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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, NOVEMBER 12, 2023**

# Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

"Readiness!" We say things like "The minor league pitcher is ready for the majors." Or "The med student is now ready for hospital duty" Or, "The young priest is ready to be a pastor." All these opinions revolve around our understanding of readiness. The contributing factors include our methods of judgment and discernment, which always involve at least a bit of opinion.

How different it is when we judge ourselves as not ready. Then we grow cautious about taking on a new project in our lives, or even accepting a new truth about ourselves. Particularly in matters of health. I believe that is all very natural. Our Lord is keenly aware of this, as He is about everything. Yet He still wants us to adopt a sense of readiness about our next life. This may be something new for us, especially if we are afraid of it.

In the well-known parable Jesus tells us this weekend, He makes use of a unique situation. Biblical scholars tell us that "the precise matrimonial ceremony is impossible to reconstruct." All we really must know is that rabbis at the time used nuptial imagery to describe the relationship between God and His people." So does this greatest of all rabbis.

Obviously, Our Lord recommends being vigilant about His calling us home to heaven. It's a "November kind of thing." But vigil-keeping becomes wearying. But may I suggest that Our Lord is speaking more about being ready?

Readiness is a bit different from vigil-keeping. It happens by a steady and consistent effort. It has a goal in mind. We believe we can reach it. The natural world in November invites us to ponder our death, with its often gray days and cold rain in the presence of leafless trees. But at the same time, we can remain hopeful and trusting of Our Lord's words about our future resurrection to eternally bright days. As He said to St. Thomas: "Blessed are those who have not seen but have believed."

An Indiana cemetery has a tombstone over 100 years old that bears this epitaph: "Pause, Strangers, when you pass by; As you are now, so once was I. As I am now, soon you will be, so prepare for death and follow me."

An unknown passerby had read these words and scratched this reply below them "To follow you I'm not content; Until I know which way you went."

God loves you and give you His peace.



#### Reading I: Wisdom 6: 12-16

The author acknowledges the "resplendent" attribute of wisdom as coming from God. To be close to God is to reign and be "free from care."

#### Reading-ii: 1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18, or 4: 13-14

We await Jesus' return in glory, when the dead and those still alive will meet the Lord and always be with Him.

#### The Gospel: Matthew: 25: 1-13

The ultimate wisdom is that of being awake and ready for the Lord's call to the next life. The Responsorial Psalm puts it clearly: "My soul thirsts for You, O Lord, and "I will bless You while I live."



MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13

8:30 AM - No Mass

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14

8:30 AM - John Dohoney

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15

8:30 AM - Nora Gaudiosi

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16

8:30 AM - Mary Ann Redding

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17

8:30 AM - Rita & Edmund Creato

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18

8:30 AM - No Mass

4:30 PM - Bernard Zaleta

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19

8:30 AM - Billy O'Leary

11:00 AM - For the People of Holy Cross

#### The Corner

Brought to you by your Evangelization Team

Jesus died over 2000 years ago. Nobody has ever referred to Him as the late Jesus. Not even the heathens. Nowhere in history. Nowhere has He ever been referred to in the past tense. He IS the Living God!

### SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's Sanctuary Lamp intention is for:

Church: Norma Crisante



### COLLECTION INFORMATION

\$13,350 Weekly Need Weekly Collection, November 5 \$8,640 Total \$2,752 Electronic \$5,888

### PRAY FOR THE SICK

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#### **Church Cleaning**

The next Church cleaning will take place on Tuesday, 11/14/2023, after the 8:30 am Mass. Extra hands are always welcome.

#### 75th Anniversary Sale

75th anniversary t-Shirts, crew sweatshirts and hoodies are available for sale in the Business Office. Prices for t-shirts range from \$16.00 - \$18.00 and sweatshirts range from \$22.00 - \$27.00 depending on size and style.

Magnets are available for \$5.00 and Christmas ornaments for \$10.00.

Pav by cash or check.

Business Office hours are 9:00am – 4:00pm Monday through Thursday, closed 12:00-1:00pm for lunch.

Any questions, please call the office at 610-626-3321.

#### Pancake Breakfast

The Holy Cross Knights of Columbus will be holding their Semi-Annual Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, 11/19/23, from 8:30am till 1:00pm in the Parish Hall. Tickets will be \$12 per person. Children 5 and under are free. There will be Pre Sale tickets available for \$10 sold after all the Masses on the weekend of November 11th & 12th in the church vestibules. Tickets will be \$12 at the door. Remember "It's More Than Just Pancakes"

#### Blood Drive St. Andrew's Roman Catholic Church

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Friday, November 24, 2023 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: StAndrewDH to schedule an appointment.

#### **Alumni Giving/Sponsor a Student**

Calling all Holy Cross Alumni and Parishioners: If you are interested in donating to Holy Cross School, please check out our website www.hcscrusaders.com.

Click the tab under Alumni Giving if you would like to Donate to Holy Cross School, sponsor a student, or Support Holy Cross School with your tax dollars.

Every donation will make a difference in keeping our wonderful school thriving.

The faculty, staff and students thank you for your support.

#### Volunteers Needed

We are looking for a few volunteers to take turns washing the altar linens. This would be on a rotating monthly basis. Fr. Kiernan will give us guidelines about what needs to be done and how. If you feel you have some time to undertake this task, please give Jane Collins a call at 484-620-0503 or email

<u>elizabeth.collins3@verizon.net</u>. The month of October is covered. Thank you and God bless your generosity.

#### SAVE THE DATE

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FRIDAY, NOV 24TH

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Time: 6:00-9:00 pm
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Admission is Free

Raffle items by more than 30 vendors

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## Cardinal O'Hara Band & Guard Fall Craft Fair

Please join us on Saturday, November 18th, 10am-3pm and Sunday, November 19th, 10am-2pm, in the O'Hara cafeteria for our renowned annual Fall Craft Fair. Shop for unique, hand-crafted gifts while supporting local artisans and the O'Hara Band & Guard.

#### **Home Care Needed**

Home Care Needed – Home Care needed to stay overnight with an elderly woman 2 or 3 nights per week. The elderly woman generally takes care of her own needs. The Home Care worker would need to do light housework. Please call (484) 343-6610 for details.

# **FORMED**

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#### PROGRAMS - MOVIES - AUDIO - BOOKS

The month of November each year is dedicated to commemorating those who have died and departed to their heavenly home. It begins with All Saints Day on November 1, and that's a good hint for us to explore all the content available on FORMED. Just search for "Saints" and you'll find movies, kids' topics, Bible Studies, lectures and so much more. 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"
- 3. Register with your name and email address
- 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!

#### **Winter Bible Study**



The Holy Cross Bible Study Team will present a **FREE** 14 week deep-dive into the Gospel of Mark. We will concentrate on this single book of the Bible. Workbooks will be provided for this series. There will be short videos from Dr Tim Gray and valuable group discussions. Light refreshments will be served.

We will show this at 2 different times, 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. Please join us and bring a friend!

When: Mondays, November 6 thru February 19, 7:00 – 8:30 PM - in the Holy Cross Parish Center Or: Wednesdays, November 8 thru February 21, 9:15 – 10:45 AM – in the Holy Cross Parish Center --- Note: We will take 2 weeks off during the Christmas holidays

To save a seat or for more information, contact Pattie Stevens at <u>pattiejstevens@comcast.net</u> or 484.868.8571.

# School News

November is here and so are the sights and sounds of autumn. We have had a great month with our clubs running and giving our students some wonderful activities and possibilities to participate at school. Our faculty, staff and volunteers are happy to bring back old and new clubs for our students. We are enjoying the extra time we get to spend with our students as they learn and explore these new opportunities.

Our virtue that we are asking students to practice this month is Respect: The process or result of following rules to fairly judge and listen to authority.

This year each student will have the opportunity to contribute a spiritual donation of a Work of Mercy or good deed to write down and offer up to God at the Thanksgiving Prayer Basket. This is something special for all our students to participate in so they can have an opportunity to be closer to the Lord by offering their personal Work of Mercy or good deed.

We are also continuing the tradition of our Thanksgiving food drive to help the less fortunate. Each student, if they are able to, is asked to make a donation of a boxed or canned food for the Parish Food Pantry.

The feast days this month include: All Saints, All Souls, St. Charles Borromeo, Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome, St. Leo the Great, St. Martin of Tours, St. Josaphat, St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Solemnity of Christ, King of the Universe, The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Cecilia, St. Andrew Düng-Lac and Companions. This will signal the end of Ordinary Time, and Our Liturgical New Year Begins with Advent on Sunday, December 3.

Through our practice of the virtue of and other works this month we are reaching out to a friend who needs to know that God loves them, as we all continue to grow the family and spirit of Holy Cross School. I continue to pray for our school and surrounding communities and wish all of you a joyful and wonderful Thanksgiving.

#### **Scrip Program**

Support our organization while you shop! The easy way to raise money, buy gift cards and earn for Holy Cross School.

Start earning with the RaiseRight mobile app today or fill out a Scrip Order Form and return to the Business Office. The Scrip Order Forms are available at the entrances of the church OR Download the RaiseRight mobile app from the app store using your smartphone or tablet or go to RaiseRight.com on your computer.

Have questions about getting started? Call the ShopWithScrip Customer Support team at 1-800-727-4715 option 3.

#### Three Parish Book Club

The next meeting of the Book Club will take place on Wednesday, November 29 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center at Holy Cross Church. At each meeting, members discuss the month's selection and offer suggestions of additional books for spiritual reading. We invite you to join us for conversation and refreshments. You need not have read the selected book to attend the meeting. For more information, please contact Joy Van Berg at 610 328-2095 or at joyvanberg@gmail.com.

November Saint John Paul The Great by Jason Evert December This Is My Body by Bishop Robert Barron



ST. MARY POLISH AMERICAN SOCIETY RAFFLE AND CHRISTMAS FOOD SALE\*\*

We are happy to announce the return of our annual St. Mary Polish American Society Christmas Food Sale so everyone can stock up on yummy Polish treats in time for the holidays.

Food items will include:

- Babkas (cheese, cinnamon crumb, or raspberry cheese) for \$15 each from L&M Bakery in Delran, NJ
- Pierogi (potato, potato cheese, or sauerkraut) for \$10 per dozen from Polka Deli in Port Richmond in Philadelphia
- Kiełbasa for \$9 per pound from Czerw's in Port Richmond
- Blessed oplatki (Polish Christmas wafer) are also available for a free will donation.

The deadline for food orders will be Wednesday December 6th so our suppliers have enough time to process our orders. Order pick-up will be on Friday, December 15th and Saturday December 16th from 1 to 4 pm at St. Mary Catholic Church Hall in Conshohocken.

Also we are still selling tickets for our annual raffle!! The raffle will feature \$10,000 in prizes paid out to seven winning tickets and will be broken down as follows: 1st Prize-\$5,000; 2nd Prize-\$2,000; 3rd Prize-\$1,000 and Four \$500 prizes. Tickets are \$50 each. A total of 500 tickets will be sold.

Raffle proceeds and the Christmas Food Sale support our mission of promoting Polish heritage in Montgomery County, PA and assistance with the restoration of St. Mary Catholic Church in Conshohocken, PA. The drawing will be held on Sunday, December 17, 2023 at St. Mary Hall. To place a food order please email foodsale@stmarypolish.org and to purchase a raffle ticket, please email raffle@stmarypolish.org or for food orders or raffle tickets call Dorothy Swedkowski at 610-630-0861.

#### **Food Pantry Update**

Thanksgiving is fast approaching... we have so much to be grateful for... all of you, Our Holy Cross CCD students, St. Francis schoolchildren (who ran a food drive to benefit our pantry just last week). We recently received a significant donation from Acme Food Stores (please Thank an Acme cashier next time you shop at our Clifton Hgts. store), Buckley Cable, Americare, Mainline BMW, Devon Mercedes, Union Local 2011, and our many anonymous donors... you know, it takes a village...

Some important dates this month...

On Nov. 12th, St. Francis SVDP and St. Kevins Knights of Columbus (and HC KofC will help) with collecting Thanksgiving food items to help our pantry. On Nov. 15th, we will do our turkey distribution (while supplies last).

On Nov. 22nd, the Pantry will be closed as our volunteers prepare for our own family meals.

If you are able, we need additional turkeys or chickens, mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce and items you would prepare for your families for the big day... If you are able to assist and unable to drop off, please call Ellie Epperson at 610-960-6989 and we will gladly arrange for your donation pickups. You can also drop off, we have bins outside the entrance of the pantry or you can hand deliver on Wed. 11/8 or 11/15 starting at 1 p.m.

Just a reminder, if you know anyone in need of food in Delco, please let them know we are open Wednesdays from 3:30 to 5:30.

In case we haven't told you lately, we Appreciate your prayers, generosity and your overall support.

God Bless All of You,

Your Friends from the SVDP Holy Cross Food Pantry Team

#### **Eucharistic Adoration**



The Eucharist is described in the Catechism as the "source and summit" of our faith. Finding the time to go to Adoration can be difficult. But if you can make it happen, committing to regular Adoration with an open heart can have some surprising results.

A Holy Hour before the Most Blessed Sacrament repairs for evils of the world. (St.John Paul II)

A Holy hour makes our souls more glorious and beautiful in heaven. (Mother Teresa )

The greatest love story of all time is contained in a tiny white host. (Venerable Fulton Sheen)

I ask everyone to intensify in love and devotion to the Eucharistic Jesus. (Pope Benedict XVI)

We are in need of visitors and hourly adorers to maintain our current adoration schedule. Please consider keeping Jesus company in our intimate chapel here at Holy Cross Parish which is open weekdays 9:00am to 7:00pm. For more information, call Eileen at 610.213-3369.



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