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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, December 22, 2024



# FROM THE PASTOR

And just like that, it's Christmas week! If you're traveling for the holiday, I hope you have safe travels. If you're reading this because you're a visitor or you've come back to Delco for the holidays, welcome! And, if you're one of our many families that we don't see regularly but you're picking up the bulletin after coming to Mass on Christmas, welcome back! I'm glad you're here. We'd love to see you more often. Please let me know what we can do as a parish to help you know and feel that Holy Cross is your spiritual home.

I was coming up Bishop Avenue from Wawa the other night, and while doing my best to avoid all the bumps and potholes (no easy task), I kept looking at the light coming off the big tree in front of our school gym. What a festive sight! Once again the O'Leary Funeral Home sponsored the lighting of the tree, aided by the staff of CPL Tree Service, who did all the climbing. I'm grateful to them both for making this a reality for the second year in a row.

Thank you to everyone for your patience last Saturday with the parking lot being torn up to replace the gas line to the school. As I mentioned in the e-mails that went to the parish, this was a last-minute situation to which we reacted as best we could. Had PECO not waited until the last minute to tell us it needed to be done, we could have arranged for the work to occur with less disruption. At any rate, they will be back to address the temporary paving job and eventually come back to pave it properly when it's warm enough. It was too cold even for the temporary patching they put in, which is why it's so bumpy in that area.

Please note that due to the holidays and staff time off, parish office hours may be very limited over the next two weeks. Thanks for understanding.

Merry Christmas!

Christmas Mass Schedule: 4:30 Christmas Eve and 8:30 and 11:00 Christmas Day.

4th  
Sunday  
of  
Advent

**Reading I: Micah 5: 1-4a**

David, son of Jesse, will be the future ruler of Israel. He will be the long-awaited Messiah, and he will bring peace.

**Reading II: Hebrews 10: 5-10**

God prefers obedience to His commands to sacrifice. It is a simple statement about our priorities as well.

**The Gospel: Luke 1:39-45**

Luke brings together the 2 mothers-to-be so that both might praise God. Elizabeth's child will be the precursor for Mary's Child.

Invite someone to Christmas Mass!



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23

8:30 AM - No Mass

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24

8:30 AM - No Mass

4:30 PM - Priest's Intention

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25

8:30 AM - Priest's Intention

11:00 AM - Priest's Intention

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26

8:30 AM - No Mass

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27

8:30 AM - Jeffrey Scolis

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28

8:30 AM - No Mass

4:30 PM - Michael Walton

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29

8:30 AM - Jim & Margaret McNicholas and Jim McFadden

11:00 AM - For the People of the Parish

SANCTUARY LAMP



This week's Sanctuary Lamp intention is for:

Chapel - Maryann Redding

Church - Maryann Redding

COLLECTION INFORMATION

Due to the Christmas and New Year Holidays the numbers for the Sunday Collection were not available at the time of Bulletin Submission.

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Beginning in January... A name will stay in the bulletin for FOUR WEEKS. The contact person must notify the Parish Office if the person needs to stay on the list or they will be removed. Names can be put on the prayer list or removed from the prayer list by contacting the Parish Office in person, by phone (610.626.3321) or by email (contactus@holycrosscatholics.org).

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The Corner

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We welcome the Son of God as our Savior. Most of us use many words to say nothing, but God speaks One Word and says everything. Merry CHRISTmas!

## **We Need Some Helping Hands!**

Sunday, December 23, after the 11:00am Mass, members of Holy Cross Parish will be assembling the Nativity scene in the Church. Anyone who is interested in helping is welcome to come. Please arrive after the 11:00 Mass. Thank You!

## **St. Andrew the Apostle 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 January 2nd, 2025 for an hour of Eucharistic adoration in the church. All are welcome to attend.

## **Holy Spirit Group Retreat – Malvern Retreat St Joseph in the Hills**

### **January 24-26, 2025**

It is a Traditional Men's retreat, including daily Mass, conferences, all meals and overnight accommodations, at a cost of \$275.00 Our weekend begins 5:00 p.m. on Friday, January 24 through Sunday 26, 2025. I'd like you to consider coming out for this retreat. During this time, you will experience prayer, meditation, reconciliation, group discussions Eucharistic liturgies and special speakers.

\* This years' Retreat Director is Father William Cocco of St Edmonds Parish Rehoboth Beach DE.

\* Our speakers are Deacon Tom McGovern of St Joseph Paris High bridge N.J.

\* Mary Bea with the Carlo Acutis Shrine at Malvern retreat House.

\* Finally, our special event is Mr. Eustace Wolfington, Executive Producer, of Angel Studio's presenting a private viewing of the acclaimed movie "Cabrin".

## **Giving Trees 2024**

PLEASE DO NOT WRAP DONATIONS Thank you!

### **Mary's side**

The recipients of this tree are the clients of Delaware County Pregnancy Center. Due to a flood, DCPC will just collect unwrapped items requested by the mothers. These donations will be put into their boutique and they can choose what is needed. Thank you!

### **Joseph's side**

The Little Sisters of the Poor are requesting unwrapped toiletries this year. Please put your items in the containers under the tree

Body wash	Body lotion
Listerine Mouth wash	Liquid soap
Kleenex tissues	Clorox surface wipes
Baby wipes	

## **School News**

As we begin the season of Advent, we prepare ourselves to receive Jesus. Our Feast Days this month include St. Francis Xavier, St. Ambrose, The Immaculate Conception, Our Lady of Guadalupe, St. Lucy, St. John of the Cross, St. Stephen, St. John, Holy Innocents, the Feast of the Holy Family, and the Nativity of the Lord.

We will celebrate our faith with our Advent wreaths, prayers, and Jesse Tree. Each day, we will learn of a new ornament for our Jesse Tree that explains God's plan of salvation, culminating in The Word made Flesh, Jesus our Savior.

We are hard at work practicing for our annual Candlelight Procession., which will be held on Thursday night December 19th at 7 PM. All parishioners are welcome to join us at this beautiful celebration of the Nativity of our Lord.

Friday, December 13, our students had fun at our Santa's Workshop. The students had a visit and their picture taken with Santa and they got to shop for all those on their gift list. Thank you to our Home and School who work so hard to make this a great day for our children and faculty.

Grades PK3- 2nd enjoyed the Musical Petting Zoo, learning about many musical instruments on Thursday, December 12.

The virtue for December is Generosity: giving without counting the cost. To help practice and strengthen this virtue, we currently have charitable opportunities, including our canned food drive and writing cards for military personnel, which will allow students to complete works of mercy and offer them to God. Our students are hard at work in their academic studies and performing virtuous and charitable works to help others.

50/50 Tickets are still on sale, 1st Raffle is on 12/19! Please send your orders to the school office.

As we wait in anticipation for the coming of our Savior, we pray for all of you to have a wonderful and joyous Advent and Christmas Season.

## Scrip Program

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## Three Parish Book Club

The Book Club will hold its December and January meeting in the Family Life Center at Holy Cross on Wednesday, January 22nd at 7PM. If you would like to join the meeting or if you would like more information, please contact Terry Price at 610.506.6449 or via email at [termprice@verizon.net](mailto:termprice@verizon.net).

December book – Waiting for Christ – St. John Henry Newman

January book – Walking with God in the Unimpressive Seasons of Life – Fr. Mike Schmitz

## First Friday Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Please join us for the Nine First Fridays Devotion of Reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The devotion will begin on Friday, October 4th and end on Friday, June 6th, fulfilling our Lord's request of nine consecutive Fridays.

The Schedule for First Fridays:  
First Friday Mass will be celebrated at 8:30 am.  
Adoration will be in the Church from 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm.  
Confessions will be held from 7:00 pm - 7:45 pm.

If you would like more information about First Friday and First Saturday devotions, pamphlets are available at the entrance of either side of the Church.

## Food Pantry Update

Thanks to all who enabled our pantry to provide Thanksgiving turkeys / chickens and the fixings to our Neighbors in Need. There are many groups who helped with food and muscle.

- Boy Scouts Troops 512 and 503 and Cub Scouts Troop 240 collected over 500 bags of food last weekend.
- St. Francis School Students (even under all the duress of a fire in their school) collected food.
- St. Vincent dePaul Society, St. Francis Conference and...
- St. Kevins Knights of Columbus also collected food and turkeys from their parishioners.
- AOH (Ancient Order of Hibernians) provided many turkeys
- Brinker Simpson's employees provided a van full of supplies.

As we all know, it takes a village to support this effort. Our Holy Cross parishioners, our Knights of Columbus folks and our tireless SVDP Food Pantry volunteers are always helping us every week throughout the year and we appreciate " All of your generosity and prayers". In case we haven't shared this lately... We are so very grateful for all of you... Just a reminder, the pantry is closed Thanksgiving week and will return on Wednesday, December 4th and our hours are 3:45 to 5:30. If you know anyone in Delco in need of food, please share that we are open every Wed.

May you and your families have a Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving.  
Love and Prayers from our SVDP Holy Cross Food Pantry Volunteers

## The Incredible Christmas Eucharistic Miracle of 2013

On December 25, 2013, the St. Hyacinth's Shrine in Legnica, Poland celebrated Christmas Mass.

During communion, a host fell to the floor. Following the Church's instructions to respect sacred species, the priest placed the Eucharist in a container of holy water and kept it in the tabernacle.

However, two weeks later, the priest discovered that the host turned red. He told the bishop, and a commission was established to observe the phenomenon.

Bishop Zbigniew Kerlikowski of Legnica later released a statement regarding the Forensic Medicine Department's [analysis results](#).

"In the histopathological image, fragments of tissue were found, which contained fragmented particles of striated muscle tissue. The whole image is very similar to that of a cardiac muscle ... that shows changes typical of an agony. DNA shows that the tissue is of human origin.

This Eucharistic miracle of Christmas 2013 seems to bring together three feats that Jesus accomplished for our salvation: a God incarnate and born as a little baby, a God who gives himself for us in the sacrifice of the Cross, and a God always waiting for us in the Eucharist.

ARE YOU SURE YOU CAN'T SPARE JUST ONE HOUR WITH JESUS IN OUR INTIMATE CHAPEL???

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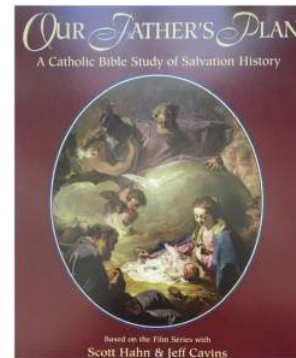
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## Students Excelling at Cardinal O’Hara High School

Our parish recently received notification of the performance of our high school students on the end of the 1st quarter report. We are particularly proud of those who demonstrated academic excellence.

Students who have achieved first honors include: Erin Saye '26, Miley Woltanski '26, Daniel Kull '27. Students who have achieved second honors include: Hannah Nguyen '26, Sophia Campbell '27, Hayden Ganley '27, Alyssa Zebuski '27, Sean Campbell '28, Anthony Huynh '28.

## Winter Bible Study at Holy Cross



Have you ever wondered how to read your Bible, or struggled to make sense of all the different Books of the Bible? **“Our Father’s Plan”** is a 13-episode program that walks through salvation history from Genesis to Revelation using the chronological narrative of the Bible. Dr Scott Hahn and Jeff Cavins present the Bible to us as a Catholic library in an easy-to-follow series that will increase your understanding and knowledge of God’s plan for humanity. There will be valuable group discussions after the videos. Light refreshments will be served.

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

When: **Mondays**, November 18 thru February 24 --- 7:00 – 8:30 PM - in the Holy Cross Parish Center

Or: **Wednesdays**, November 20 thru February 26 -- 9:15 – 10:45 AM – in the Holy Cross Parish Center

**The Bible Study is free!** A workbook is **NOT** necessary, but please bring your Bible and a highlighter. We do have a few Bibles for your use if you do not have one of your own. **Please join us and bring a friend! If you attend the Wednesday morning session, please also join us for 8:30 Mass that morning.**

**Please note: We will not meet during the Christmas weeks of December 22 and 29.**

To save a seat or for more information, contact Pattie Stevens at [pattiejstevens@comcast.net](mailto:pattiejstevens@comcast.net) or 484.868.8571.

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