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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 3, 2024



FROM THE PASTOR

This week is a significant week in the history of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. On Thursday, we will celebrate the ordination of three new Auxiliary Bishops for the Archdiocese. The men being ordained are Bishops-Elect Keith Chylinski, Christopher Cooke, and Efen Esmilla. This is the first time in the history of our archdiocese that three auxiliary bishops will be ordained at one time. Please keep the bishops-elect in prayer as they begin a new chapter of ministry as successors of the Apostles.

Due to limited seating, the Mass of Ordination at the cathedral is by invitation only, but it will be livestreamed on the website of the Archdiocese if you wish to participate virtually. You can visit archphila.org for the link to watch. The Mass is Thursday, March 7, at 2:00 pm.

We have a fun event happening here in our parish on Saturday, March 23. Holy Cross will be hosting the "Battle of the Badges" basketball tournament between the Upper Darby Police and Fire Departments. I don't have too many details just yet, but we were asked if we could host, and while we normally aren't able to accommodate outside groups using our facilities, I really wasn't about to say "no" to the police and fire departments! I'm sure it will be a great time with some friendly competition.

Thank you to everyone who purchased crab cakes and other items as part of our Capt'n Chucky's Fundraiser. We had a bigger variety of items available to us, and overall, our sales were higher than they were last year. Special thanks to some of the members of our Fundraising Committee for tabulating the orders and camping out in the gym to help distribute the orders.

As we continue through Lent, please take advantage of the additional opportunities for the Sacrament of Penance on Thursday mornings, and join us for Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 2:00 or 7:00. Both are great ways to insert a spiritual component into your Lenten observance.

Don't forget that next Sunday Daylight Saving Time Begins! You don't want to be an hour late to Mass.

3rd
Sunday of
Lent

Reading I: Exodus 20: 1-17, or 20: 1-3, 7-8, 12-17

Yahweh asserts Himself as the only deity for Israel. Three commands pertain to Him, and seven apply to human behavior.

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 1: 22-25

Paul declares that God's foolishness is a crucified Christ, and that it is far superior to human wisdom.

The Gospel: John 2: 13-25

After angrily cleansing the Temple of any commercialism practiced there, Jesus predicts His death and resurrection. The disciples will remember His words after the Resurrection.



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, MARCH 4

8:30 AM - No Mass

TUESDAY, MARCH 5

8:30 AM - Josephine Elliott

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6

8:30 AM - Betty McGarvey

THURSDAY, MARCH 7

8:30 AM - John Kemmey

FRIDAY, MARCH 8

8:30 AM - Those in the Memorial Fund

SATURDAY, MARCH 9

8:30 AM - No Mass

4:30 PM - For the People of Holy Cross

SUNDAY, MARCH 10

8:30 AM - Frank & Rose Adduci

11:00 AM - Samuel Richard Gibson

SANCTUARY LAMP



This week's Sanctuary Lamp intention is for:

Church - Geraldine Collins

Chapel - John Kemmey

COLLECTION INFORMATION

Weekly Need \$13,350

Weekly Collection, February 25

Total \$8,367

Electronic \$3,400

Basket & Mail-Ins \$4,967

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Consiglia Borreli	Richard McCullough
Lyndi Butler	Larry McCusker
Mary Ann Carroll	Francis Murray
George Dickinson	Charlotte O'Leary
Dawn Gibbons	Paige O'Leary
Carolyn Henderson	Katherine Patrone
Steven Henderson	Mary Rafferty
Jimmy Keating	Ronnie Sidebottom
Natalie Giorgio Kitts	Joseph Sindoni
Ken Kull	Adeline Sulpizio
Mary Kull	Jean Super
Kendall Lambert	Valerie Thompson
Alice Loftus	Betty Tomczyk
Deacon Joe Gousie	Rosemarie Colaberdino
Lee Anne McGough	Madalyn Parr
Joann Marks	Carter Claire Walton
Maryanne McCauley	Mike Calbertta
Matthew Bannon	Alexander Passquini
Mary Ann Nero	Melissa Dunsee
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Bill Homony	Susan Cortese
Mary Ellen Sweeney	Andrea Emilia Bernabey
Roxanne Tamayo	Deacon Frankenberger

The Corner

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Reflect on Jesus' love for us:

"The desire to sacrifice so another can be blessed is very much a part of what it means to truly love."

--- Chris Padgett "I'm Not OK, You're Not OK, But It's OK"

Semi-Annual Pancake Breakfast

The Holy Cross Knights of Columbus will be hosting their Semi-Annual Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, March 17th in the Parish Hall from 8:00am until 1:00pm. Price for tickets is \$12. Children 5 and under are free. Tickets will be sold after the Masses on March 2nd & 3rd and March 9th & 10th. You can also get tickets from any of the Knights before the event or at the door the day of the event. Remember "It's More Than Just Pancakes!"

Those who received the sacrament of Confirmation at Holy Cross on Sunday, February 25, 2024 by Bishop Michael J. Fitzgerald

Weston Christopher Barnes
Colin Patrick Becker
Maeve Theresa Bradley
Ciara Anastasia Campo
Allismary Mary Castillo
Edward Daniel Dath
Briella Anastasia Dorsa
Liam John Dougherty
Ryan Patrick Erickson
Isabella Catherine Fimple
Emmy Christina Hugo
Priscilla Anastasia Joseph
Jay Michael Maffei
James Patrick Maynard

Caden Roch McAveney
Serafina Lucy McAveney
Maura Katherine Myro
Max Allen Orio
Roman Clement Oropeza
Jack Matthew Palmer
Haley Rose Quinlan
Skylar Mary Ricciardi
Bryce Luke Ridore
Alaina Elizabeth Sammons
Emmett Abraham Saye
Shane Sebastian Shonleber
Parker Joseph Truax
Alexis Theresa Wainwright

DELCO PRO-LIFE MEETING

Please join us for our monthly Delco Pro-Life group meeting on Wednesday, March 13, at 7 PM in St. Francis of Assisi Basement Conference Room in the Rectory in Springfield. Entrance is from the parking lot and down the outside steps. Your prayers and suggestions are most welcome. Jesus, protect and save the unborn.

St. Francis Center Volunteers

Volunteers are needed to assist residents to daily Mass in the late morning - especially on Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays - and to devotions on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons at St. Francis Nursing Home in Darby.

If interested, please call Father John Gabin at 1-484-493-7173. If no answer, leave a message.

Special Event: Alan Ames – Catholic Evangelist, Author and Healer

Alan Ames has traveled to more than 50 countries on six continents since 1994. During his travels, Alan shares his amazing "Saul to Paul" conversion story and a powerful healing gift. Alan has ministered to multitudes suffering from physical, mental, emotional and spiritual ailments around the world.

On Sunday, March 10, a special event featuring Alan Ames will occur at Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Morton, PA, starting with the celebration of Sunday Liturgy at noon. Following the conclusion of the Sunday liturgy, we will have Alan's testimony, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and a Healing Service. Confessions will also be offered.

WHERE: Our Lady of Perpetual Help (OLPH) Church, 2130 Franklin Ave., Morton, PA 19070

WHEN: March 10, beginning with Noon Mass
Registration is requested (but not required) by going to www.olphmorton.org. All are Welcome!

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 Drexeline 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 Drexeline 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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There are so many choices for Lent! "Whole 40: Making a Spiritual Plan For Lent" is an 18 minute discussion with Dr Ben Akers about challenging yourself this Lent, with a link to the FORMEDNOW Lenten daily reflections. "The Catholic Parent" is a new series with real-life families discussing real-life situations, sometimes very funny.

Signing up for FORMED is EASY and FREE!

1. Just go to FORMED.org or download the FORMED app
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3. Register with your name and email address
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Three Parish Book Club

The next meeting of the Book Club will be on Wednesday, March 27 at 7:00 p.m. at the Holy Cross Parish Center. 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!
We will begin our Lenten series the week of February 25, after the conclusion of our current study of the Gospel of Mark. 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 prepare for the Lenten Season, many are helping to fill our pantry shelves. Over the last month, the following groups have provided additional support to our pantry.

Our Holy Cross school children collected personal supplies (shampoo, soap, toothbrushes...you get the idea) during Catholic Schools Week. A Big Thank You to our school children.

St. Francis ran a food and sock drive and our Neighbors in Need were very grateful. St. Anastasia runs a monthly collection and we are now the recipient of their goodies. Scenic Hills Elementary school provided a truckload of food to our pantry. Sts. Peter and Paul (West Chester) Confirmation students made kiddie bags (for folks who bring their children for their food pick-ups). The message of our pantry is reaching further out and we are very grateful.

Our Knights of Columbus participated in the "Souper Bowl of Caring" and provided many needed supplies. What a Great Community activity and Thanks to All who participated in this initiative.

If you know anyone in need of food in Delco, please let them know that we are open Wednesdays from 3:30 to 5:30. We do not open until all our school is closed.

We are always in need of cereal, oatmeal, mac & cheese, pasta and pasta sauce, peanut butter, rice and beans if you are able to help. (No glass please).

God Bless All of You for your prayers and generosity.
Your Friends from the SVDP Holy Cross Food Pantry

Eucharistic Adoration



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

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/

The Catholic Preaching Institute

The CPI at Saint Charles Seminary again invites you to participate in what could be the largest-ever study of preaching in the nation! Tell us what you think in a 10-minute online survey at <https://catholicleaders.online/phillypreaching>. Please share this info with your family members, friends, and contacts so that we receive maximum input ... to help us better design programs that will make your experience of homilies more compelling!

Eileen George Prayer Group

Join us on Sunday, March 10th from 2 – 3 PM for a grace-filled Holy Hour. 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 Benediction, you are welcome to join us in the hall for light refreshments.

Location: Annunciation BVM Church, 401 Brookline Blvd., Havertown, PA
For questions contact: Jeanmarie Lorello at 610-547-7308 (phone or text).

Home Care Needed

Home Care needed to stay overnight with an elderly woman 2 or 3 nights per week. The elderly woman generally takes care of her own needs. The Home Care worker would need to do light housework. Please call (484) 343-6610 for details.

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/cyрил-95th. For more information contact Jim or Barb Gray at 610- 284-5984 or Jim at jeg19026@gmail.com.



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

March 17TH

KOC-Pancake Breakfast



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

June 2nd



October 5th



**November 2nd
Annual Craft Fair**



**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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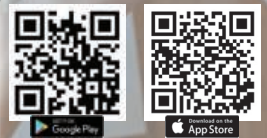
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