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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, FEBRUARY 11, 2024



FROM THE PASTOR

Mercy Fasting Prayer

Make the Most of Lent!

Sacrament of Penance

Thursdays: 7:00-8:00 AM

Saturdays: 3:30-4:15 PM

Monday, 3/25, 7:00-8:00PM

Good Friday, 9:00-10:00AM

Holy Saturday, 9:00-10:00AM

No Confessions Holy Thursday morning or Holy Saturday afternoon

Ash Wednesday

February 14

Masses 8:30 AM and 7:00 PM



Visit our Chapel

Monday - Friday

9AM -- 7PM

Spend some quiet time with Jesus!

Stations of the Cross: Fridays at 2:00 and 7:00

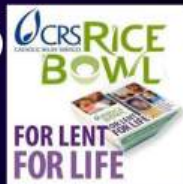
Minimum Obligations

Fasting: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Limit of one meal and two snacks. Ages 18-59.

Abstinence: Ash Wednesday and All Fridays: No meat. Ages 14+.

Fast from Secular Entertainment!

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6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I: Leviticus 13: 1-2, 44-46

Lepers in those ancient days had to live not only with physical pain but also with psychological pain from the several laws regarding them. In addition to forced separation from the community, they were obliged to cry out "Unclean!" whenever they neared healthy people.

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 10; 31-11:1

Paul urges his flock to act like Christ as healers and at the same time to be compassionate toward all whom they may encounter.

The Gospel: Mark 1: 40-45

With a loving and tender touch, disregarding strict laws against any kind of physical contact with lepers, Jesus touches a man with the disease and heals him. He then orders the man to follow the law by showing himself to a priest who would declare him "clean."



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12

8:30 AM - No Mass

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

8:30 AM - The Lupo Family

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

8:30 AM - Richard Gregorio, Kathryn & James Gregorio and Rita Creato

7:00 PM - The Deceased Members of the Rovinski & Goetz Families

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15

8:30 AM - John Fulginiti

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16

8:30 AM - Eric Eisenman

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17

8:30 AM - No Mass

4:30 PM - For the People of the Parish

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18

8:30 AM - Pauline & Anthony Fiscella

11:00 AM - Angela M. Organek

SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's Sanctuary Lamp intention is for:

Church - John Kemmey

Chapel - Neil McCrossen



COLLECTION INFORMATION

Weekly Need \$13,350

Weekly Collection, February 4

Total \$9,109

Electronic \$2,817

Basket & Mail-Ins \$6,292

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 |
| Dawn Gibbons | Paige O'Leary |
| Carolyn Henderson | Katherine Patrone |
| Steven Henderson | Mary Rafferty |
| Jimmy Keating | Ronnie Sidebottom |
| Natalie Giorgio Kitts | Joseph Sindoni |
| Ken Kull | Adeline Sulpizio |
| Mary Kull | Jean Super |
| Kendall Lambert | Valerie Thompson |
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| Mary Ann Nero | Melissa Dunsee |
| Jack McGough | Mildred Mancini |
| Bill Homony | Susan Cortese |
| Mary Ellen Sweeney | Andrea Emilia Bernabey |
| Roxanne Tamayo | Deacon Frankenberger |

The Corner

Brought to you by your Evangelization Team

Jesus is always healing someone in the Gospels. It's easy to distance ourselves from that and think we aren't the blind, deaf, or lame. But we are. Or we think Jesus isn't interested in healing us too. But He is. He's ready to raise you up. Are you ready to ask Him to? Make this Lent a holy one.

Calling All Bakers

The Social Committee & the Knights of Columbus are looking for volunteers to make hand held or pre-sliced desserts for our upcoming Pasta/Trivia Night on February 17. Interested in helping please contact Mary Ann O'Shea at maryann1950@comcast.net or 610-328-5924. Thank you for your support!

Pasta Dinner

The Holy Cross Knights of Columbus will be hosting their Annual Pasta Dinner on Saturday, February 17th in the Parish Hall following the 4:30pm Mass. Price for tickets is \$12. This is a BYOB event. Tickets will be sold after the Masses on February 3rd & 4th and February 10th & 11th. You can also get tickets from any of the Knights before the event. An added bonus! Our Parish Social Committee will again be hosting a "Trivia Night" immediately following the dinner in the Parish Hall. Please stick around after the dinner to match your wits with your fellow parishioners and guests!

Attention Musicians

If you play an instrument at an intermediate level or above, and would like to contribute to the beauty of our Holy Cross Choir Masses, please contact our Music Director Grete Ingalls, at holycrossmus@gmail.com or 267.253.4007. Please join us!

Church Cleaning

The next Church cleaning will take place on Tuesday, 1/16/2024, after the 8:30 am Mass. Extra hands are always welcome.

Special Event: Alan Ames – Catholic Evangelist, Author and Healer

Alan Ames has traveled to more than 50 countries on six continents since 1994. During his travels, Alan shares his amazing "Saul to Paul" conversion story and a powerful healing gift. Alan has ministered to multitudes suffering from physical, mental, emotional and spiritual ailments around the world.

On Sunday, March 10, a special event featuring Alan Ames will occur at Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Morton, PA, starting with the celebration of Sunday Liturgy at noon. Following the conclusion of the Sunday liturgy, we will have Alan's testimony, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and a Healing Service. Confessions will also be offered.

WHERE: Our Lady of Perpetual Help (OLPH) Church, 2130 Franklin Ave., Morton, PA 19070

WHEN: March 10, beginning with Noon Mass
Registration is requested (but not required) by going to www.olphmorton.org. All are Welcome!

School News

The month of February is here, and our students and teachers are working hard here at Holy Cross School. This month our teachers have engaging Black History lessons and projects for students. We have many feast days to celebrate this month.

We are officially moved from the happy face stickers to the Good Deed Beads in February. Each week teachers and staff members will get 4 tickets. When a student demonstrates one of the expectations well, or does something above and beyond without being prompted, they can get a Good Deed Bead. We wish our students luck as they work towards this reward.

To re- enforce our students' Math skills, students are working on Xtramath daily, either in class or at home. **XtraMath** is a free program that helps students master addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division facts. We are working every day to make Holy Cross a wonderful place for our students and our families. If you know anyone looking for a good quality Catholic education for their children, please recommend Holy Cross School. We welcome families to schedule a tour and find out what Holy Cross as to offer their student(s).

Crochet Club

Holy Cross Students have started a crochet club during their lunch hour.

If anyone has any extra materials that they are looking to get rid of, our students would be very grateful. Please contact the school if you can donate. (610-626-1709)

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There are so many choices for Lent! "Whole 40: Making a Spiritual Plan For Lent" is an 18 minute discussion with Dr Ben Akers about challenging yourself this Lent, with a link to the FORMEDNOW Lenten daily reflections. "The Catholic Parent" is a new series with real-life families discussing real-life situations, sometimes very funny.

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Three Parish Book Club

The next meeting of the Book Club will be on Wednesday, February 28 at 7:00 p.m. at the Holy Cross Parish Center, At each meeting members and guests offer suggestions for spiritual reading as well as discussing the selected book. You need not have read the month's selection to attend the meeting, If you would like to join the discussion or if you would like more information, please contact Joy Van Berg at 610 328-2095 or at joyvanberg@gmail.com.

February

In the School of the Holy Spirit by Jacques Philippe

March

On the Incarnation by St. Athanasius

Lenten Bible Study

Please join us every week for Weekly Bible Study! We will begin our Lenten series the week of February 25, after the conclusion of our current study of the Gospel of Mark. For LENT this year, we will go deeper into the Weekly Sunday Readings. As always, we study at your convenience, either Monday evenings or Wednesday mornings in the Parish Center, so PICK THE TIME that is best for you. If you choose the Wednesday morning option, we begin right after the 8:30 Mass, so please consider joining us for Mass that morning. Come a few minutes early to meet others and to get your seat. No workbooks are required for this Lenten study, but please bring your Bible. Light refreshments are provided.

When: Mondays, February 26 thru March 25, 7:00 – 8:30 PM

OR: Wednesdays, February 28 thru March 27, 9:15 – 10:45 AM

It is always helpful to have a headcount. To save a seat or for more information, contact Pattie Stevens at pattiejstevens@comcast.net or 484.868.8571

Food Pantry Update

Our Food Pantry is very busy and able to provide support to Our Neighbors in Need in our Delco community.

Thanksgiving and Christmas activities were amazing. So Many have helped with ensuring we Always have Enough.

I may miss some of you who assisted... however, this will give all of you an idea of the impact made...

Our Holy Cross school children and our CCD students helped multiple times with food drives. Same for St. Francis and their school children, CYO, and CCD students and ETR School food drive. St. Kevins provided turkeys, food and also financial support. Boy Scouts Troop 512 and Cub Scouts Pack 240's food drive provided over 1500 bags of food. The AOH Club assisted with food and turkeys multiple times. Our Lady of Fatima and Our Lady of Perpetual Help parishioners have provided food and financial donations. Philly Food Rescue, Wawa,, Piazza Honda and many benefactors who prefer to remain anonymous...

With a Drum Roll... Our Holy Cross parishioners through food and donations in the "Help the Needy" church envelopes keep us going "Every Week". Our Knights of Columbus (KofC) and St. Kevins KofC are working side by side with our SVDP Volunteers every week rain or shine.

We are open every Wed from 3:30 to 5:30 to Delco residents. If you are able, we are always in need of cereal, oatmeal, peanut butter, pasta and pasta sauce (no glass please), canned meats, mac & cheese, rice, beans, kiddie treats...

Please know how much you are "All" appreciated and may you have Good Health in the coming year.

God Bless All of you for your prayers and generosity.

Your Friends from the St. Vincent dePaul Holy Cross Food Pantry

Eucharistic Adoration



LOOKING for some peace and quiet? I know the perfect place.

LOOKING for someone you can TRUST? I know Who you can go to.

LOOKING for some answers? I know Who has them.

St. Catherine Laboure. "If you listen God will speak to you, with the good Lord you have to both speak and listen, God always speaks to you when you approach Him plainly and simply".

We have the perfect intimate chapel here at Holy Cross where you can come to accomplish all of the above!

PLEASE consider visiting with Jesus weekdays from 9:00am to 7:00pm.

We are in need of adorers to maintain our current Adoration schedule!

For more information please contact Eileen 610-213-3369

Divine Mercy Retreat

April 5 - 7, 2024 \$275 in person, 3 days, 2 nights and \$75 virtually This is a co-ed Retreat Assumption and Immaculate Conception Halls Check in at 4:00 PM on Friday Retreat ends with the 3:00 PM Divine Mercy Sunday Sign up: www.malvernretreat.com/events/divine-mercy-2024/

16th Annual Man Up Philly Men's Spirituality Conference - Saturday, March 2, 2024

From Death Into Life (1 Jn3:14)

The men of our parish are invited to join Catholic Men from throughout the Archdiocese for the 16th Annual Man Up Philly Men's Conference on March 2nd at Cardinal O'Hara HS. Speakers include Phillies Hall of Famer, Mike Schmidt, acclaimed author of Back to Life, Danny Bader, That Man is You VP, Mark Hartfiel, and Coordinator of Young Life, Deacon Nathan Gunn. And back by popular demand, Mark Forrest, internationally recognized Irish tenor, who will lead our Eucharistic Adoration. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available, and the Conference will conclude with Mass celebrated by our archbishop Most Reverend Archbishop Nelson Perez. For more information and to register go to the website: www.manupphilly.com

O'Hara Class of 1974 Reunion

Cardinal O'Hara High School is planning a 50th Reunion for the Class of 1974. The reunion is October 19, 2024 at Llanerch Country Club. For more information or to update your email and mailing address, contact John Caramanico at jcaramanico56@gmail.com or 610.633.0783.

Lenten Bible Study

St. Joseph Church
500 Woodlawn Ave.
Collingdale PA 19023

Please join Father Gabin for

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**March 27, 2024
7:00 PM**

**Monsignor Bonner & Archbishop
Prendergast Catholic High School**
Anthony F. Frederico Class of '69 Auditorium

*Hosted by the Alumnae Committee of
the B&P Alumni Ambassadors Council*

We are blessed and thrilled to have **Sister Mary Scullion R.S.M.** speak to our school community about her life's work, the inspiration that led to her desire to care for the homeless in Philadelphia, and her work at Project HOME.

- No Charge
- Open to the public
- Q&A to follow

Our school community prays daily to St. Augustine and St. Katharine Drexel. In the spirit of these two saints, Sister Mary Scullion models the love through action taught and lived by these two saints. It is an honor to have Sister join us for an evening of conversation.

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