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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 19, 2023



FROM THE PASTOR

This weekend, we welcome Mr. Kyle Holler, a seminarian at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, who will be speaking to us on behalf of the St. Charles Borromeo Seminary Annual Appeal. Everyone knows the Church needs priests. Places like St. Charles form men into the priests we need to offer us the sacraments and help us on our journey to heaven. Please consider supporting the seminary appeal financially, and please pray for more vocations to the priesthood and encourage young men who may have a vocation to be open to God's plan.

Next weekend, we will be happy to welcome artisans from the Holy Land, who will have a display of handmade olive wood religious items for sale in the vestibule of the church. These Christians rely on their craft as their livelihood; more than 65% of the income of the Christians in Bethlehem comes from olive wood crafts. As unrest in the Middle East has grown, tourism dollars have declined, and Christians are leaving this most holy of lands. Two generations ago, Christians represented 28% of the Holy Land's population; now it's only 1.5%. As you're thinking of Christmas gift giving, what better gift than a religious item to remind us of the sacred events that took place made by people from the very place where they happened? Please check out what they have to offer next weekend.

This Thursday is Thanksgiving Day. Please note the schedule changes for the week. There will be Mass at 8:30 on Thanksgiving Day. There will not be Mass on Friday. The parish offices are closed Thursday and Friday.

Mark your calendars now for the choir's second annual Festival of Lessons and Carols. That will take place on December 10 at 4pm, with a light dinner to follow sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. Last year's concert was simply amazing, and I'm sure this year's will be even better. You don't want to miss this opportunity for quiet reflection during a busy and hectic time of year.

Happy Thanksgiving, everyone!

33rd
Sunday in
Ordinary
Time

Reading I: Proverbs 31: 10-13, 19-20, 30-31

This is an acrostic poem, in which each verse begins with a successive letter of the Hebrew alphabet. It cites the woman's extraordinary work including a reach out to the poor and needy.

Reading II: 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-6

Thessalonica was a thriving port city. St. Paul reflects on the implications of the Day of the Lord for those alive at that time.

The Gospel: Matthew 25: 14-30, or 25:14-15, 19-21

The lesson here is the lifestyle a Christian should lead in this interim before Christ returns in glory, which includes a responsible use of the world's goods.



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20

8:30 AM - No Mass

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21

8:30 AM - Clement McSwiggan

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22

8:30 AM - The D'Arcy Family

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23

8:30 AM - James Carroll

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24

8:30 AM - No Mass

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25

8:30 AM - No Mass

4:30 PM - Ann Gorski

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26

8:30 AM - Billy O'Leary

11:00 AM - Cass, Bob & Bobby Kling

SANCTUARY LAMP



This week's Sanctuary Lamp intention is for:

Church: Jeffrey Scolis

COLLECTION INFORMATION

Weekly Need	\$13,350
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Weekly Collection, November 12	
Total	\$6,883
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Electronic	\$2,337
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Basket & Mail-Ins	\$4,546

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Consiglia Borreli	Richard McCullough
Lyndi Butler	Larry McCusker
Mary Ann Carroll	Francis Murray
George Dickinson	Charlotte O'Leary
Bob Frankenberger	Paige O'Leary
Dawn Gibbons	Katherine Patrone
Carolyn Henderson	Mary Rafferty
Steven Henderson	Ronnie Sidebottom
Jimmy Keating	Joseph Sindoni
Natalie Giorgio Kitts	Adeline Sulpizio
Ken Kull	Jean Super
Mary Kull	Valerie Thompson
Kendall Lambert	Betty Tomczyk
Alice Loftus	Rosemarie Colaberdino
Deacon Joe Gousie	Madalyn Parr
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Joann Marks	Mike Calbertta
Maryanne McCauley	Alexander Passquini
Matthew Bannon	Melissa Dunsee
Mary Ann Nero	Mildred Mancini
Jack McGough	Susan Cortese
Andrea Emilia Bernabey	

The Corner

Brought to you by your Evangelization Team

On Tuesday we celebrate the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

"Throughout the Old Covenant the mission of many holy women prepared for that of Mary.... Against all human expectation God chooses those who were considered powerless and weak to show forth His faithfulness to His promises..."

---Catechism of the Catholic Church 489

Giving Trees

We will have two trees again this year. On Mary's side the recipients will be the clients and children of the Delaware County Pregnancy Center in Chester. (dpcchester.org)

On St. Joseph's side, the recipients will be the elderly poor residents at the Holy Family Home which is run by the Little Sisters of the Poor. (littlesistersofthepoorphiladelphia.org)

Please take an ornament with a request on it. Items can be put into gift bags with names attached.

The recipients of both places were so thrilled with your gifts last year! Thank you for your generosity!

The LAST DAY FOR BRINGING GIFTS IS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10th

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.

Pay 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.

Blood Drive St. Andrew's Roman Catholic Church

McGettigan Hall
3500 School Lane
Drexel Hill, PA 19026

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.

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.

Holy Cross Parish and Choir
welcome everyone to its second annual
**Festival of
Nine Lessons and Carols**



to be celebrated in the Church
Sunday, December 10 at 4 pm.
651 East Springfield Road
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Light refreshments
courtesy of the Knights of Columbus
will follow the festival in the school gym.
Admission is free.

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

Malvern Retreat House

2024 Holy Spirit Group Annual Retreat at Malvern Retreat House on the weekend of January 26 – 28, 2024

The retreat director for your weekend is Father Tom Heron, our theme will be "This is the time of fulfillment. The Kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the Gospel." (Mark 1: 15). The donation amount being asked this year is \$275. If you need help, we are happy to assist you in registering. Please go to the following link to register. www.malvernretreat.com/events/holy-spirit-2024/

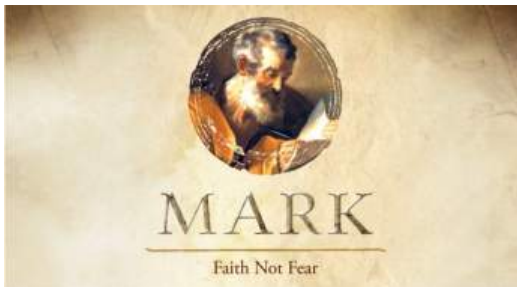
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The month of November each year is dedicated to commemorating those who have died and departed to their heavenly home. It begins with All Saints Day on November 1, and that's a good hint for us to explore all the content available on FORMED. Just search 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 pattiejstevens@comcast.net 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 Dũng-Lạc 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

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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
- Kielbasa 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), and

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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