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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 16, 2025



FROM THE PASTOR

It's been a wild week weather-wise. Last weekend we had the storm that was supposed to hit us right as the 4:30 Mass was being celebrated on Saturday. After talking with our music director, Grete, we made the decision that we would not have music at the Saturday evening Mass so we could get everyone out of the church before the weather intensified. Of course, God had other plans, and the wintry weather didn't start until much later in the evening. Oh well.

As I'm writing this, the Tuesday evening snow is falling. From what I can see looking out the window, cars are still whizzing by pretty quickly, so the roads must not be too bad. The school's admin team and I have been texting back-and-forth with updates on what local school districts are announcing regarding delays and closures. It still amazes me that these decisions are often made hours before the first snowflakes even fall. On the one hand it seems premature, but on the other giving parents more time to make childcare arrangements can lessen the inconvenience. We'll see what this storm brings, and then get ready for another storm or two as the week winds down. So, who's ready for Spring?

With all the winter weather, a quick reminder about our parish winter weather plans. The parish offices follow the parish school schedule when it comes to weather-related delays and closures. If the school is closed or virtual, the parish office will be closed. If the school is delayed, the office will be as well. Masses will still be offered as scheduled. Decisions about the opening/closing of the chapel are made as needed. Other meetings and activities may be held or cancelled as conditions warrant. Usually, we leave it up to the group leaders to make the call, but we also have to factor in the time and cost of clearing the parking lots and sidewalks and keeping them clear for an event, so sometimes we'll have to make a decision for everyone. We wouldn't want anyone to get hurt.

This time of year, we are gearing up for our sacrament celebrations for our parish children. Last weekend, 16 boys and girls celebrated the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation for the first time on Saturday morning. They are now preparing for their first Holy Communion in May. Our 7th graders are preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation, which will be celebrated at the 11:00 Mass on Sunday, March 9 when we welcome Bishop Esmilla to Holy Cross. It's an important time for all of these children, and it's a joy to see them celebrate these sacraments.

6th
Sunday in
Ordinary
Time

Reading I: Jeremiah 17: 5-8

The prophet contrasts the wicked of Judah, who resemble a desert shrub, with the righteous, who are like a thriving fruit tree drawing life from a nearby stream.

Reading II: I Corinthians 15: 12, 16-20

Corinthian skepticism about Christ's resurrection and the future of our bodies led to a decline of morality among the community. Paul teaches the truth of the resurrection and our true destiny of life eternal.

The Gospel: Luke 6: 17, 20-26

Here is "The Sermon on the Plain," much like Matthew's "Sermon on the Mount." (Mt. 5-7) Jesus envisions the negative conditions of this life being overturned in the next. The blessed will experience lasting peace.

Pray for our country!



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17

8:30 AM - No Mass

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

8:30 AM - Those Enrolled in the
Memorial Fund

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19

8:30 AM - Pauline, Anthony & William
Fiscella

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20

8:30 AM - Richard E. & Josephine T.
Elliott

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21

8:30 AM - Margaret J. Martin

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22

8:30 AM - No Mass
4:30 PM - Frank J. Parr

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23

8:30 AM - For the People of the
Parish

11:00 AM - Angela M. Organek

SANCTUARY LAMP



This week's Sanctuary Lamp
intention is for:

Church - Alcie Markiewicz
Chapel - Theresa Carey

COLLECTION INFORMATION

Weekly Need \$12,000

Weekly Collection, February 9

Total \$6,835

Electronic \$3,474

Basket & Mail-Ins \$3,361

PRAY FOR THE SICK

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

It is easier to follow a path than to chop through a forest. What path are you following? Jesus showed us a good one; one with an eternal reward.

Holy Cross Horse Race Night

Holy Cross Horse Race Night is Sat. March 1st. This is an entertaining, immersive audience-participation event that simulates the thrill of being at a live horse race. Come watch 10 horse races, place bets and enjoy friends, food and fun! Tickets \$25. Purchase by Feb 24th from the school office or church office.

DELCO PARISHES PRO-LIFE MEETING

Please join us for our monthly Pro-life meeting on Wednesday, February 19, at 7 PM in the St. Dorothy Rectory Basement Conference Room. Entrance is from the parking lot. Your prayers and suggestions are most welcome.

Jesus, protect and save the unborn.

Holy Cross Students Excelling at CARDINAL O'HARA HIGH SCHOOL

Our parish recently received notification of the performance of our high school students at the end of the 2nd quarter/1st semester report. We are particularly proud of those who demonstrated academic excellence.

Students who achieved first honors include: Hannah Nguyen '26, Erin Saye '26, Miley Woltanski '26, Rocco DiMario '27, Daniel Kull '27, Anthony Huynh '28.

Among those earning second honors were the following students from our parish: Sean Campbell '28, Nicholas Voight '28.

Pennsylvanians for Human Life Annual Celebrate Life Banquet

Sunday, February 23, 2025 at Springfield Country Club (Route 320 Springfield, PA) 4pm Reception, 5pm Dinner

Keynote Speaker: Dr. John Bruchalski, former abortion provider, now President Divine Mercy Care for Moms, their babies and families

Special Honorees for outstanding leadership:

Lester Ruppertsberger, D.O., Medical Director of Area Pregnancy Centers, Author and now retired President of The Catholic Medical Association

The Gianna Center of Philadelphia, under the direction of Barbara Rose, AGPCNP, CFPC

More information and registration at

www.paforhumanlife.org, PHL office 610-696-0780

Thank you for supporting Life!

BONNER/PRENDIE CLASS OF 1975 50TH 50TH JOINT CLASS REUNION

Saturday, November 1, 2025

4-8 PM

Drexelbrook Catering and Event Center

If interested in attending, kindly reach out to Deb Coopder Richey (610) 804-6920 or email debbie.cooperrichey95@gmail.com

School News

Thank you to all who visited our open house during Catholic Schools Week. We had a lot of new visitors to our school along with our parents and family members who stopped in to support Holy Cross School and our students. We had a great turnout of new families interested in Holy Cross School. Our student council gave tours to prospective students and their families. If you know anyone who would like a quality education in a Catholic environment, please recommend Holy Cross School.

Our annual book fair during Catholic Schools Week was a success. Our grandparents and special persons came for the day to spend some time with the students. Thank you to all our volunteers who gave their time to help us out. Our students shined at the talent show, and our teachers won our volleyball game against our middle school students. Congratulations to our teachers. The Holy Cross Science Fair is back.... Our future scientists did a wonderful job on their science fair projects. We congratulate all our winners as well as all of those who participated. Thank you to our teachers who gave their time to help with this fun and educational event. This month our teachers have engaging lessons and projects for students. Our virtue for February is courage, which is the mental or moral strength to venture, persevere, and withstand danger, fear, or difficulty. Our students have the unique privilege of living their faith every day at our school, a practice that sets us completely apart from any public school.

We invite all our parishioners to bring their family and friends and support our Holy Cross Horse Race Night: on Saturday, March 1, at 6 pm. Look for more information in the back of the church. This was a success last year, say you will join us "Be a yah, not a neigh "

On a personal note: Thank you so much to the person who found and returned Mrs. Spurrier's ID badge to Father Kiernan. It is very much appreciated.

Since February is the month to celebrate love, we like reflecting on God's love for us and how he models it. His most perfect form of love comes to us in Jesus. God gives us the Holy Family—Jesus, Mary, and Joseph—as an example of family Love. Most importantly, God loves us even though we are imperfect, and all works in progress. Our faculty and staff pray for many good blessings for everyone this month.

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Food Pantry Update

Happy New Year to all. We were able to help many over the Christmas season. The Acme provided us with a huge donation that covered the food for our Christmas dinner distribution. Yeah Acme.

Also, our friends at ShopRite are providing us with dry goods and bakery items each week. What a blessing.

Over the holidays, our clients received a rare treat (something most may take for granted) an assortment of mops, dustpans, buckets and brooms). Our Neighbors in Need were able to pick an item and you would have thought they received gold... Be Satori, based locally in Springfield provided these goodies. Thank You.

Clam Tavern provided a van full of food and Nirvana provides us with pet food All Year long. Many Blessings for their generosity and All of our year.

If you know anyone in need of food in Delco, please let them know that we are open Wednesdays from 3:45 to 5:30.

We continued to be humbled by the generosity and prayers within our Community. When we wonder if we will have enough.... we always seem to have what we need. We never take anything for granted and we are so Grateful for all of you.

If you are able, we need (no glass please) canned meats / tuna, stews, chef boyardee, pasta sauce, pasta, oatmeal, cereal, peanut butter, jelly, mac & cheese, and rice.

God Bless All of you,
Our SVDP Holy Cross Food Pantry Volunteers

Three Parish Book Club

The Three Parish Book Club will hold its February meeting in the Family Life Center at Holy Cross on Wednesday, February 26th at 7:00pm. If you would like to join the meeting or would like more information, please contact Terry Price at 610.506.6449 or via email at termprice@verizon.net.

February book - **Crossing the Threshold of Hope - Pope St. John Paul II**

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.

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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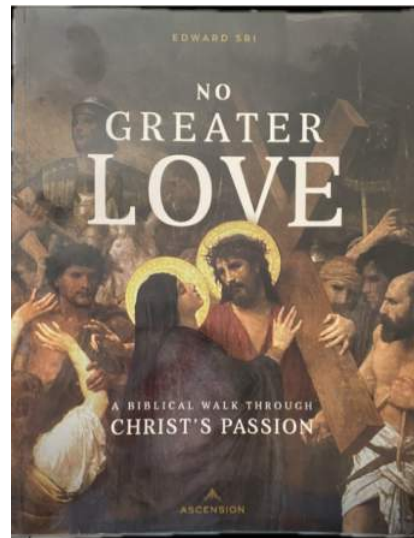
St. Mary Polish American Society is accepting applications for the third annual Felicia Jemionek Rzeznik Memorial Scholarship, a \$1,500 scholarship to a qualified student of Polish ancestry residing within the Archdiocese of Philadelphia pursuing full-time undergraduate studies at an accredited college or university in the United States. Full information about the scholarship is included in the QR code. For any questions, please call Dorothy Swedkowski at 610-630-0861



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 February 14 - 16, 2025 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

Lent Bible Study at Holy Cross



How will you prepare your heart this Lent? Join us for the video series "**No Greater Love**" with Dr Edward Sri, Fr Mike Schmitz and others. This series is filmed in the Holy Land, and we will walk where Jesus walked. It's more than a Bible Study....it is a biblical pilgrimage that reveals Christ's amazing love for us. 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**, March 3 thru April 7 --- 7:00 – 8:30 PM - in the Holy Cross Parish Center
Or: **Wednesdays**, March 5 thru April 9 --- 9:15 – 10:45 AM – in the Holy Cross Parish Center

The Bible Study is free! Please join us and bring a friend! Come a few minutes early to meet others and to get your seat. If you attend the Wednesday morning session, please also join us for 8:30 Mass that morning.

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

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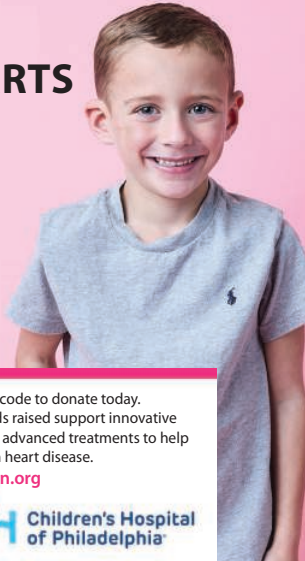


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