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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 23, 2025



FROM THE PASTOR

A few weeks ago, I mentioned that Archbishop Perez issued a pastoral letter and began a new initiative to plan a new way forward as the Church of Philadelphia. As part of the rollout of this initiative, regional information sessions were going to be scheduled so people can come learn about the plan. Shortly after everything launched back in January, each parish was then asked to schedule parish-based information sessions as well. After working with the Archdiocesan Strategy Office to arrange a speaker, we have scheduled an information session for Holy Cross on Tuesday, March 4, at 2:00 pm in the Parish Center.

I realize that the time is not convenient for those who work during the day. In scheduling this, we had to consider the availability of a limited pool of presenters. We also have a good number of parishioners who are not fond of driving when it's dark, and so an evening presentation would have left them out. If you're unable to attend, you are welcome to attend one of the regional sessions, which are scheduled at various locations in Delaware County throughout March, April, and May. For more information on locations or the initiative as a whole, you can visit the website trustandhope.org.

You may recall that three years ago, all parishes were asked to complete the Disciple Maker Index Survey put out by the Catholic Leadership Institute. We are being asked to do that again this year during Lent. This is another dimension of the planning for the future of the archdiocese, getting a sense of where parishioners are on their individual journeys of faith. Once I have more information on how to access the survey, I'll share it here.

Don't forget tomorrow is the last day to purchase tickets or name a horse for the Horse Race Night supporting Holy Cross School. Contact the school office for more information. It promises to be a fun-filled evening.

Finally, a gentle reminder that the parish office is closed on Fridays. We periodically experience situations that suggest some have forgotten this, such as voicemails or e-mails received on a Friday that get followed by more messages on Friday or Monday morning wondering why there hasn't been a reply yet. Others leave food pantry donations outside the office door on Fridays, which means they don't get noticed for a while. That happened last week, and the box got soaked by all the rain we had last weekend. We had to throw out most of the items, which is a shame since someone was trying to do a good thing in donating them. If you're going to drop off a donation to the food pantry, there are bins with lids at the parish center to keep your items safe from the weather—and the local squirrel population!

7th
Sunday in
Ordinary
Time

Reading I: 1 Samuel 26: 2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

Refusing to harm his jealous enemy Saul, David slips into Saul's own tent and retrieves his weaponry but does the man no harm. So deep is David's respect for the office of king.

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 15: 45-49

Paul draws the contrast between Adam and Christ, preaching that by nature we all receive a physical body from Adam, but by grace we receive a spiritual body from Christ. This spiritual body is destined to live forever.

The Gospel: Luke 6: 27-28

Continuing the Sermon on the Plain, Jesus widens the scope of charity and commands a radical love that reaches out to everyone even our enemies.

Offer to drive someone to Mass!



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24

8:30 AM - No Mass

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

8:30 AM - Robert Seitz, Jr.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

8:30 AM - Rita Creato, Kathryn

Gregorio and Anne Creato

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27

8:30 AM - Patrick Purcell, Sr.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28

8:30 AM - Mary Ann Purcell

SATURDAY, MARCH 1

8:30 AM - No Mass

4:30 PM - Caroline & Joseph Sindoni,

Sr. and Vivian & George Amoroso

SUNDAY, MARCH 2

8:30 AM - Carmina Arceo Tanjoco

11:00 AM - For the People of the

Parish

SANCTUARY LAMP



This week's Sanctuary Lamp intention is for:

Church - John Kemmey

Chapel - Theresa Carey

COLLECTION INFORMATION

Weekly Need \$12,000

Weekly Collection, February 16

Total \$6,781

Electronic \$2,199

Basket & Mail-Ins \$4,582

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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Katherine Patrone

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Valerie Thompson

Betty Tomczyk

Madalyn Parr

Carter Claire Walton

Deacon Frankenberger

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The Corner

On Thursday we observe the Memorial of St Gregory of Narek. Who was he? Little is known, except that he spent most of his life in the monastery of Narek in what is now Turkey, being ordained in 977. He was a monk, professor of theology, and a poet who described his Book of Prayer as "an encyclopedia of prayer for all nations." The original Armenian text has been translated into 30 languages. Pope Francis named him a Doctor of the Church in 2015.

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.

Casserole Drop-Off Date

The next drop-off is Tuesday, February 25th 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 610-348-1591 with any questions. Thank you!

Pre-Cana

Pre-Cana will be the second Friday of each month at St Gabriel's in Norwood PA. Our next class will be on March 14, 2025, 6:30 – 8:00 pm. If interested, please call St Gabriel's Rectory at 610-586-1225.

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

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.

School News

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 each day at our school, a practice that sets us completely apart from any public school.

Congratulations to our First Penitents: Joseph Aprigliano, Scarlett Fimple, Alex Marzulli, Ricky Nguyen, Nico Pellecchia. These students will receive the sacrament of First Holy Communion on Saturday, May 3.

Holy Cross School will have the first official: "A Day in the Life of Holy Cross School" on Friday, March 14, 2025. We have invited new/prospective students to join us for the day. Each new applicant will be paired with a current student and spend the day going to classes and meeting our wonderful Holy Cross teachers, faculty, staff, and classmates. If you know anyone interested in our school for the upcoming year, please contact Mrs. Spurrier at espurrier@hscrusaders.com. Tours of the school may also be scheduled on our website.

Come out and meet your Holy Cross "neigh-bors". Please join us on Saturday, March 1, at 6 pm at our "Holy Cross Race Night". Tickets are now available. Admission is \$25.00 and the price includes food and nonalcoholic beverages. This is a BYOB event. Please see the information in the back of the church or contact the school office.

We continue to keep all of our parishioners in our daily prayers. Thank you for supporting our wonderful school.

Food Pantry Update

The Food Pantry has been working with some crazy weather conditions and we continue to be open every week to help our Neighbors In Need.

Several groups had recent food drives that have helped to keep our shelves well-stocked. These initiatives included:

- Super Bowl of Caring - our Holy Cross Knights of Columbus team provided over 2000 canned goods. Nick DeLuca headed this activity. Some of our 8th Grade Holy Cross students also helped with sorting can goods and date checking. Yeah Team.

God Bless our KofC folks who volunteer at the pantry including: Jack Sullivan George Rossi, Mike Mattox, Mike O'Shea, Dom Gaeta, and Joe Smith who assist at the pantry often. Andy Grajek coordinated getting food donations from ShopRite. We are very Thankful for Andy's help and ShopRite now provides large quantities of pastries and bread each week.

Jack and George work at the pantry almost every week and Tim Walton contributes many supplies often. Words cannot express our Sincere Gratitude.

- Scenic Hill Elementary School - Thanks to their school children, teachers and additional staff who provided hundreds of food items.

- SVDP St. Pius team provided a trunkful of cereal and other essentials.

Thank You Holy Cross Parishioners for your prayers and donations. If you are able, we are always in need of the following: pasta sauce (no glass please), pasta, mac & cheese, cereal, canned meats / tuna, oatmeal, peanut butter and jelly.

If you know anyone in need of food in Delco, please let them know the pantry is open every Wed. from 3:45 to 5:30.

God Bless All of you for your support,
The SVDP Holy Cross Food Pantry Volunteers

Come celebrate with Brian Dawkins at Man Up Philly!

March 8, 2025 - Cardinal O'Hara High School

Brian Dawkins is considered to be one of the top safeties in NFL history. In addition, he has served as an NFL team executive and NFL studio analyst. He is the Author of "Blessed by the Best: My Journey to Canton and Beyond." He is enshrined in both the Philadelphia Eagles and Pro Football Halls of Fame. We welcome Brian Dawkins for his first time at Man Up to talk about his life and his faith.

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**

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



Rachel's Vineyard
March 28 - 30, 2025
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St. Mary Polish American Society Scholarship

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



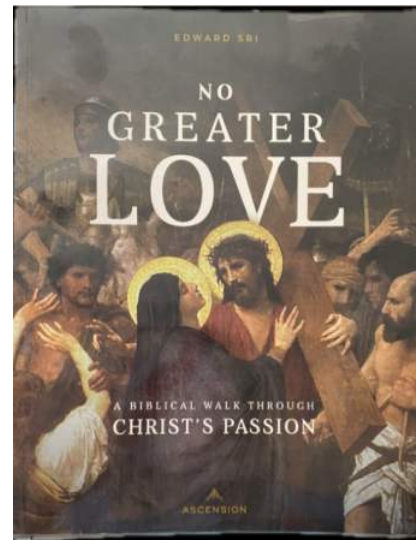
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Lent Bible Study at Holy Cross



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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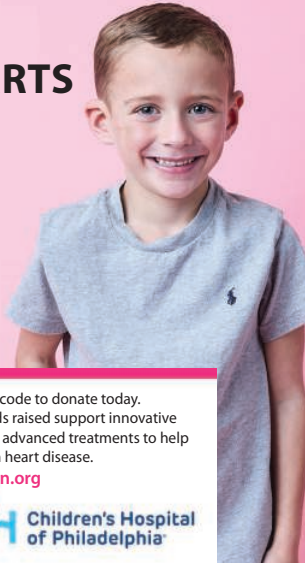


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