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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 5, 2023



FROM THE PASTOR

If you were at the 4:30 Mass last weekend, you may have noticed that I was a bit "off" during Mass. I spent most of the Mass with my eyes closed and kind of rushing through the prayers, and I'm still not even sure if the homily was coherent. We had a wedding earlier in the day for a truly lovely couple. Unfortunately, the photographer they hired chose to disregard our rules about flash photography and set up multiple tripods with bright flashes on them. Every picture they took brought with it a bright flash of light, and of course from up front I'm staring right at the bulbs. They took a lot of pictures, so it was a constant barrage of bright flashes of light. For me, that's a perfect recipe to trigger a migraine attack, and by the opening prayer, my head was in a vice and elephants were dancing on my brain. It was either soldier through the 4:30 Mass as best as I could or cancel and leave everyone scrambling to find another place to worship. Apologies if the Mass was a less-than-edifying experience.

By the time you read this, our 2023 Craft Fair will have come to a close. I want to thank Carol Dunleavy for her hard work as Craft Fair chairperson, coordinating with vendors, helping to set up stalls in the gym, and being on-site for the better part of two days to make sure it's all a success. I also want to thank the members of our Fundraising Committee and all the parishioners who lent a hand setting up the gym, cooking/serving food at the snack bar, and cleaning up afterward. It's a lot of work borne by a small handful of people.

I also want to thank everyone who attended the 11:00 Mass last Sunday with Bishop McIntyre. It's always a blessing for a bishop to come and celebrate the Eucharist. Many stopped by the vestibule afterward to greet the bishop as well, and I'm sure he appreciated the opportunity to meet our parishioners as well. Before Mass, we heard some of the choral prelude that our choir was singing, and the bishop remarked that the choir sounds wonderful. I agree. We are blessed to have that dedicated group enhancing our worship and for the leadership and musical talent that Grete offers as our music director.

This week, our school will be visited by a team of educational professionals as part of our Middle States reaccreditation process. Being an accredited institution means that there are educational standards that our school upholds. It shows that Holy Cross School is capable of providing a quality education to all of our students. Many of our faculty have been working hard for several months to put together evidence that shows we meet and exceed the standards and chart a plan for further growth. We're happy to welcome the team so they can see our school in action for a few days and meet with our teachers, students, and administrators. It will be a busy week. (But then again, I think just about every week is a busy week in some way around here......)

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I: Malachi 1: 14b-2:2b, 8-10

The prophet accuses the priests of disregarding God's ways, thereby leading the people astray. They had forgotten that Israel is God's extended family.

Reading II: 1 Thessalonians 2: 7b-9, 13

Paul urges the community to consider the conduct of the apostles among them as self-supporting men. He also offers thanks that they were receptive of God's word preached by those same apostles.

The Gospel: Matthew 23:1-12

Jesus strongly criticizes the scribes and Pharisees for not practicing what they preach. He then reinforces His position by His teaching on humility.



MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6

8:30 AM - No Mass

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7

8:30 AM - Nancy Fortunato

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

8:30 AM - John Eppright

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9

8:30 AM - Mary Ann Purcell

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10

8:30 AM - Jane & Joe Sessa

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11

8:30 AM - No Mass

4:30 PM - Margaret Duffy & Charles Duffy

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12

8:30 AM - Nancy Ann Skramstad

11:00 AM - Marie Lanza

The Corner

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"Peace is that deep, interior stillness that tells you that no matter what kind of catastrophe might be happening in your life or in the world, everything is going to be ok."

---Dr Gregory Bottaro "The Mindful Catholic"

SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's Sanctuary Lamp intention is for:

Church: Marie Lanza

Chapel: Mr. Neil McCrossen



COLLECTION INFORMATION

\$13,350 Weekly Need Weekly Collection, October 29 \$5,507 Total \$2,022 Electronic \$3,485 Basket & Mail-Ins

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Church Cleaning

The next Church cleaning will take place on Tuesday, 9/5/2023, 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.

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.

Join Choir

You still have time to JOIN CHOIR and practice for our Lessons & Carols event in December. We are especially in need of a few more male voices to add to the beauty of our musical praise. Encourage your friends and family to join us! And remember, as St Augustine said, "He who sings prays twice." Please call Grete Ingalls at 267.253.4007 or email at holycrossmus@gmail.com

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.

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

HOLY GEORG

FRIDAY, NOV 24TH

7PM - MIDNIGHT

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Date: Thursday, November 30, 2023
Time: 6:00-9:00 pm
Location: St Kevin Parish Life Center
200 W. Sproul Road, Springfield, PA 19064
Admission is Free

Raffle items by more than 30 vendors

Invite family and friends!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!
For more information, please contact Donna Sheckler or Lil Thompson skvendornight2023@gmail.com (preferred) or 610.338.0970

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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.

Delco Pro-Life Meeting

Please join us for our monthly pro-life meeting on Wednesday, November 8, at 7 PM, at St. Dorothy Rectory in Drexel Hill.

Entrance is from the parking lot and then down stairs. Your prayers and suggestions are most welcome.

Jesus, protect and save the unborn.

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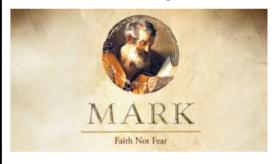
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PROGRAMS - MOVIES - AUDIO - BOOKS

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
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- 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 in 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 deeds.

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, November 27.

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, as we all continue to grow the family and spirit of Holy Cross School.

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
- 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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