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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 17, 2024



FROM THE PASTOR

In the world of fundraising, matching gift opportunities are a popular way to encourage people to donate to charitable causes. Bigger companies often have programs where they will match employee contributions to selected charities. Many telethons and campaigns have challenges where some benefactor will match everything raised in a specified period of time. The idea is that it attracts donors by doubling the value of their donation. I can give \$100, and it will have \$200 of impact to the cause.

Being able to have your generosity doubled by someone else is impressive. But imagine for a moment what it would be like if you could have your donation not just doubled, but rather increased by a factor of ten: i.e. you give \$100, and the charity gets \$1,000. How amazing would that be? You're probably thinking "yeah right, where in the world is someone going to give \$9 for every \$1 give? Dream on, Father."

Well, guess what, it happens right here in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania with state-sponsored programs to provide tuition assistance for students to attend private schools—including Catholic schools like Holy Cross School. These programs allow us to give financial aid to families who meet income and other eligibility requirements. Right now, the majority of students in our school qualify, and the state is adjusting the income limits, which means even more families will qualify next year. We can only give out what we receive, and with more people qualifying, we need to try to increase the pool of money we have to give.

Here's how it works in a nutshell. You write a check to the Foundation for Catholic Education for the total donation. When it comes time to file your PA state income taxes, you get a 90% credit on your tax due to the state. It's an actual credit on the tax, not just a deduction to your income. So, if you write a check to the Foundation for \$1,000, next year when you do your PA State Income Taxes, you can take \$900 off your total tax. In the end, we get \$1,000 to give to a qualifying family, and you've only paid \$100 for that to happen. Your donation has ten times the impact! The Foundation does ask for a minimum \$1,000 donation to participate. Based on PA's tax rates, if you earn at least \$33,000 in state-taxable income per year, you'll likely owe enough to be able to take the full credit. (Disclaimer: the above is for information only; you should consult a pro for legal or tax advice.)

We have so many families that want to send their children to our parish school. Many are looking for an alternative to the public schools. They want the more rigorous curriculum that we provide. They want their children to learn the good behavior and values that we instill. They don't want their children exposed to the crazy ideologies and agendas that have pervaded the public school system. But they need help affording it. Would you be willing to make a Lenten act of Almsgiving to help these families send their children to our school, where they can be formed in the faith and taught in a safe and caring environment? If so, please contact Mr. Salvatore at the school, and he will happily get you more information.

5th
Sunday of
Lent

Reading I: Jeremiah 31:31-34

This short oracle has been called "one of the most profound and moving passages in the entire Bible." Note the use of the words "new Covenant." It is the only time they are used in the entire Old Testament.

Reading II: Hebrews 5:7-9

The author considers Jesus' ability to sympathize with sinners arises from the fact that He knew temptation. His obedience led to His priestly consecration.

The Gospel: John 12: 20-33

Some Greeks come to see Jesus. He tells Andrew and Philip that "when a grain of wheat dies it produces much fruit." This is a direct reference to His upcoming passion and death.



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, MARCH 18

8:30 AM - No Mass

TUESDAY, MARCH 19

8:30 AM - Aunt Pauline & Uncle

Anthony Fiscella

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20

8:30 AM - Alice Loftus

THURSDAY, MARCH 21

8:30 AM - Nancy Fortunato

FRIDAY, MARCH 22

8:30 AM - Mary Ann Purcell

SATURDAY, MARCH 23

8:30 AM - No Mass

4:30 PM - Jim Flannery

SUNDAY, MARCH 24

8:30 AM - The Robinson & Gallagher

Families

11:00 AM - The People of Holy Cross

SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's Sanctuary Lamp intention is for:

Church - Tina Coyle

Chapel - Neil McCrossen



COLLECTION INFORMATION

Weekly Need \$13,350

Weekly Collection, March 10

Total \$7,839

Electronic \$2,919

Basket & Mail-Ins \$4,920

PRAY FOR THE SICK

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| Consiglia Borrelli | 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 |
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| 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 |
| Bill Homony | Susan Cortese |
| Mary Ellen Sweeney | Andrea Emilia Bernabey |
| Roxanne Tamayo | Deacon Frankenberger |

The Corner

Brought to you by your Evangelization Team

On Tuesday we celebrate The Solemnity of St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

“Let us allow ourselves to be filled with St Joseph’s silence! In a world that is often too noisy, that encourages neither recollection nor listening to God’s voice, we are in such deep need of it.” ---Pope Benedict XVI

Friday March 22

Please join us for a special evening at
Holy Cross Church beginning at 6:15 pm

-Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

-Stations

-Choir Music

Make us a part of your Lent

Church Cleaning

The next Church cleaning will take place on Tuesday, 3/26/2024, after the 8:30 am Mass. Extra hands are always welcome.

2024 Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday, March 24

Masses: 4:30 Sat.; 8:30 & 11:00 Sun.

Monday, March 25

Sacrament of Penance: 7:00-8:00 PM

Tuesday & Wednesday, March 26 & 27

Mass: 8:30 AM

Holy Thursday, March 28

No Morning Mass or Confessions

Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7:00 PM

Adoration follows

Night Prayer: 10:00 PM

Good Friday, March 29

Morning Prayer: 8:30 AM

Sacrament of Penance: 9:00-10:00 AM

Liturgy of the Lord's Passion: 3:00 PM

Holy Saturday, March 30

Morning Prayer: 8:30 AM

Sacrament of Penance: 9:00 – 10:00 AM

Easter Vigil: 8:00 PM

No afternoon confessions

No 4:30 Mass

Easter Sunday, March 31

Masses: 8:30 & 11:00 am

School News

Congratulations to all our 7th grade Holy Cross and PREP students who received the sacrament of Confirmation Saturday, February 24, at the 11:00 am Mass. Thank you to Bishop Fitzgerald, celebrant, and Father Kiernan our pastor. Thank you to our teacher Mr. Mark Hager and our PREP teachers for getting the children ready to receive this sacrament.

On March 4, our students begin the Terra Nova testing. The Terra Nova test is a series of standardized achievement tests designed to assess K-12 student achievement in reading, language arts, mathematics, science, social studies, vocabulary, spelling, and other areas. We wish our students well as they go through this process.

Our students continue to attend Stations of the Cross every Friday at 2pm during the Lenten season. Families and parishioners are welcome to join our students as they pray and meditate on Christ's sacrifice for us.

Calling all Shoppers:

ShopRite of Drexline and Brookhaven will donate 5% of your order total to our school with Every Online Purchase! Support your school while you shop online with ShopRite of Drexline and Brookhaven's online shopping campaign fundraiser!

Feb 18 - Mar 30, shop online at shoprite.com!

Enter promo code 5CROSS at checkout.

Thank you, all our parishioners, Father Kiernan and families, for your support of Holy Cross Catholic School.

Cardinal O'Hara High School "Mane Event: An Evening in Paris"

Cardinal O'Hara High School invites you to the annual Mane Event: 'An Evening in Paris', on Saturday, April 6, 2024 - COHS Gymnasium - 7pm-11pm. Come out for a fun night that includes food, a four-hour open bar, casino games, and amazing auction items and raffle prizes. All proceeds directly impact student-focused initiatives. Purchase your tickets at www.cohs.com

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Here are a few more choices for Lent! "Return: Lent with Fr John Burns" is a series of 10 very short videos. "Lent with Brother Francis" is very helpful and engaging for kids. Explore all the available resources by typing "Lent" into the search bar. Signing up for FORMED is EASY and FREE!

1. Just go to FORMED.org or download the FORMED app
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Three Parish Book Club

NO MEETING IN MARCH

At each meeting members and guests offer suggestions for spiritual reading as well as discussing the selected book. You need not have read the month's selection to attend the meeting, If you would like to join the discussion or if you would like more information, please contact Joy Van Berg at 610 328-2095 or at joyvanberg@gmail.com.

March

On the Incarnation by St. Athanasius

April

Carlo Acutis: The First Millennial Saint by Nicola Gori

Lenten Bible Study

Please join us EVERY week for Weekly Bible Study!



For LENT this year, we will go deeper into the Weekly Sunday Readings. As always, we study at your convenience, either Monday **evenings** or Wednesday **mornings** in the Parish Center, so **PICK THE TIME** that is best for you. If you choose the Wednesday morning option, we begin right after the 8:30 Mass, so please consider joining us for Mass that morning. Come a few minutes early to meet others and to get your seat. No workbooks are required for this Lenten study, but please bring your Bible. Light refreshments are provided.

When: Mondays, February 26 thru March 25, 7:00 – 8:30 PM

OR: Wednesdays, February 28 thru March 27, 9:15 – 10:45 AM

It is always helpful to have a headcount. **To save a seat** or for more information, contact Pattie Stevens at pattiejstevens@comcast.net or 484.868.8571

St. Laurence Class of 1973

St. Laurence School Class of '73 - Fifty Year Reunion on Saturday, April 13th, 7-10 pm at The Yard Pub, Havertown. Tickets are \$45 through April 5th, \$55 after. Includes buffet and soft drinks; cash bar for alcohol. For info on ordering by check, email Terri Colgan at cogs81@msn.com. For Venmo payment email Lori Hannon at lmhannon26@gmail.com.

Food Pantry Update

As we approach Easter, many groups have been very active with running food drives to support our "Most In Need Neighbors".

Thank You to all of our Holy Cross parishioners for your continuing generosity and prayers.

Also, our Holy Cross Prep class (along with St. Francis) participated in a food collection and provided almost 400 cans of soup.

St. Kevin's parish ran a Lenten Food Collection and provided over 180 bags of food. AOH (Ancient Order of Hibernians) provided a car full of food and St. Annie's is running a monthly food collection and we are very grateful for all the supplies.

If you are able, we are in need of: cereal, oatmeal, mac & cheese, pasta & pasta sauce, canned meats, fruit, rice and beans.

If you know anyone in need of food in Delco, please let them know that we are open every Wednesday from 3:30 to 5:30 as a drive-thru behind our school.

Thank you for All you do and many blessings. In case we haven't told you lately, we Appreciate You.

Your Friends from the SVDP Holy Cross Food Pantry

Eucharistic Adoration



ABOVE: This picture an adorer 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



**March 27, 2024
7:00 PM**

Monsignor Bonner & Archbishop Prendergast Catholic High School
Anthony F. Frederico Class of '69 Auditorium

Hosted by the Alumnae Committee of the B&P Alumni Ambassadors Council

We are blessed and thrilled to have **Sister Mary Scullion R.S.M.** speak to our school community about her life's work, the inspiration that led to her desire to care for the homeless in Philadelphia, and her work at Project HOME.

- No Charge
- Open to the public
- Q&A to follow

Our school community prays daily to St. Augustine and St. Katharine Drexel. In the spirit of these two saints, Sister Mary Scullion models the love through action taught and lived by these two saints. It is an honor to have Sister join us for an evening of conversation.

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Celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday – April 7, 2024

On April 7, 2024, St. Pius X Parish, 220 Lawrence Rd., Broomall, PA 19008, will be celebrating DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY.

We invite all to come and experience the wonderful love and mercy of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus said, "Whoever approaches the Fountain of Life on this day will be granted complete forgiveness of sins and punishment." (Diary, 300) Devotions will begin at 2:00 pm with Rosary, The Chaplet of Divine Mercy, and Benediction.

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will begin promptly at 3:00 pm.

We warmly welcome ALL from neighboring parishes to join us for this special day of grace, mercy and reconciliation. "Jesus, I Trust in You." (Contact Cathy 610 353-8117)

Life Advocate Resource Conference

Saturday, April 6, 2024

9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

St. Matthew Church Hall

219 Fayette Street, Conshohocken, PA 19428

All are invited to attend this conference to learn how to get involved with pro-life activities and see all the pro-life resources offered in the Philadelphia area. This conference is free, and a free lunch will be provided, but registration is required. To register, please send your name and phone number to lifconference@prolifeunion.org or call 215-885-8150.

The Eucharistic Miracles of the World Exhibit- Saturday, April 6th – Sunday, April 7th



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The Eucharistic Miracles of the World Exhibit contains some 160 beautiful and extensive images, photographs and historical descriptions of Eucharistic Miracles recognized by the Church throughout the ages. Enjoy a self-guided tour of this magnificent display, collected and designed by Blessed Carlo Acutis, affirming the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. The exhibit also includes a First Class Relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis, an Italian teenager beatified by the Catholic Church in 2020 and best known for documenting Eucharistic miracles and the approved Marian apparitions around the

Location: Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, 2130 Franklin Ave., Morton, PA 19070. (The exhibit will take place in the school's gym and light refreshments will be offered in the adjacent cafeteria.)

Hours: Saturday, April 6th- Exhibit opens at 9:30 am following 9am Mass till 5pm; Sunday, April 7th- Exhibit opens at 8:30 am following 8am Mass till 2pm.

More Information: See the event flyer by going to www.olphmorton.org

Divine Mercy Retreat

April 5 - 7, 2024 \$275 in person, 3 days, 2 nights and \$75 virtually This is a co-ed Retreat Assumption and Immaculate Conception Halls Check in at 4:00 PM on Friday Retreat ends with the 3:00 PM Divine Mercy Sunday Sign up:

www.malvernretreat.com/events/divine-mercy-2024/



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

**A Night At
The Races
April 27th**



October 5th



**November 2nd
Annual Craft Fair**



St. Cyril School Reunion

Please join us for St. Cyril's All Class Reunion 95th Anniversary Celebration benefitting SS. Cyril & Philomena Catholic School. It will be held at the Oaks Ballroom in Glenolden, Pa on Saturday, April 13, 2024 from 6:30 till 10:30pm. Tickets are \$65.00 per person. Tickets can be purchased online at tinyurl.com/cyiril-95th. For more information contact Jim or Barb Gray at 610-284-5984 or Jim at jeg19026@gmail.com.

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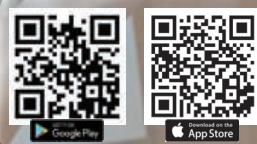
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