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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, OCTOBER 1, 2023



FROM THE PASTOR

Paying bills is never fun. At least, I haven't met anyone who thinks it is, but there may be someone out there who enjoys watching money leave the bank account every month. As much of a chore as bill-paying is at home, it's even more of a chore in the parish. With a half dozen buildings, we don't just get one electric/water/cable/gas bill each month—we get a bunch of each. Some of our buildings are interconnected for some utilities but not others, which makes for more work on the accounting side. Bottom line, getting through our utility bills each month can be a pain in the neck.

This past week, though, as I was looking through the stack of bills that we were paying, I actually felt a surge of happiness! You may recall that in the beginning of the Summer, we made a repair to the float assembly in the A/C cooling tower on the roof of the church. It had been broken for quite some time, which meant water was constantly flowing into and out of the tower, just like if the float in your toilet tank stopped working and the water ran 24/7. So much wasted water—and wasted money paying for that wasted water. Well, this week, we got our water bill, and I was able to compare this Summer's water usage to last Summer's. It was down 50-75% compared to last year. We're talking thousands of gallons. While I don't like paying the bills, I was happy to sign a check for a lower amount than we paid a year ago. Small victories.

Talking about that gives me an opportunity to remind everyone that the only reason we can pay our bills is because of your financial support of the parish—which not only includes our weekly collection, but also involves our parish fundraisers. One of those fundraisers is our **Beef and Beer 75th Anniversary celebration, which is coming up on Saturday! Have you bought your tickets yet?** If not, why not? If you don't have cash on you to buy your tickets after Mass this weekend, you can make a purchase securely online via our parish website. I hope to see you there! Also, as of my writing this, volunteers are still needed, and we need dessert donations. See the website or call the office for more information.

In preparation for the Beef and Beer, last weekend, a small group of parishioners got together to do some major cleaning and reorganizing of the kitchen area in the gym annex. We organized everything in the kitchen and storage area, did a deep cleaning of the space, and threw out a lot of junk that was old or broken. It was a huge effort, and I am grateful to our dedicated parishioners for putting in the hours to clean and tidy up.

Have a great week! See you Saturday at the Beef and Beer!

26th
Sunday in
Ordinary
Time

Reading I: Ezekiel 18: 25-28

Past sins will not condemn a person who repents. "That one shall live; he shall not die," says Ezekiel. The Lord is always ready to forgive.

Reading II: Philippians 2:1-11, or 2:1-5

Paul invokes a series of essential qualities for a Christian lifestyle. Christian love, for example, flows from renouncing myself as my only concern to making concern for others the top priority.

Matthew 21: 28-32

Obedient faith is always the final test. The paradox that tax collectors and prostitutes will enter heaven ahead of some others is at the heart of the gospel.



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, OCTOBER 2

8:30 AM - No Mass

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3

8:30 AM - Teresa Nero Lawrence &
Joseph Nero III

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4

8:30 AM - Rita McGough

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5

8:30 AM - Those in the Memorial Fund

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6

8:30 AM - Louise DeSalvo

9:30 AM - School Mass

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7

8:30 AM - No Mass

4:30 PM - Dorothy & Ben Pelosi

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

8:30 AM - Ben Hickey

11:00 AM - For the People of Holy Cross

SANCTUARY LAMP



This week's Sanctuary Lamp intention is for:

Church: Helen & William Addison

Chapel: Cornelius McCrossen

COLLECTION INFORMATION

Weekly Need \$12,820

Weekly Collection, September 24

Total \$7,998

Electronic \$3,083

Basket & Mail-Ins \$4,915

PRAY FOR THE SICK

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| Consiglia Borrelli | Richard McCullough |
| Lyndi Butler | Larry McCusker |
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| Maryanne McCauley | Alexander Passquini |
| Matthew Bannon | Melissa Dunsee |
| Mary Ann Nero | Mildred Mancini |
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The Corner

Brought to you by your Evangelization Team

On Wednesday we celebrate the feast of St Francis of Assisi. Reflect on his words...

"Let the whole world tremble, let heaven exult when Christ, the Son of the Living God, is on the altar in the hands of the priest." ---St Francis of Assisi

Football Fund Crazr

The Holy Cross Knights will be in the Church Vestibules the weekends of October 7 & 14. Football Fund Crazr tickets will be on sale for \$10.00 per ticket.

No Knowledge of football is necessary to win!

The proceeds help raise money for our 8th grade Scholarship program.

As always, thank you for your support!

Fifth Grade Teacher Needed

Holy Cross Catholic School is searching for a Fifth Grade long-term substitute teacher for this school year. This assignment will be for the full school year.

Qualified and interested candidates please send your resume and cover letter to the Principal at the e-mail address noted above. Clearances will be required as well as other documentation if the position is offered. If the position is offered, the candidate will be required to complete the "Protecting God's Children" training through the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

Helping Holy Cross

How can you help Holy Cross? We now have clothing bins on the property. If we fill the bins every month, the company will make a generous donation to the parish for the amount of donations. All donations go to non-profits and local charities. Please be as generous as you are able. This will help with our fundraising budget for the coming financial year. Load up those bins with your unwanted clothing and shoes!

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.

Event: The Impact of Trauma and the Path to Healing

Wednesday, October 18, 2023 - 7:00-8:30 PM

Chances are high that you and/or people you know are carrying burdens caused by traumas from the past. Join us for an eye-opening talk by a Catholic certified trauma therapist who will explain not only the spiritual and emotional effects of trauma, but also its physiological impact, especially on the brain. Knowing the reality of how trauma impacts us helps us better understand ourselves and others. It also opens up the path to the possibility of real healing.

Speaker: Catholic certified trauma therapist, Margaret Mary Vasquez, LPCC-S

Location: St. Andrew the Apostle Parish, Msgr. McGettigan Hall, 3500 School Lane, Drexel Hill, PA 19026

No cost to attend, but please register at phillyevang.org/events

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.



Beef N Beer – Oct 7th

Come out and enjoy good food, good music and good fun with family and friends at the Beef n Beer on Saturday October 7th from 7PM-11PM.

Tickets on sale now - \$40 in advance and \$45 at the door. Roast Beef, Baked Ziti, Salads, Drinks, and Desserts. Raffle Baskets, 50/50 and Holy Cross 75th Anniversary merchandise available.

All Classes – Reunions welcome. Meet up with old friends and make new ones. Tour of school available.

Tickets will be on sale after masses 9/9-9/10 and 9/16-9/17.

Contact us at

HCDevelopmentFund@gamil.com or

ContactUs@holycrosscatholics.org

for more information and ticket sales.

High School Night

WHERE: Visitation BVM School Gym

190 N. Trooper Rd., Trooper, Pa 19403

WHEN: Thursday, October 5th

TIME: 6:30-8:00pm

High School night is a wonderful way for parents and students to have an opportunity to speak to various Directors of Catholic high school admissions and student representatives. This event is open to the public and all area middle school students and parents are invited. If you have any questions, please contact Angela Zampogna 610-212-1002 or askang12178@gmail.com

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September is a good time to visit with Mother Mary. In August we celebrated the Assumption and the Queenship of Mary, and this month we celebrate the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Our Lady of Sorrows. Explore all that is available by searching for "Mary." There are reflections, lectures, movies, even some things geared toward kids. If you haven't already done so, go to <https://signup.formed.org> to begin exploring all the content on FORMED. Enter ZIP code "19064" and select "Holy Cross Parish" from the drop-down menu, press "Next." Enter your name and email address, and you will receive an email for a link to sign in. No password is needed and you will have full access to the site. ENJOY!

Autumn Bible Study-- The Chosen!!



We're back with Season 3 of The Chosen! We will be showing all 8 episodes of Season 3 of The Chosen. If you haven't heard of it, this is a beautiful series about Jesus' ministry while on Earth. The actual biblical quotes are true, but the other scenes attempt to fill in the blanks about His everyday life. There will be group discussions after the videos, exploring the related Bible passages and the video production details. Light refreshments will be served.

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

When: Mondays, September 11 thru October 30 --- 7:00 – 8:30 PM - in the Holy Cross Parish Center

Or: Wednesdays, September 13 thru November 1 ---9:15 – 10:45 AM – in the Holy Cross Parish Center

The Bible Study is free! A workbook is NOT necessary, but if you'd like to have one, you can order that on Amazon. Just search for "The Chosen, Season 3", the dark gray book is called "The Way of The Chosen: An Interactive Bible Study (Volume3)". Please join us!

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

School News

Our students and faculty made it through the first week full week of school. It was extremely hot, but thanks to our Pastor Father Kiernan, we had popsicles and freeze pops to help cool off. Thank you, Father, for your thoughtful treats all week. We are getting back into the swing of things. Students are already working hard in the classrooms. We celebrated our first school Mass together on Friday, September 8th and we were happy to see that some of our parishioners and school families joined in the celebration. Our school enrollment has increased we have many new students and families. We welcome them to our Holy Cross School community.

On Wednesday, September 20th we will have our "Back to School Night" for our parents in grades 1 through 8. We are excited to meet the parents of new students as well as greet our returning parents.

We are still working on our middle-states accreditation. This is a long and tedious process that has been on-going since the end of last year. Our dedicated faculty have put hours of work into this process. We will have our visit from the Middle States team in November.

We are always looking for school volunteers, if you would like to volunteer, please check our website for clearance information. We welcome any of our parishioners who have a special skill that they would like to share with our students, please go online under Sign Up to Volunteer.

Be on the lookout for our giving Tuesday/givecatholic campaign.

We are looking forward to a wonderful new year at Holy Cross School. We are excited to get started and work with our amazing students.

Thank you, Pastor Father Kiernan, Our Principal Mr. Daniel Salvatore and our hard-working faculty and staff. And thank you to our parishioners whose support of our school is greatly appreciated. We keep all of you in our daily prayers.

Food Pantry Update

Some Good News to Share:

The Clifton Hgts. Acme will provide their collected donations "Helping Nourish Our Neighbors" to our Holy Cross Food Pantry. The Acme has partnered with us for many years and we are very grateful for their support.

Our client volumes continue to be high and Thanks to our parishioners and our benefactors we are able to meet these needs.

If you are able, we are in need of: cereal, pasta, pasta sauce, peanut butter, jelly, oatmeal, mac & cheese, soups and kiddie goodies.

If you know anyone in need of food in Delco, please let them know that we are open every Wednesday from 3:30 to 5:30.

God Bless All of You for your generosity and prayers. Just a reminder, all donations from the "Help the Needy" envelopes go directly to our St. Vincent dePaul (SVDP) Holy Cross Conference.

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Blood Drive St. Charles Roman Catholic Church

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3422 Dennison Avenue
Drexel Hill, PA 19026

**Monday, October 23, 2023
1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: Saint Charles RC Church to schedule an appointment.

Three Parish Book Club

The Book Club will resume meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 27 at Holy Cross Church Parish Center. Members will choose books for the coming year and will discuss the September selection. You need not have read the selected book to attend the meeting. If you would like more information, or if you would like to join us, please contact Joy Van Berg at joyvanberg@gmail.com. or 610 328-2095.

Summer Reading Suggestions

Best Wishes, Sister B by Fran Smith
Poetry by your favorite poet or some favorite poems

September

Voyage of Mercy by Stephen Puleo

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.



Our Lady of Fatima

Class of 1973

50th Grade School Reunion

Saturday, October 14th

2 pm to 7 pm

Briarcliffe American Legion

\$25 per ticket

(includes food and entertainment)

Cash Bar

Contact: Kevin McCaffrey 610-639-4199

Kmccaffrey45@gmail.com

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.

Every Holy Hour we make so pleases the Heart of Jesus that it is recorded in Heaven and retold for all eternity (St. Mother Theresa)

A Holy Hour brings Heavens choicest blessings on those who are faithful to their Hour (St. Pope Paul VI)

A-Holy Hour has been approved by the Church and enriched with copious indulgences. (Pope Pius XII)

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament consoles a soul far beyond what the world can offer (St. Alphonsus Ligouri)

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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