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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 15, 2023



FROM THE PASTOR

A big thank you goes out to all our parishioners who helped plan and pull off last Saturday's Beef and Beer 75th Anniversary Celebration! It seemed like all in attendance had a great time. It took a lot of work, but it was worth it in the end.

A special word of gratitude to the sponsors who helped defray the costs of the party.

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And we thank our patrons as well: Gold Patrons Gabriel and Sherry DeFelice; Richard and Rita Smith; the Holy Cross Social Committee; and John and Margaret McNicholas; as well as Silver Patrons Andy and Fran Grajek; Thomas and Carol Dunleavy; and Annette Steinrock.

Up next on the list of big parish events is our Craft Fair, scheduled for Saturday, November 4. Once again, we'll need help with setting up, working the kitchen, and cleaning up. Information on how to volunteer will be coming out soon.

Some news for which we can be proud as a parish. I'm sure you know that the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the Archdiocese of Philadelphia both have rigorous standards in place to ensure the protection of children—doing everything possible to prevent abuse and to report any possible signs of abuse to appropriate authorities for investigation. All employees and volunteers who work with children in any capacity are required to undergo multiple background checks and training classes in order to do so. Every three years, the Office for Child and Youth Protection of the Archdiocese conducts an audit to ensure the parish is fully compliant with all laws and regulations. The auditor looks the file of every person to ensure all paperwork is present and current. We just had our audit two weeks ago. I am very happy to say that we passed the audit with 100% compliance. This is a testament to the record keeping of Betty McIntyre, our safe environment coordinator, but also to the care shown by our teachers, administration, catechists, parent volunteers, coaches, and staff in doing what is required of them. Thank you all for doing your part.

**28th
Sunday in
Ordinary
Time**

Reading I: Isaiah 25: 6-10a

The banquet image is a favorite way to describe God's kingdom and the times to come of His reign of joy in heaven.

Reading II: Philippians 4: 12-14, 19-20

St. Paul acknowledges the community's gift to him. Yet he also cites the source of his energy when challenges come his way: from the loving God whose strength on which he relies.

The Gospel: Matthew 22: 1-14, or 22: 1-10

Jesus depicts God's kingdom as a wedding banquet, which some of the invitees ignored and others refused. Only then does the king turn to all who were not officially invited, which included the good and the bad.



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, OCTOBER 16

8:30 AM - No Mass

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17

8:30 AM - The D'Arcy Family

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18

8:30 AM - Paul Ruane

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19

8:30 AM - William O'Rangers

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20

8:30 AM - Emily Rivero

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21

8:30 AM - No Mass

4:30 PM - Jennifer Duffy & Mary Ann Duffy

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22

8:30 AM - Deceased Members of the

Carberry & McSwiggan Families

11:00 AM - Rocco & Magdalena Gentile

SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's Sanctuary Lamp intention is for:

Church: Eric Eisenman



COLLECTION INFORMATION

Weekly Need \$13,350

Weekly Collection, October 8

Total \$7,481

Electronic \$2,837

Basket & Mail-Ins \$4,644

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
Zachary Halbing	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	

The Corner

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Are you heading to The Poconos to take in the beauty of the mountains and the fall leaves? Take a moment to think of the Creator of that spectacle and His presence always with you wherever you go!

"I raise my eyes to the mountains, from whence shall come my help? My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.... The Lord will guard you from all evil, He will guard your soul. The Lord will guard your coming and going both now and forever."

---Psalm 121:1-2 & 7-8

Casserole Drop-Off

The next drop-off is Tuesday, October 24th between 4:00 and 5:00 PM at the gym annex. The casseroles are appreciated by the homeless who visit St. John's Hospice at 12th and Race St., Philadelphia. You can make any casserole that you like. Please mark the casserole with the date prepared. Call Connie Labowitz at 610-328-0599 with any questions. Thank you!

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, closed 12:00-1:00pm for lunch.

Any questions, please call the office at 610-626-3321.

PA MARCH FOR LIFE

Join us for the PA March for Life in Harrisburg on Monday, October 16.

Prayer and Praise Rally at 11 AM, then March for Life around streets of Capitol Building at 12 noon.

Bring lunch or you may purchase lunch in the Capitol Building. Transportation provided.

Leaving St. Pius X parking lot in Broomall after 8 AM Mass. To reserve a seat, please call John Williamson's office at 610-446-5600 or Regina Scheerer at 610-328-2463. Show our PA Legislators we stand for Life!

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.

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.

Save The Date



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Saturday November 4th

9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

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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

Cardinal O'Hara News

Cardinal O'Hara Open House is Sunday, October 15 from 12:00-2:30 PM

Scholarship test dates for 8th graders who do not attend an Archdiocesan grade school (public, private, independent, charter school students) are Saturday, October 7 at 8:30 AM and Tuesday, October 17 at 4:00 PM. There is no charge.

Please visit cohs.com to register in advance for each of these events

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We are in the midst of the National Eucharistic Revival, so let's make October our month to look on FORMED at all the resources available to us. There are movies, kids topics, Bible Studies, lectures and so much more. These images are just a few examples. Search under the banner "The Eucharist" and pick your favorite. 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

Autumn is here and the faculty and students are grateful for the crisp mornings and cooler days. Another busy week at Holy Cross School. Our student council for our 2023-24 school year was installed at our first Friday Mass. We congratulate the following students and welcome them into office:

President: Sean Campbell

Vice President: Shane Hubert

Secretary: Jaidyn Williams

Treasurer: Nicholas Voight

Class Representative: Aiden Pensyl

Communications Officer: Kamora Hargrove

Reach Out Representative: Anthony Huynh

We know that they will work hard and bring positive change to our school this year.

Students and faculty had a dress down day to cheer on our Phillies!!!!

The virtue of the month is "Responsibility".

Students who practice this virtue day to day are given a "Shout Out" sticker. Our faculty and staff will give this at any time when they see a student who displays the virtue of being responsible.

Congratulations to all students who have already been given a sticker this month.

We will have our Picture Day on Wednesday, October 18. Students are getting their best smile ready. Holy Cross CYO will be hosting open gyms on Monday evening from 7:00-8:30pm. Holy Cross Students are welcome to attend. We keep all our parishioners in our prayers and wish them a great week. Thank you for your support of our school.

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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](https://www.RedCrossBlood.org) and enter: Saint Charles RC Church to schedule an appointment.

Three Parish Book Club

The Book Club will meet at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 25 at Holy Cross Church Parish Center. To help mark the 100th anniversary of St. Francis of Assisi Parish, members have chosen Peace of Heart, thirty days of readings with a great spiritual teacher, St. Francis of Assisi. Each day has a short reading, a meditation, and a prayer. If you would like to attend the meeting or if you would like more information on the book, please call or email Joy Van Berg at 610 328-2095 or joyvanberg@gmail.com.

October
Peace of Heart by John Kirvan ed.

November
St. John Paul the Great by Jason Evert

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.

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.

From your Friends from the SVDP Holy Cross Food Pantry

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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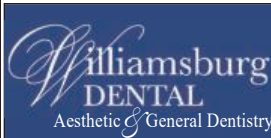
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