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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 14, 2023



FROM THE PASTOR

In the church, we've taken down the Christmas decorations as we've re-entered the season of Ordinary Time. In the parish office, however, it seems like it's almost April. This past week was the deadline to order Ash Wednesday ashes and the Paschal Candle for Easter. We also had to put together and finalize the Easter mailing that goes to all parishioners ahead of Holy Week. And it won't be long before the envelope company wants us to put together the list and schedule of 2025 envelopes (yes, 2025. I'm still putting "2023" when I have to write the date, and they're asking us about what we need in 2025). Time flies!

Before we look too far ahead, we should take a moment to look back at the Advent and Christmas seasons. I want to thank all those who helped to enhance our Christmas celebrations to make them beautiful and reverent celebrations of the Birth of Jesus. The choir did their usual phenomenal job in providing sacred music (particularly with the Advent Lessons and Carols service), and our contingent of dedicated lectors and altar servers did a fine job in their ministries as well. I am especially grateful to the parishioners and guests who came out on the 17th to set up all the Christmas trees and the Nativity Scene. A big word of gratitude is owed to the ladies who arranged all the poinsettias and ensured they were watered during the season. (It's a miracle those plants survive. From what I've read, they don't like drafts, and they crave lots of sunlight. We have a forced air heating system, and there aren't many windows to let in the sun by the altar—plus it's been so cloudy!) Lastly, a big thanks to the parish staff for the extra work they've done in the past couple weeks.

Lots of people have expressed a lot of positive comments about the big tree lit up for Christmas by the school gym. It was truly impressive. I lost count of how many times someone would come up to me in some public place and say something like "Father that tree is amazing." Then they'd add "great idea you had" or "thanks for doing that," which usually put me in an awkward spot. I'm a firm believer in giving credit where it is due, and in the case of that tree, all the credit belongs to others. The idea came from the Tom O'Leary and the folks at the O'Leary Funeral Home. They bought all the lights, and CPL Tree Service was here for four days with a bucket truck and tree climbers to get the lights strung up. We have been blessed by their generosity, creativity, and skill.

I'm writing this as the rain is pouring and the winds are howling on Tuesday evening. At one point I looked out during a wind gust, and the force of the wind was so strong that the water flowed up the driveway between the rectory and the church instead of down the hill. I thought, maybe that's how it looked when the Red Sea stopped flowing during the Exodus. And that made me realize that there's probably something else for Easter that we have to get done ASAP. Sigh...back to work we go. Have a great week, everyone!

2nd
Sunday in
Ordinary
Time

Reading I: 1 Samuel 3: 3b-10, 19

The call of young Samuel is itself a classic description of how such a call can be misinterpreted at first. In this case, the future prophet is given a command to communicate a particular Word to the people.

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 6: 13c-15a, 17-20

Sexual pleasure for its own sake and unconnected with conception contradicts the fact that our bodies "are not our own." Saint Paul's powerful message is that our bodies are Temples of the indwelling Holy Spirit.

The Gospel: John 1: 35-42

The Baptist's preaching is fulfilled when two of his former disciples, namely Andrew and his brother Simon, decide to follow Jesus. The Lord, in turn, poses to them (and us) a life-altering question: "What are you looking for?"



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, JANUARY 15

8:30 AM - No Mass

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16

8:30 AM - Steve Austin

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17

8:30 AM - Patricia Dunleavy King

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18

8:30 AM - Patricia Dunleavy King

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19

8:30 AM - John McGee

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20

8:30 AM - No Mass

4:30 PM - Richard Gregorio, Kathryn &
James Gregorio and Rita Creato

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21

8:30 AM - John Baselice (5th Anniv.)

11:00 AM - The People of Holy Cross

SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's Sanctuary Lamp intention is for:

Church - Steve Austin

Chapel - Neil McCrossen



COLLECTION INFORMATION

Weekly Need \$13,350

Weekly Collection, January 7

Total \$8,060

Electronic \$2,622

Basket & Mail-Ins \$5,438

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
Dawn Gibbons	Katherine Patrone
Carolyn Henderson	Mary Rafferty
Steven Henderson	Ronnie Sidebottom
Jimmy Keating	Joseph Sindoni
Natalie Giorgio Kitts	Adeline Sulpizio
Ken Kull	Jean Super
Mary Kull	Valerie Thompson
Kendall Lambert	Betty Tomczyk
Alice Loftus	Rosemarie Colaberdino
Deacon Joe Gousie	Madalyn Parr
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	

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“Worshiping in love requires that we contemplate Jesus’ presence when we celebrate the Eucharist. To contemplate Christ means to behold Him with the eyes of faith.” ---
Archbishop Charles Chaput

Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship

Holy Cross K of C will have a Free Throw Championship on Sunday, January 28, in the Holy Cross Parish Hall (gym) from 1:00pm to 3:00pm. All boys and girls ages 9 to 14 are welcome. The age deadline is January 1, 2024. All winners in each age group will advance to the District Championship in February. FREE TO ENTER.

Church Cleaning

The next Church cleaning will take place on Tuesday, 1/16/2024, after the 8:30 am Mass. Extra hands are always welcome.

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.

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/

Man Up Philly

Don't miss the chance to join ManUp Philly, the ultimate men's conference! Secure your spot by Saturday 1/6 and enjoy a \$25 discount on your ticket. So hurry up and register now and get ready for an amazing experience!

St. Mary Polish American Society's 2nd Annual Memorial Scholarship

St. Mary Polish American Society is accepting applications for the second 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 16 - 18, 2024 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.

School News

Happy New Year to the Holy Cross Community! The New Year is here, and we hope and pray it is a great one for everyone. After a nice long break and the excitement of the Holidays, our students are back in class and working hard.

Our classes resumed on Wednesday, January 3, and ended with the celebration of Mass on Friday. Thank you to all our parents and parishioners who joined us at the 9:30 mass. Catholic Schools Week is quickly coming upon us. We are preparing events to celebrate Catholic Schools Week, which will begin the last week of January.

On January 28 we will have our Open House. We invite all parents, parishioners and anyone interested in enrolling their child in Holy Cross School. Our doors open from 12pm until 1pm. More information will be forth coming.

We are working on our extracurricular activities. Our principal, Mr. Salvatore, has been looking into fun after-school clubs for our students.

We continue to acknowledge our students who make it a practice each day being kind to their friends and respectful to each other and our faculty.

We are working hard every day to offer the best education for our students.

This would not be possible without the support of our pastor, Father Kiernan, and the support of all our Holy Cross Parishioners.

DELCO PRO-LIFE MEETING

Please join us for our monthly Delco Pro-Life group meeting on Wednesday, January 17, at 7 PM at the Holy Cross Parish Center in Springfield. The Parish Center building is located behind the school.

Upcoming event is the National March for Life in Washington, DC on Friday, January 19.

Jesus, protect and save the unborn.

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Did you know that the National Eucharistic Congress will be held in Indianapolis in July? And did you also know that Philadelphia is one of the stops along the "Seton" route of the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage on the way to Indianapolis? Now is a great time to begin exploring "Eucharist" on FORMED (here is just one example) to prepare your hearts for this historic event. There are also some exciting feast days this month, including St John Bosco on January 31. Signing up for FORMED is EASY and FREE!

1. Just go to FORMED.org or download the FORMED app
2. Enter your ZIP code and select "Holy Cross" from the drop-down menu and press "Next"
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Three Parish Book Club

Due to the Christmas holiday, the Book Parish Book Club will meet next at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 31, 2024, at the Holy Cross Church Parish Center. Members will share reading recommendations and will discuss both the December and January selections. You need not have read the selected book(s) to attend the meeting. If you would like more information, or if you would like to join us, please contact Joy Van Berg at joyvanberg@gmail.com or at 610 328-2095.

December

This Is My Body by Bishop Robert Barron

January

My Anointing Echoes by Father Douglas McKay

February

In The School of the Holy Spirit by Jacques Phillippe

Winter Bible Study

The Holy Cross Bible Study Team will present a **FREE** 14 week deep-dive into the Gospel of Mark. We will concentrate on this single book of the Bible. Workbooks will be provided for this series. There will be short videos from Dr Tim Gray and valuable group discussions. Light refreshments will be served.

We will show this at 2 different times, 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. Please join us and bring a friend!

When: Mondays, November 6 thru February 19, 7:00 – 8:30

PM - in the Holy Cross Parish Center

Or: Wednesdays, November 8 thru February 21, 9:15 – 10:45

AM – in the Holy Cross Parish Center

--- Note: We will take 2 weeks off during the Christmas holidays

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 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.



PATRISTICS 101

Apostolic and Ante-Nicene Fathers

THURSDAYS, JANUARY – JUNE 2024

8:00 - 9:15 PM ET

▶ LIVE ONLINE COURSE

In this course on the Fathers of the Church, we shall delve deeply into the writings of the first Christian centuries (up to the Council of Nicaea in 325) and become acquainted with such figures as St. Clement of Rome, St. Ignatius, St. Justin Martyr, St. Irenaeus, Tertullian, St. Cyprian, and Origen, and come to an appreciation of their specific genius and their legacy for our own generation. We shall also devote some time to the principles of the theological discipline of Patristics, which in turn will shed light on the usefulness of the Fathers in our own theological reflection.

 John Pepino, Ph.D.



Dr. John Pepino is a professor of Greek, Latin, History, and Patristics at Our Lady of Guadalupe Seminary in Denton, Nebraska. His Master's degree is in Classical Greek and Latin and his Doctorate is in the Fathers of the Church. He has published on the Fathers of Church and on contemporary Church History (particularly Vatican II and the liturgy in the twentieth century) in both scholarly and popular outlets.

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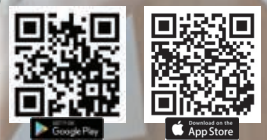
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