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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 8, 2023



FROM THE PASTOR

I think we can all agree that for the past few years, the sound system in the church has left a lot to be desired. That's putting it politely. I think it's been called every name in the book: awful, terrible, horrendous, atrocious, incredibly bad, and some names I can't repeat here. Since arriving here as pastor, it's been the one constant comment from every parishioner I've met: "Father, you gotta fix the sound system." Unexpected higher priorities have gotten in the way of doing that. It's fun being in a place where all the buildings are several decades old and suffering the effects of years of deferred maintenance.

A few days ago, we had an audio engineer out to look at the state of the current sound system. Some adjustments were made where possible, and things do sound a little better in the church from what I can tell. The design of our church is a challenge: tons of hard surfaces for the sound to bounce around on. But we have a bigger problem. The equipment that controls everything behind-the-scenes is old. Like all things electronic, it was only designed to last for a finite number of years. Apparently, we passed the "expected lifetime" stage a decade ago. Some equipment in the control panel is already dead—not functioning at all. The components that are functional could fail at any time and are unstable. I'm told this is why we get random feedback in the system sometimes. The microphones we use in the sanctuary are not the microphones we should be using for speaking in a space like ours. One of the three front speakers hanging from the ceiling is essentially dead. Like so many things around here that we've been tackling over the past couple years, there are no quick or easy or cheap fixes. We're working on getting a full list of recommendations and, more importantly, costs.

I have to be honest: our parish finances are such that we do not have the resources right now to do much to address this. Just like many of you are dealing with at home, our monthly costs have gone up, and are going up dramatically. For example, our property insurance bill recently increased by \$1,500 per month—\$18,000 for the year. That's just the increase, not the total premium! We've learned of some other new expenses we'll have to face as well. And then there's the unexpected and urgent. Remember the torrential rains from the other weekend? They were very helpful in showing us all the places the roof of the school is leaking. Time for more repairs.

This campus has a ton of safes and vaults hidden in all of our buildings. Unfortunately, none of them are hiding huge amounts of cash or a stash of gold bricks. (I've looked!) Our weekly collection and fundraising efforts aren't enough to let us pay our regular bills; I don't know how we'd even try to pay for a new sound system.

God provides. I pray continually that He will give us the motivated people and the financial resources we need to get this parish to survive and thrive. I trust that He will.

27th
Sunday in
Ordinary
Time

Reading I: Isaiah 5: 1-7

This "song" of the Lord's vineyard is really a parable about His unrequited love for Israel and her sinful response. It also tells of a future judgment.

Reading II: Philippians 4: 6-9

Here is Paul's call to joy and peace of mind. He also makes notice that God's peace "surpasses all understanding."

The Gospel: Matthew 21: 33-43

The parable Jesus tells is really an allegory of salvation history. Israel (the vineyard) became the victim of its own leaders, who rejected the landowner's (God's) only Son.



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, OCTOBER 9

8:30 AM - No Mass

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10

8:30 AM - Carole Kime

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11

8:30 AM - Poppert, Sheehan & Findley

Families

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12

8:30 AM - Mary Ann Purcell

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13

8:30 AM - Robert Dugan

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14

8:30 AM - No Mass

4:30 PM - For the People of Holy Cross

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

8:30 AM - Joe Nero

11:00 AM - Josephine Ferro

SANCTUARY LAMP



This week's Sanctuary Lamp intention is for:

Church: Sam Gibson

Chapel: Cornelius McCrossen

COLLECTION INFORMATION

Weekly Need	<u>\$12,820</u>
Weekly Collection, October 1	
Total	<u>\$6,716</u>
Electronic	<u>\$1,927</u>
Basket & Mail-Ins	<u>\$4,789</u>

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

Brought to you by your Evangelization Team

Tomorrow is the feast of St John Henry Newman, a great 19th century theologian who was ordained first as an Anglican priest before his conversion to Catholicism. He was then ordained a Catholic priest, named a cardinal, and canonized as a saint in 2019. Do you wonder if you have a mission in life? Read a few of his words...

"God has created me to do Him some definite service; He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another. I have my mission --- I never may know it in this life, but I shall be told it in the next.... He has not created me for naught.... He does nothing in vain; He knows what He is about."

Football Fund Craze

The Holy Cross Knights will be in the Church Vestibules the weekends of October 7 & 14. Football Fund Craze 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!

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.

Join Us in Praying The Rosary for America!



On Saturday, October 14th at noon

In front of Holy Cross Church

WHEN?

WHERE?

DELCO PRO-LIFE MEETING

Please join us for our next meeting of the Delco Pro-life group on Wednesday, October 11, at 7 PM at the Holy Cross Parish Center in Springfield. The Parish Center is located behind the school.

Jesus, protect and save the unborn.

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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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

Lots of things are going on here at Holy Cross School these past weeks. The students are getting back into their daily routines, and our teachers are working hard in their classrooms with the children.

Student council elections were held this past week. All our students did a wonderful job preparing their election campaign speeches. We are proud of everyone who ran for office. The following students were elected to office by their peers.

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 have a lot of fun things planned for students this year: Ms. Katie Dunn, our Music teacher, started a Holy Cross choir for our upper grades. We look forward to listening to their beautiful voices at our school Masses. Our 6th grade teacher, Mrs. Lori Williams, will be the faculty advisor for our school newspaper again this year. Our reporters have been around the school doing interviews and working hard to get the paper to "press".

Our 3rd grade teacher, Miss Palmer, is starting a Movie Club. This will be held during recess hours. The children will watch and review a movie. We may have a few future movie critics on our hands.

And a returning favorite: Home and School will host Trunk or Treat on Saturday, October 21. This is always a fun night for children and families. For more information, please visit www.hcscrusaders.com and check out the tab under Principals Corner. All are welcome to attend this event.

Thank you to our Home and School, Father Kiernan, Principal Salvatore our faculty staff and our parishioners for making our school such a wonderful place for our students.

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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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 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.



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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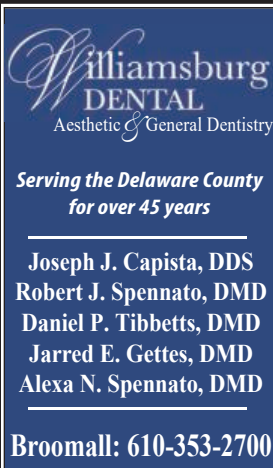
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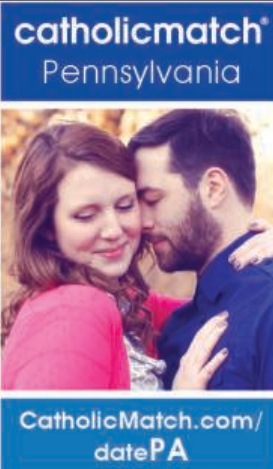



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