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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 24, 2024



FROM THE PASTOR

We have several speed bumps on our campus to help slow traffic as you drive around the church and school. They had gotten pretty faded and were pretty hard to notice, especially at night. For visitors who don't know they're there, it could be pretty jarring. I've personally seen a couple cars hit them too fast, and I wouldn't have been surprised to see one car's muffler rolling out into Springfield Road after hitting the bump.

I mentioned the situation to the head of the Knights of Columbus council and asked if he might be able to rustle up a couple men to paint the speed bumps. He did, and it was done last week. As you probably noticed, they're a nice bright yellow now. So, if any cars hit the speed bumps too fast, the driver can't blame us for not having them visible. Thank you, Knights, for doing that. (Perfect timing to put in a plug that today the Knights have their Pancake Breakfast. Please stop over and support them.)

Here's one to totally confuse you. The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is celebrated on December 8, and it is a Holy Day of Obligation—Catholics have an obligation to attend Mass that day. There are some Holy Days that, when they fall on a Saturday or Monday, are not observed as days of obligation that year. The Immaculate Conception is not one of them; it's always a day of obligation because it is the feast day of the United States of America. This year, December 8 falls on a Sunday, which is also the Second Sunday of Advent. According to the rules that govern the Church's liturgical calendar, the Second Sunday of Advent takes priority and the observance of the Immaculate Conception gets moved to Monday, December 9. Makes sense so far.

But here's where it gets confusing. For years, the prevailing thought in the USA was that if the observance is "bumped" to a different day, the obligation to attend Mass doesn't go along with it. Thus, every calendar for 2024 got published saying the Immaculate Conception observed on December 9 would not be a day of obligation this year. But, at the end of October, Rome came out with a clarification and correction: if a day is bumped, the obligation to attend Mass gets bumped with it, so December 9 is a Holy Day of Obligation.

That being said, Archbishop Perez has granted a dispensation to Catholics in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia from the obligation to attend Mass for the Immaculate Conception this year. He did this not to diminish the importance of the day, but because there is conflicting information out there and not a lot of time to clarify everything. Parishes and priests already have full calendars for Advent, and throwing a Holy Day schedule on top of that at the last minute could be difficult to manage in many places. Families have full calendars as well, and the archbishop doesn't want to burden people with an unexpected obligation. While we normally don't have Mass scheduled on Mondays, we will have Mass on Monday, December 9, at 8:30 am to observe the Immaculate Conception.

The Thanksgiving holiday is upon us. There will be Mass at 8:30 am on Thanksgiving Day. There is no Mass on the day after Thanksgiving, and the offices will be closed. Happy Thanksgiving to you and your families!

Christ
the
King

Reading I: Daniel 7: 13-14

The son of Man will rule over a kingdom that will never end. The prophecy is fulfilled in Christ.

Reading II: Revelations 1: 5-8

Jesus' work enables us to be under God's rule rather than that of the devil. To Jesus Christ be glory and power forever.

The Gospel: John 18: 33b-37

Our thoughts return suddenly to the high drama of Good Friday, and Pilate's questioning of Our Lord Jesus. Of course, the nervous procurator gets the correct but mysterious answer to his question about kingship.

Enjoy Thanksgiving with gratitude!



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25

8:30 AM - No Mass

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26

8:30 AM - Michael Basalice

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27

8:30 AM - Bob Seitz, Jr.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28

8:30 AM - The Stevens Family

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29

8:30 AM - No Mass

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30

8:30 AM - No Mass

4:30 PM - For the People of the Parish

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1

8:30 AM - For the People of the Parish

11:00 AM - Margaret & Thomas Walls

SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's Sanctuary Lamp intention is for:

Church - John Kemmey

Chapel - Elizabeth Tenaglio



COLLECTION INFORMATION

Weekly Need \$12,000

Weekly Collection, November 17

Total \$7,786

Electronic \$2,484

Basket & Mail-Ins \$5,302

PRAY FOR THE SICK

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Mary Ellen Sweeney	Alice Markiewitz
Janice LeTourneau	Lynn Neary
Teresa O'Neill	

The Corner

Brought to you by your Evangelization Team

Today we celebrate the **Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, or Christ the King**. Pope Pius XI instituted this feast in 1925 in response to growing secularism and atheism. This solemnity reminds us that while governments come and go, Christ reigns as King forever, not only privately but publicly. We are encouraged to celebrate and live out our faith in public.

---from USCCB (the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops)

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!"

Annual Cemetery Blanket/Door Wreath Sale

The Holy Cross Knights of Columbus #15482 are holding their Annual Cemetery Blanket/Door Wreath Sale beginning on Sunday, 11/24/2024 and ending on Sunday, 12/8/2024. The price is still \$35 per Blanket and/or Door Wreath.

To order call/text Andy Grajek at 610-761-9020 and leave your name, phone number and the amount you are ordering. You can also contact us by e-mail at andygra44@yahoo.com and we can send you a form.

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Mail checks to :
Andy Grajek
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Springfield, Pa 19064

They will be available for pick up at the Holy Cross School Parking Lot located on North Bishop Ave on Saturday, 12/14/2024, from 8:30am until 11:00am.

Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

Holy Cross Parish and Choir welcomes everyone to its 3rd annual "Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols" to be celebrated in the Church on Sunday, December 8 at 4 pm. Light refreshments courtesy of the Knights of Columbus will follow in the school gym. Admission is FREE.

St. Andrew's Nocturnal Adoration Society

The St. Andrew's Nocturnal Adoration Society of Drexel Hill will meet from 7:30 PM to 8:30 PM on Thursday December 5th, 2024 for an hour of Eucharistic adoration in the church. All are welcome to attend.

School News



Looking forward to Advent, we are getting our Advent Wreaths ready. We will have them blessed by Fr. Keirnan on the 2nd of December. We will also set up a Jesse Tree in our Fourier. Each grade level will color an ornament, and we will learn about the ornament daily and then place it on the tree.

Students are working to complete their spiritual offering for our prayer chain that will be displayed in the Fourier and main hall. We welcome parents and the parish community to come over to the school to see it.

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 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

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

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Food Pantry Update

Thanks to all who enabled our pantry to provide Thanksgiving turkeys / chickens and the fixings to our Neighbors in Need. There are many groups who helped with food and muscle.

- Boy Scouts Troops 512 and 503 and Cub Scouts Troop 240 collected over 500 bags of food last weekend.
- St. Francis School Students (even under all the duress of a fire in their school) collected food.
- St. Vincent dePaul Society, St. Francis Conference and...
- St. Kevins Knights of Columbus also collected food and turkeys from their parishioners.
- AOH (Ancient Order of Hibernians) provided many turkeys
- Brinker Simpson's employees provided a van full of supplies.

As we all know, it takes a village to support this effort. Our Holy Cross parishioners, our Knights of Columbus folks and our tireless SVDP Food Pantry volunteers are always helping us every week throughout the year and we appreciate " All of your generosity and prayers". In case we haven't shared this lately... We are so very grateful for all of you... Just a reminder, the pantry is closed Thanksgiving week and will return on Wednesday, December 4th and our hours are 3:45 to 5:30. If you know anyone in Delco in need of food, please share that we are open every Wed.

May you and your families have a Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving.
Love and Prayers from our SVDP Holy Cross Food Pantry Volunteers

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.

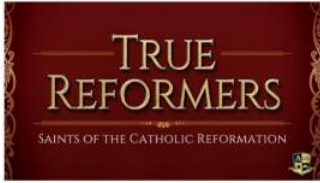
This Eucharistic miracle of Christmas 2013 seems to bring together three feats that Jesus accomplished for our salvation: a God incarnate and born as a little baby, a God who gives himself for us in the sacrifice of the Cross, and a God always waiting for us in the Eucharist.

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

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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

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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"

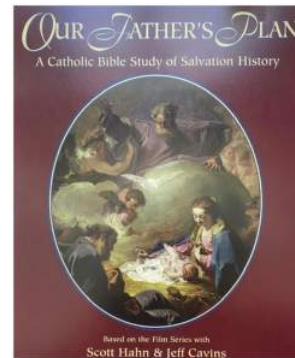
Students Excelling at Cardinal O'Hara High School

Our parish recently received notification of the performance of our high school students on the end of the 1st quarter report. We are particularly proud of those who demonstrated academic excellence.

Students who have achieved first honors include: Erin Saye '26, Miley Woltanski '26, Daniel Kull '27.

Students who have achieved second honors include: Hannah Nguyen '26, Sophia Campbell '27, Hayden Ganley '27, Alyssa Zebuski '27, Sean Campbell '28, Anthony Huynh '28.

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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