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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 21, 2023



FROM THE PASTOR

Seven hundred fifteen days. That's how long the meteorologists tell us it had been since we last had a snow storm. Well, that streak came to an end this past week. The snow was pretty, but the sleet and icy rain that immediately followed was dangerous. The frigid temperatures made it worse—things kept freezing over, which meant multiple applications of salt and lots of man-hours to apply it. And as I'm writing this, another snowfall and frigid temperatures are forecast for the end of the week. Gulp.

As a child, a snowstorm brought exciting thoughts of "how much school will we get to miss?" As a pastor, a snowstorm brings a similar thought, since I get to make the decision about whether Holy Cross School will be closed, virtual, or delayed. Granted, that involves a number of conversations with the principal and facilities manager, along with seeing what the public schools are doing since it impacts transportation. But still, there is a bit of joy in being able to make the call. So, kids, for future reference, bribes can be sent to Fr. Kiernan, c/o Holy Cross Church.... After all, the other thought in every pastor's mind when it snows is "how much will this cost to clean up?"

Next week is Catholic School's Week. We'll be kicking off the week with our students in attendance at the 11:00 Mass on Sunday. Our dedicated faculty have a number of fun activities planned for our students during the week, and I'm sure it will be a great week.

We are already getting a number of inquiries from new families who wish to enroll their children next year. If you have a child (or grandchild) who will be school-age next year, I invite you to consider Holy Cross School. Please call Ellen Spurrier in the school office to arrange for a visit to see our amazing teachers and students in action. Our classrooms can fill up quickly, and we've had waiting lists in the past, so—believe it or not—now's the time.

Some sad news to share. We mourn the death of John Kemmey, who had worked as our primary sacristan for the past eight years. John took great care of this church during his tenure, setting up for all the services and keeping the building clean and tidy—no small task! He was a kind gentleman who was a genuine pleasure to work with. All of us who worked him will miss him dearly, as will his family and friends. May God give him eternal rest.

3rd
Sunday in
Ordinary
Time

Reading I: Jonah 3: 1-5, 10

Nineveh was famous for its enormous violence and cruelty. That fact underlines the miracle of that city's sudden and total conversion based on repentance.

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 7: 29-31

Paul believed in an imminent parousia, or end of the world. Therefore, he recommended detachment as essential preparation.

The Gospel: Mark 1: 14-20

The fate of John the Baptist "being handed over" foreshadows Jesus' passion and death. Repent and believe will frame everything that follows in this earliest and shortest gospel.



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, JANUARY 22

8:30 AM - No Mass

TUESDAY, JANUARY 23

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

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24

8:30 AM - Steve Rinaldi

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25

8:30 AM - Eric Eisenman

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26

8:30 AM - Tom & Martina Pendergast

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27

8:30 AM - No Mass

4:30 PM - The People of Holy Cross

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28

8:30 AM - Anne McGreal

11:00 AM - Samuel Richard Gibson

SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's Sanctuary Lamp intention is for:

Church - John Kemmey

Chapel - John Kemmey



COLLECTION INFORMATION

Weekly Need \$13,350

Weekly Collection, January 14

Total \$7,336

Electronic \$2,267

Basket & Mail-Ins \$5,069

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Consiglia Borreli	Richard McCullough
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Bob Frankenberger	Paige O'Leary
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Matthew Bannon	Melissa Dunsee
Mary Ann Nero	Mildred Mancini
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Bill Homony	Andrea Emilia Bernabey
Mary Ellen Sweeney	

The Corner

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Tomorrow is the Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children.

"A great prayer for life is urgently needed, a prayer which will rise up throughout the world. Through special initiatives and in daily prayer, may an impassioned plea rise to God, the Creator and lover of life, from every Christian community, from every group and association, from every family and from the heart of every believer."

--- Pope St John Paul II, from his 1995 Encyclical "Evangelium Vitae"

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.

Casserole Drop-Off

The next drop-off is Tuesday, January 23rd between 4:00 and 5:00 PM at the gym annex. The casseroles are appreciated by the homeless who visit St. John's Hospice at 12th and Race St., Philadelphia. You can make any casserole that you like. Please mark the casserole with the date prepared. Call Connie Labowitz at 610-328-0599 with any questions. Thank you!

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.

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!

Lenten Bible Study

St. Joseph Church
500 Woodlawn Ave.
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Please join Father Gabin for

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In the recorty basement (please use side door to enter)

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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.

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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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
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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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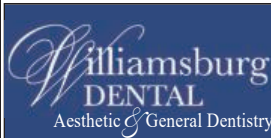
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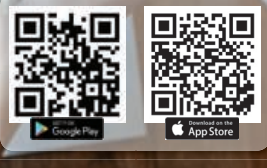
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