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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, June 1, 2025

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

Over the long reach of time granted our beloved Church, we find not only an interest in how our ancestors interpreted their faith, but also how they prayed. Fortunately, we have existing records of such that impress, uplift and inspire our own praying. Generations have been quick to adopt St. Francis of Assisi's "Make me a channel of Your peace," as their own, coming to us from the 12th century. We even count it as a popular hymn. Reaching back further, we have Our Lady's "Magnificat" and St. Paul's exaltation of Charity.

But above all of those in our Church's treasury, we have two of Our Lord Jesus' prayers: the one He taught us to use as a model, which we call "the Our Father," and the one in today's Gospel of John.

The setting of it propels us backward to the scene of that Last Supper on Holy Thursday night, when Jesus turns His mind from the disciples at the table around Him, then "lifting up His eyes" to address His Father. He reaches out to the future, asking the Father to bless believers of every age, including, of course, you and me.

His overarching theme is unity. He wants that unity to catch the outside world's attention. He also wants the love He has for the Father to be in our hearts as well. It is an opening of His own heart that the Eleven gathered in that upper room get to hear.

Granted, we cannot pray Jesus' words or make them our own precisely because Jesus is God. But we can implement the practice of love of neighbor that His prayers imply. St. Stephen the deacon certainly did that. Even as he is murdered with stones, he prays for his killers.

As we near the close of the great Easter season, when we will have celebrated for 50 days, we can certainly hold our heads high with being parts of God's family on earth. This is not to deny our imperfections and the flaws in our makeup. But certainly, in a world that is still stubborn and a culture that clings to being secular only, we are sisters and brothers of a risen Savior. It's good to remember that "While God promises us a safe landing, He does not promise a calm voyage."

God love you and give you His prayer-filled peace.

Seventh
Sunday
of
Easter

Reading I: Acts 7: 55-60

The feast of the deacon St. Stephen, our Church's first martyr, is annually celebrated the day after Christmas. Christians immediately learn that following Christ is not always "a walk in the park." So today we hear the full story of this saint's bravery.

Reading II: Revelation 22: 12-14, 16-17

In this "epilogue" to the vision story, Jesus gives Himself the title used to describe God, namely as the alpha and omega, the beginning and the end of all things. The Church, as a "bride," is wedded to Christ the "groom."

The Gospel: John 17: 20-26

Jesus "great prayer" reaches into the future to bless believers in Him of every age. He also envisions a visible unity that will speak volumes to the observant world.

Invite someone to Mass!



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, JUNE 2

8:30 AM - No Mass

TUESDAY, JUNE 3

8:30 AM - Thomas R. Murphy

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4

8:30 AM - Catherine Ruane

THURSDAY, JUNE 5

8:30 AM - John O'Kane

FRIDAY, JUNE 6

8:30 AM - Tony & Judy Niewinski

SATURDAY, JUNE 7

8:30 AM - No Mass

4:30 PM - James Carroll

SUNDAY, JUNE 8

8:30 AM - John Fulginiti

11:00 AM - For the People of the
Parish

SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's Sanctuary Lamp
intention is for:

Church - Catherine (O'Toole) Allison
Chapel - Fred Bilotta



COLLECTION INFORMATION

Weekly Need \$12,000

Weekly Collection, May 18

Total \$6,157

Electronic \$2,344

Basket & Mail-Ins \$3,813

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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The Corner



An old priest once said, "where there is no expectation, there will be no fulfillment." Today the bright light and fulfillment of The Ascension begins to enlighten our path and the voice of the Risen One calls out to us.

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.

BIKING FOR BABIES - PHILLY RIDE FOR LIFE - SATURDAY, JUNE 7

Join the Philly Ride for Life and be an advocate for human life and support area pregnancy resource centers.

Saturday, June 7, from Saints Philip & James Church in Exton, PA along the Chester Valley Trail.

Mass optional at 7:15 AM, Ride starts at 8:15 AM.

For more information see bikingforbabies.com/local-rides or contact Chris Massaro at 484-639-3580 or chris.massaro@bikingforbabies.com.

PHILADELPHIA MARCH FOR LIFE - SATURDAY, JUNE 7

Join the Pro-Life community as we show that being for death-by-abortion is being on the wrong side of history.

Mass at 8 AM at Cathedral SS. Peter & Paul, Phila.; March starts at 9 AM to Independence Mall Visitors Center for Rally for Life at 10 AM with music and Pro-life speakers. For more information see prolifeunion.org/2024mfl.

Jesus, protect and save the unborn.

Is Life's Journey taking you somewhere?...Is there purpose & meaning?...Does science actually point with fresh new evidence to FAITH & fulfillment? ...ANSWERS for you &/or your loved ones!

OUR LADY OF FATIMA Church is offering Chris Stefanick's/Augustine Institute's **The SEARCH** at **6:45pm** below Church [on South Avenue in Secane] on Thursdays **June 26-August 7**. Visually stunning & intellectually stimulating: join us for refreshments & respectful, yet honest, lively discussions following each 25-minute video.

ALL are welcome [it's FREE], but we especially hope that you might INVITE [& come with] friends, relatives, neighbors, co-workers who are atheist, agnostic, lapsed Catholics, or those with questions/doubts. See the 1-minute trailer at <https://watch.formed.org/the-search/season:6/videos/the-search-trailer-1>. To REGISTER: contact Kathy McGovern at PREPolfsecane@gmail.com or at 484-498-2463 (landline).

2025-2026 PREP Registration

2025-2026 PREP Registration is open - If you're a **returning family**, please do not fill out a form. You should have received an email from Parish Giving on the morning that registration is open on **April 30, 2025**. This email will contain login credentials for a Parish Giving account that was created for you. There is no need for you to create a Parish Giving account. If registration opens, and you don't receive this automated email, please contact Kelly Meliti at PREPHolyCross@gmail.com.

If you are a **new family** - Welcome to Holy Cross PREP. Please use the link provided on the Holy Cross website - HolyCrossCatholics.org under PREP in the Information section to register.

School News

Five more weeks to go and a fair amount of work to do. Like good shepherds, we are herding our flocks to the end of the year. End-of-year teaching is ongoing.

*Congratulations and God Bless our First Communicants: Joseph Aprigliano, Scarlett Fimple, Alexander Marzulli, Ricky Nguyen, Nico Pellicchia and Nolan Sage.

Our Mother's Day tea was wonderful. Our mothers and special women in our students' lives enjoyed themselves. There were assorted pastries and cookies, and drinks for them to enjoy. Special thanks to our 8th-grade girls who helped set up this event and worked so hard to make this a success.

We are now preparing for Donuts with Grownups. Our Father's Day celebration of all the wonderful dads, grandfathers, uncles, and special men in our students' lives. This will be held on Tuesday, May 27.

Our annual walk-a-thon is Friday, May 23. Together, students and faculty will celebrate and walk the grounds of Holy Cross School. This year our challenge is to reach \$8,000! We will also have our Great Inflatable Race. Some of our teachers will race, and our Principal and Pastor, each in an inflatable costume, will race each other. The students are really excited and looking forward to this. This is a fun day for everyone, our Home and School will be on hand to help run the event, and the students will be treated to water ice to cool them down after their walk.

As we wind down the year, we keep all our parishioners in our daily prayers and thank them for supporting Holy Cross School.

Food Pantry Update

Happy Spring! We continue to be very busy providing food for Our Neighbors in Need.

We have several businesses and folks we would like to recognize...

Thank You to:

- St. Kevin's (ran a Lenten food drive and provided hundreds of bags of food to help fill our shelves). God Bless Our Neighboring parishioners.
- St. Annie's runs a monthly parish food collection and we are the Thankful recipient.
- Chuck Martino (Nirvana Hair Salon) provides pet food. We ran out of both dog and cat food last week, and Chuck Martino quickly replenished our supplies. Some folks will feed their pets before themselves, so we are very Grateful for these donations.
- Shoprite continues to provide large quantities of bakery, bread and miscellaneous items weekly.
- Roma's Deli continues to provide rolls and other goodies weekly.

As we have shared many times, it takes a village to enable us to serve so many. If you are able, we are in need of cereal, oatmeal, breakfast bars, toaster tarts, pasta sauce (no glass please), pasta, canned meats, spaghetti, mac & cheese, rice, peanut butter, jelly and kiddie snacks.

Many folks bring their children with them while picking up supplies. We always try to have little goodie bags for the children.

If you know anyone in Delco in need of food, please let them know that our pantry is open every Wednesday from 3:45 to 5:30.

Thank You for "All" you do for our Community with your generous donations and prayers.

Love and Prayers,
Your Friends from the SVDP Holy Cross Food Pantry

ST. KEVIN PARISH -TRIP TO WOODLOCH PINES POCONO MOUNTAIN FAMILY RESORT


October 6-10, 2025 - 4 Night Accommodations. Daily Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner. Over 30 activities daily including Haunted Hayride, Day/Night entertainment. Roundtrip motorcoach. Double Occupancy \$1,239pp. Contact: Melanie - All Aboard Cruises & Travel 610.957.5031. Book as soon as possible.

Three Parish Book Club

The Three Parish Book Club will hold its last meeting before the summer break on June 12th at a local restaurant. If you would like to join the meeting or would like more information, please contact Terry Price at 610.506.6449 or via email at termprice@verizon.net.

May Book - **Acts of the Apostles**

5K Run / 3K Walk
Saturday,
June 7, 2025



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and
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Registration:	April 1 – May 30	Registration open
\$35 - Adults	April 1 – 15	Early Bird Special
\$15 - Children		• \$5 off individual fee
\$100 - Group / Family of 4 max		• \$10 off family fee
\$125 - Group / Family of 5+	May 9	Last day assured a t-shirt
\$20 - Religious Sisters	May 30	Last day to register
\$10 - Extra t-shirts		

Mothers' Home in Darby

Mothers' Home in Darby, our area's only residential shelter for homeless pregnant women and their newborns, is seeking volunteers with skills in the areas of social media/networking, event planning/organization for our residents and donors, computer technology, and data entry to work with us approximately five hours per week. Interested individuals may contact Board Member Dennis McAndrews at dmcandrews@mcandrewslaw.com.



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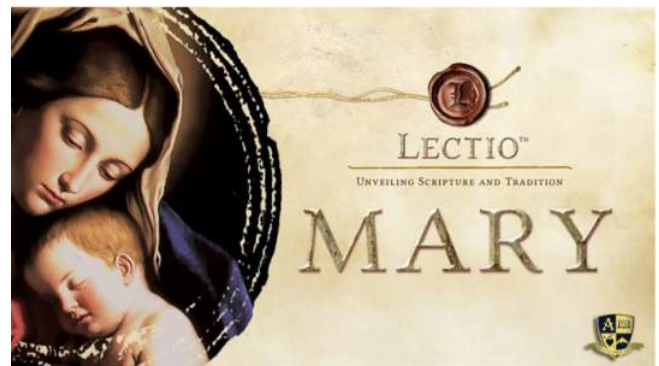
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Spring Bible Study at Holy Cross



For May, the month of Mary, we ask the question: who is Mary, the Mother of Jesus, and why is she so important to Catholics? In this series, "**MARY: The Bible and the Mother of God**" Dr Brant Pitre explores Sacred Scripture and the connections between the Old and New Testaments. As always, we study at your convenience, either Monday evenings or Wednesday mornings, so PICK THE TIME that is best for you. We have valuable group discussions after the videos, and light refreshments are provided.

When: Mondays, May 5 thru June 23 --- 7:00 – 8:30 **PM** - in the Holy Cross Parish Center

Or: Wednesdays, May 7 thru June 25 --- 9:15 – 10:45 **AM** – in the Holy Cross Parish Center

Please join us and bring a friend! Come a few minutes early to meet others and to get your seat. If you attend the Wednesday morning session, please also join us for 8:30 Mass that morning.

It is always helpful to have a headcount. We have comprehensive workbooks available at a discounted group price of \$20. To save a seat or for more information, contact Jane Collins at elizabeth.collins3@verizon.net, or 610.623.3412.



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