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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, OCTOBER 22, 2023**



# FROM THE PASTOR

Next Sunday at 11:00, we will welcome Bishop McIntyre to Holy Cross as he makes a visit to celebrate Mass with our parish. The timing of his visit is great, since will November 2 is the official 75th anniversary of the founding of the parish. Yes, next week we will be moving into November, as hard as that is to believe. After the 11:00 Mass, there will be an opportunity to socialize with one another and meet/greet the bishop in the vestibule. Please plan to join us.

We are just about two weeks away from our annual Fall Craft Fair! This year, it will be on Saturday, November 4, from 9:00-3:00 in the school gym. As I understand it, right now we are completely full in terms of vendors, which is great. Please plan to come and see what they have to offer and grab a bite to eat in the snack bar while you're here.

I was in a supermarket the other day and noticed that they were already starting up their free Thanksgiving Turkey promotion. Again, I'm in denial that November is almost here. One of the beautiful things about our parish is the number of people who donate so much food to the Holy Cross Food Pantry during the year and especially ramp up their efforts during the holidays. But we do need to ask a couple of favors.

Favor #1: if you're going to drop off food for the pantry when the office is closed (Fridays, weekends, after hours, etc.), please either take the items to the donation bins at the far end of the parish center/library building or place them in the brown drop box located near the parish office. Please do not leave food donations outside the office entrance. We have a lot of critters that like to scurry about the campus, and we don't need to tempt them. While feeding the hungry is a work of mercy, I don't know that it applies as much to hungry squirrels.

Favor #2: if you donate anything perishable (like that frozen turkey you qualified for), please don't drop in unannounced to leave it. We'd ask that you call the parish office and arrange a good time for it to be dropped off. The reality is that we don't have refrigerator and freezer space in the office, and it's not always easy for a staff member to haul stuff up and try to find space in the pantry for it. Perishables dropped off after-hours are also a problem. We don't want your generosity to go to waste, but if you drop off something that needs to be kept frozen and we don't get it for a day or two, we have no choice but to trash it. So please, call ahead and ensure someone can accept your donation.

Lastly, since the need often goes up around the holidays, I'm sure our dedicated food pantry volunteers would love some extra help this time of year. If you'd like to lend a hand, call the office. Thank you to everyone who supports this important outreach of Holy Cross Parish.

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Reading I: Isaiah 45: 1, 4-6

The prophet proclaims Yahweh's declaration that He is the one Lord, and that there is no other.

#### Reading II: 1 Thessalonians 1: 1-5b

Paul expresses his love for the people and stresses the fact that the power of the gospel comes from the Spirit of God, and not from his rhetoric.

#### The Gospel: Matthew 22: 15-21

To pay taxes meant also to acknowledge that the foreign pagan authority of Rome had authority over Israel. Jesus allows payment of the tax to avoid anarchy. He preferred nonviolent social change that would lead to God's kingdom.



# MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, OCTOBER 23

8:30 AM - No Mass

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24

8:30 AM - The D'Arcy Family

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25

8:30 AM - Scolis & Ludden Families

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26

8:30 AM - Marie & John Hughes

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27

8:30 AM - Michael Baselice (10th Anniversary)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28

8:30 AM - No Mass

4:30 PM - Fred Senderoff

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29

8:30 AM - The Deceased Members of the Dehnick Family

11:00 AM - The People of Holy Cross

## The Corner

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"He seeks us before we dream of seeking Him; He knocks before we invite Him in; He loves us before we respond." ---Archbishop Fulton J Sheen

# SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's Sanctuary Lamp intention is for:

Church: William Addison. Jr.

Chapel: Jeffrey Scolis



# **COLLECTION INFORMATION**

Weekly Need	\$13,350
Weekly Collection, October 15	
Total	\$7,298
Electronic	\$2,372
Basket & Mail-Ins	\$4,926

# PRAY FOR THE SICK

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Mike Calbertta Maryanne McCauley Alexander Passquini Melissa Dunsee Mildred Mancini

## **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 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

# **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 <a href="https://www.hcscrusaders.com">www.hcscrusaders.com</a>.

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

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FRIDAY, NOV 24TH

7PM - MIDNIGHT

\$55 INCLUDES: 2 HOUR OPEN BAR APPETIZERS



# **All Souls Day Remembrance**

On the weekends of October 21 and 28 The Social Committee will be in the vestibules after Mass. Heart-shaped tags will be available for you to fill out with the name of beloved one you would like to honor. The heats will be on display in Church during the month of November.

# **FORMED**

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## PROGRAMS - MOVIES - AUDIO - BOOKS



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!

# 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

Holy Cross Home and School will be hosting their annual Trunk or Treat on Saturday, October 21, 2023.

The set up will start right after the 4:30PM Mass. There will be a costume and car contest, trick (trunk) or treating, movie and pizza. This is always a fun night for parents and children. Participants are asked to bring 200 pieces of candy to this event. For more information, please contact

<u>HolyCrossHomeandSchool@gmail.com</u> for prices and options.

Holy Cross School would like to Congratulate our resource teacher, Mrs. Susan Packer, and her husband Dave . Susan and Dave welcomed their first child, Connor Rudy Aquino, into the world on October 11, 2023 . Baby, mom, and dad are all doing well and enjoying their time together.

Our student clubs are up and running and students are having fun doing some extracurricular activities.

Our Middle-States accreditation is coming up in November. We are ready to meet with the middle states team. Thank you to our teachers who put in numerous hours preparing for this visit.

We are always looking for parent/parishioner volunteers. If you are interested in helping at Holy Cross School, we would love to have you. For the safety of our children, we ask that you provide copies of the required clearances. For information on volunteering please see our website <a href="https://www.hcscrusaders.com">www.hcscrusaders.com</a>.

Thank you to our Pastor Father Kiernan, Parishioners, Principal, and parents for your continued support of our school.

# **Scrip Program**

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# Blood Drive St. Charles Roman Catholic Church

Hall 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 meet at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 25at 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 of email Joy Van Berg at 610 328-2095 or joyvanberg@gmailcom.

October

Pace 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 PaulVI)

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

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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