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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, August 25, 2024



# FROM THE PASTOR

It does not seem possible that next weekend is Labor Day weekend already. It seems like school just let out, and yet, here we are with a new school year about to begin. If you *really* want to feel like time is moving too fast, this week we received information from the envelope company that it's time to put together the Christmas mailing! I don't even want to think about that yet, but here we are. As we head into the Fall, we have a few big events here at the parish that you'll want to be sure to attend.

At the end of September (9/28-29), we'll be having a **Ministry Fair** in the vestibule of the church after each of our Masses. This will be an opportunity for you to see what ministries and groups we have at the parish and think about getting involved. More information will follow elsewhere in the bulletin.

On October 5, we will have a **Gift Card Bingo** in the school gym. This will be a great evening with a lot of fun to be had, so round up some friends to fill a table and come join us.

On November 2, our annual **Craft Fair** will take place. As always, we'll need lots of help to make that happen. We already have lots of vendors signing up, so I'm sure the gym will be full of great items for sale.

The next **Bible Study** Series starts on September 16 and 18. They'll be watching another season of *The Chosen*, which is a great series of videos that give dramatic portrayals of the life of Christ. And if you join the Bible Study, you'll get a chance to see the revamped parish center meeting room that several parishioners worked hard to beautify over the summer. The space has been cleaned, painted, and refreshed with new furniture. It looks amazing.

We'll be starting a new series of **First Friday Devotions** in October as well. It will be a good opportunity for prayer and some quiet. More info to come.

While we have a lot going on as a parish, new ideas are always welcome. If there's a group or ministry you'd like to see here (and—very important—you're willing to put in the time and effort to get it off the ground and lead it), please let me know.

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### Reading I: Joshua 24: 1-2a, 15-17, 18b

Joshua summons all the tribes at Shechem and asks them who which god they will serve. Happily, they chose Yahweh and none of the idols of the nations.

#### Reading II: Ephesians 5: 21-32, or 5:2a, 25-32

Let us profess our faith in Jesus who gave Himself up for us all on the Cross.

## The Gospel: John 6: 6-69

The desertion of the many disciples was a prelude to the coming paschal mystery. Our Lord's teaching of the Eucharist was "hard saying" for them. St. Peter speaks for us when He asked, "Master, to whom shall we go?"

# Thank God for Holy Cross!



# MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, AUGUST 26

8:30 AM - No Mass

TUESDAY, AUGUST 27

8:30 AM - Eleanor Miller

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28

8:30 AM - Jack Labow

THURSDAY, AUGUST 29

8:30 AM - John Fulginiti

FRIDAY, AUGUST 30

8:30 AM - Samuel Richard Gibson

SATURDAY, AUGUST 31

8:30 AM - No Mass

4:30 PM - For the People of Holy Cross

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

8:30 AM - Neil McCrossen

11:00 AM - Tony Carlino

# **The Corner**

Brought to you by your Evangelization Team

Tuesday is the feast day of **St. Monica**. She is recognized as the patron saint of mothers. It took many years and many tears to bring her son back to the Catholic faith. We know her son, **St.** 

**Augustine**, one of the four Great Fathers of the West and a Doctor of the Church, whose feast day is tomorrow! Never stop praying for those who have gone astray.

# SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's Sanctuary Lamp intention is for:

Church - Tom & Kitty McCormick

Chapel - Mary Piombino



# **COLLECTION INFORMATION**

Weekly Need \$12,000

Weekly Collection, August 18

Total \$6,880

Electronic \$2,119

Basket & Mail-Ins \$4,761

# PRAY FOR THE SICK

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# **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

# Parish Ministry Fair

September 28 & 29

Get to Know Your Holy
Cross Ministries

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# **FORMED**

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For September, there is a new 12-part series for men produced by the Knights of Columbus called *Into the Breach*, seeking answers to what it means to be a Catholic man in today's world. And for kids, there is a great series called *Chalk & Block*, where a troupe of young believers want to tell their peers "what every child should know about God." And of course there are plenty of movies for the whole family.

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. FNJOY!

# 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 <u>elizabeth.collins3@verizon.net</u> or 610.623.3412.

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Questions? Contact Kris Jaeger Director, Development & Community Relations kjaeger@chs-adphila.org | 973.342.4188



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## 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 <a href="https://www.HelpOurMarriage.org">www.HelpOurMarriage.org</a> 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.

# St. Andrew's Nocturnal Adoration Society

The St. Andrew's Nocturnal Adoration Society of Drexel Hill will meet from 7:30 PM to 8:30 PM on Thursday September 5th, 2024 for an hour of Eucharistic adoration in the church. All are welcome to attend.

# **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, spaghettios, 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 <u>Italy</u> 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 Robert pace 1978@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**

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 iriccit@aol.com, Denise LaRosa at martini121856@vahoo.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





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Gift Card Bingo





🏅 November 2

Annual Craft Fair



## **Pre-Cana Dav**

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.

## **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/.

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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