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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, November 17, 2024



FROM THE PASTOR

This weekend we are happy to welcome Mr. Ted Zielinski to Holy Cross. Ted is a seminarian for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia who will be speaking to us about the annual St. Charles Borromeo Seminary appeal. Please keep Ted and all of our seminarians in your prayers as they continue their discernment and formation, and please pray for more young men to respond to God's call to serve as priests.

Our Craft Fair two weeks ago was a great success! We had a gym completely full with vendors and a steady flow of people coming throughout the day to browse. I am grateful to the small team of hard workers who made the craft fair a reality. A lot of work goes into coordinating with vendors, marking off the booth spaces on the gym floor, running the snack bar, and cleaning up afterward.

An update on the façade of the school building: on October 31 and November 1, the engineering firm and a masonry contractor did a thorough assessment of the problem areas. They took out and replaced sections of brick to look at what was underneath. They also did a review of the building's blueprints to see how the building was constructed. They're in the process of putting together a thorough report, which will include what needs to be done and a very rough estimate of what we can expect it to cost to fix the problems. I'll share information from the report and our next steps when it's available.

Next Sunday, the Knights of Columbus will be hosting their semi-annual Pancake Breakfast. Please stop by and support the Knights and the charitable things they do for our parish, enjoy a good meal, and spend some time socializing with other parishioners.

33rd
Sunday in
Ordinary
Time

Reading I: David 12: 1-3

Despite the great suffering to come at the end of time, those whose names are found "written in the book" of life shall be saved.

Reading II: Hebrews 10: 11-14, 18

The Son of God will make his enemies his footstool. Then he will make perfect those who are being consecrated now.

The Gospel: Mark 13: 24-32

At the end of time, the Son of Man will return in glory and gather His elect. Jesus also tells the disciples that the growth pattern of the fig tree is a helpful warning sign of these future happenings.

Invite someone to Mass!



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18

8:30 AM - No Mass

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

8:30 AM - Nero & Cermignani Families

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20

8:30 AM - Bill D'Arcy

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21

8:30 AM - Mary Ann Purcell

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22

8:30 AM - James Carroll

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23

8:30 AM - No Mass

4:30 PM - Margaret Flannery

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24

8:30 AM - The Devine & Walton Families

11:00 AM - Those Enrolled in the

Memorial Fund

SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's Sanctuary Lamp intention is for:

Church - John Kemmey

Chapel - Richard Daciw



COLLECTION INFORMATION

Weekly Need \$12,000

Weekly Collection, November 10

Total \$7,852

Electronic \$3,339

Basket & Mail-Ins \$4,513

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Consiglia Borreli	Rich Meroney
Lyndi Butler	Richard McCullough
Mary Ann Carroll	Larry McCusker
George Dickinson	Francis Murray
Dawn Gibbons	Charlotte O'Leary
Carolyn Henderson	Paige O'Leary
Steven Henderson	Katherine Patrone
Ken Kull	Mary Rafferty
Mary Kull	Ronnie Sidebottom
Kendall Lambert	Joseph Sindoni
Lee Anne McGough	Adeline Sulpizio
Joann Marks	Jean Super
Maryanne McCauley	Valerie Thompson
Matthew Bannon	Betty Tomczyk
Mary Ann Nero	Madalyn Parr
Jack McGough	Carter Claire Walton
Bill Homony	Deacon Frankenberger
Mary Ellen Sweeney	Alice Markiewitz
Janice LeTourneau	Lynn Neary
Teresa O'Neill	

The Corner

Brought to you by your Evangelization Team

On Thursday we observe the **Feast of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary** in the Temple in Jerusalem. The celebration of the Feast is first documented in the 11th century within the Byzantine Catholic Church. It was introduced into the Roman Catholic Church in the 15th century by Pope Gregory XI, and officially established in 1585. We commemorate the faith of her parents, Joachim and Anne, and the purity of Mary.

Casserole Drop-Off

The next drop-off is Tuesday, November 19th between 4:00 and 5:00 PM at the gym annex. The casseroles are appreciated by the homeless who visit St. John's Hospice at 12th and Race St., Philadelphia. You can make any casserole that you like. Please mark the casserole with the date prepared. Call Connie Labowitz at 610-348-1591 with any questions. Thank you!

Pancake Breakfast

The Holy Cross Knights of Columbus will be hosting their Semi-Annual Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, November 24th in the Parish Hall from 8:00am until 1:00pm. Price for the ticket is \$12. Children 5 and under are free. Tickets will be sold after the Masses on November 9th & 10th and November 16th & 17th. You can also get tickets from any of the Knights before the event or at the door the day of the event. Remember "It's More Than Just Pancakes!"

Church Cleaning

The next Church cleaning will take place on Monday, 12/13/2024, at 9:00am. Please use rear door to enter. Extra hands are always welcome.

Holy Cross Parish and Choir

Welcomes everyone to its 3rd Annual

"Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols"

To be celebrated in the Church

Sunday, December 8 at 4 pm

651 E Springfield Road

Springfield PA 19064

Light refreshments

courtesy of the Knights of Columbus

will follow in the school gym.

Admission is FREE

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Beginning in January... 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).

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 in 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. The virtue that we are asking students to practice this month is respect, which is the process or result of following rules, fairly judging, and listening to authority.

This month 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 of our students to participate in, so they can have an opportunity to be closer to the Lord by offering their Work of Mercy or good deeds.

We also have several activities happening, such as our sale of [Fresh-Made Thanksgiving Pie Fundraisers](#) and [50/50 ticket fundraisers](#), and [Giving Tuesday](#) is coming up.

If you would like to order a Thanksgiving Pie, please drop your order off at the school office before Friday, November 15th. Our students will strut their stuff in the Holy Cross Schools Turkey Trot on Wednesday, November 27th. Parents and parishioners are welcome to come and cheer for our students!

Our students, faculty, and staff continue to keep all our parishioners in our prayers. Thank you for your continuous support of Holy Cross School and dedication to Catholic Education.

Scrip Program

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

Food Pantry Update

It's hard to believe that Thanksgiving will be here in such a short time. The Food Pantry volunteers are already preparing turkey fixings bags.

We will distribute turkeys or chickens and the fixings on Nov. 20th (while supplies last).

The Food Pantry will be closed on Nov. 27th so our volunteers can prepare for our own family Thanksgiving dinners.

Our goal is to provide turkeys or chickens and some sides for our families in need. If you are able, we could really use some turkeys (10 to 13 pounders) and the fixings (including: boxed mashed potatoes, yams, veggies, gravy, cranberry sauce, cake mix)... and whatever you think would be good for a Thanksgiving meal. If you are unable to drop off donations, we can pick them up. Please call the Business Office at 610-626-3321 so we can coordinate food pickups.

St. Kevins and St. Francis, AOH (Ancient Order of Hibernians) and the Acme are also helping with this initiative. As we all know... it takes a village....

If you know any folks in need of food in Delco, please let them know that we are open Wednesdays in back of our school from 3:45 to 5:30.

Thank You for your support "All Year"... in case we haven't told you lately... We Appreciate You and are successful because of your generosity and prayers.

God Bless You,
Your Friends from the St. Vincent dePaul Holy Cross Food Pantry

Three Parish Book Club

The Three Parish Book Club will hold its November meeting in the Parish Life Center at Holy Cross on Wednesday, December 4 at 7PM. If you would like to join the meeting or if you would like more information, please contact Terry Price at 610.506.6449 or via email at termprice@verizon.net.

November

The Rocking Chair Prophet - by Matthew Kelly

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.

The Incredible Christmas Eucharistic Miracle of 2013

On December 25, 2013, the St. Hyacinth's Shrine in Legnica, Poland celebrated Christmas Mass.

During communion, a host fell to the floor. Following the Church's instructions to respect sacred species, the priest placed the Eucharist in a container of holy water and kept it in the tabernacle.

However, two weeks later, the priest discovered that the host turned red. He told the bishop, and a commission was established to observe the phenomenon.

Bishop Zbigniew Kerlikowski of Legnica later released a statement regarding the Forensic Medicine Department's [analysis results](#).

"In the histopathological image, fragments of tissue were found, which contained fragmented particles of striated muscle tissue. The whole image is very similar to that of a cardiac muscle ... that shows changes typical of an agony. DNA shows that the tissue is of human origin.

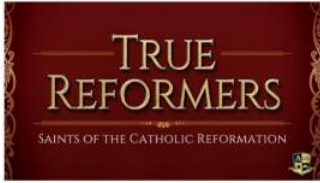
This Eucharistic miracle of Christmas 2013 seems to bring together three feats that Jesus accomplished for our salvation: a God incarnate and born as a little baby, a God who gives himself for us in the sacrifice of the Cross, and a God always waiting for us in the Eucharist.

ARE YOU SURE YOU CAN'T SPARE JUST ONE HOUR WITH JESUS IN OUR INTIMATE CHAPEL????

WE NEED YOUR HELP TO MAINTAIN OUR CURRENT SCHEDULE. FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT EILEEN AT 610-213-3369

FORMED

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For November, we can learn much about our faith in **True Reformers**, an excellent 6-episode series about the saints who led the Church's rebirth from the ashes of confusion caused by the

Protestant Reformation. **Ryan Debrates** is a secret agent who has a lot to learn from his Mom!

It's a great series for kids and adults alike, and of course there are movies, podcasts and audio books for the whole family!

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Mark your Calendars now so you don't miss out on any of these upcoming fun events. Tell your Family and Friends!

December 8

3rd Annual

"Festival of Nine

Lessons and Carols"

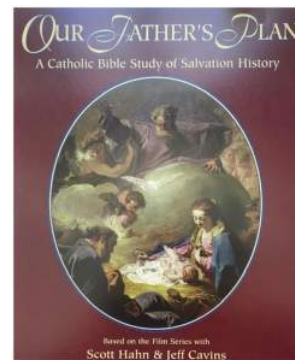
RCIA at Holy Cross

The Rite of Christian initiation for Adults is the process for people of other faith traditions, those not baptized or not baptized and baptized Catholics who want to refresh their faith or complete their Sacraments.

RCIA is a journey where a person encounters Jesus Christ and begins the conversion to the Catholic Faith. Each meeting is designed to stimulate a person both intellectually and spiritually. We explore numerous aspects of the Catholic Faith through the bible and other reading material.

If you are interested in exploring your faith or know someone is looking to renew their faith in the Church, please contact Deacon Tom Taylor at deacontom2011@gmail.com

Winter Bible Study at Holy Cross



Have you ever wondered how to read your Bible, or struggled to make sense of all the different Books of the Bible? **"Our Father's Plan"** is a 13-episode program that walks through salvation history from Genesis to Revelation using the chronological narrative of the Bible. Dr Scott Hahn and Jeff Cavins present the Bible to us as a Catholic library in an easy-to-follow series that will increase your understanding and knowledge of God's plan for humanity. There will be valuable group discussions after the videos. Light refreshments will be served.

We will show this at 2 different times, so **PICK THE TIME** that is best for you.

When: **Mondays**, November 18 thru February 24 --- 7:00 – 8:30 PM - in the Holy Cross Parish Center

Or: **Wednesdays**, November 20 thru February 26 -- -9:15 – 10:45 AM – in the Holy Cross Parish Center

The Bible Study is free! A workbook is **NOT** necessary, but please bring your Bible and a highlighter. We do have a few Bibles for your use if you do not have one of your own. **Please join us and bring a friend! If you attend the Wednesday morning session, please also join us for 8:30 Mass that morning.**

Please note: We will not meet during the Christmas weeks of December 22 and 29.

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



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