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## Parish Communication

To receive e-mail and text updates from the parish, text  
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, March 2, 2025



# FROM THE PASTOR

## Lent Begins This Week!

Prayer



Ash Wednesday  
Masses at  
8:30 and 7:00

### Confession

Thursday Mornings 7-8  
Saturdays 3:30-4:15  
Holy Monday 7-8 pm  
Good Friday & Holy  
Saturday 9-10am

### Stations of the Cross: Fridays

2:00 & 7:00

No 2:00 Stations on Friday 3/14

First Friday Devotions: 3/7 and 4/4 after Stations

Visit our Chapel Mon. - Fri. 9AM -- 7PM  
Spend some quiet time with Jesus!

Fasting

### Minimum Obligations

**Fasting:** Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Limit of one meal and two snacks. Ages 18-59.

**Abstinence:** Ash Wednesday and All Fridays: No meat. Ages 14+.

### Fast from Secular Entertainment

Check out FORMED for a variety of great movies and podcasts that will help you grow in faith. Great Catholic content available on demand for FREE!

Join our Lenten Bible Study

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tuition credits or help a needy  
family with their tuition.

### 2025 Lenten Series

HOLY CROSS- Springfield

Tuesday, March 18th

OUR LADY OF PEACE- Milmont Park

Tuesday, March 25th

ST. MADELINE- Ridley Park

Tuesday, April 1st

ST. JOSEPH- Collingdale

Tuesday, April 8th



Lenten Series Theme:  
Pilgrims of Hope  
Walking with Jesus and Mary

Evening Prayer, Lenten Homily  
and Benediction.

Series will begin at 6:30PM with  
refreshments to follow.

8th  
Sunday in  
Ordinary  
Time

### Reading I: Sirach 27: 4-7

A person's reasoning and conversations will reflect his or her true values. Their quality will come through mostly when they experience tribulation.

### Reading II: I Corinthians 15: 54-58

St. Paul calls upon us to glorify God through our bodies. Death will be robbed of both its sting and victory over us by our efforts to resist sin.

### The Gospel: Luke 6: 39-45

It is foolish to correct others for their faults when we have the same or worse. Contrasting "splinter" with "beam" dramatizes the point. Our hearts are really the place where our moral decisions are made.

# Join Bible Study for Lent!



## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

**MONDAY, MARCH 3**

8:30 AM - No Mass

**TUESDAY, MARCH 4**

8:30 AM - Patrick A. Purcell

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5**

8:30 AM - Frank & Bernice Klick

7:00 PM - Thomas Miller

**THURSDAY, MARCH 6**

8:30 AM - Bill J. McAvinue

**FRIDAY, MARCH 7**

8:30 AM - Those Enrolled in the  
Memorial Fund

**SATURDAY, MARCH 8**

8:30 AM - No Mass

4:30 PM - For the People of the  
Parish

**SUNDAY, MARCH 9**

8:30 AM - Frank & Rose Adduci

11:00 AM - For our Confirmandi

## SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's Sanctuary Lamp  
intention is for:

Church - Alice Markiewicz

Chapel - Steve Austin



## COLLECTION INFORMATION

Weekly Need \$12,000

Weekly Collection, February 23

Total \$7,855

Electronic \$3,180

Basket & Mail-Ins \$4,675

## 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



**"The message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God." --- 1 Corinthians 1:18**

## Holy Cross Horse Race Night

Holy Cross Horse Race Night is Sat. March 1st. This is an entertaining, immersive audience-participation event that simulates the thrill of being at a live horse race. Come watch 10 horse races, place bets and enjoy friends, food and fun! Tickets \$25. Purchase by Feb 24th from the school office or church office.

## Eileen George Prayer Group

Join us for a grace-filled Holy Hour Sunday, March 9th from 2 – 3 PM. We will have Adoration, Confessions, and Benediction along with our Novena for Eileen George's intercession for our personal needs. Priests will be available for Confessions.

After the prayer meeting there will be a social in the parish hall.

Location: Annunciation BVM Church, 401 Brookline Blvd., Havertown.

## Calling all Teens!

Day of Reflection at Cardinal O'Hara High School on Saturday, March 29th from 9 AM to 3PM. Great speakers, wonderful music, free lunch and free t-shirt!

Register at [sarespectlifeministry.org](http://sarespectlifeministry.org)

"Theology of the Body: Igniting the Divine Spark"

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

**Saturday, November 1, 2025**

**4-8 PM**

**Drexelbrook Catering and Event Center**

If interested in attending, kindly reach out to Deb Coopder Richey (610) 804-6920 or email [debbie.cooperrichey95@gmail.com](mailto:debbie.cooperrichey95@gmail.com)

## 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 Pellecchia. 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](mailto: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.

## Food Pantry Update

The Food Pantry has been working with some crazy weather conditions and we continue to be open every week to help our Neighbors In Need.

Several groups had recent food drives that have helped to keep our shelves well-stocked. These initiatives included:

- Super Bowl of Caring - our Holy Cross Knights of Columbus team provided over 2000 canned goods. Nick DeLuca headed this activity. Some of our 8th Grade Holy Cross students also helped with sorting can goods and date checking. Yeah Team.

God Bless our KofC folks who volunteer at the pantry including: Jack Sullivan George Rossi, Mike Mattox, Mike O'Shea, Dom Gaeta, and Joe Smith who assist at the pantry often. Andy Grajek coordinated getting food donations from ShopRite. We are very Thankful for Andy's help and ShopRite now provides large quantities of pastries and bread each week.

Jack and George work at the pantry almost every week and Tim Walton contributes many supplies often. Words cannot express our Sincere Gratitude.

- Scenic Hill Elementary School - Thanks to their school children, teachers and additional staff who provided hundreds of food items.

- SVDP St. Pius team provided a trunkful of cereal and other essentials.

Thank You Holy Cross Parishioners for your prayers and donations. If you are able, we are always in need of the following: pasta sauce (no glass please), pasta, mac & cheese, cereal, canned meats / tuna, oatmeal, peanut butter and jelly.

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

God Bless All of you for your support,  
The SVDP Holy Cross Food Pantry Volunteers

## Come celebrate with Brian Dawkins at Man Up Philly!

### March 8, 2025 - Cardinal O'Hara High School

Brian Dawkins is considered to be one of the top safeties in NFL history. In addition, he has served as an NFL team executive and NFL studio analyst. He is the Author of "Blessed by the Best: My Journey to Canton and Beyond." He is enshrined in both the Philadelphia Eagles and Pro Football Halls of Fame. We welcome Brian Dawkins for his first time at Man Up to talk about his life and his faith.

## Three Parish Book Club

The Three Parish Book Club will hold its February meeting in the Family Life Center at Holy Cross on Wednesday, February 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](mailto:termprice@verizon.net).

February book - **Crossing the Threshold of Hope - Pope St. John Paul II**

## Holy Cross Students Excel at Monsignor Bonner & Archbishop Prendergast Catholic High School

Our parish recently received notification of the performance of our high school students for the first semester of the 2024-25 school year.

We are particularly proud of Sean Erickson and Sophia Megill from the Class of 2027; Sean received First Honors and Sophia received Second Honors.

Congratulations!



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CONTACT OUR TEAM TO REGISTER OR FOR QUESTIONS:

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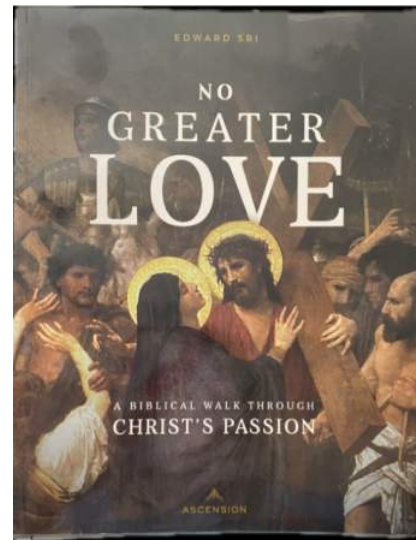
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## Lent Bible Study at Holy Cross



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](mailto:pattiejstevens@comcast.net) or 484.868.8571.

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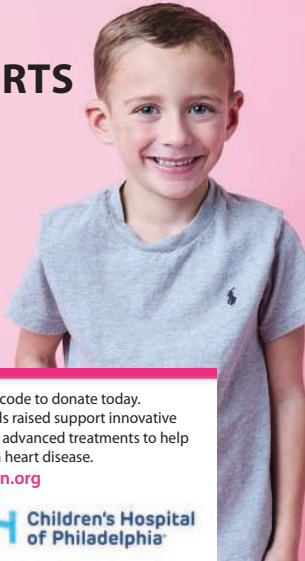


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