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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, July 28, 2024



FROM THE PASTOR

Well, the back-to-school sales are going on in earnest. I think I get at least two e-mail messages a day from every clothing and office-supply store reminding me of all kinds of great sales on stuff that I don't need for the children I don't have. When I was a kid, back-to-school shopping meant new sneakers, several new outfits, some notebooks & folders, and a box or two of pencils and pens. Today, it seems the list of things parents need to buy their children for school has grown, and grown much more costly as more technology is brought into the classroom.

It's no different at our parish school. For many families, the cost to send a child to a Catholic School is simply out of reach. Tuition rates go up annually, as does the cost of uniforms and supplies. We are doing our best to keep our tuition rates as low as possible, and as of the last time I checked, we are still one of the least expensive schools to attend in the area. But the fact remains, affording a Catholic education is a real struggle for many families.

We are fortunate to receive a considerable pool of financial aid to help families afford an education at Holy Cross School. I've spoken before about the state-sponsored programs that provide tax rebates for scholarship donations. The past few years, we benefited from these programs because people and businesses from all over the state made undesignated donations to the scholarship organization, and they in turn gave us a good chunk of those monies. A few months ago, after we set our tuition rates, we learned that the scholarship organizations were expecting to have a smaller pool of funds to disburse for this year. There's a more lot that I could write about how all that played out, but let's just say the whole thing was a source of great frustration.

Bottom line: our pool of financial aid for the upcoming year is about 30% lower than it was last year. And that's having an impact. We've already had some families say they can't afford it and are looking to move their children to a public school. Others are on the fence. They want their kids here, and we want their kids here. But we have to pay our bills and be fair to all of our families, which puts us in a tight spot.

Why am I writing this? Well, we have a lot of generous people in this parish. Maybe someone reading this will be prompted to participate in the state scholarship programs. Or maybe someone will remember that we have a scrip program which allows people to buy gift cards and provide tuition assistance just by doing their normal shopping. Or maybe someone reading this has a stack of \$100 bills he/she just doesn't know what to do with and would like to donate them to help families afford our school. (Wouldn't that be a nice problem to have....) If any of the people described above sounds like you, please contact Terry in the parish office for more information.

17th
Sunday in
Ordinary
Time

Reading I: 2 Kings 4: 42-44

Elisha's multiplication of the barley loaves is a direct preview of Jesus' miracle described in this weekend's Gospel passage for Mass.

Reading II: Ephesians 4: 1-6

Paul stresses the spirit of unity inherent in the new humanity created by Christ. He notes the necessary virtues each member must strive to practice that makes us one in Christ.

The Gospel: John 6: 1-15

Jesus takes the initiative and questions Philip for a way out of a difficult problem that has arisen. Jesus' miracle of multiplication solves the food problem but raises new questions to be answered.

Open your Bible this week!



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, JULY 29

8:30 AM - No Mass

TUESDAY, JULY 30

8:30 AM - Maureen Ketchum

WEDNESDAY, JULY 31

8:30 AM - Nettie Custin

THURSDAY, AUGUST 1

8:30 AM - Those Enrolled in the
Memorial Fund

FRIDAY, AUGUST 2

8:30 AM - Mary Tremper

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3

8:30 AM - No Mass

4:30 PM - Ellen Dickinson

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4

8:30 AM - Henry, Barbara & Maureen
McGonigle and Nancy Weatherbee

11:00 AM - For the People of Holy Cross

SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's Sanctuary Lamp
intention is for:

Church - Mary Coughlan

Chapel - John Kemmey



COLLECTION INFORMATION

Weekly Need **\$13,330**

Weekly Collection, July 21

Total **\$7,203**

Electronic **\$3,145**

Basket & Mail-Ins **\$4,058**

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Consiglia Borrelli
Lyndi Butler
Mary Ann Carroll
George Dickinson
Dawn Gibbons
Carolyn Henderson
Steven Henderson
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The Corner

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When God solves our problems,
we have faith in His abilities.

When God doesn't solve our
problems, He has faith in our
abilities.

Warm Winter Clothing Needed

St. John's Hospice is in desperate need of warm weather clothing for men :

- Men's shorts and cargo shorts (Med, Lg and XL)
- Men's sweatpants (Med and Lg)
- Boxer Briefs (Med, Lg and XL)
- Soap – Large bars / Body Wash – large bottles

All donations can be dropped off at the parish office. You can also order items on Amazon and send them directly to St. John's Hospice, 1221 Race Street, Phila., PA 19107 ATTN: Tootsie, Volunteer Coordinator. We will be sure to acknowledge receipt of your gift. Thank you for your support!

CAN YOU NOT SPEND 1 HOUR WITH ME??



The Eucharistic miracles Lanciano in Italy, occurred in the 8th century. A certain priest developed doubts about Christ's presence in Eucharist. One day after consecration, during Mass, the wine and bread visibly turned into blood and flesh. This was preserved through the centuries. In 1970-71 and in 1981, scientist Odoardo Linoli, a professor of pathological histology, clinical microscopy and chemistry as well as anatomy, investigated the miracle.

The professor came to the conclusion that the flesh was cardiac tissue containing veins, nerve fibers and arterioles. The blood type matched with the blood type of other Eucharistic miracles, namely AB. The WHO too verified the finding of the Italian doctors, and after 500 examinations expressed the inability of science to explain Eucharistic miracles Lanciano.

WE ARE IN NEED OF ADORERS!

PLEASE CONSIDER VISITING JESUS WEEKDAYS IN OUR CHAPEL, FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT EILEEN AT 610-213-3369.

Mary Mother of Captives is a support group for those coping with a loved one in prison.

The group meets every second Thursday of the month in the St Charles Borromeo Parish Hall 3422 Dennison Ave, Drexel Hill, PA at 7PM. The next meeting will be on Thursday, August 8th. For more information, please contact John or Sue at 610-259-3178 or marymotherofcaptives@augustinian.org. Attendees remain confidential.

Bonner/Prendie Class of 1984 – 40th Reunion

Friday, November 22, 2024, 7:00 PM to 11:00 PM at Casey's Restaurant in Drexel Hill. Tickets are \$40pp. Join us for a night of food, drink, and reminiscing! Purchase your ticket today:
<https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=qW2MnK>

School News

It is June, finally! We have ended the 2023-24 school year and began our summer. Our long-awaited rest is here for both students and staff.

Over the summer, we will prepare our school for positive changes in the 2024-2025 school year. Mr. Salvatore will continue to send out monthly communications to our parents. These communications will have essential information in them, so we ask that our parents please take the time to read this information.

This year's success was the collective effort of many people. Thank you to our dedicated faculty and staff, parents, our school community, volunteers, Mr. Salvatore, our principal, and Father Kiernan, our pastor, and all others working behind the scenes that helped make this a great 2023-2024 school year at Holy Cross.

We wish all our past and present students a happy end to the school year and a blessed, wonderful, safe, fun-filled summer.

Congratulations to our 8th grade students who graduated on Wednesday, June 5. We will miss you all next year but wish you continued success in High School.

We would also like to say Congratulations to our new 2024-2025 student council members:

President: Emmett Saye, Vice President: Serefina McAveney, Secretary: Zereda Worjloh, Treasurer: Bryce Ridore, Communications Director: Isabella Fimple, Class Representative: Ryan Erickson, School Chaplains: Roman Oropeza and Gabrielle Henry, Event Coordinators: Brooklyn Smith-McLendon and Nick Teta

Thank you to our parishioners, we wish a happy safe and wonderful summer and thank you for your support of Holy Cross School.

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On July 16, all 4 branches of the historic Eucharistic Pilgrimage converge at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis OH for the 10th National Eucharistic Congress. It's a good month to view the series "Jesus and the Eucharist." For kids, try "Littlest Saints." The actors in this series are young children, portraying some of our favorite saints!

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1. Just go to FORMED.org or download the FORMED app
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Have questions about getting started? Call the ShopWithScrip Customer Support team at 1-800-727-4715 option 3.

Three Parish Catholic Book Club

The Book Club will hold its first meeting of the season in the Family Life Center at Holy Cross on September 25 at 7:00 p.m. Club members will choose books for the coming year and will discuss the September selection. If you would like to join the meeting or if you would like more information, please contact Joy Van Berg at 610-328-2295 or via email joyvanberg@gmail.com.

September

All Will Be Well: 30 Days With Julian of Norwich published by Ave Maria Press

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 August 9 - 11, 2024 and again on October 4 - 6 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.

Interested in Being a Greeter?

YOU are invited to be a greeter at the doors before a Saturday evening or Sunday morning Mass! Please contact Lisa D'Arcy at 610.213.4047 for more information.

Bonner-Prendie Class of '74 Reunion

Monsignor Bonner- Archbishop Prendergast High School, Class of 1974, is planning their 50th Class Reunion, 6- 10 p.m. Friday, Sept. 27 at Paxon Hollow Country Club, 850 Paxon Hollow Rd., Broomall.

The Reunion Committee is currently searching for current email addresses to send out notices with the details. Class members are asked to send name and email address to bonnerprendie50threunion@gmail.com/.

Food Pantry Update

Thank you to our Holy Cross families for All your support All Year... we are able to help so many... because of you. Many additional hands are also assisting us including: St. Annies, AOH (Ancient Order of Hiberians), St. Francis, a generous donation from the Sun East Credit Union, ShopRite, Wawa, Philly Food Rescue, Roma Deli, Manhattan Begal and the list goes on... Thanks to All for your prayers and generosity.

As you know... the end of school is here, many Neighbors in Need families will bring their children with them to receive supplies on Wednesdays.

If you are able, we could use the following items to assist in our mission. These include: juice boxes, granola bars, apple sauce, small packs of cookies, snack packs... cereal, mac & cheese, peanut butter, jelly, rice, beans, canned meats, pasta and pasta sauce, pancake mix and syrup and oatmeal.

Just a reminder, we are open Wednesdays from 3:30 to 5:30 and if you know anyone in need of food in Delco, please share this info.

We will be closed on July 3rd so our volunteers can celebrate our countries' birthday and enjoy their families.

God Bless All of You and Have a Healthy and Safe summer.

Your Friends from the St. Vincent dePaul Holy Cross Food Pantry

Eucharistic Adoration



ABOVE: This picture an adorers took in our chapel while kneeling in front of Jesus, it's the reflection from the stained glass window showing up on the Host.

LOOKING for some peace and quiet? I know the perfect place.

LOOKING for someone you can TRUST? I know Who you can go to.

LOOKING for some answers? I know Who has them.

St. Catherine Labouré. "If you listen God will speak to you, with the good Lord you have to both speak and listen, God always speaks to you when you approach Him plainly and simply".

We have the perfect intimate chapel here at Holy Cross where you can come to accomplish all of the above!

PLEASE consider visiting with Jesus weekdays from 9:00am to 7:00pm.

We are in need of adorers to maintain our current Adoration schedule!

For more information please contact Eileen 610-213-3369

St. Laurence School Reunion

St Laurence School, class of '74, 50 year reunion on Saturday, Sept 7, 2024 at Yard Pub in Havertown, 7pm to ? \$50 includes buffet and soft drinks, cash bar. Venmo mimi-baldwin or email mimib31460@aol.com for additional details.

4th Annual Golfing for Gianna

We hope you will join us on Monday, July 22, for a fantastic day on the green to help us in our mission of providing authentic pro-life health care for women, couples, and families. Our fourth annual Golfing for Gianna will be held at the White Manor Country Club in Malvern, Pennsylvania. Tickets are going fast. Don't miss your opportunity to participate in this year's Golfing for Gianna! To register visit: <https://www.phgiannacenter.com/golfingforgianna>

Bishop Neumann and Saint Maria Goretti Reunion

Bishop Neumann and Saint Maria Goretti classes of 1974 are planning a combined reunion for September 13th, 2024. In order to update our database, we are presently gathering address and email information from alumni. Thanks for contacting Janet Ricci Tomasco at jriccit@aol.com, Denise LaRosa at martini121856@yahoo.com or Anthony DeFrancesco at anthonydefrancesco@outlook.com to submit your information.



**Mark your Calendars Now
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Tell your Family and Friends!**

October 5th



November 2nd
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