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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 23, 2025

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

If you like to gamble in an ocean side locale, Atlantic City, New Jersey is your place to be. I live not far from there now in retirement. In recent years, gleaming new hotels have risen on the beaches, reflecting the sun by day and glaring with lights at night. But the main attraction in each is the casino. Of course, you can also gamble online. The lottery machine greets you inside your favorite supermarket. What all this says about our society I leave for other minds to tackle.

But in a certain way, the holy bible warns us that gambling has no place in a person's spiritual life. Which is to say that gambling with God, or more particularly your relationship with Him, is a fool's choice.

We know that Almighty God, figuratively speaking, took a chance when He created humanity. He gave us free will. His creatures could then either make a return of His limitless love or not. God, as it were, gambled on us, our bible history tells us we have often made bad choices. Adam and Eve were weak and unworthy. But even then, God gave them a way back, as He also does with us.

What we call "The Old Testament" is really the story of Israel. God chose them as His favorites, but they let Him down. Even His hand-picked leader, Moses, turned out to be a disappointment. But still He loved them and even made strong covenants with His vacillating people.

Finally, from their midst, He called forth a humble but spotless young girl to be the mother of His only begotten Son. That Son, whose humility, obedience, and unwavering love, offered salvation from sin to those who believed in Him by His sacrificial death. That fidelity would be rewarded when Jesus was raised from the dead on "the Third Day."

Not everyone believed Him. They gambled, as it were, that they knew better. They turned around and walked away. That compelled Jesus to ask His chosen Twelve, with a sadness in His voice; "Will you also walk away?"

So here we are, on a weekend in March, of the year 2025, when we hear once again from Jesus of our need for repentance. Are we going to argue with Him about that? Are we going to continue gambling that our choices are better?

Here is a quote I found from Blaise Pascal, a 17th century philosopher and writer who died in 1662, about gambling on the matter of God's existence: "Let us weigh the gain and loss in wagering that God exists. Let us estimate these two chances: If you gain, you gain all; if you lose you lose nothing. Wager, then, without hesitation that He is."

God love you and beware of gambling your future.

3rd
Sunday
of Lent

Reading I: Exodus 3: 1-8a, 13-15

Moses is granted a visible and audible manifestation of God's glory, technically a "theophany." He receives his calling to lead Israel out of slavery.

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 10: 1-6, 10-12

Paul urges his Corinthians to learn from Israel's mistakes. This means heeding God's call and avoiding any self-righteousness.

The Gospel: Luke 13: 1-9

Jesus refers to current events to teach spiritual truths. He then offers a parable which expresses both God's patience and the urgency to repent.

Pray for Holy Cross!



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, MARCH 24

8:30 AM - No Mass

TUESDAY, MARCH 25

8:30 AM - John Fulginiti

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26

8:30 AM - Mary Ann Purcell

THURSDAY, MARCH 27

8:30 AM - Samuel Forlano

FRIDAY, MARCH 28

8:30 AM - Bill DeVuono

SATURDAY, MARCH 29

8:30 AM - No Mass

4:30 PM - For the People of the
Parish

SUNDAY, MARCH 30

8:30 AM - Rosarie Kingston

11:00 AM - Giulia Pace & Vincenzo
Della Marchesina

SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's Sanctuary Lamp
intention is for:

Church - Betty Castaldi

Chapel - Janice LeTourneau



COLLECTION INFORMATION

Due to vacation schedules
the numbers for the Sunday
Collection were not available
at the time of Bulletin
Submission.

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



On Tuesday we celebrate the **Solemnity of the Annunciation of The Lord.**

The Annunciation is the beginning of Jesus in His human nature. Through His mother He is a member of the human race. Mary's consent was essential to the redemption of mankind, and her consent was foreseen from all eternity, always a part of God's Plan for us.

Casserole Drop-Off Date

The next drop-off is Tuesday, March 25th between 4:00 and 5:00 PM at the gym annex. The casseroles are appreciated by the homeless who visit St. John's Hospice at 12th and Race St., Philadelphia. You can make any casserole that you like. Please mark the casserole with the date prepared. Call Connie Labowitz at 610-348-1591 with any questions. Thank you!

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.



Pre-Cana

Pre-Cana will be the second Friday of each month at St Gabriel's in Norwood PA. Our next class will be on April 11, 2025, 6:30 – 8:00 pm. If interested, please call St Gabriel's Rectory at 610-586-1225.

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. 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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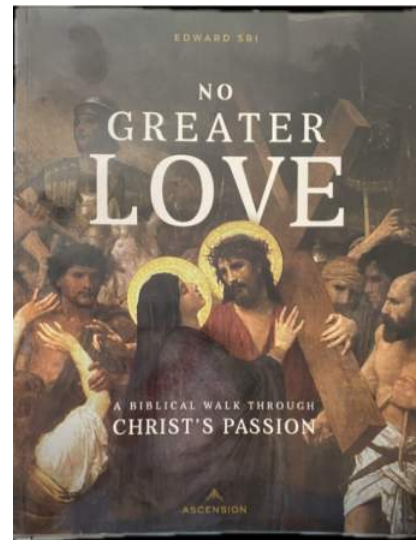
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Lent Bible Study at Holy Cross



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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