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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, December 8, 2024



FROM THE PASTOR

The choir has been working hard preparing for this year's **Lessons and Carols** program. The program is this weekend, Sunday evening at 4:00 p.m. It promises to be an evening of beautiful music and a time to reflect on the sacredness of this season. And some refreshments afterward make for a nice bonus. Please plan to attend!

Monday is the holy day that wasn't, but now is, but kind of isn't. (For a full explanation of what I mean, see the column from two weeks ago.) There will be **Mass for the feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Monday, December 9, at 8:30 am.** Due to the confusion surrounding this holy day this year, Roman Catholics in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia are not required to attend Mass. Still, I hope you'll attend Monday morning if you are able.

A quick reminder that during Advent, there are additional times for the **Sacrament of Penance** on Thursday mornings (December 12 and 19) from 7:00-8:00 and on Monday, December 16, from 7:00-8:00pm. Please take advantage of the opportunity.

Two weeks from now, we'll be decorating the church for Christmas—setting up the Christmas trees and the big Nativity scene in the sanctuary. If you can stick around (or come back) after the 11:00 Mass on the 22nd, I'm sure we could use the help.

2nd
Sunday
of
Advent

Reading I: Baruch 5: 1-9

The setting here is the ceremony whereby Jerusalem mourns her lost children while in exile. The speaker offers hope and comfort because they are still the Lord's people. He will lead them in joy out of their captivity.

Reading II: Philippians 1: 4-6, 8-11

The community has a share in the joy of the gospel through their conversion, and their support of the Apostle. They have good standing with the Lord that comes through Christ.

The Gospel: Luke 3: 1-6

The story of the beginning of John the Baptist's ministry as prophet opens with a list of the major rulers at the time. St. Luke uses this to illustrate that John's announcement of the Messiah will have worldwide impact.

Ask Mary to bless Holy Cross!



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9

8:30 AM - No Mass

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10

8:30 AM - Sands, Moloney & Buffett
Families

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11

8:30 AM - Angeline Forlano

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12

8:30 AM - John Fabry

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13

8:30 AM - The Pizza & Senderoff Families

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14

8:30 AM - No Mass

4:30 PM - For the People of the Parish

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

8:30 AM - Edna & Robert MacDonald

11:00 AM - Annunziata & Francis Mazza

SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's Sanctuary Lamp
intention is for:

Church - Ted Quillen

Chapel - Forgotten Souls



COLLECTION INFORMATION

Weekly Need \$12,000

Weekly Collection, December 1

Total \$7,669

Electronic \$2,459

Basket & Mail-Ins \$5,210

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

Brought to you by your Evangelization Team

In this second week of Advent, we observe 3 days to especially pray for Mary's intercession. We have the **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception** on Monday, the **Memorial of Our Lady of Loreto** on Tuesday, and the **Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe** on Thursday. In preparation for our Mother Mary's Gift to us on Christmas, let's thank her by praying a rosary on each of these days.

Annual Cemetery Blanket/Door Wreath Sale

The Holy Cross Knights of Columbus #15482 are holding their Annual Cemetery Blanket/Door Wreath Sale beginning on Sunday, 11/24/2024 and ending on Sunday, 12/8/2024. The price is still \$35 per Blanket and/or Door Wreath.

To order call/text Andy Grajek at 610-761-9020 and leave your name, phone number and the amount you are ordering. You can also contact us by e-mail at andygra44@yahoo.com and we can send you a form. Make checks payable to "Holy Cross K.O.C. #15482"

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Andy Grajek
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Springfield, Pa 19064

They will be available for pick up at the Holy Cross School Parking Lot located on North Bishop Ave on Saturday, 12/14/2024, from 8:30am until 11:00am.

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!

School News

The week of our Thanksgiving break was busy. We had the Turkey Trot, Spiritwear dress down, and Pie pick-up. Wednesday we had an early dismissal and a jam-packed day. Thank you to our faculty and staff who came with extra energy that day. We would like to say Thank You to Huntington Learning Center who was so kind to sponsor our Turkey Trot.

December will be a short session, but it will be busy. On Monday, December 2, our Pastor, Father Kiernan, blessed our Advent wreaths. A wreath was placed in all classrooms as a spiritual compass on our journey toward the nativity of our Lord. We also set up the Jesse Tree in our Fourier. Each grade level will color a set of ornaments. We will learn about the ornaments daily and place them on the tree.

We started choir rehearsals at school, and the students have proven to be committed and happy to be part of this talented group of performers. Thank you to our music teacher, Ms. Greta Ingalls, for sharing your time and talents with us.

They will join the adult choir for Holy Cross Church - Lessons and Carols. This is the first beautiful collaboration between the choirs of Holy Cross School and Holy Cross Church. The schedule for Lessons and Carols is as follows: Sunday, December 8th: Concert: 4:00 PM We hope our parents and parishioners will be present for an advent tradition of scripture readings and music celebrating the coming of Christ.

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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	

Join Us for



3rd Annual

Lessons and Carols

Sunday, December 8th at 4:00 PM

At Holy Cross Church - Springfield PA 19064

Rejoice together singing Carols

Listen together to the message of God

Enjoy together refreshments after

Come and join us for an Advent Tradition of Scripture Readings and Music celebrating the Coming of Christ. What a better way to prepare and get in the Christmas Spirit then to spend a little time with your family and friends at Holy Cross. The choir will lead the congregation in carols and sing a few special anthems. There will be a light dinner following the service in the hall hosted by our Knights of Columbus. Asking those excellent bakers to bring some Christmas treats to share for dessert.

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.

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???

WE NEED YOUR HELP TO MAINTAIN OUR CURRENT SCHEDULE. FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT EILEEN AT 610-213-3369

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

 **December 8**

3rd Annual

"Festival of Nine

Lessons and Carols"

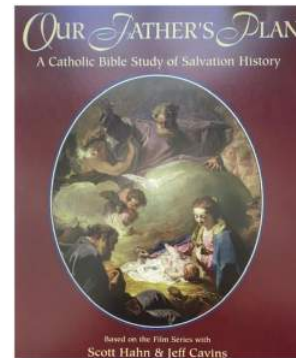
Students Excelling at Cardinal O'Hara High School

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 or 484.868.8571.



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