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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 4, 2025



FROM THE PASTOR

The official nine days of mourning—known in Latin as the *novemdiales*—for Pope Francis conclude today (Sunday). The conclave for the election of a new pope will begin on Wednesday, May 7. Please pray that the Holy Spirit will guide the cardinal electors to choose a pope who will be the shepherd and leader the Church needs in this moment. The following prayer, taken from the Mass for the election of a pope in the *Roman Missal* would be appropriate.

O God, eternal shepherd, who govern your flock with unfailing care, grant in your boundless fatherly love a pastor for your Church who will please you by his holiness and to us show watchful care. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The month of May is a beautiful time in the parish and in the local Church of Philadelphia. This past Friday, our school students and faculty participated in their annual May Procession—a beautiful tribute to our Blessed Mother. Saturday morning, we celebrated First Holy Communion for 17 of our parish children. We've invited them to wear their Communion outfits today as they receive their Second Holy Communion, so hopefully you saw some of them at Mass.

Spring is officially here, with warmer weather and the beauty of flowers in bloom. One nice thing about this time of year is that we get to turn off the heat and don't have to turn on the air conditioning just yet—yay lower PECO bills for a few weeks. It's also an opportunity for us to let some fresh air into the building. Due to the design of our building's heating and air conditioning system, the only way we get fresh air in the building is by opening the windows and running the exhaust fans, which we are doing right now. If we've opened the windows in the church, it's to help with ventilation and to keep the church comfortable. But when people start to close windows, that thwarts our efforts. Some are coming into the building, sitting by an open window, and promptly closing it. For the benefit of all those in attendance (including the priest and deacon who are wearing several layers of vestments in an area of the church with hotter lighting and no air circulation) please do not do that. We need the windows that are opened to stay open. Our church seats 1,100 people, and we average 100-130 in attendance per Sunday Mass. I realize many of us are attached to "our" seats in church, but if you don't like the draft at your seats, there are probably around 900 other open seats you can choose. Thank you for your cooperation and courtesy with this.

It's quite possible that by next Sunday, we will have a new pope! We'll have to see what happens.

Third Sunday of Easter

Reading I: Acts 5: 27-32, 40b-41

Here we find the foundational premise for civil disobedience in the stance that St. Peter takes before the accusing Sanhedrin. Believers like us can never submit to human authority if it contradicts God's laws.

Reading II: Revelation 5:11-14

This wondrous vision presents us with a picture of countless angels gathered to praise the Lord and the Lamb who was slain for our sins.

The Gospel: John 21: 1-19, or 21: 1-14

Peter is again featured in this epilogue section apparently added on to the text of the gospel. His profession of love to the Lord is set in reminders of his previous denial of Christ. Jesus offers His chosen "Rock of Ages" a second chance.



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, MAY 5

8:30 AM - No Mass

TUESDAY, MAY 6

8:30 AM - Genevieve & William
Addison

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7

8:30 AM - Eleanor Valori & Gina
Rimer

THURSDAY, MAY 8

8:30 AM - Erin Booth

FRIDAY, MAY 9

8:30 AM - Stephen Rullo, Jr.

SATURDAY, MAY 10

8:30 AM - No Mass

4:30 PM - Bill DeVuono

SUNDAY, MAY 11

8:30 AM - For the People of the
Parish

11:00 AM - Josephine T. Elliott

SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's Sanctuary Lamp
intention is for:

Church - Capt. Robert A. Matthews
Chapel - Steve Austin



COLLECTION INFORMATION

Weekly Need	\$12,000
Weekly Collection, April 27	
Total	\$6,922
Electronic	\$2,589
Basket & Mail-Ins	\$4,333

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



"It's said that the best business in the world would be buying men at what they're worth and selling them at what they think they're worth."

---Father Juan Luis Lorda "The Virtues of Holiness"

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.

"A Patient is a person, no matter how small." William Lile, MD

Come to hear the most amazing and heartwarming presentation ever delivered by a pro-life physician, Dr. Bill Lile, on Friday, May 9 from 7 to 9 PM at SS. Simon & Jude Church, 8 Cavanaugh Court, West Chester, PA.

No charge for the event, a free will offering will be requested. Registration and donations are encouraged by visiting chescoprolife.org. For additional information, contact Dave Owsik at 610-416-3676 or davidowsik@verizon.net.

Nature Hike at Stroud Preserve, West Chester

Philly Catholic Singles Ages 30-45

Sat May 10 @ 10:00am

Waitlist will open April 27

Enjoy a 2 hour easy-going hike at beautiful Stroud Preserve, followed by lunch options in West Chester, PA. Core team member Alison Joyce is a trained expert in the native plants of Pennsylvania, and will point out some natural highlights as we walk along!

Join us: www.PhillyCatholicSingles

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: enriched and growing beyond one's previous limits.

On Saturday, April 26, Holy Cross School held our first "Spring Fling" dance. Students were invited to come with at least one adult chaperone and enjoy a night of dancing and good food. Everyone had a great time. We thank all our parents who came and supported us, our home and school for their hard work, Miss McGuigan who helped with the music, and Mrs. Donnelly and Ms. Ciampi who worked on this event from start to finish. We are looking forward to making this a Holy Cross School annual event.

May is a special month in the Catholic Church that is dedicated to Our Blessed Mother Mary. This means our annual School May Procession will take place. This is a special and reverent time set aside to celebrate and honor Mary. On Friday, May 2, we will celebrate our May Procession after First Friday Mass. Students in grades Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 8 will participate in the procession. As with all OF our special celebrations, all families are included, and we welcome our parishioners to attend this blessed event.

We have a lot of fun events planned before we end our year. Our teachers' appreciation lunch is on Tuesday, May 6. Our Mother's Day Tea will be held on Thursday, May 8, for grades Pre-K3 through 4th. Our Walk-a-thon and Great Inflatable Race is on Friday, May 23. To honor our dads and Father figures in our students' lives, we have Donuts With Grownups on Tuesday, May 27.

All of this would not be possible without the support of our parishioners and our Pastor, Father Kiernan. Thank you for your support and all you do for Holy Cross School.

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

Alexander Marzulli

Joseph Aprigliano

Lucy McCauley

Connor Cooper

Cole McNish

Nora Dawson

Michael Mitchell

Lillianne DeLuca

Ricky Nguyen

Mya Dowrick

Nico Pellicchia

Julie Estep

Nolan Sage

Scarlett Fimple

Jason Sweeney

Nolan Mahoney

Gregory Thomas

Three Parish Book Club

The Parish Book Club will hold its April meeting in the Holy Cross Parish Center on Wednesday, April 30th 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.

April Book - **Essentialism: The Disciplined Pursuit of Less** by Greg McKeown

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.

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National Day of Prayer

We are delighted to invite you to a special observance of the National Day of Prayer on Thursday, May 1st, 2025. Together, we will unite in prayer, worship, and fellowship, honoring this meaningful day in the spirit of unity and faith.

Location: Rose Tree Park, Media, PA

Time: 11:30 AM

This gathering will feature:

Heartfelt prayers for our Nation and Community

Uplifting Worship and Praise Music

Opportunities to connect and share fellowship

Light refreshments to enjoy

Let's come together as one community in faith, hope, and love. Help us spread the word! Please share this invitation with your Church, Family, Friends, and Neighbors. Whether they are devoted believers or simply curious to learn more, we welcome all individuals to join us in celebrating the power of prayer and the bonds that bring us together! We look forward to seeing you there!

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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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