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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



FROM THE PASTOR

I suppose it was bound to happen. A couple months ago, a chunk of concrete broke off the edge of the walkway around the Blessed Mother side—the area where there’s a step to get down to the parking lot. It was a minor nuisance at first: a little unsightly but that’s about it. This past week, it got worse, and it seems the concrete is breaking down. The salt and the freezing and thawing from the recent winter weather couldn’t have helped. We’ve called out a contractor for an estimate: not too terrible, but it is yet another unexpected maintenance expense to contend with. It needs to be fixed for safety, so right now it’s a matter of when we can get it scheduled.

Another maintenance update to share. As I’ve mentioned here probably more times than any of us want, we continue to work on the control system for the church’s heating and air conditioning. The controls are operational on the heating side, adjusting the operation of the boilers and pumps for efficiency. The old system was allowed to deteriorate to the point where there was zero control of the church building. The pneumatic system that was supposed to regulate how much hot water flowed from the boilers into the church stopped working and (we came to find out) was beyond repair. The only way to moderate the temperature in the church was to run the boilers at full blast or turn them off. That causes extra wear on the boilers and can lead—probably did lead—to premature failure.

In small increments, we installed a new computerized control system. With that came some new valves that open and close automatically based on the computer’s command. The “brain” looks at the outside temperature and the church temperature and does a whole bunch of calculations to determine when to ramp up the heat and when to dial it back. Plus, we can add an occupied/unoccupied schedule, which means we can keep it cooler when nobody is in the church. The whole thing is rather fancy and sophisticated. Fancy and sophisticated can be a two-edged sword though. It’s going to take some time and some trial and error to learn the best settings and do the needed fine-tuning. We’re not completely where we need to be with the heat yet: we still have some plumbing infrastructure upgrades to help control some of the other spaces. These old buildings sure give us lots of challenges.

We’re also trying to do some repairs to the air conditioning in the hopes that it will work properly and more efficiently this summer. But that will have to wait for another week....

Don’t forget, Lent begins next week. Which means two things: 1) this Friday is your last chance to have a meat-based dinner for a while. 2) Our parish’s Capt’n Chucky’s Fundraiser is getting underway, so you don’t have to worry about what to cook on one of those Lenten Fridays. Information on how to order is available in the vestibules. It’s a great opportunity to enjoy some amazing seafood and support the parish.

5th
Sunday in
Ordinary
Time

Reading I: Job 7: 1-4, 6-7

Job compares human life to military service, and also to a day laborer’s work, and ultimately to plain slavery. At this time his life is replete with misery and hopelessness.

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 9: 16-19, 22-23

For Paul, the healing of hearts is itself a blessing, flowing as it does from the gospel.

The Gospel: Mark 1; 29-39

The cure of Peter’s mother-in-law happens so quickly and fully that it is truly miraculous. The evening cures so many others stresses the love and the hope Jesus offers to all those who trust Him.



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5

8:30 AM - No Mass

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6

8:30 AM - Thomas & Dorothy Cassidy
and Dorothy Ruane

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

8:30 AM - The Deceased Members of the
McDougall Family

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8

8:30 AM - Sister St. Theda, SSJ

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9

8:30 AM - Michael Ward

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10

8:30 AM - No Mass

4:30 PM - Angelo O'Rangers

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11

8:30 AM - The Nardone & Starzi Families

11:00 AM - The People of Holy Cross

SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's Sanctuary Lamp
intention is for:

Church - John Kemmey

Chapel - Kacy McNichol



COLLECTION INFORMATION

Weekly Need \$13,350

Weekly Collection, January 28

Total \$7,126

Electronic \$2,162

Basket & Mail-Ins \$4,964

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Consiglia Borreli	Richard McCullough
Lyndi Butler	Larry McCusker
Mary Ann Carroll	Francis Murray
George Dickinson	Charlotte O'Leary
Bob Frankenberger	Paige O'Leary
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Steven Henderson	Ronnie Sidebottom
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Mary Kull	Valerie Thompson
Kendall Lambert	Betty Tomczyk
Alice Loftus	Rosemarie Colaberdino
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Lee Anne McGough	Carter Claire Walton
Joann Marks	Mike Calbertta
Maryanne McCauley	Alexander Passquini
Matthew Bannon	Melissa Dunsee
Mary Ann Nero	Mildred Mancini
Jack McGough	Susan Cortese
Bill Homony	Andrea Emilia Bernabey
Mary Ellen Sweeney	Roxanne Tamayo

The Corner

Brought to you by your Evangelization Team

So many of Jesus' miracles are recounted all this week in the Gospels; healings of Peter's mother-in-law, all the sick brought to Him, a Greek woman's daughter, a deaf man, and a leper, plus He feeds thousands with a few loaves and fish! But the Pharisees still demanded a sign of His divinity. We are blessed to "see that sign" when we read the Gospels, and when we partake of the miracle of the Eucharist at Mass, where He still feeds us daily.

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

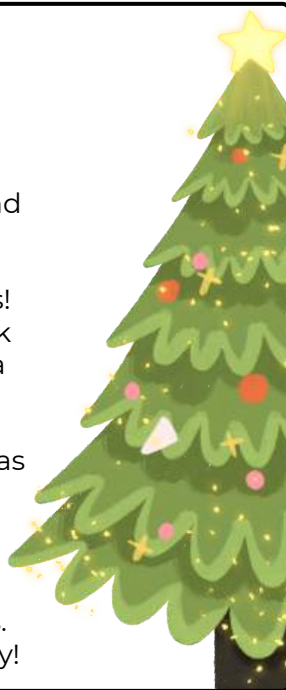
The Holy Cross Knights of Columbus will be hosting their Annual Pasta Dinner on Saturday, February 17th in the Parish Hall following the 4:30pm Mass. Price for tickets is \$12. This is a BYOB event. Tickets will be sold after the Masses on February 3rd & 4th and February 10th & 11th. You can also get 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!

Giving Trees Thank You!

Thank you so much for your beautiful gifts for Delaware County Pregnancy Center and the Little Sisters of the Poor residents! Everyone was delighted with their presents! When we dropped off a trunk full of gifts at DCPC we met a lovely pregnant woman. She actually delivered early. The baby is fine and the family was overwhelmed by the wonderful gifts for all of their children! Please keep both organizations in your prayers. Thank you for your generosity!



Home Care Needed

Home Care needed to stay overnight with an elderly woman 2 or 3 nights per week. The elderly woman generally takes care of her own needs. The Home Care worker would need to do light housework. Please call (484) 343-6610 for details.

School News

January was a busy month at Holy Cross School. Catholic Schools' Week was celebrated the week of January 28. Parents and community members joined us on Sunday, January 28, for Mass at 11AM and at 12PM for an open house at our school! Thank you to all our parishioners who came after Mass to visit.

Our students had a busy week:
Monday: Buddy Service Project Day
Tuesday: Grandparents/Family Day, Book Fair 8:30-11 AM
Wednesday: Student Appreciation Day, Fitness Day
Thursday: Teacher Appreciation Day
Friday: Closing CSW Mass 9:30 AM

We are in the process of registration for the next school year. We have a lot of interest in our school. Prospective parents/students have been visiting and we are getting great feedback from them. If you are interested or know anyone who is interested in attending Holy Cross Catholic School, please contact our school office. We would love to show you around and tell you what Holy Cross School has to offer your students.

We are working hard to grow our school and make it a fun, safe and educational place for our students to attend each day. Thank you to our principal, staff, and wonderful teachers. Thank you to our supportive and ever-present Pastor, Father Kiernan, and you, our Holy Cross Parishioners who make it possible for all of us to be part of the Holy Cross School community.

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/

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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.

Signing up for FORMED is EASY and FREE!

1. Just go to FORMED.org or download the FORMED app
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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



The Eucharist is described in the Catechism as the "source and summit" of our faith. Finding the time to go to Adoration can be difficult. But if you can make it happen, committing to regular Adoration with an open heart can have some surprising results.

A Holy Hour before the Most Blessed Sacrament repairs for evils of the world. (St.John Paul II)

A Holy hour makes our souls more glorious and beautiful in heaven. (Mother Teresa)

The greatest love story of all time is contained in a tiny white host. (Venerable Fulton Sheen)

I ask everyone to intensify in love and devotion to the Eucharistic Jesus. (Pope Benedict XVI)

We are in need of visitors and hourly adorers to maintain our current adoration schedule. Please consider keeping Jesus company in our intimate chapel here at Holy Cross Parish which is open weekdays 9:00am to 7:00pm. For more information, call Eileen at 610.213-3369.

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

Blood Drive

St. Charles Roman Catholic Church and the American Red Cross are hosting an upcoming blood drive.

Please join our lifesaving mission and schedule an appointment today!

Drive Details:

Site: St. Charles Roman Catholic Church

Address: 3422 Dennison Avenue, Drexel Hill, PA, 19026

Room Name: Hall

Date: Thr Feb 8, 2024

Time: 1:00: PM - 6:00: PM

Donors will receive a \$20 Amazon.com Gift Card by email. The need for blood is constant and only volunteer donors can fulfill that need for patients in our community. Nationwide, someone needs a unit of blood every 2 to 3 seconds and most of us will need blood in our lifetime. Thank you for supporting the American Red Cross blood program! Go to redcrossblood.org to schedule your appointment to give blood.

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.
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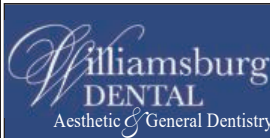
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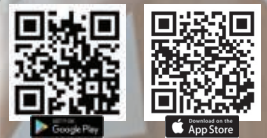
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