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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, May 11, 2025

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

World Day of Prayer for Vocations, and Mother's Day.

There has been a lot of media chatter these days about our country's enemies and their threats to our country's defenses. We are the envy of many other people who share this earth with us.

More important for us as believers in Christ is the defensive position we must take to preserve religious freedom. That comes about by our steadfast fidelity to the Creed we pray at every Sunday Mass dating back to the Council of Nicaea in 325 A.D.

But long before that Council, St. Paul, our greatest missionary, made it abundantly clear to his audiences that Jesus Christ is our surest defense against the main enemy of our souls: Satan the father of lies.

In the present secular culture that dominates our country, where the mere mention of the word "God" makes a lot of people uncomfortable, we need to have a more robust Christian faith. I daresay it was easier some n fifty or so years ago. (I took comfort recently when I saw some television news personnel proudly wearing their forehead crosses on Ash Wednesday evening. A tiny breakthrough.)

These thoughts prompt me to remind you of one of best "tools" for a muscular maintenance of our faith life, namely the Sacrament of Reconciliation, or Penance. There is nothing like the feeling of relief one gets after a good sacramental confession.

On two other matters, the first is that today our Church marks the "World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Specifically, we're asked to pray for young men and women to consider either a vocation to the permanent diaconate, or the priesthood or the consecrated life as the case may be. Prayer is a major component, but so is your encouragement to a young man or woman who mentions their attraction to one or the other. You're helping the Holy Spirit do His work!

The second mater also on our minds today is our country's "Mother's Day." We honor that very special person in our lives. Allow me to close these reflections with the tribute of an imperfect but still very great man to his mother:

"My mother was the most beautiful woman I ever saw. All I am I owe to my mother. I attribute all my success in life to the moral, intellectual and physical education I received from her." – George Washington

God love you and give you His peace.

**Fourth
Sunday
of
Easter**

Reading I: Acts 13: 14, 43-52.

Paul and Barnabas make the First of three missionary journeys. They preach the Word in Antioch, where many Gentiles became believers. However, the majority of Jews in the city did not accept the Faith.

Reading II: Revelation 7:9, 14b-17.

The uncountable crowd in John's vision are the spiritual sons and daughters of Abraham promised him by God. These faithful wear white, signifying their emergence from trials and persecution. The Lamb leads them to heavenly joy.

The Gospel: John 10: 27-30.

Jesus' protection equals that of the Father, who shields all believers from the threats of Satan the enemy of the Kingdom. Jesus declares that the Trinity of Persons is actually one God.

Mary is our Divine Mother!



MASSSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, MAY 12

8:30 AM - No Mass

TUESDAY, MAY 13

8:30 AM - Maureen Ketchum

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14

8:30 AM - Bill J. McAvinue

THURSDAY, MAY 15

8:30 AM - Kathryn Gregorio, Rita

Creato & Anne Creato

FRIDAY, MAY 16

8:30 AM - McKeon Family

SATURDAY, MAY 17

8:30 AM - No Mass

4:30 PM - For Those Enrolled in the

Memorial Fund

SUNDAY, MAY 18

8:30 AM - Josephine & Frank

Castracane and Emily Hannigan

11:00 AM - For the People of the

Parish

SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's Sanctuary Lamp
intention is for:

Church - Robert Milligan

Chapel - Victoria Cortez



COLLECTION INFORMATION

Weekly Need \$12,000

Weekly Collection, May 4

Total \$7,168

Electronic \$2,634

Basket & Mail-Ins \$4,534

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

Tuesday is the Memorial of the first of the 1917 apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima. Do you remember the names of the 3 children she appeared to? Jacinta, Francisco and Lucia.



Thank You!

Thank you for supporting Capt'n Chucky and March Madness fundraisers! We are happy to report that we had two winners for March Madness.

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.

DELCO PARISHES PRO-LIFE MEETING

Join us for the next monthly meeting of the Delco Parishes Pro-life Group on Wednesday, May 28 at 7 PM at St. Dorothy Rectory Basement Conference Room in Drexel Hill. Entrance is from parking lot and down the inside steps.
Upcoming Event: Philadelphia March for Life, Saturday, June 7.
Jesus, protect and save the unborn.

BIKING FOR BABIES - PHILLY RIDE FOR LIFE - SATURDAY, JUNE 7

Join the Philly Ride for Life and be an advocate for human life and support area pregnancy resource centers.
Saturday, June 7, from Saints Philip & James Church in Exton, PA along the Chester Valley Trail.
Mass optional at 7:15 AM, Ride starts at 8:15 AM.
For more information see bikingforbabies.com/local-rides or contact Chris Massaro at 484-639-3580 or chris.massaro@bikingforbabies.com.

PHILADELPHIA MARCH FOR LIFE - SATURDAY, JUNE 7

Join the Pro-Life community as we show that being for death-by-abortion is being on the wrong side of history.
Mass at 8 AM at Cathedral SS. Peter & Paul, Phila.;
March starts at 9 AM to Independence Mall Visitors Center for Rally for Life at 10 AM with music and Pro-life speakers. For more information see prolifeunion.org/2024mfl.
Jesus, protect and save the unborn.

2025-2026 PREP Registration

2025-2026 PREP Registration is open - If you're a **returning family**, please do not fill out a form. You should have received an email from Parish Giving on the morning that registration is open on **April 30, 2025**. This email will contain login credentials for a Parish Giving account that was created for you. There is no need for you to create a Parish Giving account. If registration opens, and you don't receive this automated email, please contact Kelly Meliti at PREPHolyCross@gmail.com.

If you are a **new family** - Welcome to Holy Cross PREP. Please use the link provided on the Holy Cross website - HolyCrossCatholics.org under PREP in the Information section to register.

School News

May, the month of Mary, our Heavenly Mother and all Mothers, is here. We are coming ever closer to the end of the 2024-25 school year and preparing for the summer.

The virtue for May is Most improved. Our students are doing well following the Holy Cross Expectations, and many have earned Good Deed Beads. Quite a few have earned a decade. Students who get 50 Good Deed Beads will form a Rosary of Virtue; many are working towards it. These students will earn a coveted Principal's Pass, which is good for either a dress down, a homework pass, or 15 minutes of free time. Our monthly Good Deed Bead Drawing will take place on June 3.

God bless our Holy Cross Students and PREP students who received the sacrament of First Holy Communion on Saturday, May 3, 2025.

Our teacher's appreciation lunch was celebrated on Tuesday, May 6, to honor our teachers and their hard work and dedication to their students and Holy Cross School. Their accomplishments were shown in our Terra Nova scores, which showed improvement in all areas, especially math.
Our Principal, Mr. Salvatore, is committed to leading our school to higher academic standards.

Our school show this year will be on Wednesday, May 14, at 6 pm. We welcome our parishioners. The theme this year is show tunes. Our students and teachers have been hard at work preparing for this annual production.

May 23 is our Walk-a-thon and Great Inflatable race in our school yard. Come see our Pastor and Principal race in their inflatable suits!

It is a busy time here at Holy Cross School, we thank all of our parishioners and our Pastor for your dedication to our school and for your support.

Food Pantry Update

Happy Spring! We continue to be very busy providing food for Our Neighbors in Need.

We have several businesses and folks we would like to recognize...

Thank You to:

- St. Kevin's (ran a Lenten food drive and provided hundreds of bags of food to help fill our shelves). God Bless Our Neighboring parishioners.
- St. Annie's runs a monthly parish food collection and we are the Thankful recipient.
- Chuck Martino (Nirvana Hair Salon) provides pet food. We ran out of both dog and cat food last week, and Chuck Martino quickly replenished our supplies. Some folks will feed their pets before themselves, so we are very Grateful for these donations.
- Shoprite continues to provide large quantities of bakery, bread and miscellaneous items weekly.
- Roma's Deli continues to provides rolls and other goodies 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, peanut butter, jelly and kiddie snacks.

Many folks bring their children with them while picking up supplies. We always try to have little goodie bags for 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 with your generous donations and prayers.

Love and Prayers,
Your Friends from the SVDP Holy Cross Food Pantry

Holy Cross, Students excelling at CARDINAL O'HARA HIGH SCHOOL

Our parish recently received notification of the performance of our high school students at the end of the 3rd quarter report. We are particularly proud of those who demonstrated academic excellence.

Students who achieved first honors include: Amber-Joyce Pensyl '25, Miley Woltanski '26, Sophia Campbell '27, Daniel Kull '27, Sean Campbell '28, Anthony Huynh '28.

Among those earning second honors were the following students from our parish: Julia Riley '25, Erin Saye '26, Rocco DiMario '27, Nicholas Voight '28.

Students Receiving First Holy Communion

Joseph Aprigliano
Connor Cooper
Nora Dawson
Lillianne DeLuca
Mya Dowrick
Julie Estep
Scarlett Fimple
Nolan Mahoney

Alexander Marzulli
Lucy McCauley
Cole McNish
Michael Mitchell
Ricky Nguyen
Nico Pellecchia
Nolan Sage
Jason Sweeney
Gregory Thomas

Mothers' Home in Darby

Mothers' Home in Darby, our area's only residential shelter for homeless pregnant women and their newborns, is seeking volunteers with skills in the areas of social media/networking, event planning/organization for our residents and donors, computer technology, and data entry to work with us approximately five hours per week. Interested individuals may contact Board Member Dennis McAndrews at dmcandrews@mcandrewslaw.com.

Summer Nurse Needed

Merion Mercy Academy, in Merion Station, PA is looking for a nurse for its summer programs to support the health and safety of students ages 12-18 participating in the Merion Mercy Academy summer programs. This is a part-time, temporary position from June 30 - July 25. Requirements include: Current and valid RN, LPN, or equivalent nursing license ; CPR and First Aid certification. Contact: Gina Briscella, Summer Programs Director (gbriscella@merion-mercy.com).



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Three Parish Book Club

The Three Parish Book Club will hold its last meeting before the summer break on June 12th at a local restaurant. 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.

May Book - **Acts of the Apostles**

SPRINGFIELD ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION MEMORIAL DAY WALK 2025

On Monday, May 26th, Memorial Day, the members of the Springfield Athletic Association (SAA) invite all residents to join them in their one- mile memorial walk in honor of past members and families who have passed away after many years of gracing the many fields and gymnasiums of our township.

The walk will begin RAIN OR SHINE at 9 AM sharp at Halderman Field on Springfield Road and end at Springfield High School where refreshments will be served for all participants in the walk. Along the one-mile walk, name signs of all of those past SAA members who have passed away will be displayed for all to view and pay homage to along the way.

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Spring Bible Study at Holy Cross



For May, the month of Mary, we ask the question: who is Mary, the Mother of Jesus, and why is she so important to Catholics? In this series, **"MARY: The Bible and the Mother of God"** Dr Brant Pitre explores Sacred Scripture and the connections between the Old and New Testaments. As always, we study at your convenience, either Monday evenings or Wednesday mornings, so PICK THE TIME that is best for you. We have valuable group discussions after the videos, and light refreshments are provided.

When: Mondays, May 5 thru June 23 --- 7:00 – 8:30 **PM** - in the Holy Cross Parish Center
Or: Wednesdays, May 7 thru June 25 ---9:15 – 10:45 **AM** – in the Holy Cross Parish Center

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.

It is always helpful to have a headcount. We have comprehensive workbooks available at a discounted group price of \$20. To save a seat or for more information, contact Jane Collins at elizabeth.collins3@verizon.net, or 610.623.3412.

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