish Hall 3422 Dennison Ave, Drexel Hill, PA at 7PM. The next meeting will be on Thursday, August 8th . For more information, please contact John or Sue at 610-259-3178 or marymotherofcaptives@augustinian.org. Attendees remain confidential.

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Have questions about getting started? Call the ShopWithScrip Customer Support team at 1-800-727-4715 option 3.

Three Parish Catholic Book Club

The Book Club will hold its first meeting of the season in the Family Life Center at Holy Cross on September 25 at 7:00 p.m. Club members will choose books for the coming year and will discuss the September selection. If you would like to join the meeting or if you would like more information, please contact Joy Van Berg at 610-328-2095 or via email joyvanberg@gmail.com.

September

All Will Be Well: 30 Days With Julian of Norwich published by Ave Maria Press

RETROUVAILLE: REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE: Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next program will be held August 9 - 11, 2024 and again on October 4 - 6 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

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.

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/.

Food Pantry Update

It's hard to believe that our children will be back in school very soon.

Starting September 4th, our Food Pantry's hours will change to: 3:45 - 5:30. This will enable less traffic during school closure time.

Our pantry has been very busy over the summer months and we have been Blessed to have enough to meet these needs. Thanks to all of you for your prayers and donations and also St. Annie's, St. Francis of Assisi, and the Franklin Mint Credit Union, St. Kevin's Knights of Columbus and Williamsburg Dental for their toothbrush and toothpaste donations.

If you are able, we could use the following items (no glass please) including: cereal, oatmeal, peanut butter & jelly, rice, beans, pasta and pasta sauce, mac & cheese, canned meats, spaghetti, soup, kiddie snacks and personal items (deodorant, soap, shampoo).

If you know anyone in Delco in need of food, please let them know our hours and that we are still a drive-thru.

Thank you for All You Do to support our pantry all year.

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

CAN YOU NOT SPEND 1 HOUR WITH ME??



The Eucharistic miracles Lanciano in Italy occurred in the 8th century. A certain priest developed doubts about Christ's presence in Eucharist. One day after consecration, during Mass, the wine and bread visibly turned into blood and flesh. This was preserved through the centuries. In 1970-71 and in 1981, scientist Odoardo Linoli, a professor of pathological histology, clinical microscopy and chemistry as well as anatomy, investigated the miracle.

The professor came to the conclusion that the flesh was cardiac tissue containing veins, nerve fibers and arterioles. The blood type matched with the blood type of other Eucharistic miracles, namely AB. The WHO too verified the finding of the Italian doctors, and after 500 examinations expressed the inability of science to explain Eucharistic miracles Lanciano.

WE ARE IN NEED OF ADORERS!

PLEASE CONSIDER VISITING JESUS WEEKDAYS IN OUR CHAPEL, FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT EILEEN AT 610-213-3369.

Holy Cross Class of 1974 50th Reunion

Looking for all classmates from Holy Cross class of 1974! We are holding our 50th grade school reunion on Saturday Sept 28th, 6:00 pm at PJ Whelihans in their private room in Newtown Square (delco) . Tix are \$65 PP and includes buffet of steak, crabcake, and chicken entrees and all soft drinks *Cash bar for all other drinks*

Venmo to purchase tix is as follows. Robert-Pace-103
Phone: 484-470-9490
Questions please email Robertpace1978@gmail.com
Any proceeds will be donated back to Holy Cross school for student support!

St. Laurence School Reunion

St Laurence School, class of '74, 50 year reunion on Saturday, Sept 7, 2024 at Yard Pub in Havertown, 7pm to ? \$50 includes buffet and soft drinks, cash bar. Venmo mimi-baldwin or email mimib31460@aol.com for additional details.

Bishop Neumann and Saint Maria Goretti Reunion

Bishop Neumann and Saint Maria Goretti classes of 1974 are planning a combined reunion for September 13th, 2024. In order to update our database, we are presently gathering address and email information from alumni. Thanks for contacting Janet Ricci Tomasco at jriccit@aol.com, Denise LaRosa at martini121856@yahoo.com or Anthony DeFrancesco at anthonydefrancesco@outlook.com to submit your information.



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

 **September 28 & 29**

Parish Ministry Fair 

 **October 5**

Gift Card Bingo 

 **November 2**

Annual Craft Fair 

Pre-Cana Day

St. John Chrysostom Parish in Wallingford will offer their fall in-person Pre-Cana Day on Saturday, Sept. 14. Couples may learn more and register online at www.sjcparish.org/pre-cana or call with any questions at (610) 874-3418.

MARRIED COUPLES – When's the last time you gave your marriage a tune-up? Keep your engines running by getting away together on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend! The next in-person experiences are October 11-13 and November 15-17 at Our Lady of Czestochowa, Doylestown. For more info visit: <https://www.wwme-philly.org>.

Bonner/Prendie Class of 1984 – 40th Reunion

Friday, November 22, 2024, 7:00 PM to 11:00 PM at Casey's Restaurant in Drexel Hill. Tickets are \$40pp. Join us for a night of food, drink, and reminiscing! Purchase your ticket today: <https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=qW2Mnk>

DELCO Young Disciples: Seeking Volunteers for 2024 2025 Season.... Please Join Us

The second season of DELCO Young Disciples kicks off this Fall and we want to expand our wonderful team of volunteers. We are seeking individuals (adults of all ages) who are passionate about helping our Teens (Grades 7-12) grow in their faith and love of our Lord.

Specifically, we are looking for help in the following areas but all help is welcome. :

Young Adults (Ages 18+): We want to “grow” our devoted group of Young Adults who help plan and deliver our “Sunday Dinner With Jesus” content and programming, and the DYD Summer Program which combine spirituality and fun by offering events such as a Pool Party and Pop Up Adoration.

Marketing/Communications/Social Media Pros: We need individuals with creative and online skills to help with developing social media, online and printed materials that will resonate with Teens and their families.

DELCO Young Disciples Ambassador: Individuals in these roles would help us share our message with individuals and groups. Seeking people who feel comfortable speaking in front of others and who would continually look for speakers or groups that DELCO Young Disciples could partner with.

If you would like to help us, please contact Tina Angelo @ 610-513-8731 , tangelo212@yahoo.com or Sue Killeen @ 484-432-5695, susan.killeen@comcast.net

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