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To receive e-mail and text updates from the parish, text
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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 26, 2023



FROM THE PASTOR

Are you done Christmas shopping yet? Based on all the hype and sales, it sure seems like we should have all our gifts wrapped and ready by now. If you need meaningful gift ideas, may I suggest you check out the Bethlehem Wood Carvers display in the vestibule of the church after Mass this weekend? These hand-made items demonstrate a love of the Lord and a craftsmanship you just won't find in the mass-produced stuff you find in the department store. And if you make a purchase, you're directly supporting poor Christians who live with the constant fear of violence and war.

Next week, we begin the Advent Season. In two weeks, our choir will once again offer an evening of lessons and carols, followed by a light supper sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. Last year, we exceeded all expectations for attendance. So, let's hope that this year, we can do even better! Advent gets to be so busy for so many; take the opportunity to relax, listen to good music, and reflect on what really matters in this holy time of year. It will be time well-spent. So plan to come out on Sunday, December 10, at 4:00 for a beautiful evening of sacred music and sacred readings.

Thanks to everyone who has made a contribution to our 2023 "Block" Collection and to those who have filled out the annual parish census. You can access the census through our parish website, or if you're not tech-savvy, you can always call Donna in the office and she can send you a form or take the information over the phone.

A final note for this week. Earlier this month, the parish school was visited by a team of professional educators to review our school for reaccreditation purposes. Thanks to the hard work of our principal and the school faculty, I am really happy to report that the visiting team made the recommendation that our parish school be reaccredited for a period of seven years! This shows that our school provides a high-quality education and is a testament to the hard work and dedication of our entire school staff. This Tuesday is Giving Tuesday, a day for people to give back. If you'd like to support Holy Cross school with a financial gift, visit the school website (hcscrusaders.com) for more information.

Our Lord
Jesus
Christ, King
of the
Universe

Reading I: Ezekiel 34: 11-12, 15-17

God will be the Good Shepherd, reversing the evil of the many bad shepherds.

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 15: 20-26, 28

Paul opposes the community's ideas with his teaching of Christ's resurrection as a prefigure of our own, provided we live as we ought.

The Gospel" Matthew 25: 31-46

This scene represents the finale of Christ's public ministry. It presents believers with the truth that true discipleship is identical with care of the needy. Jesus is identified as the true king.



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27

8:30 AM - No Mass

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28

8:30 AM - Robert Seitz, Jr.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

8:30 AM - Elizabeth O'Kane

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30

8:30 AM - Peter Gaudiosi, Sr.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1

8:30 AM - Francis & Katherine Armstrong

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2

8:30 AM - No Mass

4:30 PM - Michael Walton

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

8:30 AM - Angeline Forlano

11:00 AM - Colomba Borrelli

SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's Sanctuary Lamp intention is for:

Church: Sam Gibson

Chapel: Neil McCrossen



COLLECTION INFORMATION

Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday the numbers for the Sunday Collection were not available at the time of Bulletin Submission.

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Consiglia Borrelli	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
Lee Anne McGough	Carter Claire Walton
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

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)

Blanket & Wreath Sale

The Holy Cross Knights of Columbus will be holding their Annual Cemetery Blanket/Door Wreath sale from Sunday, 11/19/23 until Sunday, 12/10/23. Blankets/Wreaths will again be \$35 each this year. Pick up will be on Saturday, 12/16/23, in the Holy Cross School parking lot at Springfield Rd and Bishop Ave from 8:30am till 11:00am. Checks are made out to "Holy Cross KOC" and can be mailed to Cemetery Blankets, c/o Andy Grajek, 492 Indian Rock Dr, Springfield, Pa 19064. Contact Andy at 610-761-9020 or andygra44@yahoo.com for any questions or more information.

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. (dcpcchester.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

Male Voices Needed!

Holy Cross needs a few male voices to round out the choir for our "Lessons and Carols" event on December 10. If you can read music and practice with us on Tuesday evenings Nov 21, 28 and Dec 5, and sing the event on Sunday Dec 10 at 4pm, please call our music director Grete Ingalls at 267.253.4007 or holycrossmus@gmail.com. May St Cecilia inspire you!

Forever in Our Hearts

246 Beautiful Souls were honored during our All Souls Remembrance Tree Tribute.

The free will offerings collected were donated to our Parish Memorial Fund. This fund helps with the purchase of items needed in the Sanctuary. Holy Cross Social Committee

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.

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.

Boys Prayer and Spirituality Class

Boys in grades 8-12 are cordially invited to attend a weekly class on Prayer and Spirituality. Classes are led by many priests and deacons from the Archdiocese. Classes are on Wednesdays 7-8pm at St Francis of Assisi parish library on Saxer Ave. in Springfield. Classes have been going on since September, but each class is independent and requires no preparation, so boys can join anytime during the year. Parents are welcome to stay for the Holy Hour which runs from 7-8 upstairs from the library in the church. There is no cost, no preparation, no homework or tests. This is just a chance for the boys to learn more about their Catholic Faith, connect with other boys, and grow in their relationship with God. If you think your son may be interested, email Bob and Carol Cardie at cbcandie@gmail.com to be put on a weekly reminder list.

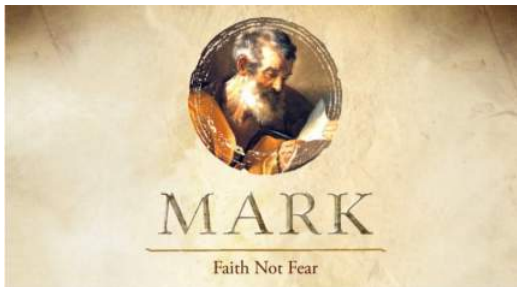
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A Free Gift to you from Holy Cross Parish
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The month of November each year is dedicated to commemorating those who have died and departed to their heavenly home. It begins with All Saints Day on November 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.

The 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. We have wonderful students here at Holy Cross and we know this will not be a hard task for them to follow.

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 can, is asked to make a donation of a boxed or canned food for the Parish Food Pantry.

Giving Tuesday is here. If you would like to make a donation to our school, please see our website www.hcscrusaders.com

Thank you to all parishioners who help to support our wonderful school. We continue to pray for all of you each day.

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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 opłatki (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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