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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 28, 2023



FROM THE PASTOR

Happy Catholic Schools' Week! Our parish school will be celebrating this week with various activities for our students. Feel free to stop by after the 11:00 Mass for the school's open house. You'll have a chance to meet our teachers and see the great work that goes on in Holy Cross School.

It may seem hard to believe, but we are just over two weeks away from the start of the Holy Season of Lent! Ash Wednesday is on February 14. For Catholics, the beginning of the Lenten Season and the sign of repentance signified by the reception of ashes takes precedence over any other celebrations we might desire that day. So if you're planning a fancy dinner with your beloved to mark a holiday on the 14th, you probably ought to move it to the day before.

The 2024 Catholic Charities Appeal for the Archdiocese has begun. By now you've probably received information in the mail about the appeal and what it helps to fund. Your support is appreciated. So many of you also support the social outreach of our parish by donating to our St. Vincent DePaul Society to assist the poor and needy and operate our food pantry. We have some very generous people in our parish.

The winter weather two weeks ago was a nice reminder of what season of the calendar year we are in. It also gave us an opportunity to evaluate parish operations in the event of bad weather. Our primary concern is everyone's safety. We have a lot of ground that must be plowed, shoveled, and salted when it's snowy or icy, and it takes time. Under most circumstances, in times of bad weather, we will still have Masses as scheduled. Other events and activities may be cancelled. Also, please note going forward that if Holy Cross School is delayed or closed, the parish offices will be delayed or closed as well.

Any time you come onto the campus in the winter, please be careful. We have several areas that never seem to see sunlight based on the shadows of the buildings and trees. They can get icy quickly. The driveway behind the rectory is especially bad for this. And you probably noticed last week one of our downspouts froze, which caused water to pour onto the pavement in front of the doors to the church and create a nice big sheet of ice. How long till Spring? I guess we'll have to see what the groundhog says on Friday.

**4th
Sunday in
Ordinary
Time**

Reading I: Deuteronomy 18: 15-20

Prophets will be "raised up" as the need arises. Then the people must listen to these authentic prophets called by Yahweh to succeed Moses.

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 7: 32-35

Paul offers clear advice to both the married and the unmarried in the community. Yet he does not impose any solution, as they strive for true "adherence to the Lord."

The Gospel: Mark 1: 21-28

Mark concludes his stories of Jesus' healing with the tag that "His fame spread everywhere," even though it sometimes did so against Our Lord's will. Above all, He taught "with authority."



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, JANUARY 29

8:30 AM - No Mass

TUESDAY, JANUARY 30

8:30 AM - William & Rachel McCauley

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31

8:30 AM - Vivian & George Amoroso and
Caroline & Joseph Sindoni, Sr.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1

8:30 AM - Joseph Milliken

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2

8:30 AM - Michael O'Kane

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3

8:30 AM - No Mass

4:30 PM - Kevin J. & Kevin M. Conway

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4

8:30 AM - The People of Holy Cross

11:00 AM - Samuel Richard Gibson

The Corner

Brought to you by your Evangelization Team

On Friday we celebrate The Presentation of The Lord. Read the Gospel of Luke, Chapter 2, verses 22-40. Ask God for the same grace of faith that Simeon and Anna professed in the temple; that we, too, will recognize Jesus as our salvation.

SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's Sanctuary Lamp intention is for:

Church - William & Marguerite McAvinue
Chapel - John Kemmey



COLLECTION INFORMATION

Weekly Need \$13,350

Weekly Collection, January 21

Total \$7,299

Electronic \$3,178

Basket & Mail-Ins \$4,121

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Consiglia Borrelli	Richard McCullough
Lyndi Butler	Larry McCusker
Mary Ann Carroll	Francis Murray
George Dickinson	Charlotte O'Leary
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Jack McGough	Susan Cortese
Bill Homony	Andrea Emilia Bernabey
Mary Ellen Sweeney	Roxanne Tamayo

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.

Pasta Dinner

The Holy Cross Knights of Columbus will be hosting their Annual Pasta Dinner on Saturday, February 17th in the Parish Hall following the 4:30pm Mass. Price for tickets is \$12. This is a BYOB event. Tickets will be sold after the Masses on February 3rd & 4th and February 10th & 11th. You can also get tickets from any of the Knights before the event. An added bonus! Our Parish Social Committee will again be hosting a "Trivia Night" immediately following the dinner in the Parish Hall. Please stick around after the dinner to match your wits with your fellow parishioners and guests!

Attention Musicians

If you play an instrument at an intermediate level or above, and would like to contribute to the beauty of our Holy Cross Choir Masses, please contact our Music Director Grete Ingalls, at holycrossmus@gmail.com or 267.253.4007. Please join us!

Giving Trees Thank You!

Thank you so much for your beautiful gifts for Delaware County Pregnancy Center and the Little Sisters of the Poor residents! Everyone was delighted with their presents! When we dropped off a trunk full of gifts at DCPC we met a lovely pregnant woman. She actually delivered early. The baby is fine and the family was overwhelmed by the wonderful gifts for all of their children! Please keep both organizations in your prayers. Thank you for your generosity!



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.

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 forthcoming.

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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There are so many choices for Lent! "Whole 40: Making a Spiritual Plan For Lent" is an 18 minute discussion with Dr Ben Akers about challenging yourself this Lent, with a link to the FORMEDNOW Lenten daily reflections. "The Catholic Parent" is a new series with real-life families discussing real-life situations, sometimes very funny.

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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

Lenten Bible Study

Please join us every week for Weekly Bible Study! We will begin our Lenten series the week of February 25, after the conclusion of our current study of the Gospel of Mark. For LENT this year, we will go deeper into the Weekly Sunday Readings. As always, we study at your convenience, either Monday evenings or Wednesday mornings in the Parish Center, 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. No workbooks are required for this Lenten study, but please bring your Bible. Light refreshments are provided.

When: Mondays, February 26 thru March 25, 7:00 – 8:30 PM
OR: Wednesdays, February 28 thru March 27, 9:15 – 10:45 AM

It is always helpful to have a headcount. 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.

16th Annual Man Up Philly

**Men's Spirituality Conference - Saturday,
March 2, 2024**

From Death Into Life (1 Jn3:14)

The men of our parish are invited to join Catholic Men from throughout the Archdiocese for the 16th Annual Man Up Philly Men's Conference on March 2nd at Cardinal O'Hara HS. Speakers include Phillies Hall of Famer, Mike Schmidt, acclaimed author of Back to Life, Danny Bader, That Man is You VP, Mark Hartfiel, and Coordinator of Young Life, Deacon Nathan Gunn. And back by popular demand, Mark Forrest, internationally recognized Irish tenor, who will lead our Eucharistic Adoration. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available, and the Conference will conclude with Mass celebrated by our archbishop Most Reverend Archbishop Nelson Perez. For more information and to register go to the website: www.manupphilly.com

Blood Drive

St. Charles Roman Catholic Church and the American Red Cross are hosting an upcoming blood drive.

Please join our lifesaving mission and schedule an appointment today!

Drive Details:

Site: St. Charles Roman Catholic Church

Address: 3422 Dennison Avenue, Drexel Hill, PA, 19026

Room Name: Hall

Date: Thr Feb 8, 2024

Time: 1:00: PM - 6:00: PM

Donors will receive a \$20 Amazon.com Gift Card by email. The need for blood is constant and only volunteer donors can fulfill that need for patients in our community. Nationwide, someone needs a unit of blood every 2 to 3 seconds and most of us will need blood in our lifetime. Thank you for supporting the American Red Cross blood program! Go to redcrossblood.org to schedule your appointment to give blood.

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 February 1st, 2024 for adoration in the church. All are welcome to attend.

Lenten Bible Study

St. Joseph Church
500 Woodlawn Ave.
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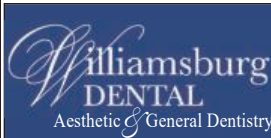
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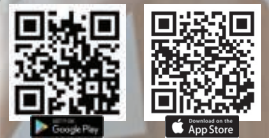
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