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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 16, 2024



FROM THE PASTOR

Well, that was a first. Last weekend was the first time in nine years as a priest that I was too sick to be able to say Sunday Mass. A rather nasty upper respiratory infection hit me suddenly in the wee hours of Saturday morning, and by dawn I realized I was not going to be able to function for a day or two. I am very grateful to Fathers Raymundo, Whittingham, and Taglianetti for quickly responding to my text message asking for help to cover Masses on Saturday evening and Sunday, and to Deacon Tom who rearranged a family event so he could take the baptisms that I was scheduled to have here. Fortunately, nothing had to be cancelled because of their generosity.

The experience of last weekend brings up something I wrote about a couple weeks ago regarding the shortage of priests. As the number of priests goes down, it's a growing challenge to keep things covered at the parish when the parish priest is unavailable. In my experience, priests tend to be very good about helping each other out when necessary. We were ordained to celebrate the sacraments, and we don't want to deprive the people of access to them if we can help it. But there are limits to what we can do. We're not super-human. We can't be in two places at once. We get sick. We need time off to recharge or take care of personal business.

So what do we do? Well, as I wrote a couple weeks ago, we're all going to have to brace ourselves for change—and be willing to accept it when the time comes. To give one hypothetical example, I do think we have to look at Mass and Confession schedules diocese-wide. If we have an 11:00 and a neighbor has an 11:30, the priests can't help each other out if needed. But what if we had a 10:30 and they had a 12:00, or vice-versa? What if one of us would adjust our early Mass to 7am, so that those whose kids have baseball practice at 9 can still get to Mass? The earlier and later Masses disappear as parishes constrict their schedules. I bet there are over 100 churches in the diocese where Confessions are heard sometime between 3 and 5 on Saturday. But what about the other six days of the week or the other 22 hours on Saturday? Changing things around would benefit the faithful with more access, even if a little further away, and make it easier for priests to help each other on occasion. But many people (including priests!) get very attached to "their" schedule, and tinkering with the parish schedule is a good way to get a lot of hate mail.

Just to be clear, I don't foresee any changes of that sort happening here any time soon. But it's a conversation that may need to be had, and I say this as just another reminder that the way things used to be done is not how they can be done anymore. We're in uncharted territory here and adapting as we go. Keep praying for and encouraging vocations to the priesthood. And know that I and my brother priests will continue to care for your spiritual and sacramental needs as best as we possibly and humanly can.

P.S. Happy Father's Day to all the dads out there!

11th
Sunday in
Ordinary
Time

Reading I: Ezekiel 17: 22-24

The newly cut twig from the treetop represents a future king from the House of David.

Reading II: 2 Corinthians 5: 6-10

Paul points out that we walk by faith and not by sight. We need to be courageous facing death.

The Gospel: Mark 4: 26-34

We have two "kingdom parables." The first is about seeds that grow. The second is about encouraging believers because the coming of the kingdom is inevitable.



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, JUNE 17

8:30 AM - No Mass

TUESDAY, JUNE 18

8:30 AM - Leon Fedele

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19

8:30 AM - Maureen Ketchum

THURSDAY, JUNE 20

8:30 AM - Josephine Elliott

FRIDAY, JUNE 21

8:30 AM - Mary Ann Purcell

SATURDAY, JUNE 22

8:30 AM - No Mass

4:30 PM - Tony & Judy Niewinski

SUNDAY, JUNE 23

8:30 AM - Josephine Elliott

11:00 AM - For the People of Holy Cross

SANCTUARY LAMP



This week's Sanctuary Lamp intention is for:

Church - Dan Morroni

Chapel - Al Cortez

COLLECTION INFORMATION

Weekly Need \$13,330

Weekly Collection, June 9

Total \$7,619

Electronic \$3,434

Basket & Mail-Ins \$4,185

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Consiglia Borreli	Richard McCullough
Lyndi Butler	Larry McCusker
Mary Ann Carroll	Francis Murray
George Dickinson	Charlotte O'Leary
Dawn Gibbons	Paige O'Leary
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Steven Henderson	Mary Rafferty
Jimmy Keating	Ronnie Sidebottom
Natalie Giorgio Kitts	Joseph Sindoni
Ken Kull	Adeline Sulpizio
Mary Kull	Jean Super
Kendall Lambert	Valerie Thompson
Deacon Joe Gousie	Betty Tomczyk
Lee Anne McGough	Rosemarie Colaberdino
Joann Marks	Madalyn Parr
Maryanne McCauley	Carter Claire Walton
Matthew Bannon	Mike Calbertta
Mary Ann Nero	Alexander Passquini
Jack McGough	Melissa Dunsee
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Mary Ellen Sweeney	Andrea Emilia Bernabey
Roxanne Tamayo	Deacon Frankenberger
Susan Cortese	Janice LeTourneau

The Corner

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Happy Father's Day to all fathers and father figures, who guide us and imitate the saints in so many ways. Say the Our Father today in praise of your heavenly Father, and keep all priests in your prayers.

PRO-LIFE SPRING 2024 GIVEAWAY!

This Pro-life Spring 2024 Giveaway benefits Generation Life and the Pro-Life Educational Foundation in our 5-county area. Raffle tickets are \$100 each with only 1000 being sold. Grand prize is \$5000, 2nd Prize is \$1000, 3rd Prize is \$500. Drawing is June 27.

Generation Life's young adults proclaim the pro-life and chastity messages to young people; the Pro-Life Educational Foundation funds public and social media advertising with the pro-life and chastity messages. For tickets, please contact Carla Santoleri at 610-361-8447, Teresa Santoleri at 302-345-7867 or visit GenerationLife.org to donate by credit card.

PHILADELPHIA MARCH FOR LIFE, JUNE 22

Please join us for the annual Philadelphia March for Life on Saturday, June 22: 9 AM Mass at Cathedral Sts. Peter and Paul, 10:30 AM March starting at Benjamin Franklin Pkwy. and Race St., 11:30 AM Rally at Independence Mall. Bring any baby items to the Cathedral for collection for mothers in need. Please attend any or all events. For more info, see prolifeunion.org. Jesus, protect and save the unborn.

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](https://www.venmo.com/mimi-baldwin) or email mimib31460@aol.com for additional details.

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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Three Parish Catholic Book Club

June Meeting

The Three Parish Book Club will combine its June meeting with an end of year luncheon. If you would like to join us, please contact Joy Van Berg at 610 328-2095 or at joyvanberg@gmail.com for more information. Summer reading suggestions will be available at the meeting.

June

Ukraine Diary by Henri Nouwen

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 Laboure. "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

PHILADELPHIA MARCH FOR LIFE

Collection for
PHILLY'S BIGGEST BABY SHOWER
Saturday, June 22, 2024

9am Mass
Cathedral of Sts Peter and Paul

10:30am March
Starts at Ben Franklin Pkwy & Race St

11:30am Rally
Independence Mall

Bring baby items to Cathedral for
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For Details and to Register:
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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.

Servant of God Father Bill Atkinson, OSA

If you, or someone you know, was a caregiver to Fr. Bill Atkinson, OSA, perhaps during your time at Msgr. Bonner HS or as a medical professional, we want to hear from you.

We want to honor and give thanks to all of Fr. Bill's caregivers at a special event in September, as the process for his beautification and sainthood continues. Email: Rich Herron, rpheron@comcast.net, Ted Donnelly, tuna1031@gmail.com, or Mary Moody, marymmoody@yahoo.com. For more information: <https://frbillatkinson.org/>

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 Paxton Hollow Country Club, 850 Paxton 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.

Bonner & Prendie Classes of 1969 Reunion

The Bonner & Prendie Classes of 1969 have scheduled their 55th High School Reunion for Sunday afternoon September 29th from 3 to 7 At the Paxton Hollow Country Club. The ticket price is \$69.00 which includes Food and an Open Bar.

There will be a limit of 250 tickets sold with NO TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR.

Music by DJ Steve Kurtz of 92.1 FM.

Checks to "MBAP Class of 69 Reunion" to: 403 N Lansdowne Ave., Drexel Hill PA 19026 or Credit Card Purchases to the link below. <https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=mspCqT> Looking forward to another great Reunion!

Retreat for Catholics Affected by Divorce and Separation

Saturday, June 15, 2024, 11:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Join the St. Raymond Nonnatus Foundation for Freedom, Family, and Faith for a half-day retreat specifically geared for Catholics who have been wounded by divorce and/or separation in need of hope and healing. The day will feature talks, time for reflection, Confessions, prayer time, and the anticipated Mass for Sunday at 4 p.m. A delicious lunch and snacks are included in the price of the retreat.

Place: The Daylesford Abbey, 220 S. Valley Road, Paoli, PA 19031
Speakers: Anne DeSantis, Executive Director of the St. Raymond Nonnatus Foundation and a Norbertine priest who will speak on healing after crisis.

Cost: \$60 (includes lunch).

Registration: Go to this link to register:

<https://www.nonnatus.org/divorce-retreat.html>

or send a \$60 check to: St. Raymond Nonnatus Foundation, P.O. Box 951, Skippack, PA 19474-0951

Summer Bible Study

Our regular studies will change a bit as we update the Parish Center study space. There will be a 6-week study of Sunday Gospel Reflections from the Institute of Catholic Culture (ICC), starting the week of June 16 at Elizabeth's home. There is limited space. For more details and to RSVP, please contact Elizabeth Austin at elizabethcaustin@gmail.com or 803.556.7459.



**Mark your Calendars Now
so you don't miss out
on any of these upcoming fun events.
Tell your Family and Friends!**



October 5th



November 2nd
Annual Craft Fair



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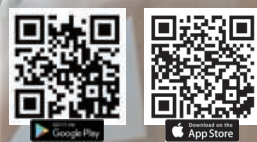
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