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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 9, 2025



FROM THE PASTOR

A big thank you to everyone who attended the Horse Racing Fundraiser last Saturday to benefit the school. It looks like everyone had a great time, with lots of good food and entertainment to be had. An enormous debt of gratitude is owed to our principal Daniel Salvatore and our Home and School President Jenn Donnelly for going above and beyond the call of duty to make the event a success. I am also grateful to Jonathan Menta for inviting several area Knights of Columbus Councils to attend and for all the help he gave to make the event a success. Lots of others had a role to play in making this event happen well, and as a parish we thank them.

This past Tuesday, we had a presentation here at the parish regarding Archbishop Perez's recent pastoral letter and the new path forward on which the Church of Philadelphia will embark. Eighteen people attended, and most seemed to enjoy the presentation and appreciate the challenges and opportunities we face as a local Church. Some good questions were asked and answered. If you were unable to attend, there will be several regional sessions in the area in the weeks and months ahead. You can visit the website trustandhope.org for more information and to see the schedule.

The archbishop is once again asking all parishes to complete the Disciple Maker Index Survey. This tool allows pastors to get a sense of the faith of their people—a snapshot of the strengths and opportunities of this parish and of the Church of Philadelphia as a whole. The survey is live now and runs through April 10. You can fill out the survey by going to <https://portal.catholicleaders.org/dmi/survey/xx6py6>. A link is also on our website. The survey takes about 10-15 minutes to complete.

For many years, a group of parishes in Delco joined together to offer a weekly Lenten series. There would be theme for the year, and each parish would host for one week, inviting the others to come and have an evening of prayer and a sermon for education or reflection. As pastors retired or got transferred and the ladies and gentlemen among the laity who helped coordinate couldn't do so anymore, the series fizzled out.

As you may know, Deacon Tom works as the Director of Religious Education at St. Madeline Parish in Ridley Park. A couple weeks ago, the pastor there, Fr. Flanagan, thought it would be a good idea to bring back the Lenten series this year. So he put Deacon Tom in charge of making it happen—which of course meant quickly finding places in the area willing to host. Can you guess who was among the first pastors Deacon Tom called to see about hosting? Not being able to think of an excuse fast enough, I said okay, we'll do it. (That was supposed to be a joke.) I think it's great this program is coming back, and I'm glad we can be a part of it. Holy Cross will be hosting the first week of this renewed Lenten series on Tuesday, March 18, starting at 6:30 pm. I hope you'll join us.

Lastly, a reminder: we will not have Stations this Friday at 2:00. There will still be Stations at 7:00 that day.

1st
Sunday
of Lent

Reading I: Deuteronomy 26: 4-10

Moses makes a confession of Israel's faith in the Lord, who as the great Redeemer from slavery, worked great wonders, and became the Giver of the Promised Land.

Reading II: Romans 10: 8-13

Israel cannot plead ignorance when it comes to the gospel, because the preaching of the Church about Jesus has come to it through the pouring out of the Spirit. This same Spirit comes for Jew and Gentile alike.

The Gospel: Luke 4: 1-13

Satan tries without success to lure Jesus away from the path of suffering to one of power and sensationalism to fulfill the mission entrusted to Him by His Father. Satan leaves Him alone then "for a time."

Bring a friend to Friday Stations!



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, MARCH 10

8:30 AM - No Mass

TUESDAY, MARCH 11

8:30 AM - Margaret O'Connor

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12

8:30 AM - Nora Gaudiosi

THURSDAY, MARCH 13

8:30 AM - Shirley McGowan

FRIDAY, MARCH 14

8:30 AM - Maryann Schalleur

SATURDAY, MARCH 15

8:30 AM - No Mass

4:30 PM - Philip & Therese Baselice

SUNDAY, MARCH 16

8:30 AM - For the People of the
Parish

11:00 AM - Josephine & Frank
Castracane

SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's Sanctuary Lamp
intention is for:

Church - James Leo Dailey
Chapel - Betty Castaldi



COLLECTION INFORMATION

Weekly Need \$12,000

Weekly Collection, March 2

Total \$7,541

Electronic \$2,449

Basket & Mail-Ins \$5,092

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



Since we are fasting for Lent, this gives us something else to do with our mouth besides eating!

"O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth shall show forth your praise."

---Psalm 51:17

DELCO PARISHES PRO-LIFE MEETING

Please join us for our monthly Delco Pro-life meeting on Wednesday, March 19, at 7 PM at the Holy Cross Parish Center in Springfield. The Parish Center is located behind the school. Your prayers and suggestions are welcome. Currently, 40 Days for Life Prayer Campaign March 5 through April 13. Jesus, protect and save the unborn.

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.



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.

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

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.

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.

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

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.



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

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debbie.cooperrichey95@gmail.com

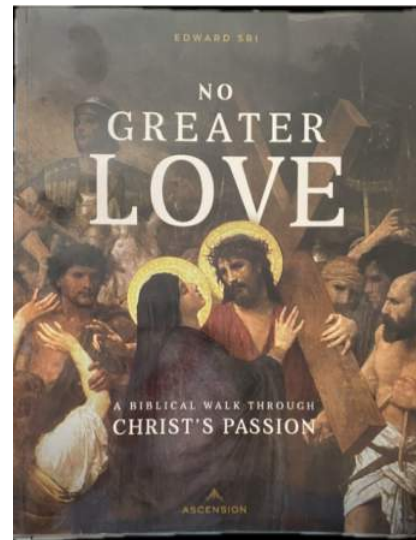
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Lent Bible Study at Holy Cross



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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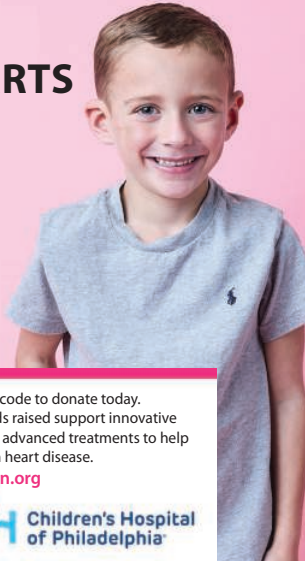


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Saturday & Sunday
 March 8-9, 2025

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