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## Parish Communication

To receive e-mail and text updates from the parish, text  
holycrossdelco to 84576.

## 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 29, 2023**



# FROM THE PASTOR

This Wednesday, **November 1, is All Saints' Day**, a Holy Day of Obligation. **Masses are at 8:30 am and 7:00 pm.** Remember, All Saints isn't just about the canonized saints; it's about all the holy men and women throughout the history of the world who are now rejoicing in heaven! Our goal in life is to be faith-filled, holy disciples of Jesus so that in 2123 when our great-great-grandkids are celebrating All Saints' Day, they'll be celebrating us! Parish offices are closed Wednesday.

Thursday, **November 2, is All Souls' Day.** Mass is at 8:30 am. Thursday is the official 75th Birthday of Holy Cross Parish. We have a lot to be proud of from the past three quarters of a century, and we have a lot to celebrate today.

**Saturday, November 4, is our craft fair.** We have sold out all our available spaces for vendors and have a waiting list. So come on out from 9-3 to see all they have to offer and grab a bite at the snack bar.

On **Sunday, November 19**, our Knights of Columbus will have their semi-annual pancake breakfast. It's always a great opportunity to enjoy great food and socialize a bit with other parishioners. The cost is usually cheaper than anything you'd pay at a local breakfast spot, and you don't have to leave a tip. The Knights are a big help around the parish and use the money they raise to benefit Holy Cross parishioners, so please support them in a few weeks.

Also, the weekend of **November 25-26**, we will be hosting Christian artisans from the Holy Land, who will be selling religious objects hand-carved from local olive wood. I have a number of statues and crucifixes in my room, and the craftsmanship is exquisite. With the hostility right now in the Holy Land, tourism is going to suffer, and many Christians will suffer financial hardship as a result. Your support of these craftsmen is a work of mercy.

This week, you should be receiving our annual **parish census mailing.** In years past, we would send a paper census form to all registered parishioners asking everyone to provide the requested information so we can verify our records. We usually get about a 10% rate of return, with varying levels of completeness and legibility. This year, we're going to try to take the census electronically. You can go to our website and fill out the census form. It's really easy and takes only a few minutes. For those who prefer, we can send you a paper form or take your information over the phone if the computer form is a problem. Doing it this way will make life easier for you and our staff and it saves us on printing and mailing costs. I love a win-win. By the way, our annual block collection accompanies the census, and you can make a donation to that collection online through parish giving as well. Easy and secure. Another win-win.

**30th  
Sunday in  
Ordinary  
Time**

**Reading I: Exodus 22: 20-26**

Here we have a group of laws, prohibitions, directions and commands. They acknowledge not only that Yahweh as God but also that He is the sole authoritative lawgiver.

**Reading II: 1 Thessalonians 1: 5c-10**

There is a stress shown here on the fact that the Apostles' lifestyle are an important witness to the authenticity of their message.

**The Gospel: Matthew 22: 34-40**

The Pharisee questioner was interested in the education of the people and a desire to have a summary of Israel's law. He knew that he and his fellow Pharisees had developed many minor laws that obscured the main foundation.



# MASSES FOR THE WEEK

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 30**

8:30 AM - No Mass

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31**

8:30 AM - Cornelius McCrossen

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1**

8:30 AM - The People of Holy Cross

7:00 PM - Edward & Helen Collins

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2**

8:30 AM - All Souls' Day Intentions

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3**

8:30 AM - Bob Miller

9:30 AM - School Mass

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4**

8:30 AM - No Mass

4:30 PM - The People of Holy Cross

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5**

8:30 AM - Those Enrolled in the Memorial Fund

11:00 AM - Nicholas & Mary Graziano

## The Corner

Brought to you by your Evangelization Team

A reflection as we observe the Feasts of All Saints and All Souls this week:

“Earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal.”

---St Thomas More

## SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's Sanctuary Lamp intention is for:

Church: Maryann Redding

Chapel: Maryann Redding



## COLLECTION INFORMATION

Weekly Need \$13,350

Weekly Collection, October 22

Total \$7,896

Electronic \$3,385

Basket & Mail-Ins \$4,511

## 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          |                       |

## 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](mailto: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 [www.hcscrusaders.com](http://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](mailto:elizabeth.collins3@verizon.net). The month of October is covered. Thank you and God bless your generosity.

## Save The Date



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9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

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### FRIDAY, NOV 24TH

### 7PM - MIDNIGHT



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## 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 hearts will be on display in Church during the month of November.

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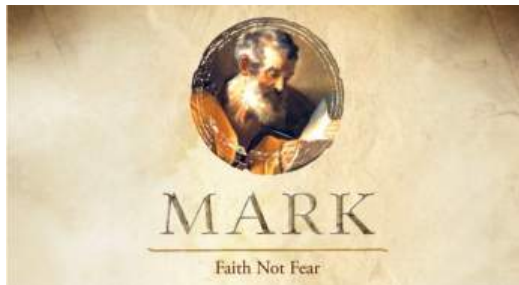
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**PROGRAMS – MOVIES – AUDIO – BOOKS**



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 [pattiejstevens@comcast.net](mailto:pattiejstevens@comcast.net) 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 [HolyCrossHomeandSchool@gmail.com](mailto:HolyCrossHomeandSchool@gmail.com) 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 [www.hcscrusaders.com](http://www.hcscrusaders.com).

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

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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 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](mailto: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.

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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