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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, March 16, 2025



FROM THE PASTOR

The 2025 Archdiocese of Philadelphia Catholic Charities Appeal (CCA) is underway. You should have received a mailing at home directly from the archdiocese with promotional materials, a letter from the archbishop, and a pledge card. This year's video for the CCA is on our website; feel free to go take a look. The goal of this year's CCA is \$10 million—which is unchanged from prior years.

It should be noted, however, that the CCA has fallen short of its goal now for several years. Since I've been here as pastor, our annual parish goal for the CCA was around \$26,000. Nobody ever really explained how they got that number for us, but there it was. It was probably based on some formula involving number of registered families and weekly collection revenue—both of which have been in decline for years. At any rate, in 2023, we raised \$12,624, and last year, we raised \$11,662, which was around 45% of our goal.

This year, I got a letter from the CCA informing us that our goal as a parish is now \$43,000, a 65% increase over last year's goal. When compared to what we have historically been collecting for CCA, the average contribution would have to be almost quadrupled to reach the goal, or a whole lot more people have to make a contribution. They are "confident ... that it is a feasible goal to meet." Most priests I've spoken with aren't so confident, but what can you do?

We were given some information on how this goal was set: it is 10% of our average annual total of Sunday collections, which means if every contributing parishioner made a one-time gift to CCA equal to five times their usual weekly offering, we would meet or exceed our parish goal. So, if you normally donate \$25 per week on Sunday, a gift of \$125 to CCA would help us reach our parish goal.

It should be noted that the CCA of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia is used to fund local programs of our local Church to benefit the local community. This is not the same entity as Catholic Charities USA, which has been in the news recently. As I understand it, the money raised by the CCA stays in the five-county area to benefit the programs and services indicated in the materials you received.

Don't forget this Tuesday we are hosting the first evening of the area Lenten Series. Hope to see you there!

2nd
Sunday
of Lent

Reading I: Genesis 15: 5-12, 17-18

God lays Abram's uncertainties to rest by strengthening His promises with a covenant oath, as He appears amid the offerings as smoke and fire.

Reading II: Philippians 3:17-4:1; or 3:20-4:1

Paul appeals to his readers to follow his example, as he models his own life after Christ's. He further notes that Christ will transform our mortal bodies to be like His own.

The Gospel: Luke 9: 28b-36

The Transfiguration shows Christ revealing His glory to offset the shock of the first Passion prediction. The presence of Moses and Elijah testifies that Jesus will fulfill both the Law and the Old Testament Prophets.

Thank God for Spring!



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, MARCH 17

8:30 AM - No Mass

TUESDAY, MARCH 18

8:30 AM - Pauline, Anthony &
William Fiscella

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19

8:30 AM - Nancy Fulginiti

THURSDAY, MARCH 20

8:30 AM - Patrick Purcell, Sr.

FRIDAY, MARCH 21

8:30 AM - Nancy Fortunato

SATURDAY, MARCH 22

8:30 AM - No Mass

4:30 PM - Bill DeVuono

SUNDAY, MARCH 23

8:30 AM - Patrick Purcell, Sr.

11:00 AM - For the People of the
Parish

SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's Sanctuary Lamp
intention is for:

Church - Janice LeTourneau
Chapel - Harry O'Neill



COLLECTION INFORMATION

Weekly Need \$12,000

Weekly Collection, March 9

Total \$8,328

Electronic \$3,819

Basket & Mail-Ins \$4,509

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).

Consiglia Borrelli	Rich Meroney
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Teresa O'Neill	Eileen McAvinue
Mary Cuccinello	Kieran McCann
Lauren Johnson	Kieran Coyle

The Corner



On Wednesday we observe the Solemnity of St Joseph, Spouse of The Blessed Virgin Mary. Let us all strive to be as obedient and trust in God as he did. **"When St Joseph was told by the angel to flee into Egypt with Jesus and Mary, he did not worry about a dwelling-place, but set off at once as he was told."**

---Blessed Anne Catherine Emmerich

DELCO PARISHES PRO-LIFE MEETING

Please join us for our monthly Delco Pro-life meeting on Wednesday, March 19, at 7 PM at the Holy Cross Parish Center in Springfield. The Parish Center is located behind the school. Your prayers and suggestions are welcome. Currently, 40 Days for Life Prayer Campaign March 5 through April 13. Jesus, protect and save the unborn.

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.



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.

School News

Our virtue for February is Courage, which is the Mental or moral strength to venture, persevere, and withstand danger, fear, or difficulty. Our students have the unique privilege of living their faith each day at our school, a practice that sets us completely apart from any public school.

Congratulations to our First Penitents: Joseph Aprigliano, Scarlett Fimple, Alex Marzulli, Ricky Nguyen, Nico Pellicchia. These students will receive the sacrament of First Holy Communion on Saturday, May 3.

Holy Cross School will have the first official: "A Day in the Life of Holy Cross School" on Friday, March 14, 2025. We have invited new/prospective students to join us for the day. Each new applicant will be paired with a current student and spend the day going to classes and meeting our wonderful Holy Cross teachers, faculty, staff, and classmates. If you know anyone interested in our school for the upcoming year, please contact Mrs. Spurrier at espurrier@hscrusaders.com. Tours of the school may also be scheduled on our website.

Come out and meet your Holy Cross "neigh-bors". Please join us on Saturday, March 1, at 6 pm at our "Holy Cross Race Night". Tickets are now available. Admission is \$25.00 and the price includes food and nonalcoholic beverages. This is a BYOB event. Please see the information in the back of the church or contact the school office.

We continue to keep all of our parishioners in our daily prayers. Thank you for supporting our wonderful school.

Sacred Heart Church, Clifton Heights Pierogi Sale

(Pierogi is a case of dough filled with a savory potato and cheese filling and cooked by boiling and then pan frying)

Made at St. Stephen's Church Hall, 199 W. Baltimore Ave. (Baltimore Pike & Church St), Clifton Heights,
March 31 to April 11, \$9.00 per dozen. Order by Calling Joanne Bidoli at 610-574-7077 or the Rectory at 610-623-0409 between 10AM and 3PM. Pick up times at St. Stephen's Church Hall (pierogi must be ordered first)
Weekdays Noon to 1:30PM or Special Evening Pickup Wednesday of both weeks 5:30 to 6:30PM.

Food Pantry Update

Let me first start by sharing how Grateful and Humbled our Families in Need and Our Volunteers are with your continued prayers and support.

We are hoping the weather continues to improve too Please keep praying for sunny and warm Wednesday afternoons.

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

Thank You to Roma Deli for their weekly donations of rolls. Chuck Martino (Nirvana) for his pet food donations and Chris Cassidy, who brings large quantities of wawa breakfast foods to us 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 and kiddie snacks.

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

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

Three Parish Book Club

The Three Parish Book Club will hold its March meeting in the Family Life Center at Holy Cross on Wednesday, March 26th at 7:00pm. 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.

March Book - **Essentialism: The Disciplined Pursuit of Less** by Greg McKeown

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, March 13th. For more information, please contact John or Sue at 610-259-3178 or 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. Thank you very much and God bless you.

Congratulations to Students Making their Confirmation

Adam Peter Brozzetti
Kaitlyn Anne Clark
Allie Mary Clifford
Kasey Ann Clifford
Caden Joseph Gehret
Logan Gabriel Hutton
Emily Elizabeth Kelly
Isabella Gemma Masterson
Adrianna Theresa Mitchell
Molly Margaret Murphy
Mackenzie Kathryn Price
Olivia Cecilia Prunty
Logan Frederick Redding
Dominic Michael Schumacher



Rachel's Vineyard
March 28 - 30, 2025
IHM Spirituality Center,
Malvern, PA

A Place to Heal from Abortion

IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU LOVE IS CARRYING THE EMOTIONAL AND SPIRITUAL PAIN OF AN ABORTION, NO MATTER HOW MUCH TIME HAS PASSED, PLEASE KNOW THERE IS HOPE FOR HEALING. OUR RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT WEEKEND OFFERS A SAFE AND SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT WHERE YOU CAN BEGIN TO TRANSFORM YOUR PAIN INTO A FUTURE FILLED WITH HOPE. Rachel's Vineyard retreats provide a space for healing and God's forgiveness to those who feel burdened by the trauma and darkness of abortion. God's mercy is infinite, greater than any sin, and is always ready to embrace you. Join us for a compassionate, confidential weekend to experience the healing power of God's boundless mercy and find peace for your soul.

CONTACT OUR TEAM TO REGISTER OR FOR QUESTIONS:

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BONNER/PRENDIE CLASS OF 1975 50TH 50TH JOINT CLASS REUNION

**Saturday, November 1, 2025
4-8 PM**

Drexelbrook Catering and Event Center

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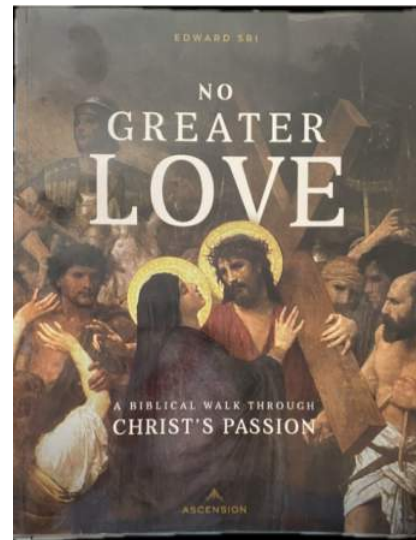
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Lent Bible Study at Holy Cross



How will you prepare your heart this Lent? Join us for the video series "**No Greater Love**" with Dr Edward Sri, Fr Mike Schmitz and others. This series is filmed in the Holy Land, and we will walk where Jesus walked. It's more than a Bible Study....it is a biblical pilgrimage that reveals Christ's amazing love for us. There will be valuable group discussions after the videos. Light refreshments will be served. We will show this at 2 different times, so PICK THE TIME that is best for you.

When: **Mondays**, March 3 thru April 7 --- 7:00 – 8:30 PM - in the Holy Cross Parish Center
Or: **Wednesdays**, March 5 thru April 9 --- 9:15 – 10:45 AM – in the Holy Cross Parish Center

The Bible Study is free! 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.

To save a seat or for more information, contact Pattie Stevens at pattiejstevens@comcast.net or 484.868.8571.

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