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To receive e-mail and text updates from the parish, text  
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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, January 12, 2025



# FROM THE PASTOR

With today's celebration of the Baptism of the Lord, the Christmas Season comes to a close. Fr. Collins and thank all who sent cards and gifts to us at the rectory; your thoughtfulness is appreciated. I am also grateful for all those who contributed to the Christmas collection and to the Christmas Flower collection this year. Your generosity keeps this parish going.

We certainly had a large display of poinsettias around the altar this year! I've been learning more about the challenge we face in keeping them alive in our church. They like sunlight, but there's no natural light hitting the area in front of the altar. They don't like drafts, but we have forced air heat in the church. Also, when they don't get enough water, the leaves start to curl up and wilt. And when they get too much water, the leaves start to curl up and wilt. Go figure. A group of ladies did their best to keep them watered and cared for over the past couple weeks even though the odds were stacked against them, and I am thankful they stepped up.

Our first real snowstorm of the winter is behind us. I believe the school children (and teachers) enjoyed the extra day of Christmas break that came with the snowstorm, and I'm sure our plowing and salting contractor was glad for some business with the weather. One challenge we face with our parish campus is that there are lots of areas that don't get much sun in the winter. That gives lots of opportunities for melting snow to freeze instead of evaporate in the sunlight. We do our best to keep things clear when we get winter weather, but please be cautious when walking on the campus—slick spots are always a possibility.

Archbishop Perez published a Pastoral Letter on Sunday, January 5. This letter outlines his hopes for the Church of Philadelphia over the coming years. For more information, you can visit <http://trustandhope.org>. There you can watch a video about this letter, read the letter, and find information about Consultation Sessions happening in the area in the upcoming weeks and months where you can learn more.

## Baptism of the Lord

**Reading I: Isaiah 42: 1-4, 6-7**

The servant of God fulfills his mission quietly. He will have a gentle respect for others, and he will heal those who acknowledge their need for it.

**Reading II: Titus 2: 11-14; 3: 4-7**

We as Christians are given help to live virtuously now and for the future through the power of Christ. He has saved us by the bath of rebirth.

**The Gospel: Luke 3: 15-16, 21-22**

After His baptism and while He was praying, heaven opened up. This followed John the Baptist's preaching about the "mightier One" coming.

Renew your baptism with the Lord today!



## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

**MONDAY, JANUARY 13**

8:30 AM - No Mass

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 14**

8:30 AM - Josephine Elliott

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15**

8:30 AM - Peggy Riccio

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 16**

8:30 AM - Armeena Angelina Young

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 17**

8:30 AM - Jacqueline Marie Keaton

Moore

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 18**

8:30 AM - No Mass

4:30 PM - Steve Austin

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 19**

8:30 AM - John Kemmey

11:00 AM - For the People of the

Parish

## SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's Sanctuary Lamp intention is for:

Church - Jeffrey Scolis

Chapel - Baby Cellucci



## COLLECTION INFORMATION

Weekly Need \$12,000

Weekly Collection, January 5

Total \$8,192

Electronic \$3,654

Basket & Mail-Ins \$4,538

## PRAY FOR THE SICK

*Beginning in January... 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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The Baptism of the Lord is called the Theophany in the Eastern Church, celebrating not only Christ's conquering of sin through baptism but also God's revelation of Christ as His Son and the beginning of Christ's ministry.

## Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship

Holy Cross K of C will have a Free Throw Championship on Saturday January 25, 2025 in the Holy Cross Gym from 1pm to 3pm. All boys and girls ages 9 to 14 are welcome to attend. The age deadline is as of January 1, 2025. All winners will advance to the District Championship.

## DELCO PARISHES PRO-LIFE MEETING

Please join us for our monthly Pro-life meeting on Wednesday, January 15, at 7 PM in the St. Francis of Assisi Rectory Basement Conference Room. Entrance is from the parking lot and down the outside steps. Your prayers and suggestions are most welcome.

Upcoming: National March for Life in Washington, DC on Friday, January 24 at 11 AM. *Jesus, protect and save the unborn.*

## St. Francis Over 50 Club

Join St. Francis over 50 Club at the "Shore Club in Springton Lake, NJ "Irish Celebration" on March 6, 2025 Cost \$130.00 per person, Includes: Deluxe Motorcoach, Luncheon, 1 Hour Open Bar & Entertainment. Please make checks payable to "St. Francis over 50 Club" and mail to Cathy Randazzo at 329 Harwicke Road, Springfield, Pa 19064 or call Cathy at 610-389-5225

## Holy Spirit Group Retreat – Malvern Retreat St Joseph in the Hills

**January 24-26, 2025**

It is a Traditional Men's retreat, including daily Mass, conferences, all meals and overnight accommodations, at a cost of \$275.00 Our weekend begins 5:00 p.m. on Friday, January 24 through Sunday 26, 2025. I'd like you to consider coming out for this retreat. During this time, you will experience prayer, meditation, reconciliation, group discussions Eucharistic liturgies and special speakers.

\* This years' Retreat Director is Father William Cocco of St Edmonds Parish Rehoboth Beach DE.

\* Our speakers are Deacon Tom McGovern of St Joseph Paris High bridge N.J.

\* Mary Bea with the Carlo Acutis Shrine at Malvern retreat House.

\* Finally, our special event is Mr. Eustace Wolfington, Executive Producer, of Angel Studio's presenting a private viewing of the acclaimed movie "Cabrini".

## School News

As we begin the season of Advent, we prepare ourselves to receive Jesus. Our Feast Days this month include St. Francis Xavier, St. Ambrose, The Immaculate Conception, Our Lady of Guadalupe, St. Lucy, St. John of the Cross, St. Stephen, St. John, Holy Innocents, the Feast of the Holy Family, and the Nativity of the Lord.

We will celebrate our faith with our Advent wreaths, prayers, and Jesse Tree. Each day, we will learn of a new ornament for our Jesse Tree that explains God's plan of salvation, culminating in The Word made Flesh, Jesus our Savior.

We are hard at work practicing for our annual Candlelight Procession., which will be held on Thursday night December 19th at 7 PM. All parishioners are welcome to join us at this beautiful celebration of the Nativity of our Lord.

Friday, December 13, our students had fun at our Santa's Workshop. The students had a visit and their picture taken with Santa and they got to shop for all those on their gift list. Thank you to our Home and School who work so hard to make this a great day for our children and faculty.

Grades PK3- 2nd enjoyed the Musical Petting Zoo, learning about many musical instruments on Thursday, December 12.

The virtue for December is Generosity: giving without counting the cost. To help practice and strengthen this virtue, we currently have charitable opportunities, including our canned food drive and writing cards for military personnel, which will allow students to complete works of mercy and offer them to God. Our students are hard at work in their academic studies and performing virtuous and charitable works to help others.

As we wait in anticipation for the coming of our Savior, we pray for all of you to have a wonderful and joyous Advent and Christmas Season.

## Cardinal O'Hara Class of 1975 – 50th Reunion

**SAVE THE DATE - October 11, 2025 – Llanerch Country Club**

We Need Your Help! Submit your contact information to [Oharaclassof75@gmail.com](mailto:Oharaclassof75@gmail.com)... follow us on Facebook at Cardinal O'Hara Class of '75...Let other classmates know too! See you next year!

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## Three Parish Book Club

The Book Club will hold its December and January meeting in the Family Life Center at Holy Cross on Wednesday, January 29th at 7PM. If you would like to join the meeting or if you would like more information, please contact Terry Price at 610.506.6449 or via email at [termprice@verizon.net](mailto:termprice@verizon.net).

December book – Waiting for Christ – St. John Henry Newman

January book – Walking with God in the Unimpressive Seasons of Life – Fr. Mike Schmitz

## 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.

## Food Pantry Update

Thanks to all who enabled our pantry to provide Thanksgiving turkeys / chickens and the fixings to our Neighbors in Need. There are many groups who helped with food and muscle.

- Boy Scouts Troops 512 and 503 and Cub Scouts Troop 240 collected over 500 bags of food last weekend.
- St. Francis School Students (even under all the duress of a fire in their school) collected food.
- St. Vincent dePaul Society, St. Francis Conference and...
- St. Kevins Knights of Columbus also collected food and turkeys from their parishioners.
- AOH (Ancient Order of Hibernians) provided many turkeys
- Brinker Simpson's employees provided a van full of supplies.

As we all know, it takes a village to support this effort. Our Holy Cross parishioners, our Knights of Columbus folks and our tireless SVDP Food Pantry volunteers are always helping us every week throughout the year and we appreciate " All of your generosity and prayers". In case we haven't shared this lately... We are so very grateful for all of you... Just a reminder, the pantry is closed Thanksgiving week and will return on Wednesday, December 4th and our hours are 3:45 to 5:30. If you know anyone in Delco in need of food, please share that we are open every Wed.

May you and your families have a Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving.  
Love and Prayers from our SVDP Holy Cross Food Pantry Volunteers

## 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 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

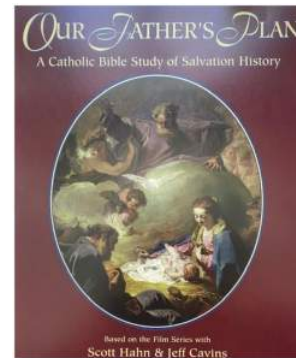


## Students Excelling at Cardinal O'Hara High School

Our parish recently received notification of the performance of our high school students on the end of the 1st quarter report. We are particularly proud of those who demonstrated academic excellence.

Students who have achieved first honors include: Erin Saye '26, Miley Woltanski '26, Daniel Kull '27. Students who have achieved second honors include: Hannah Nguyen '26, Sophia Campbell '27, Hayden Ganley '27, Alyssa Zebuski '27, Sean Campbell '28, Anthony Huynh '28.

## Winter Bible Study at Holy Cross



Have you ever wondered how to read your Bible, or struggled to make sense of all the different Books of the Bible? **"Our Father's Plan"** is a 13-episode program that walks through salvation history from Genesis to Revelation using the chronological narrative of the Bible. Dr Scott Hahn and Jeff Cavins present the Bible to us as a Catholic library in an easy-to-follow series that will increase your understanding and knowledge of God's plan for humanity. 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**, November 18 thru February 24 --- 7:00 – 8:30 PM - in the Holy Cross Parish Center

Or: **Wednesdays**, November 20 thru February 26 -- 9:15 – 10:45 AM – in the Holy Cross Parish Center

**The Bible Study is free!** A workbook is **NOT** necessary, but please bring your Bible and a highlighter. We do have a few Bibles for your use if you do not have one of your own. **Please join us and bring a friend! If you attend the Wednesday morning session, please also join us for 8:30 Mass that morning.**

**Please note: We will not meet during the Christmas weeks of December 22 and 29.**

To save a seat or for more information, contact Pattie Stevens at [pattiejstevens@comcast.net](mailto:pattiejstevens@comcast.net) or 484.868.8571.

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