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To receive e-mail and text updates from the parish, text
holycrossdelco to 84576.

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 27, 2023



FROM THE PASTOR

Finally! If you've gone out the far driveway onto Springfield Road (the one furthest from the rectory) in the last year or so, you probably noticed that the storm drain on Springfield Road was collapsing. If you didn't go over it just right as you turned onto Springfield, it sure felt like you might end up leaving part of your undercarriage on the curb. I don't even remember when we first reported the problem to the Township and then to PennDOT (it's a state road), but I feel like it's been nearly a year. Shortly after we reported it, someone came out and put a traffic cone over the area—not exactly a permanent fix. After a few months of follow-up that got nowhere, I'd given up hope that anything would happen beyond that cone—which also disappeared after a few days.

Last week, we suddenly had a bunch of bright yellow PennDOT trucks on and around the campus. Nobody told us anything was going to happen, but it appears they are actually fixing that storm drain. At least, I hope that's what's going on. As of when I'm writing this, they're still working on it. Let's hope whatever fix they have done works and that we can all have smooth sailing out of that far exit!

This past Tuesday, our school families, faculty, and staff gathered for a night of "Popsicles in the Park." It was an opportunity for all to gather informally, have a frozen treat, meet one another, and catch up with friends. Judging by the attendance, I'd say it was a great success. I want to thank Mr. Salvatore for coming up with the idea, and especially thank Mrs. Spurrier and Miss Sheila for setting it all up and handling popsicle duty. Also, an apology to anyone who was looking to buy popsicles at the Acme on Tuesday afternoon only to find empty shelves; I think our dynamic duo bought every box the store had!

Finally for this week, another reminder about being aware of scams and fraud attempts. At a meeting this past week, we were discussing a new scam where fraudsters will modify ads for legitimate fundraising events and put their contact info in place of the legit info. For example, a group might have a spaghetti dinner, and everyone should contact Mrs. Smith for tickets. A fraudster starts to put out posts on social media advertising the dinner and saying to contact Mr. Jones for tickets. The victim sees the fake ad and contacts Mr. Jones, who then gets the payment by Venmo, Zelle, or whatever other app is out there right now—or maybe even gets a check mailed to him somehow. Victim shows up at spaghetti dinner expecting to be on the list and to have a ticket waiting, only to find out that Mrs. Smith has no idea who he is. Mr. Jones has made a bunch of money that should have gone to the charity. Awful. So, please be careful. We have a number of events coming up here at Holy Cross. If you're unsure if you're buying tickets from someone authorized to sell them, you can call the office to be sure.

Best wishes to our school students who start a new year this week and to all who are returning to school elsewhere this time of year!

21st
Sunday in
Ordinary
Time

Reading I: Isaiah 22: 19-23

Eliakim is named by Yahweh to replace Shane as master of the palace. As a result, it becomes a hereditary position for his family.

Reading II: Romans 11: 33-36

This is a hymn to the merciful wisdom of God, as expressed by Paul in gratitude. He writes that God is nobody's debtor.

The Gospel: Matthew 16: 13-20

This is a pivotal passage and Peter's identification is the correct one for Our Lord. Peter in turn receives a compliment and then a commission to leadership.



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, AUGUST 28

8:30 AM - No Mass

TUESDAY, AUGUST 29

8:30 AM - John W. Lee

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30

8:30 AM - Those in the Memorial Fund

THURSDAY, AUGUST 31

8:30 AM - Angelina Testa

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

8:30 AM - Dorothy Hatcher

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

8:30 AM - No Mass

4:30 PM - For the People of the Parish

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

8:30 AM - Manuel Bellon

11:00 AM - Steve Austin

SANCTUARY LAMP



This week's Sanctuary Lamp intention is for:

Chapel: **Jeffrey Scolis**

COLLECTION INFORMATION

Weekly Need	<u>\$12,820</u>
Weekly Collection, August 20	
Total	<u>\$7,630</u>
Electronic	<u>\$2,865</u>
Basket & Mail-Ins	<u>\$4,765</u>

PRAY FOR THE SICK

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| Consiglia Borreli | Richard McCullough |
| Lyndi Butler | Larry McCusker |
| Mary Ann Carroll | Francis Murray |
| George Dickinson | Charlotte O'Leary |
| Bob Frankenberger | Paige O'Leary |
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| Jimmy Keating | Joseph Sindoni |
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| Zachary Halbing | Rosemarie Colaberdino |
| Deacon Joe Gousie | Madalyn Parr |
| Lee Anne McGough | Carter Claire Walton |
| Joann Marks | Mike Calbertta |
| Maryanne McCauley | Alexander Passquini |
| Matthew Bannon | Melissa Dunsee |
| Mary Ann Nero | Mildred Mancini |

The Corner

Brought to you by your Evangelization Team

On Monday we celebrate the feast of St Augustine of Hippo, one of the four Great Fathers of the West and a Doctor of the Church. Let's reflect on his quote ...

"It is better to limp along on the way than to walk with strength off the way."

Parish Secretary Needed

Part-time Tuesday & Thursday 9AM-4PM
St. Charles Borromeo, Drexel Hill. Please
see the link below for a detailed job
description.

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Wanted: Singers and Musicians

Choir season starts in September. We are already preparing for 2 big events this year; our Christmas and Easter concerts. We are always looking for additional voices, and we especially need some male voices. You don't have to read music in order to join us, you just need to enjoy singing. We practice on Tuesday evenings, and we sing the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month at the 11:00 Mass, plus some other holidays and special events.

In addition to the choir, if you play an instrument at an intermediate level or above and would like to add to the beauty of our Liturgy, we'd like for you to be part of our music ministry.

For more information, please contact our Music Director, Grete Ingalls, at greteingalls@hotmail.com or 267.253.4007.

Alumni Giving/Sponsor a Student

Calling all Holy Cross Alumni and Parishioners: If you are interested in donating to Holy Cross School, please check out our website

www.hcscrusaders.com.

Click the tab under Alumni Giving if you would like to Donate to Holy Cross School, sponsor a student, or Support Holy Cross School with your tax dollars. Every donation will make a difference in keeping our wonderful school thriving.

The faculty, staff and students thank you for your support.

Holy Cross School CARES

Holy Cross School is searching for a part-time employee for their afterschool CARES program. CARES Staff provide a safe and joyful environment for students who stay after school until their parents pick them up. This position would begin with the upcoming 2023-2024 school year. The hours are 2:30pm until approximately 6:00pm, Monday through Friday when school is in session for a full day. CARES is not offered on early dismissal days for students.

Qualified and interested candidates please send your resume and cover letter to espurrier@hcscrusaders.com. If the position is offered, the candidate will be required to complete the "Protecting God's Children training" Clearances will be required as well as other documentation.

Holy Cross School Welcomes New Principal: Mr. Salvatore



Mr. Salvatore is a third-generation teacher, following in his mother's and grandfather's footsteps. He has a strongly rooted Catholic faith, in which he and his wife, Jennifer actively

model and teach the Catholic values to their two daughters, Caileigh and Victoria. He finds it important to positively impact people daily by modeling the Catholic values and teaching, and asking oneself, "What good have you done today?" He believes in the philosophy that there is not a saint without a past, nor a sinner without a future.

Mr. Salvatore comes with several years' experience as a classroom teacher and strong years of experience as an administrator. A graduate of Penn State University, Cabrini University, Widener University and Point Park University, Mr. Salvatore earned his bachelor's in arts with a minor Art History, his master's in education, Educational Leadership & Administrative certification and completed additional graduate studies. He is a lifelong learner who has a wealth of knowledge, information, and practice to cultivate and grow a vibrant school community. His primary beliefs in education are to teach students as if they are their own children, and great educators make learning relevant and therefore are surprised by their students daily.

Mr. Salvatore is an advocate for researching and applying proven educational practices to increase the quality of education for the staff and students. Bringing the community members together to help grow and serve the school and greater community is an aspiring goal for Mr. Salvatore. He envisions that all school community members can use their many, different, God given gifts and talents to work together as One Body of Christ.

If you would like more information about our school, please contact Mrs. Spurrier at espurrier@hcscrusaders.com

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend

MARRIED COUPLES – "Live your best life in love" in 2023: Why not give yourselves some time together by making a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend? The next in-person experiences are Sept. 15-17 and Nov. 10-12 at Our Lady of Czestochowa, Doylestown. For more info visit: <https://www.wwme-philly.org/>.

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We hope you enjoyed the Divine Mercy series during Eastertide! Summer is here and you can try these 2 favorites to keep the kids entertained for hours. For your teens, go to the banner "Saints" and be inspired by the true stories and movies you'll find there. If you haven't already done so, go to <https://signup.formed.org> to begin exploring all the content on FORMED. Enter ZIP code "19064" and select "Holy Cross Parish" from the drop-down menu, press "Next." Enter your name and email address, and you will receive an email for a link to sign in. No password is needed and you will have full access to the site. ENJOY!

Autumn Bible Study-- The Chosen!!



We're back with Season 3 of The Chosen! We will be showing all 8 episodes of Season 3 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 11 thru October 30 --- 7:00 – 8:30 PM - in the Holy Cross Parish Center

Or: Wednesdays, September 13 thru November 1 ---9:15 – 10:45 AM – in the Holy Cross Parish Center

The Bible Study is free! A workbook is NOT necessary, but if you'd like to have one, you can order that on Amazon. Just search for "The Chosen, Season 3", the dark gray book is called "The Way of The Chosen: An Interactive Bible Study (Volume3)". Please join us!

To save a seat or for more information, contact Pattie Stevens at pattiejstevens@comcast.net or 484.868.8571.

Fall Bereavement Support Group St. Bernadette's Church

Starts: Tuesday, September 5, 2023

Time: 7:00 to 8:30 Tuesday evenings for 8 weeks

Where: The Wright Center, 1st Floor

The program is led by an experienced facilitator. It is open to adults, 18 and older, who have experienced the death of a family member or friend. Eight-week commitment is encouraged. Reading material will be available. There is no fee for the program and the program is non-denominational.

For more information and registration call George Salloom @ 610 306-0252 or email-georgesalloom@hotmail.com.

Take a Chance for Life!

The Pro-Life Legal Fund has effectively advanced the interests of the pro-life movement in court cases and advocated for pro-life public policies. Our efforts include protecting and defending pro-life sidewalk counselors, protecting the medically vulnerable and requiring abortion facilities to comply with child abuse reporting laws in PA. Planned Parenthood and others in the PA abortion industry have large financial resources. Our Fund, and the highly skillful attorneys we support, are making a significant and positive difference in these struggles. Please purchase a ticket for our 2023 Raffle. \$25 a ticket, 10 prizes of \$5000 down to \$100, drawing on September 23. Please call Regina Scheerer at 610-328-2463 or Lori Cotterall at 610-328-6054 for raffle tickets. Take a chance for Life!

Food Pantry Update

Its hard to believe its almost "Back to School" time. Thanks to our parishioners and many generous benefactors; our Pantry is able to supply food and personal supplies to our "Neighbors in Need".

If you are able, we are in need of mac&cheese, cereal, oatmeal, canned meat / tuna, pasta sauce (no glass please) and pasta, peanut butter, jelly, rice, beans, kiddie treats and personal items (soap, body wash, shampoo, tissues).

If you know anyone in need for food in Delco, please share that the pantry is open every Wednesday in back of Holy Cross School from 3:30 to 5:30.

Thank you for "All you do" for our Neighbors in Need with your generosity and prayers. Please know you are making a difference in many folks' lives.

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Three Parish Book Club

The Book Club will resume meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 27 at Holy Cross Church Parish Center. Members will choose books for the coming year and will discuss the September selection. You need not have read the selected book to attend the meeting. If you would like more information, or if you would like to join us, please contact Joy Van Berg at joyvanberg@gmail.com. or 610 328-2095.

Summer Reading Suggestions

Best Wishes, Sister B by Fran Smith
Poetry by your favorite poet or some favorite poems

September

Voyage of Mercy by Stephen Puleo

Home Care Needed

Home Care Needed – Home Care needed to stay overnight with an elderly woman 2 or 3 nights per week. The elderly woman generally takes care of her own needs. The Home Care worker would need to do light housework. Please call (484) 343-6610 for details.



Our Lady of Fatima

Class of 1973

50th Grade School Reunion

Saturday, October 14th

2 pm to 7 pm

Briarcliffe American Legion

\$25 per ticket

(includes food and entertainment)

Cash Bar

Contact: Kevin McCaffrey 610-639-4199

Kmccaffrey45@gmail.com

Eucharistic Adoration



The Eucharist is described in the Catechism as the “source and summit” of our faith. Finding the time to go to Adoration can be difficult. But if you can make it happen, committing to regular Adoration with an open heart can have some surprising results.

You experience peace in other areas of your life Jesus said “Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you.” (John 14:27) The outward peace we can experience in Adoration (the quiet and the stillness) reaches much deeper. It leads to an inner peace that affects all areas of our lives. It doesn’t mean everything in our life will be perfect and without suffering, but Christ’s peace means we know the storms of life can’t shake us.

We are in need of visitors and hourly adorers to maintain our current adoration schedule. Please consider keeping Jesus company in our intimate chapel here at Holy Cross Parish which is open weekdays 9:00am to 7:00pm. For more information, call Eileen at 610.213-3369.



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