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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 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.

#### 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.

### 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 18, 2025



# FROM THE PASTOR

We've witnessed history with the election of Pope Leo XIV. So, it seems opportune to turn the rest of this space over to our resident historian priest, who has graciously penned the following look back at some of the more famous or not-so-famous Pope Leos.

**Pope Saint Leo I the Great (440-461)** Author of *The Tome*, his writings were used by the Council of Chalcedon to pronounce the doctrine that Jesus Christ has two distinct yet united natures—human and divine—in opposition to the heresy of the Monophysites, who denied His humanity. In 452, he left Rome to meet Attila the Hun, successfully deterring him from attacking Rome. St. Leo I has been declared one of the Western Fathers of the Church.

**Pope Leo III (795-816)** In 799 he was attached by a Roman mob who disliked his political style of government of the Papal States. He was rescued by the Frankish King Charlemagne, who restored him to safety. In gratitude to the king, he crowned Charlemagne as Holy Roman Emperor on Christmas Day 800. The Holy Roman Empire would remain in existence until dissolved by Napoleon in 1806.

**Pope Saint Leo IV (847-855)** To prevent attacks on Rome by Moslem Saracen invaders, he built forty-foot-high walls around the Vatican along with towers for defense. These Leonine walls still remain in Rome. He also commandeered the structure of Emperor Hadiran's tomb, converting it into Castle Sant' Angelo, which was used over the centuries as an escape route from St. Peter's and a fortress defending the city. Its name comes from the statue of St. Michael the Archangel, which stands in golden splendor atop the structure.

**Pope St. Leo IX (1049-1054)** The first of the medieval reform popes, he had been a monk at the reform monastery of Cluny in France. He began the process of restoring governmental leadership to the clergy after at been seized by European nobility. He used cardinals as an advisory group or a cabinet. Some of these cardinals became popes themselves, such as Nicholas II (1059-61), who began the process of papal elections by cardinals, not nobles, and Gregory VII, who stood up to the Holy Roman Emperor Henry IV, who wanted to appoint and install his own bishops. Three months after St. Leo's death, the Great Eastern Schism began; the fracture still existing between Catholics and Orthodox.

**Pope Leo X (1513-1521)** A member of the famous money lending family from Florence, the Medici. The balls on his papal court of arms are still used today by modern money lenders—pawnshops. Pope Leo continued the practice of his predecessor Julius II of selling indulgences. This brought about a protest by the monk Martin Luther in Saxony, who posted his 95 *Theses* in 1517. Leo would excommunicate Luther in 1520 leading to a series of wars in the German states. Two years after Pope Leo's death, he would be succeeded by his cousin Giulio De' Medici, who became Pope Clement VII. He would have to deal with both Luther and the annulment demand of King Henry VIII of England and the start of Anglicanism.

Pope Leo XIII (1878-1903) The successor to the longest papacy of 32 years (Bl. Pius IX, 1846-1878), Pope Leo was elevated by cardinals who wanted a much shorter tenure in office. Thought to be both elderly and in poor health, Pope Leo proves the adage "man proposes but God disposes." He would remain for the next twenty-five years (then the second-longest term, now the third longest after Pope St. John Paul II), dying in his nineties and outliving all of his electors. He is most known for writing the first of the social encyclicals *Rerum Novarum*. He gave his approval to American labor unions after consulting with James Cardinal Gibbons of Baltimore. He urged that the writings of St. Thomas Aquinas be used as a basis for Catholic theology. He declared that the ordinations of the Anglican church would invalid. He condemned Socialism but also warned that "Americanism," believing that the US governmental structure could not be used by the Church (democracy vs hierarchy). He continued the policy of his predecessor Pius IX by remaining a "prisoner of the Vatican." This situation remained until the 1929 Lateran treaty, giving the Church political independence by forming the Vatican City-State.



# MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, MAY 19

8:30 AM - No Mass

TUESDAY, MAY 20

8:30 AM - John F. Grandizio and John & Julia Grandizio

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21

8:30 AM - Fr. Cahill & the People of Holy Cross

THURSDAY, MAY 22

8:30 AM - Judith Anne Jordan

FRIDAY, MAY 23

8:30 AM - John Fulginiti

SATURDAY, MAY 24

8:30 AM - No Mass

4:30 PM - For the People of the

Parish

SUNDAY, MAY 25

8:30 AM - Anna Marie Edwards 11:00 AM - Fran O'Haren

### The Corner



Oh we are so impatient in our prayers! We know God can do all things, so we're tempted to say "You're God. Just get on with it. Do it." But why do you think God works the way He does? It is a commonplace of the Bible that God rejoices in our cooperation. He wants us to involve ourselves --- through freedom, intelligence, creativity --- in what He is doing. And so He plants seeds and He wants us to cultivate them.

### SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's Sanctuary Lamp intention is for:

Church - James Urban

Chapel - Robert (Bob) Riccio



### **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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### 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 <u>Wednesday</u>, <u>May 28 at 7 PM</u> 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 <u>bikingforbabies.com/local-rides</u> or contact Chris Massaro at 484-639-3580 or <a href="mailto:chris.massaro@bikingforbabies.com">chris.massaro@bikingforbabies.com</a>.

### 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.

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### 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, spaghettios, 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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 <a href="mailto:termprice@verizon.net">termprice@verizon.net</a>.

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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