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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 12, 2024



FROM THE PASTOR

We are three weeks away from our Second Annual Welcome Summer Family Fun Day! Plan to join us for free food and fun on Sunday, June 2, after the 11:00 Mass. We'll have a DJ, bounce houses, some yard games and face painting. Last year, we had a great turnout of parishioners of all ages, and we want an even better turnout this year! Start praying for good weather now as well. An RSVP would be very helpful, so we know how much food to prepare. You can contact the office, or you can scan the QR code on our promotional materials. (Yes, we are trying to do some things the 21st century way around here...)

To make this event a success, we're looking once again for sponsors and patrons to help underwrite some of the costs. Sponsorships are available for the whole event, or for specific aspects (food & drink, DJ, bounce houses). Different levels of support as a patron are also available. Forms are available in the church vestibules.

Some good news to share: a few months ago, we applied for a safety grant for the school from the PA Department of Education. The grant was written to add additional security cameras in and around the school building. We recently found out that we were selected as a grant recipient and expect an award of \$25,000. We're now in the process of submitting the final quote so we can get the funds released for us. I'm hoping (with perhaps a lot of cautious optimism) that we can get the final approvals and get the work scheduled for over the summer months. I do want to thank Daniel Salvatore and Terry Carey for all their work in getting the grant and Ron Gardner for working with an outside vendor to get the quote finalized quickly. (The process is a lot of hurry up and wait. You have a small window to apply; it takes months to hear from them; and when you do, you only have like a week to get a detailed quote and get it back to them. Then you wait until they decide to review it and release the funds.)

Next Sunday is Pentecost! In many places it's become customary for everyone to wear red for the Holy Spirit when they go to Mass on Pentecost. So if you remember, wear red next Sunday.

Finally, Happy Mother's Day to all the moms out there!

7th
Sunday
of Easter

Reading I: Acts 1: 15-17, 20a, 20c-26

The Apostles elect Matthias to replace Judas, who had "turned away to go to his own place." Thus, the sacred number of 12 is once again denoting those who had witnessed the resurrection.

Reading II: 1 John 4: 11-16

"We must love one another" because God remains in each of us.

The Gospel: John 17: 11b-19

Jesus offers His high priestly prayer after the Last Supper in which He not only asks His Father to protect His Eleven, but also has in mind Judas who is about to betray Him.



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, MAY 13

8:30 AM - No Mass

TUESDAY, MAY 14

8:30 AM - John Fulginiti

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15

8:30 AM - Kathryn Gregorio, Rita Creato & Anne Creato

THURSDAY, MAY 16

8:30 AM - John Fulginiti

FRIDAY, MAY 17

8:30 AM - Robert A. Kling (4th Anniversary)

SATURDAY, MAY 18

8:30 AM - No Mass
4:30 PM - For the People of the Parish

SUNDAY, MAY 19

8:30 AM - Anna Marie Edwards & Adele Adduci
11:00 AM - Sam Dynow

SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's Sanctuary Lamp intention is for:

Church - Victoria Cortez
Chapel - Victoria Cortez



COLLECTION INFORMATION

Weekly Need	\$13,330
Weekly Collection, May 5	
Total	\$7,731
Electronic	\$2,949
Basket & Mail-Ins	\$4,782

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Consiglia Borreli	Richard McCullough
Lyndi Butler	Larry McCusker
Mary Ann Carroll	Francis Murray
George Dickinson	Charlotte O'Leary
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Carolyn Henderson	Katherine Patrone
Steven Henderson	Mary Rafferty
Jimmy Keating	Ronnie Sidebottom
Natalie Giorgio Kitts	Joseph Sindoni
Ken Kull	Adeline Sulpizio
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Roxanne Tamayo	Deacon Frankenberger
Sr. Anne Marie Mack	Maureen Ketchum

The Corner

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Happy Mother's Day to all of our mothers, who are physical and spiritual blessings in our lives. Let's also remember our Mother Mary, who battles the evil one for us every day, and who is our great intercessor to her Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. So pray today for your own mother and to your heavenly Mother.

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.

Congratulations to Our First Communicants!

<i>Luciano Anastasio</i>	<i>Aiden Lincoln</i>
<i>Anthony Anderson</i>	<i>Isabella Martin</i>
<i>Ethan Ashbridge</i>	<i>Amelia Mclendon</i>
<i>Brooke Baylor</i>	<i>Joseph Mullarkey</i>
<i>Lilyana Bromley</i>	<i>Ryan Oropeza</i>
<i>Edward Callahan</i>	<i>Udochukwu Ositadinma</i>
<i>Anthony DePompeo</i>	<i>Yasmina Pascal</i>
<i>Brett Dizengoff</i>	<i>Stephen Powers</i>
<i>Jameson Donnelly</i>	<i>Perrin Redding</i>
<i>Elizabeth Hensel</i>	<i>Emma Sundquist</i>
<i>Maeve Hensel</i>	<i>Grace Tully</i>
<i>Lucas Juisti</i>	<i>Alexis Wahpoe</i>

PREP Registration 2024-25

PREP registration for 2024-2025 is now open and can all be done online. Please go to our website, holycrosscatholics.org, and click on PREP Information to see how simple it can be to sign up for Holy Cross' PREP program.

St. Francis Over 50 Club

ST. FRANCIS OVER 50 CLUB meets May 9 at 12:30pm. \$2. at the door includes music by Bruce Copp & refreshments. Location: Saint Francis of Assisi School gym, 136 Saxer Ave., Springfield. Park in lot behind Rectory. Tickets will be sold for Pizza Day May 30 and Year End Luncheon June 13. Anyone 50 or older is welcome, regardless of religious affiliation. Call President Chuck Di Dio, 610-543-6314. Bus Trips to Resorts Casino are 6/12, 7/10 & 8/13. Cost: \$30 with \$15 return for slots. Bus leaves 10am, St. Kevin's Church parking lot, 200 W. Sproul Rd., Springfield. Call Joe Gowen, 610-739-8146.

Memorial Day 2024

May 27, 2024, Memorial Day the Springfield American Legion Post 227 and Springfield Township, Delaware County again hosts Memorial Day parade and services, remembering all Springfield residents who made the ultimate sacrifice in the defense of our country and our community.

Events Schedule:

9:15 AM A Memorial Service will start in front of the World War II memorial at St. Francis church on 136 Saxer Avenue, Springfield, PA 19064 followed by a parade to the Springfield Township building

10:00 AM Memorial Service at Springfield Township Building, 50 Powell Road, Springfield, PA 19064

This year we will be honoring and remembering United States Army 1st Lt. Irving N. Hurley, a graduate of Springfield High School and Springfield resident who led a platoon of tanks, landing on the beaches of Normandy at Utah Beach on D-Day June 6, 1944. He was Killed In Action six days later on June 12, 1944.

School News

We are delighted to share some exciting news with you our Parish community.

Thanks to our interventions in Math and our adjustments in teaching methods and learning support, our Terra Nova scores have shown significant growth across all testing grade levels (2nd-7th). This progress marks a significant step in the right direction, with our standardized scores now aligning with our in-house benchmarks and test scores. We are confident that our curriculum and instruction are now properly aligned to support our students' academic success. It is important to emphasize that this achievement is a result of the dedicated efforts of all our teachers, both new and existing, who have worked tirelessly along with our Principal, Mr. Salvatore, to implement necessary changes. Their commitment has not only improved our scores but has also enhanced our students' cognitive abilities, as evidenced by growth in each grade level, further enhancing Holy Cross School's academic profile.

We will be holding a schoolwide data meeting for teachers to review both class and individual results. This meeting will involve previous and next year's teachers to collaboratively plan for instructional focus, intervention needs, learning support, and future school-wide goals. Thank you to our school community for embracing changes, which are vital for our school's transition from surviving to thriving.

As always, our school faculty and staff appreciate all the support from our parishioners and our pastor, Father Kiernan.

We continue to keep all of you in our daily prayers.

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May is traditionally the month of Mary, and it's when we celebrate Mother's Day. There are so many resources on FORMED for Our Blessed Mother; just enter "Mary" in the search bar and pick something for the kids, for the teens, or a movie for the whole family. You can also entertain the kids with Lukas Storyteller or view a new series called What Catholics Believe. Don't forget to search for "Acts" to find The Bible Project videos and learn about the wonderful feasts of The Ascension and Pentecost this month!

Signing up for FORMED is EASY and FREE!

1. Just go to FORMED.org or download the FORMED app
2. Enter your ZIP code and select "Holy Cross" from the drop-down menu and press "Next"
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4. Check that email account for a link to begin using FORMED. No password is needed and you will have full access to the site. ENJOY!

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Three Parish Catholic Book Club

Wednesday, May 29
7:00 pm
Holy Cross Community Center

Please join us on May 29 for a discussion of *Mary and Me* by Ginny Kubitz Moyer. You are always welcome to attend our meetings even if you have not read the selected book. We will also choose a book for September at this meeting. For additional information, please contact Joy Van Berg at 610 328-2095 or at joyvanberg@gmail.com

May - ***Mary and Me*** by Ginny Kubitz Moyer
June - ***Ukraine Diary*** by Henri Nouwen

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 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

Thank You Holy Cross parishioners for your support every week to help our Neighbors in Need. Your prayers and generosity are very much appreciated.

One of our volunteers recently shared that they wanted to be "More Christian". Well, after reviewing some articles on the Corporal Works of Mercy, I came across the following:

"The Corporal Works of Mercy are found in the teachings of Jesus and give us a model for how we should treat all others, as if they were Christ in disguise. They "are charitable actions by which we help our neighbors in their bodily needs" (USCCA)."

Of course, feeding the hungry is at the top of the list... I know I am preaching to the choir, since you embrace this every week... I just wanted to share.....

Back to our mission, if you are able we are in need of the following: (no glass please) cereal, oatmeal, pancake mix, syrup, mac & cheese, peanut butter, jelly, pasta and pasta sauce, canned meats, fruit, rice, beans, juice, tea and coffee.

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.

God Bless "All" of you,
Friends from the SVDP Holy Cross Food Pantry

Eucharistic Adoration



ABOVE: This picture an adorers 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 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

Servant of God Father Bill Atkinson, OSA

If you, or someone you know, was a caregiver to Fr. Bill Atkinson, OSA, perhaps during your time at Msgr. Bonner HS or as a medical professional, we want to hear from you.

We want to honor and give thanks to all of Fr. Bill's caregivers at a special event in September, as the process for his beautification and sainthood continues. Email: Rich Herron, rpheron@comcast.net, Ted Donnelly, tuna1031@gmail.com, or Mary Moody, marymmoody@yahoo.com.
For more information: <https://frbillatkinson.org/>

Nun Run

June 1, 2024: NUN RUN - A 5K Run / 3K Walk. Early bird registration April 1-15th. Register by May 10th to be assured a t-shirt. Sponsored by the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, at Camilla Hall, 100 Maxis Drive, Malvern, PA 19355. Proceeds benefit Camilla Hall, the convent home and health care center for the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. For information or to register go to: www.ihmnunrun.org. A fun family day and great opportunity for youth, young adults and all those who like to run or walk



**Mark your Calendars Now
so you don't miss out
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**



A dark blue graphic for the "Diapers for Darlings" campaign. At the top, it says "YOUR RADIO DOCTOR" with a microphone icon. Below that, it says "DIAPERS FOR DARLINGS" in large, white, bold letters. To the right of the text is a "DONATE" button with a mouse cursor. Below the text is a photograph of three babies wearing white diapers. At the bottom left, it says "RUNS UNTIL MAY 31". On the right side, there is a list of instructions: "1. Visit www.yougivegoods.com. Scroll down to 'Find an Event.'", "2. In the search bar, type 'Diapers for Darlings.'", and "3. Then, click on a gift a bag of diapers, or a package of baby wipes." Below the instructions is a QR code.

Your donations make a difference for children and families in need!

Make a donation now through May 31.

DONATE:



IHM Conference Center Events

Please register for these events by calling 610-581-0120 or emailing S. Marie at ihmconferencecenter@gmail.com

Movie With Meaning: "Miss Potter"
Wednesday, May 8, 2024
1:00 p.m. (Lunch at 12:00 noon)
Stipend: \$25

Beatrix Potter (Renée Zellweger) overcomes many obstacles in her quest to become a writer, including a domineering mother and the chauvinism prevalent in Victorian England. She falls in love with her publisher, Norman Warne (Ewan McGregor), and his marriage proposal and a subsequent tragedy change her life forever. Starring Renee Zellweger and Ewan McGregor

Conference Day: "Many Spiritualities – One God"
Tuesday, May 14, 2025
9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Presenter: Sister Rose Adams, IHM
Stipend: \$40 (includes breakfast, lunch and Mas)

While the Christian spiritual life is about "living Jesus", there is no single path to perfection. Instead, each person must discover with the help of scripture, tradition and the guidance of others what it means to "live Jesus" in daily life. Come see how Christian people have followed Jesus from the earliest days up to the present.

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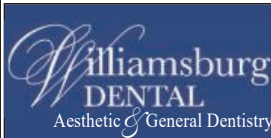
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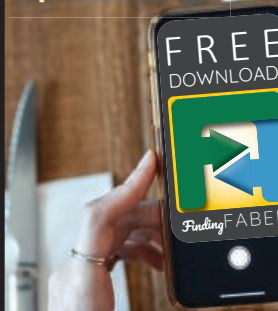
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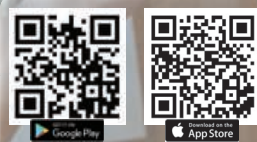
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