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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



FROM THE PASTOR

The start of school is supposed to mean the end of Summer. Unfortunately, I don't think someone upstairs got the memo with this crazy heat wave we've been enduring this past week! It's not supposed to be 90+ for a week in September.

Some people have asked about the school and how we were dealing with the heat. You probably saw some schools dismissed early. As of my writing of this column, we didn't plan to do that, because an early dismissal is a logistical headache. Many students are in families where all parents work and can't come at noon to get their children or be home to greet them when they get off the bus. We don't want a first-grader going home on the bus to an empty house and waiting outside for hours until someone gets home.

Coordinating with transportation departments to arrange for the buses to come early is also a challenge: at least one district won't send buses on early dismissal days, and another district doesn't like to tell us if a bus is coming or how late it might be. The result is often students being sent to the office after dismissal while Miss Sheila, Mrs. Spurrier, and Mr. Salvatore are working the phones to find parents or track down a bus. We felt it was safest for our students to be in school.

The faculty and staff made sure everyone kept hydrated, and we made use of air-conditioned spaces on the campus (well, spaces where the A/C works at least) as well to help cool everyone down. We offered some frozen treats to everyone in the afternoons as well. Kudos to our school teachers and administration for working in unpleasant conditions and for being flexible. It shows how amazing the people who work in our school really are.

It feels really weird with the school all decorated for Fall, and yet sweltering heat abounds. Let's hope we get some Fall weather soon!

23rd
Sunday in
Ordinary
Time

Reading I: Ezekiel 33: 7-9

The prophet is assigned the duty from the Lord to act as a watchman over Israel. As Babylon is about to destroy Jerusalem, his warning about trying to turn a wicked person to change his ways is crucial.

Reading II: Romans 13: 8-10

St. Paul turns to the Christian's obligation of neighborly love both as a summary of the Law of Moses and that of Christ on the subject.

The Gospel: Matthew 18: 15-20

Jesus gives us two different insights. The first is a three step procedure to follow when someone offends us, with the personal one on one ranked first. The second insight is the powerful and consoling truth that He is in the midst of any gathering formed in His name.



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

8:30 AM - No Mass

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

8:30 AM - Those in the Memorial Fund

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

8:30 AM - Theodore (Ted) Anderson

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

8:30 AM - Tracey Katz

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

8:30 AM - Daniel Bark

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

8:30 AM - No Mass

4:30 PM - John & Marie Cianci

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

8:30 AM - John Doherty

11:00 AM - For the People of Holy Cross

The Corner

Brought to you by your Evangelization Team

On Wednesday we celebrate the Feast of St John Chrysostom, a renowned preacher and one of the four Great Fathers of the East and a Doctor of the Church.

"The believer ought to shine forth not only by what he has received from God, but also by what he has contributed himself. He should be distinguishable by everything --- by his walk, by his look, by his clothes, by his voice. And I say this not because we should make a fine display, but because we should always be thinking of the benefit of those who see us." ---from his Homily on Matthew 14

Fun fact... Chrysostom means "Golden Mouth"

SANCTUARY LAMP



This week's Sanctuary Lamp intention is for:

Church: **Frank J. Parr**

Chapel: **Cornelius McCrossen**

COLLECTION INFORMATION

Weekly Need \$12,820

Weekly Collection, September 3

Total \$7,456

Electronic \$2,327

Basket & Mail-Ins \$5,129

PRAY FOR THE SICK

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| Maryanne McCauley | Alexander Passquini |
| Matthew Bannon | Melissa Dunsee |
| Mary Ann Nero | Mildred Mancini |

O'Hara Class of 73 - 50th Reunion

Cardinal O'Hara High School Class of 1973 will celebrate their 50th reunion on Friday, October 27th at the Springfield Country Club. For more information and tickets go to www.cohs.com then Alumni, then Reunions.

Wanted: Singers and Musicians

Choir season starts in September. We are already preparing for 2 big events this year; our Christmas and Easter concerts. We are always looking for additional voices, and we especially need some male voices. You don't have to read music in order to join us, you just need to enjoy singing. We practice on Tuesday evenings, and we sing the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month at the 11:00 Mass, plus some other holidays and special events.

In addition to the choir, if you play an instrument at an intermediate level or above and would like to add to the beauty of our Liturgy, we'd like for you to be part of our music ministry.

For more information, please contact our Music Director, Grete Ingalls, at greteingalls@hotmail.com or 267.253.4007.

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 Alum 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.

Holy Cross School CARES

Holy Cross School is searching for a part-time employee for their afterschool CARES program. CARES Staff provide a safe and joyful environment for students who stay after school until their parents pick them up. This position would begin with the upcoming 2023-2024 school year. The hours are 2:30pm until approximately 6:00pm, Monday through Friday when school is in session for a full day. CARES is not offered on early dismissal days for students.

Qualified and interested candidates please send your resume and cover letter to espurrier@hcscrusaders.com. If the position is offered, the candidate will be required to complete the "Protecting God's Children training" Clearances will be required as well as other documentation.



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.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend

MARRIED COUPLES – "Live your best life in love" in 2023: Why not give yourselves some time together by making a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend? The next in-person experiences are Sept. 15-17 and Nov. 10-12 at Our Lady of Czestochowa, Doylestown. For more info visit: <https://www.wwme-philly.org/>.

FORMED

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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.



Benefits the IHM Sisters at Camilla Hall

Saturday,

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Food Pantry Update

Its hard to believe its almost "Back to School" time. Thanks to our parishioners and many generous benefactors; our Pantry is able to supply food and personal supplies to our "Neighbors in Need".

If you are able, we are in need of mac&cheese, cereal, oatmeal, canned meat / tuna, pasta sauce (no glass please) and pasta, peanut butter, jelly, rice, beans, kiddie treats and personal items (soap, body wash, shampoo, tissues).

If you know anyone in need for food in Delco, please share that the pantry is open every Wednesday in back of Holy Cross School from 3:30 to 5:30.

Thank you for "All you do" for our Neighbors in Need with your generosity and prayers. Please know you are making a difference in many folks' lives.

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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

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.

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.


You experience peace in other areas of your life Jesus said “Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you.” (John 14:27) The outward peace we can experience in Adoration (the quiet and the stillness) reaches much deeper. It leads to an inner peace that affects all areas of our lives. It doesn’t mean everything in our life will be perfect and without suffering, but Christ’s peace means we know the storms of life can’t shake us.

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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