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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 26, 2025



FROM THE PASTOR

This week we celebrate Catholic Schools Week. It's an opportunity for all of us to remember the important role Catholic Schools have in forming not only the next generation of Catholics, but also in forming non-Catholics in important virtues that will help them become good, respectable citizens in our society.

Around 2/3 of the students who attend our parish school are not Catholic. Their families send their children to us for a number of reasons, including academic rigor, a worldview grounded in truth, and a strong behavior code. While there are free public schools available, they are willing to pay for a Catholic education because they know our schools are better, safer learning environments. We are fortunate that they have made this choice, because our school would not be sustainable if we only had a couple dozen parish students attending.

That being said, many families—Catholic and non-Catholic—are struggling right now to continue to keep their children enrolled in our school. Everyone's expenses have gone up at home over the past couple years, and ours certainly have as a school. That means we have to charge more in tuition, and it puts many families in a bind. We do receive a pool of financial aid each year from donors around the state who make general donations to Catholic Education, but that pool went down by 30% for this academic year. Ouch! We also have a couple families in extraordinary circumstances (medical bills, job loss, etc.) that are falling behind, and we are working to get them additional help. (If there are any generous souls out there who would like to help some of our struggling families, please contact me or contact the school.)

I am very grateful to our school principal, Mr. Daniel Salvatore, for his hard work and dedication to the parish school. Mr. Salvatore is in his second year with us, and under his leadership we saw our school fully reaccredited and named a school of distinguished instruction. Our standardized test scores have shown a marked improvement compared to prior years. The Catholic identity of the school is continually being built upon. Every day, one grade comes over to the church for Mass. Prayers and devotions permeate the school day, with special emphasis on the different liturgical seasons. All of us can be very proud of Holy Cross School.

Of course, our principal doesn't work in a vacuum. The good things referenced above are only possible because of our excellent teachers, aides, and administrative support staff. They work hard every day to educate our students, and they do an excellent job. Oh, and they do that excellent job while earning around half the salary they would earn if they were teaching in a public school. So during this Catholic Schools Week, we salute the dedicated team that keeps Holy Cross School the excellent place of learning that it is. Thank you, teachers and staff!

The school will have an open house today after the 11:00 Mass. Feel free to stop over to visit and see all the great things that are happening at our parish school.

3rd
Sunday in
Ordinary
Time

Reading I: Nehemiah 8: 2-4a, 5-6, 8-10

Ezra proclaims the Law of the Lord as he reads it to all the people. They for their part listen and show due respect for it.

Reading II: I Corinthians 12: 12-30, or 12: 12-14, 27

In Christ we have become members of one body. It requires us to support one another rather than see others as competitors.

The Gospel: Luke 1: 1-14, 4: 14-21

Jesus returns to the Nazareth synagogue and reads from the scroll of Isaiah. He then proclaims himself as its fulfillment.

Are you the best version of yourself?



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, JANUARY 27

8:30 AM - No Mass

TUESDAY, JANUARY 28

8:30 AM - Donald (Joe) Riccio

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29

8:30 AM - Richard Daciw

THURSDAY, JANUARY 30

8:30 AM - Richard E. Elliot

FRIDAY, JANUARY 31

8:30 AM - Mae Cushin

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1

8:30 AM - No Mass

4:30 PM - Vivian & George Amoroso
and Caroline & Joseph Sindoni, Sr.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2

8:30 AM - For the People of the
Parish

11:00 AM - Stefano Giordano

The Corner

Brought to you by your Evangelization Team

Tuesday is the Memorial of St Thomas Aquinas, recognized by the Church as "The Angelic Doctor," and considered one of its greatest theologians and philosophers. To the question "does God exist?" his answer is worth pondering: **"For those with faith, no evidence is necessary: for those without it, no evidence will suffice."**
---Thomas Aquinas

SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's Sanctuary Lamp
intention is for:

Church - Jeffrey Scolis
Chapel - Steve Austin



COLLECTION INFORMATION

Weekly Need	\$12,000
Weekly Collection, January 19	
Total	\$6,512
Electronic	\$2,819
Basket & Mail-Ins	\$3,693

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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Knights of Columbus Pasta Dinner

The Holy Cross Knights of Columbus will be hosting their Annual Pasta Dinner on Saturday, February 8th in the Parish Hall following the 4:30pm Mass. Doors open at 5:30pm and dinner will be served at 6:00pm. Price for tickets is \$12. This is a BYOB event. Tickets will be sold after the Masses on January 25th & 26th and February 1st & 2nd. You can also get tickets from any of the Knights before the event. There will again be a "Trivia Night" immediately following the dinner in the Parish Hall. Enjoy some coffee, dessert and trivia after dinner. Please stick around to match your wits with your fellow parishioners, friends and guests!

St. Andrew's Nocturnal Adoration Society

The St. Andrew's Nocturnal Adoration Society of Drexel Hill will meet from 7:30 PM to 8:30 PM on Thursday February 6th, 2025 for an hour of Eucharistic adoration in the church. All are welcome to attend.

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).

Cardinal O'Hara Class of 1975 – 50th Reunion

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

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Create a flurry of hope! Come give blood Jan. 27 to Feb. 28 for a \$15 e gift card rcblood.org/flurry



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 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.

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.

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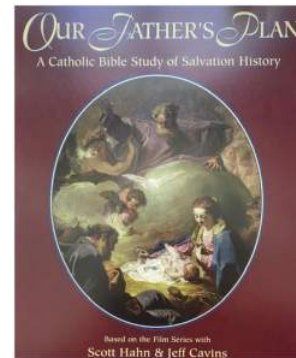
St. Mary Polish American Society is accepting applications for the third annual Felicia Jemionek Rzeznik Memorial Scholarship, a \$1,500 scholarship to a qualified student of Polish ancestry residing within the Archdiocese of Philadelphia pursuing full-time undergraduate studies at an accredited college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

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 or 484.868.8571.

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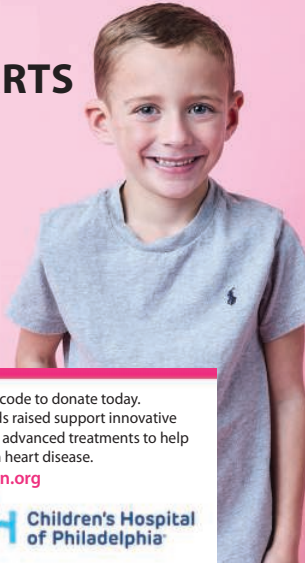
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