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To receive e-mail and text updates from the parish, text  
[holycrossdelco](http://holycrossdelco) to 84576.

## 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 29, 2025*

## *Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson*

Our experience is rife with “Top Ten” lists of all kinds. Today our Church asks us to focus instead on the “Top Two” of the “Top Twelve” male saints, namely Peter and Paul. The two men have been linked together for some time, as this feast was established way back in the year 258 A.D.

One of them, Peter, is the greatest Prince of the Apostles and our first pope. The other, Paul, is our greatest Preacher and consequently the Apostle to the Gentiles. So, we celebrate both men. (Of course, Blessed Mary, Our Lady, tops the list of both genders of saints.)

For our appreciation of both men, it is helpful to know that neither one was perfect. Peter had not only argued with Jesus on two occasions, forcing Him to call Peter in one instance as “Satan.” Add to that a bitter denial of Jesus on the very night Jesus most needed Peter’s loyalty.

Paul, on the other hand, had been a dedicated Pharisee persecutor of the early Church. So much so that, as Bishop Sheen once remarked: “If the early Church had a novena, it would have been to ask the Lord to stop Saul. And God answered, ‘All right I shall send Paul!’”

We know that Paul was literally knocked to the ground, only to rise later to become our greatest missionary. He suffered all kinds of setbacks for his efforts but never yielded until he had “run the race.” as he himself described it. Both men were martyred in Rome somewhere in the 60s A.D. before the fall of the Temple by Rome in 70 A.D.

The main message of both their lives is that awesome power of God to change sinners into saints. Do we believe that God can do that with us? It seems like all we must do for that to happen is for us to get out of His way and let Him. That means stepping aside from ego, pride and sin.

In closing, consider the kite flyer. He must take in hand the string of his kite and run until the kite lifts into the sky. But he will not reach his goal of flying a kite if there is no wind. Every kite flyer knows this. But note that kites do not rise with the wind but rise against it. So, it is with trials. The Christian will not ascend to patience and maturity unless he ascends against trials. Do trials make you soar above, or just plain sore?

Saints Peter and Paul, pray for us.

### **Feast of Saints Peter and Paul**



#### **Reading I: Acts 12: 1-11**

Put in jail by Herod the Great’s grandson Agrippa, St. Peter miraculously escapes from a well-guarded jail cell. God answers the early Church’s prayer for him.

#### **Reading II: 2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 17-18**

St. Paul, knowing his death is imminent, asserts that he has fulfilled his earthly mission as the evangelist to the Gentile nations.

#### **The Gospel: Matthew 16: 13-19**

St. Peter is given the keys of the kingdom of heaven, symbols of his authority over the Church. “Bind and loose” refer to the task of the rabbis who were official interpreters of the Law. Here it signifies the forgiveness of sins.

## Invite someone to First Friday Devotions!



### MASSES FOR THE WEEK

**MONDAY, JUNE 30**

8:30 AM - No Mass

**TUESDAY, JULY 1**

8:30 AM - Jean & John Fulginiti

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 2**

8:30 AM - Judy & Tony Niewinski

**THURSDAY, JULY 3**

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

**FRIDAY, JULY 4**

8:30 AM - Patrick A. Purcell

**SATURDAY, JULY 5**

8:30 AM - No Mass

4:30 PM - For the People of the  
Parish

**SUNDAY, JULY 6**

8:30 AM - Ted Rudolph (5<sup>th</sup>  
Anniversary)

11:00 AM - Antonio Borrelli

### SANCTUARY LAMP



This week's Sanctuary Lamp  
intention is for:

Church - Leonito Leonardo

Chapel - Sandie Concannon

### COLLECTION INFORMATION

Weekly Need \$12,000

Weekly Collection, June 22

Total \$7,723

Electronic \$3,302

Basket & Mail-Ins \$4,421

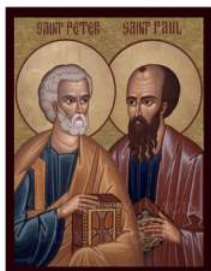
### PRAY FOR THE SICK

*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



Today we observe the **Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles**. Tomorrow we observe the **Memorial of the First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church**.

The first Christians were ordinary men and women just like us. They had families and jobs, doubts and fears, sins and failures. And God used them! He gave them His Spirit and changed their lives.

*"Holy Spirit, give me the courage to share all you have done for me. Amen."*



## Thank You!

The Choir wants to thank everyone for their generous support of the Mothers Day and Fathers Day Memorial Trees. Thanks to you, we raised \$1800 for the Music Fund. This will help greatly with our Hymnals and organ repair. God bless you.



## 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 was 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](mailto: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](http://HolyCrossCatholics.org) under PREP in the Information section to register.

## APPAREL ALERT!



We still have a few Holy Cross hoodies, sweatshirts and t-shirts available. They are excellent quality and make great gifts. Call the office or stop by to get yours today!

## Congratulations!

Congratulations to the following students who graduated from Monsignor Bonner Archbishop Prendergast High School on June 4, 2025! We are very proud of all that they have accomplished and wish them continued success in the future!

**Brett Johnson, Salvatore Squillacioti, and Olivia Weir**

*Congratulations  
To  
The  
Newly Baptized* ©JPPC

Gracie Demott  
Aron Fox  
Seth Hastings  
Rozie Jablonski  
Anthony Kelly  
Aalana Leopold

Weston McWilliams  
William Pichler  
Claire Rigney  
Nolan Sage  
Adrien Sage  
Ella Wellman

**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, July 10<sup>th</sup>. For more information, please contact John or Sue at 610-259-3178 or [marymotherofcaptives@augustinian.org](mailto:marymotherofcaptives@augustinian.org). Attendees remain confidential.

### Visit the imprisoned. Become a Pen Pal

In prison, sometimes the only contact with the outside world is in the form of letters. Pen Pals are needed to write to the poorest of the poor. For more information, please call John or Sue at 610-259-3178 or email [marymotherofcaptives@augustinian.org](mailto:marymotherofcaptives@augustinian.org). Thank you very much and God bless you.

## Food Pantry Update

It's hard to believe that Summer is almost here. We continue to be busy providing food to Our Neighbors in Need.

We appreciate the support from our Holy Cross parishioners through your generosity of food and prayers. You are always helping our pantry and words cannot express how Grateful we are for "All" of you.

Many additional groups also help with our mission of feeding folks in need including: St. Francis (who recently ran a food drive and shared some of their collected food with us), St. Annie's, Roma Deli, Wawa, Nirvana (pet food donations), and Ancient Order of Hiberians (AOH).

If you are able, we are in need of cereal, peanut butter, jelly, oatmeal, rice, breakfast bars, toaster tarts, pancake mix and syrup, pasta sauce (no glass please), pasta, mac & cheese, canned meats / tuna, stews, chef boyardee cans and kiddie treats (including snack packs, juice boxes, apple sauce and other goodies).

During the summer months, more children are in the cars, while families are picking up needed supplies. We give each of the children a "goodie bag" and the children are always happy for their bag of treats.

Just a reminder. We are open every Wed from 3:45 to 5:30... although, we will be closed July 2nd so our volunteers can take some time to celebrate the upcoming holiday.

If you know anyone in Delco in need of food, please share that our pantry is here.

God Bless you and we hope you will enjoy a restful, safe and Happy Summer.  
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## Scrip Program

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Have questions about getting started? Call the ShopWithScrip Customer Support team at 1-800-727-4715 option 3.

## 100th ANNIVERSARY MASS FOR GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH

Good Shepherd Church will be celebrating our 100th anniversary with a Mass at Good Shepherd Church of Divine Mercy parish, 6667 Chester Ave on Sat. July 26, 2025, at the 4PM Mass. Please help spread the word about this celebration Mass to your friends and family.

If you are interested in joining our 100th anniversary committee, we are having a meeting at St. Gabriels rectory in Norwood on Thurs, June 12th at 6:30PM, or if you have any suggestions or comments, please contact Debbie Hanna at 215-520-2097.

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](mailto:PREPolfsecane@gmail.com) or at 484-498-2463 (landline).



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### Signing up for FORMED is EASY and FREE!

1. Just go to FORMED.org or download the FORMED app
2. Enter your ZIP code and select "Holy Cross" from the drop-down menu and press "Next"
3. Register with your name and email address
4. Check that email account for a link to begin using FORMED. No password is needed and you will have full access to the site. ENJOY!

## Did you know.....

We have beautiful greeting cards in the office for enrollment in the Holy Cross Memorial Society or the Sanctuary Lamp Remembrance (in either the Church or the Chapel) for a very nominal donation. Please stop by the office or call to see how you can submit your intentions and have a beautiful card to send.



## Holy Cross Students Excelling at Cardinal O'Hara High School

Our parish recently received notification of the performance of our high school students at the end of the 4th quarter report. We are particularly proud of those who demonstrated academic excellence.

Students who achieved first honors include: Hannah Nguyen '26, Erin Saye '26, Miley Woltanski '26, Sophia Campbell '27, Daniel Kull '27, Alyssa Zebuski '27, Sean Campbell '28, Anthony Huynh '28, Nicholas Voight '28.

Among those earning second honors were the following students from our parish: Grace Beurket '25, Hayden Ganley '27.

## 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](mailto:dmcandrews@mcandrewslaw.com).

## The Office for Life and Family is now searching for a part-time Operations Coordinator

The purpose of the position is to ensure that the Director of the Office for Life and Family is free for higher level strategic planning and execution of the mission of the OLF. Responsibilities include handling a wide range of administrative and operational tasks, including managing correspondence, financial organization, and interfacing with ministry professionals and volunteers on behalf of the Office. This is an on-site position at the Archdiocesan Pastoral Center (222 N. 17th Street, Philadelphia) with the possibility of remote work and flexible hours of service, in consultation with the Director. Ideal for a recent college graduate seeking ministerial and office experience, or for a mission-aligned professional in search of supplemental income at the service of the Church. The Office for Life and Family of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia exists to promote, foster, and defend the richness and the gift of the Church's vision of the human being, focusing in particular on the sacrament of marriage, the family as the domestic church, and the sanctity of every human life from womb to tomb.

Full posting here: <https://archdiocese-of-philadelphia.primepay-recruit.com/job/927273/operations-coordinator>



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