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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 9, 2025



FROM THE PASTOR

We have a couple fundraising opportunities coming up to help support the parish and the school.

On Saturday, March 1, our school will present its second annual **Horse Race Night Fundraiser**. Doors open at 6:00 in the school gym with the first race shown at 6:30. Admission includes food and some non-alcoholic beverages, and everyone is invited to BYOB if you want something stronger. We'll show ten different races on tv screens. Each race can have a sponsor, and members of the community can buy the naming rights to the horses and the jockeys. Last year's event was a lot of fun and very entertaining. We're looking to make this year's event even better! But we need your help.

You can make this event a success in any of the following ways:

- Sponsor a race, a horse, or a jockey—or more than one!
- Buy a ticket and attend the event.
- Even better: tell your friends, family, neighbors, hairdresser, and mailman about the event and encourage them to think about coming and bringing a group. The more people we have in attendance, the better this fundraiser will be for our school.

We also have our **Capt'n Chucky's Lenten Meal Fundraiser** starting right now. Order forms are in the vestibules of the church. Orders can be placed until noon on March 24, and orders will be available for pickup from 3:00-7:00 on March 28. Everything we have available is sold for the same price as you would get it in their store. Those who have bought items in the past have commented on how good everything was, so everything is highly recommended. Your support is very much appreciated. This is another opportunity to involve friends, family, and neighbors and help support Holy Cross, and we need this fundraiser to be successful.

If you were at the 11:00 Mass two Sundays ago, you may remember we were dealing with some electrical power issues. Different buildings on our campus lost power or had partial power, and there was really no rhyme or reason to what was or wasn't working. (Great timing for a school open house to have the school in the dark.) At some point when the electricity came back on in the school, there must have been a power surge, because of the two pumps that circulate water from the boilers through the school ended up fried. We're working to file claims with the archdiocesan insurance carrier and with PECO, but who knows how that will work out. Thankfully, we were able to get new equipment installed by the end of the week (at a cost of around \$20,000) and the building was warm enough during the downtime. Two saving graces: 1) it didn't happen the previous week, when we had those single-digit temperatures and wind chills and 2) it happened while something was happening in the school so there was someone there to notice the problem. So while inconvenient, and costly, it could have been much worse!

Finally, last week Archbishop Perez issued a public statement regarding the need for balanced, compassionate, and comprehensive immigration reform and asked that it be shared with all parish communities. You can read the statement here: <https://tinyurl.com/tpkw8tdz>

5th
Sunday in
Ordinary
Time

Reading I: Isaiah 6: 1-2a, 3-8

The burning coal signifies Christ coming to us from the altar. Having seen the Lord's glory, Isaiah is sent on a mission.

Reading II: I Corinthians 15: 1-11, or 15: 3-8, 11

Paul tells of his calling, and the basic content of his preaching about Jesus crucified and risen.

The Gospel: Luke 5: 1-11

Luke stresses that Christian discipleship demands a sense of humility in the face of God's often surprising ways.

Make Jesus your Valentine!



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10

8:30 AM - No Mass

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

8:30 AM - Patrick A. Purcell

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

8:30 AM - Robert Seitz, Sr.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13

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

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14

8:30 AM - Samuel Richard Gibson

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15

8:30 AM - No Mass

4:30 PM - For the People of the
Parish

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16

8:30 AM - Jean & John Fulginiti

11:00 AM - Cass, Bob & Bobby Kling

SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's Sanctuary Lamp
intention is for:

Church - Stephen Collins
Chapel - Patrick Purcell



COLLECTION INFORMATION

Weekly Need \$12,000

Weekly Collection, February 2

Total \$7,857

Electronic \$2,354

Basket & Mail-Ins \$5,503

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

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to God.

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.

Eileen George Prayer Group

Join us on Sunday, February 9th, from 2 to 3 PM at Annunciation BVM Church for a grace-filled Holy Hour. We will have Adoration, Confessions, and Benediction along with our Novena for Eileen George's intercession for our personal needs. After Benediction, join us in the hall for light refreshments. All are welcome. For questions contact: Jeanmarie Lorello at 610 -547 -7308 (phone or text).

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

Our first week in 2025 is done. It was an interesting start to the new year. We had a snowstorm, a new gym floor, and some internet issues. It was great to see the students and all of our teachers and staff happy to return and get back in the swing. It was a nice beginning to the New Year, even though we rolled with the internet outages, the printer par-functioning, and the arctic temperatures. If God brings you to it, He brings you through it.

We have a lot of events coming up, especially during Catholic Schools Week which starts on Sunday, January 26, with our Open House, from 12 pm until 1 pm. We invite all our parishioners, families, and students to stop by and see what wonderful things are happening at Holy Cross School. Meet our teachers and tour our school. We have a lot of fun activities planned for this week of celebration. On Tuesday, January 28, we will have a preview of the Book Fair, and our sales will start on Wednesday, January 29. We welcome all to come and shop. We also have the Science Fair, the Talent Show, Student and Teacher appreciation days, and some special activities daily.

In the month of Catholic Schools Week, we celebrate the Feast Day of St. John Neumann. We need to remember him, because St. John Neumann, as our 4th Bishop of Philadelphia, created the Catholic Schools in Philadelphia due to the turmoil and refusal of some public schools to teach immigrant children from Catholic countries. This created a demand for facilities where education could coexist with spiritual training and Catholic culture.

Philly Catholic Singles 30-45: Upcoming Events

Join other Catholic singles for fun events! We host friendly events for marriage-minded Catholics ages 30-45.

Singles WINE BLENDING! - Vino Bambino, Broomall

- Sun Feb 9 @ 1:00pm. \$85 covers 7 wine tastings, private room rental, pizza, and your own bottle of wine.

All Comers 30-45 Lenten Adoration & Confessions - St. Bridget's Parish, East Falls

- Fri Mar 7 @ 7:00pm, Presider: Fr. DeLacy. (Suggested donation \$10)
- Join us for an evening of beautiful music, adoration, and confessions, followed by light refreshments in the parish hall.
- ** All-comers event... both couples and singles 30-45 are welcome!**

Future events Spring 2025:

- Bowling (April), Nature Hike (May), and Art Museum (June)

Scrip Program

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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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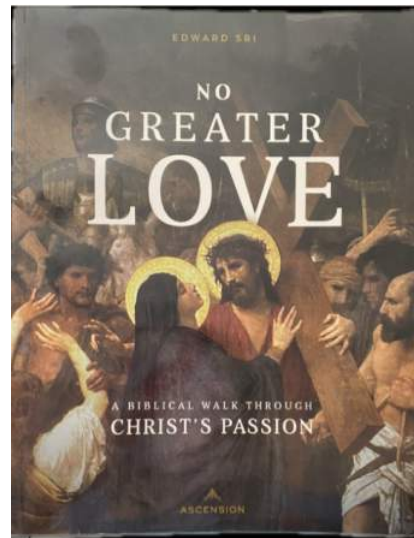
St. Mary Polish American Society is accepting applications for the third annual Felicia Jemionek Rzeznik Memorial Scholarship, a \$1,500 scholarship to a qualified student of Polish ancestry residing within the Archdiocese of Philadelphia pursuing full-time undergraduate studies at an accredited college 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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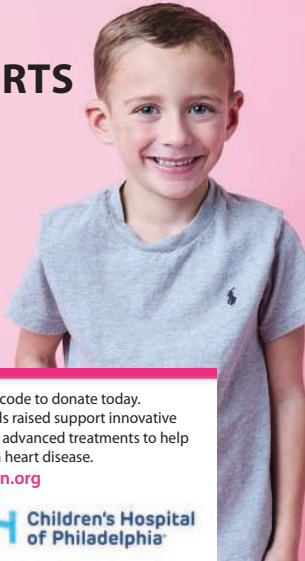


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