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JANUARY 1, 2023 • SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Evening 4:30 PM
 Sunday, Upper Church 8:30 and 11:00 AM
 Holy Day As announced
 Tuesday through Saturday 8:30 AM
 No Mass Monday

NEW PARISHIONERS

All Catholics living in the parish should register. Our Welcome Center located in the hallway behind the sanctuary is open on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month. Please call the Parish Office for more information.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

(Entrance through the middle, rear door of the Church)
 Monday-Thursday only... 8:00 AM-4:00 PM
 Friday..... Closed

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday, 3:30 to 4:15 PM or by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptisms are celebrated the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month at 12:00 PM.

First time parents and godparents are required to attend a Baptism Preparation Session which is held on the 1st Monday of the month at 7:00 PM. Please call the Parish Office for more information.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Arrangements are to be made at least six months before the intended wedding date. Weddings are reserved for active parishioners. Pre-Cana Session is required. Please call Parish Office for more information.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Please call Deacon Thomas Taylor or the Parish Office when a parishioner is hospitalized or home bound.



Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Reading I: Numbers 6: 22-27

The priestly blessing given here reflects God's response to covenant fidelity. The conferring of God's blessing is reserved to Aaron and his sons.

Reading II: Galatians 4: 4-7

Here Paul uses one of his six proofs that humanity is saved by faith and not by the Mosaic law alone. The belief is that God sent the Spirit of His Son to have in their hearts their adoption as God's sons.

The Gospel: Luke 2: 16-21

Luke reports the joyful reaction of the shepherds to the angels' Good News. They then rush to Mary and Joseph to report to them what they heard. Likely not surprised, Mary then ponders it all "in her heart."

Masses for the Week

MONDAY, JANUARY 2

8:30 AM - No Mass

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3

8:30 - Vivian & George Amoroso &
Caroline & Joseph Sindoni

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4

8:30 AM - James DeLuca

THURSDAY, JANUARY 5

8:30 AM - Mary Ann Purcell

FRIDAY, JANUARY 6

8:30 AM - Those Enrolled in the
Memorial Fund

9:30 AM - Grace Ann Coleman

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7

8:30 AM - Barbara McCusker

4:30 PM - Bill & Anne Greenan

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8

8:30 AM - Edna & Robert MacDonald

11:00 AM - The People of Holy Cross

The Corner

Brought to you by your Evangelization Team

**In prayer it is better to
have a heart without
words than words
without a heart!**

Sanctuary Lamp

This week's Sanctuary Lamp
intention is for:

Church: George Vrettos

Chapel: Joseph Smith

Collection Information

Weekly Collection, December 25

**Due to the New Years Holiday
the numbers for the Sunday**

**Collection were not available at the
time of Bulletin submission.**

Pray for the Sick

Steve Austin	Joann Marks
Consiglia Borrelli	Maryanne McCauley
Lyndi Butler	Richard McCullough
Mary Ann Carroll	Larry McCusker
Maryann Convery	Francis Murray
Bill DeVuono	Frances O'Callaghan
George Dickinson	Charlotte O'Leary
Bob Frankenberger	Paige O'Leary
Dawn Gibbons	Katherine Patrone
Carolyn Henderson	Mary Rafferty
Steven Henderson	Ronnie Sidebottom
Jimmy Keating	Joseph Sindoni
Carole Kime	Adeline Sulpizio
Natalie Giorgio Kitts	Jean Super
Ken Kull	Valerie Thompson
Mary Kull	Betty Tomczyk
Kendall Lambert	Rosemarie Colaberdino
Zachary Halbing	Janice Mac Bride
Deacon Joe Gousie	Madalyn Parr
Lee Anne McGough	Carter Claire Walton

Christmas Masses

Confessions

Thursday, December 15, 7:00-8:00 AM

Saturday, December 17, 3:30-4:15 PM

Sunday, December 18, 9:30-10:45 AM

Monday, December 19, 7:00-8:00 PM

Thursday, December 22, 7:00-8:00 AM

no confessions Christmas Eve

Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve: 4:30 and 8:00 PM

Christmas Day: 8:30 and 11:00 AM

New Year's Eve and Day

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Normal Saturday/Sunday Mass and

Confession Schedule

Knights of Columbus

The Holy Cross KOC is reporting there were 2 winners of the Football Pool the week of December 11. The winners are Jamel A. & John G. Congratulations to both winners.

The Holy Cross KOC wishes to thank all of our parishioners and friends who attended our Pancake Breakfast on November 20. It surely was interesting because of a loss in power. We appreciated everyone's patience as we had to adjust our cooking process. Looking forward to our next event in February.

FORMED

There's a rich library of Advent selections to help prepare your hearts for Christmas.

They're easy to find right on the FORMED homepage, just look for the banner ADVENT & CHRISTMAS.

Here's just a few suggestions:

Advent with Dr Tim Gray, The Meaning of Christmas with Dr Michael Barber, The Days of Advent with Brother Francis.

Enjoy this FREE GIFT to you from your parish! If you haven't already done so, go to <https://signup.formed.org> to begin exploring. Enter ZIP code "19064" and select "Holy Cross

Parish" from the drop-down menu, press "Next." Enter your name and email address, and you will receive an email for a link to sign in. No password is needed and you will have full access to the site.

St. Francis Over 50

St. Francis Over 50 Club Casino Trip to Resorts is 1/16/2023. \$30 - \$15 return for slot pay. Bus leaves St. Kevin 10:00AM. 200 W. Sproul Road, Springfield. For Information, call Joe Gowen at 610-739-8146.



Food Pantry Update

Thanksgiving preparation was brisk. Our Holy Cross Students, our Parishioners, Knights of Columbus, St. Kevins, St. Francis, Acme, and the AOH (Ancient Order of Hibernians) ensured that we had "All the Fixings for Our Neighbors in Need" to prepare for their family Thanksgiving dinners.

We distributed over 160 turkeys and the fixings during 3 weeks in November... along with our normal food distributions...

When we reflect on Thankfulness.... All of You are foremost on our minds. God Bless All of You for making such a Big Difference in so many folks' lives.

Just a reminder, if you know any Delco residents who are in need of food, our Food Pantry is open every Wednesday as a drive-thru behind Holy Cross School from 3:30 to 5:30.

Many Blessings to All of you,
Your Friends from the SVDP Holy Cross Food Pantry

Delco Monthly Pro-Life Meeting

Please join us for our monthly pro-life meeting at St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Springfield on Wednesday, January 11, from 1-2 PM, in the Rectory basement Conference Room. Entrance to the Rectory is from the parking lot. Your prayers and suggestions to advance the message of the sanctity of human life from conception to natural death are welcome.

National March for Life in Washington, DC is on Friday, January 20. The theme is "Next steps: Marching in a Post-Roe America". Info for bus leaving from St. Francis parking lot will follow.

Jesus, protect and save the unborn.

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Singers & Musicians

We are always looking for additional voices in our choir. You don't have to read music in order to join us, you just need to enjoy singing. If you play an instrument at an intermediate level or above and would like to add to the beauty of our Liturgy, we'd be happy for you to join us.

For more information, please contact our Music Director, Grete Ingalls, at greteingalls@hotmail.com or 267.253.4007.

Epiphany: January 6



Holy Cross School News

Santa Claus came to town. Santa took time out of his busy schedule to enjoy a pizza lunch with the children of Holy Cross School. On Saturday, December 17, Holy Cross School held a "lunch with Santa."

There was a great turnout for this event. Students and their families enjoyed pizza, cookies, and a drink. An electric scooter and a toy basket were the raffle prizes. Our 8th-grade student council helped by doing face painting.

After lunch parents, students and guests walked through the school to see all the teachers' hard work on their Christmas Door decorations. Thank you to the student council and any student who helped on this fun day. A special thank you to J D McGillicuddy's who generously donated the cookies given with this lunch.

Our virtue for the month of December was generosity. Congratulations to the following students who were chosen for this award.

Prek3 Bernisha Massena
Prek4 Madison Alexander
Kindergarten- Rm.#9 JJ Gavin
Kindergarten Rm.#10 Braden Major
Grade 1 Lilyana Bromley
Grade 2 Katelyn Hannon
Grade 3 Scarlet Quinn
Grade 4 Phoenix Diggs
Grade 5 Aiden Perez
Grade 6 Priscilla Joseph
Grade 7 Bezawit Kebede
Grade 8 Alexis Smith
Principal Award: Joseph Cleary

The Faculty and staff of Holy Cross School would like to wish all our families and parishioners a blessed Christmas and a wonderful New Year.

St. Bernadette's Catholic Church Winter Bereavement Support Group

Starts: Tuesday, January 17, 2023

Time: 7:00 to 8:30 Tuesday evenings for 8 weeks

Where: St. Bernadette's Parish, The Wright Center, 1st Floor, Drexel Hill, Pa, 19026. Park in lot between School and Church on Harper Ave.

More Information: Call George Salloom @ 610 306-0252 or email-georgesalloom@hotmail.com. George has over 25 years' experience as a bereavement group facilitator.

Program is open to anyone who has experienced the death of a family member or friend 18 years or older. Eight-week commitment is encouraged.

Reading material will be available. There is no fee for the program and the program is non-denominational.

To All Parish Faithful and Your Families

Make a commitment to pray the Rosary weekly! Join us Mondays at 8PM to pray virtually via Zoom or phone on the Archdiocesan LIVE World Mission Rosary. United in this most powerful prayer, we ask for the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary for our Catholic faith, peace in the world, personal intentions and for the Missions world-wide. VISIT phillymissions.org for the Zoom link or type in <https://zoom.us/j/494480541#success>





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