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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 31, 2024



FROM THE PASTOR

Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed, Alleluia! A Happy and Blessed Easter to all. As always, the last week has been intense with all of our Masses and services in the church. They could not have happened without the hard work and dedication of so many people who share their talents to decorate, sing, read, serve, set up, and clean up. A big thank you to all who had a hand in making this Holy Week something sacred and special for our parish family.

On the First Sunday of Lent, I talked a bit about some of our parish's current 'vital signs' and compared some of them to 10 years ago. That info bears repeating, since this week there is a bigger audience reading the bulletin, and we need *everyone* to know where we are as a parish. Over 10 years, the number of registered households has gone down 60%. Average weekend Mass attendance has shrunk 64%. The number of infant baptisms is half of what it was ten years ago. The only area where numbers have gone *up* is the number of funerals each year. That's not good.

The financial side of things is not good either. Our average weekly collection has been running about 50-60% of what it needs to be to meet our operational expenses, which have gone up considerably the past few years in ways outside our control. Our buildings are aging, and years of deferred maintenance can't be put off any longer. We're using our savings to cover operational deficits and tackle urgent maintenance and repairs; we can't even think about tackling things that fall into the "nice to have" category of repairs and improvements (like the sound system). To meet our basic operational expenses, we would need every contributing family to give us an average of \$35-\$40 per week. Right now, 58% of families are giving us less than a dollar per week.

If we stay on our present course, it's only a matter of time before Holy Cross Parish ceases to exist. As your pastor, I don't want that. The archbishop didn't send me here to nurse the parish in its final years until it eventually dies. Unfortunately, he also didn't send me here with a pot of gold and a cruise ship full of Catholics who want to be active and devoted members of the parish. The only way we as a parish will change course is if you as a parishioner do your part to help turn us around: by joining us as we worship God every Sunday; by getting involved in current parish activities and maybe even developing new ones; and, yes, by financial support too.

At Christmas, I offered an invitation. If you're someone who does not regularly join us for Mass on Sunday, for whatever reason, I'd welcome the opportunity to talk about it. You have a reason. I'd love to know what it is, and even more importantly what I can do as the pastor and what we can do as a parish to help you through those obstacles. Call or e-mail, and let's talk (respectfully).

Easter is a celebration of Resurrection and new life. If we recommit ourselves to our faith and our parish, Holy Cross will experience a rebirth, and we can be a strong, vibrant parish for decades to come.

One again, Easter Blessings to you and all those you love!



Reading I: Isaiah 50: 4-7

From the prophet's "Book of Comfort" section we find an obvious reference to Jesus, whose confidence remains even with His face covered in spittle.

Reading II: Philippians 2: 6-11

Paul quotes a beautiful hymn of his time which describes Christ's self-emptying and His exaltation. The hymn may have been in Aramaic.

The Gospel: Mark 14:1-15:47, or 15: 1-39

Mark's gospel has been described as "A Passion narrative with a long introduction." He wrote to comfort his community sometime in the 60's AD before the destruction of the Temple in 70 AD.



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, APRIL 1

8:30 AM - No Mass

TUESDAY, APRIL 2

8:30 AM - For a Special Intention

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3

8:30 AM - Those Enrolled in the Memorial Fund

THURSDAY, APRIL 4

8:30 AM - John Fulginiti

FRIDAY, APRIL 5

8:30 AM - Thomas Miller

SATURDAY, APRIL 6

8:30 AM - No Mass

4:30 PM - For the People of the Parish

SUNDAY, APRIL 7

8:30 AM - Thomas Judge

11:00 AM - Jeffrey Scolis

SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's Sanctuary Lamp intention is for:

Church - Maryann Redding
Chapel - Maryann Redding



COLLECTION INFORMATION

Weekly Need \$13,350

Weekly Collection, March 24

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

PRAY FOR THE SICK

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| Consiglia Borrelli | Richard McCullough |
| Lyndi Butler | Larry McCusker |
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| Dawn Gibbons | Paige O'Leary |
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| Steven Henderson | Mary Rafferty |
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| Natalie Giorgio Kitts | Joseph Sindoni |
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| 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

What a joyful day it is today! Jesus Christ is risen from the dead! This is our Easter joy. Pope John Paul II once said "We are an Easter people and Hallelujah is our song!" Carry this joyful tune of Easter Hallelujah in your hearts.

Interested in Being a Greeter?

YOU are invited to be a greeter at the doors before a Saturday evening or Sunday morning Mass! Please contact Lisa D'Arcy at 610.213.4047 for more information.

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.

Bonner-Prendie Class of '74 to hold 50th Reunion

Monsignor Bonner- Archbishop Prendergast High School, Class of 1974, is planning their 50th Class Reunion, 6- 10 p.m. Friday, Sept. 27 at Paxon Hollow Country Club, 850 Paxon Hollow Rd., Broomall. The Reunion Committee is currently searching for current email addresses to send out notices with the details. Class members are asked to send name and email address to bonnerprendie50threunion@gmail.com/.

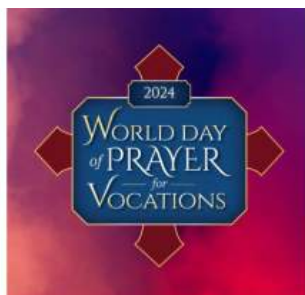
The Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia invite you to join us!

Franciscan Night ~ Monte Carlo Style
Saturday, April 27, 2024 * 6 - 10 pm
Neumann University Mirinda Center Atrium
501 S. Convent Road, Aston, PA 19014

Online registration is available on our website at www.osfphila.org

Married Couples

When's the last time you gave your marriage a tune-up? Keep your engines running by getting away together on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend! The next in-person experiences are April 19-21 and July 12-14 at Our Lady of Czestochowa, Doylestown. For more info visit: <https://www.wwmephillly.org>.



Sunday April 21, 2024
"The priesthood is the love of the heart of Jesus. When you see a priest, think of our Lord Jesus Christ."
---St John Vianney

School News

Holy Cross School's
NIGHT AT THE RACES!

Saturday, April 27, 2024

Join us for a night filled with excitement, raffle baskets, 50/50 chances, and the best equestrian sports.

Doors open at 6:30PM. Races start at 7:00PM.
\$25.00 a ticket includes food and non-alcoholic beverages.
BYOB event!

Tickets can be purchased at the school office or church office.

St. Andrew the Apostle Nocturnal Adoration Society

The St. Andrew's Nocturnal Adoration Society of Drexel Hill will meet from 7:30 PM to 8:30 PM on April 4th, 2024 for an hour of adoration in the church.
all are welcome to attend.

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

Spring Bible Study

Please join us EVERY week for Weekly Bible Study!

In "Queen of Heaven: Mary's Battle For You" we will study history's most famous woman. It is an encounter with Mary as you have never had before. We will accompany her from her Immaculate Conception through her apparitions in modern times. This is an 8 episode series with videos and discussions; there are no workbooks for this study. 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, April 8 thru May 27, 7:00 – 8:30 PM

OR: Wednesdays, April 10 thru May 29, 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



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 Labouré. "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

MDP/MTC All Class Reunion April 13, 2024



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Attention MDP/MTC Alumni!

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more information and
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Father Judge High School Class of 1974 50 Year Reunion

Saturday, April 27th from 6 - 10 PM at Father Judge
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Please contact khuckel@fatherjudge.com for more information

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



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 world.

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
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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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