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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 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.

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.

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 18, 2024



FROM THE PASTOR

During the homily at all of our Sunday Masses, I spoke about our vision for transformation as a parish and our priority to cultivate a generous and welcoming parish culture. Below are some facts and figures to help you understand why this is so critical.

Parish Membership and engagement has shrunk dramatically:

- In 2012, we had 2,078 registered households and 5,511 registered members. Today, those numbers are 844 and 2,421.
- In 2012, we baptized 62 infants; in 2023, 31. Twenty-two weddings happened here in 2012; last year: four.
- Fifty-one funerals happened here in 2012; in 2023, that number was 60
- In 2012, an average of 877 people attended Mass on Sunday. In 2023, that number is 318.

Financial Support of the parish is dangerously insufficient:

- For the year ending June 2021, the parish and school ran at a combined loss of \$266,000.
- For the year ending June 2022, the parish and school ran a combined loss of \$103,000.
- As you see in our bulletin each week, our collections are often 50-60% of what we need to sustain
 operations.
- Around 58% of our parishioners give the parish less than a dollar a week on average.
- To keep up with our ordinary expenses, we would need every contributing family to give us around \$35-\$40 per week. That doesn't include extraordinary expenses, like emergency repairs to our aging facilities.

If we stay on our present course, it's only a matter of time before Holy Cross Parish ceases to exist. As your pastor, I don't want that. The archbishop didn't send me here to nurse the parish in its final years until it eventually dies. We have an opportunity to turn the parish around. And that's what we're going to try to do with our participation in the Next Generation Parish. But it can't happen without you. We will need everyone who loves and cares about this parish to step up so this transformation can happen. With the help of God and the commitment of our parish family, I believe good things are possible and our future at Holy Cross can be bright.

Speaking of the next generation, next Sunday we will welcome Bishop Fitzgerald to Holy Cross to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation at the 11:00 Mass. Please keep our students who will be receiving the sacrament in your prayers, that they may use the gifts of the Holy Spirit they receive in the Sacrament to help build the Kingdom of God. This will also be your first opportunity to help promote a welcoming culture: your normal pew may be reserved for our confirmandi and their families. Please be gracious!



Reading I: Genesis 9: 8-15

The story of the Great Flood and Noah's leadership is one in which the world is cleansed by water. There follows a covenant between God and the people symbolized by a rainbow which will mean the end of future rainstorms before they destroy the world.

Reading II: 1 Peter 3: 18-22

The victory of Christ over sin is applied to Christians by baptism. This was prefigured by the cleansing waters of the Great Flood.

The Gospel: Mark 1: 12-15

The brief and simple narrative of Mark contrasts with the more elaborate scriptural debate between the devil and Jesus, as portrayed in both Matthew and Luke, both of which followed Mark in time.



MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19

8:30 AM - No Mass

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20

8:30 AM - Those in the Memorial Fund

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

8:30 AM - Alice Loftus

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22

8:30 AM - Mary Ann Purcell

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23

8:30 AM - Nucero Family

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24

8:30 AM - No Mass

4:30 PM - Jarmath Ward

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25

8:30 AM - For the People of Holy Cross

11:00 AM - For Our Confirmands

The Corner

Brought to you by your Evangelization Team

On Thursday we celebrate the Feast of The Chair of St Peter. Let's pray for the Church today.

Lord, open our minds and hearts that the fresh air of faith blows open the doors of stubbornness and doubt and brings new life into souls. Amen.

SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's Sanctuary Lamp intention is for:

Church - John Kemmey

Chapel - Benny Petransky



COLLECTION INFORMATION

\$13.350 Weekly Need

Weekly Collection, February 11

\$7,897 Total

\$3,129 Electronic

\$4.786 Basket & Mail-Ins

PRAY FOR THE SICK

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Mary Kull Kendall Lambert Alice Loftus

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Joann Marks

Maryanne McCauley Mike Calbertta Matthew Bannon

Mary Ann Nero Jack McGough Bill Homony

Roxanne Tamayo

Richard McCullough Larry McCusker Francis Murray Charlotte O'Leary Paige O'Leary Katherine Patrone

Mary Rafferty Ronnie Sidebottom

Adeline Sulpizio Jean Super

Valerie Thompson Betty Tomczyk

Rosemarie Colaberdino

Carter Claire Walton

Alexander Passquini Melissa Dunsee Mildred Mancini

Susan Cortese

Mary Ellen Sweeney Andrea Emilia Bernabey Deacon Frankenberger

Casserole Drop-Off Date

The next drop-off is Tuesday, February 20th between 4:00 and 5:00 PM at the gym annex. The casseroles are appreciated by the homeless who visit St. John's Hospice at 12th and Race St., Philadelphia. You can make any casserole that you like. Please mark the casserole with the date prepared. Call Connie Labowitz at 610-328-0599 with any questions. Thank you!

Sister Mary Scullion Lecture

This Lecture is part of Bonner & Prendie's yearlong 70th anniversary celebration

Monsignor Bonner & Archbishop Prendergast Catholic High School (Bonner & Prendie) in Drexel Hill (Delaware County) will host Sister Mary Scullion R.S.M., President and Executive Director of Project HOME, as part of a lecture series. All are welcome to attend.

Sister Mary will speak to the Bonner & Prendie community about her life's work, the inspiration that led to her desire to care for the homeless in Philadelphia, and her mission at Project HOME. In addition, Sister will be accompanied by a resident of Project HOME who will share a personal story. Wednesday, March 27, 2024

7:00 p.m.

Monsignor Bonner & Archbishop Prendergast Catholic High School

Anthony F. Frederico Class of '69 Auditorium 403 North Lansdowne Avenue Drexel Hill, PA 19026 (Delaware County)

St. Cyril School Reunion

Please join us for St. Cyril's All Class Reunion 95th Anniversary Celebration benefitting SS. Cyril & Philomena Catholic School. It will be held at the Oaks Ballroom in Glenolden, Pa on Saturday, April 13, 2024 from 6:30 till 10:30 pm. Tickets are \$65.00 per person. Tickets can be purchased online at tinyurl.com/cyril-95th. For more information contact Jim or Barb Gray at 610-284-5984 or Jim at jeg19026@gmail.com.

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 <u>www.olphmorton.org</u>. 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).

Delco Pro-Life Meeting

Please join us for our monthly Delco Pro-Life group meeting on Wednesday, February 21, at 7 PM in St. Dorothy Parish Conference Room in the Rectory Basement in Drexel Hill. Entrance is from the parking lot. Your prayers and suggestions are most welcome. Jesus, protect and save the unborn.



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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 Cub 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

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

Food Pantry Update

As we prepare for the Lenten Season, many are helping to fill our pantry shelves. Over the last month, the following groups have provided additional support to our pantry.

Our Holy Cross school children collected personal supplies (shampoo, soap, toothbrushes...you get the idea) during Catholic Schools Week. A Big Thank You to our school children.

St. Francis ran a food and sock drive and our Neighbors in Need were very grateful. St. Anastasia runs a monthly collection and we are now the recipient of their goodies. Scenic Hills Elementary school provided a truckload of food to our pantry. Sts. Peter and Paul (West Chester) Confirmation students made kiddie bags (for folks who bring their children for their food pick-ups). The message of our pantry is reaching further out and we are very grateful.

Our Knights of Columbus partipated in the "Souper Bowl of Caring" and provided many needed supplies. What a Great Community activity and Thanks to All who participated in this initiative.

If you know anyone in need of food in Delco, please let them know that we are open Wednesdays from 3:30 to 5:30. We do not open until all our school is closed.

We are always in need of cereal, oatmeal, mac & cheese, pasta and pasta sauce, peanut butter, rice and beans if you are able to help. (No glass please).

God Bless All of You for your prayers and generosity. Your Friends from the SVDP 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

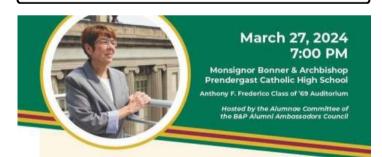
Men's Spirituality Conference - Saturday, March 2, 2024

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 2 nd 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 <u>jcaramanico56@gmail.com</u> or 610.633.0783.



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

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June 2nd



October 5th -







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