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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, September 15, 2024



FROM THE PASTOR

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, our parish feast day. The feast has its origins in the 4th century, when St. Helena, mother of the Roman Emperor Constantine went on a pilgrimage to Jerusalem to find the Cross of Jesus, which had been hidden for centuries and over which the Romans had built a pagan temple. St. Helena had the temple leveled, and after some digging, the Cross was found. Churches were then built on some of the holy sites, which were dedicated on the 13th and 14th of September. The feast became an annual remembrance of the dedication of those churches, along with an opportunity to venerate the Cross, which became a symbol of the victory of Christ and the price of our salvation.

The symbol of the Cross was not a popular symbol of Christianity for the first few centuries. It was, after all, an implement of torture and death, reserved for the worst of criminals in the Roman Empire—wearing a cross as jewelry would be like wearing a pendant that looks like an electric chair today. A symbol often used by early Christians was that of a fish, because the Greek word for “fish” could be used as an acronym for “Jesus Christ, Son of God, Savior.” Once the True Cross was found and Christianity was made legal in the Empire, the Cross became the most common symbol used by Christians throughout the world.

On Tuesday at 9:00 am, we will begin accepting Mass intention requests for 2025. Please remember that there is a limit of three Masses per requestor for the first month that we are accepting intentions. This is to ensure that we can accommodate as many people as possible and their requests. Please be considerate of others who also wish to have Masses offered for their loved ones; in fairness this rule has to apply to everyone. Also, please remember that the law of the Church is one Mass has one intention from one requestor. Once a Mass has been “booked,” we can’t add another person’s intentions to that Mass.

Finally, thank you to everyone who came to the school’s Ford test drive event last week. I’m told we had over 90 people come out, which should earn us a nice bit of money for our school.

24th
Sunday in
Ordinary
Time

Reading I: Isaiah 50: 4c-9a

The servant-prophet has a certain confidence, knowing that his suffering has meaning and that he also has the Lord’s help to bear it.

Reading II: James 2: 14-18

True faith always manifests itself in good works. The component of love in our faith springs from our baptismal connection to Jesus.

The Gospel: Mark 8: 27-35

Peter’s “confession” of Jesus as the Christ is the pivotal event in all of Mark’s gospel. Jesus then teaches His chosen that true discipleship involves suffering.

Who needs your prayers this week?



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

8:30 AM - No Mass

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

8:30 AM - John Fulginiti

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

8:30 AM - Jim & Margaret McNicholas
and Jim McFadden

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

8:30 AM - John Kemmey

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

8:30 AM - Jane & Joe Sessa

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

8:30 AM - No Mass

4:30 PM - For the People of Holy Cross

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

8:30 AM - Anne Creato, Rita Creato &
Kathryn Gregorio

11:00 AM - Carmen (Charlie) Maurone, Jr.

SANCTUARY LAMP



This week's Sanctuary Lamp
intention is for:

Church - Steve Austin
Chapel - Mary Gibson

COLLECTION INFORMATION

Weekly Need	\$12,000
Weekly Collection, September 8	
Total	\$8,010
Electronic	\$3,224
Basket & Mail-Ins	\$4,786

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Consiglia Borrelli	Richard McCullough
Lyndi Butler	Larry McCusker
Mary Ann Carroll	Francis Murray
George Dickinson	Charlotte O'Leary
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The Corner

Brought to you by your Evangelization Team

“He no longer has God for his Father who does not have the Church for his mother.”

---St Cyprian, from his treatise “On the Unity of the Catholic Church”

St Cyprian is a Doctor of the Church, and was the first Bishop in Africa to obtain the crown of martyrdom. We observe his Feast Day tomorrow September 16.

Mass Book Opening

The Mass book for 2025 will open on Tuesday, September 17, at 9:00am. During the first month the book is open, there will be a limit of three (3) Masses scheduled per requestor. After the first month, additional Masses may be requested, with a limit of two (2) at a time. No Intentions for 2025 announced Masses will be accepted or scheduled before the book opens (except those we are required to include). Phone calls or emails received once the book is open will be processed after those who are present in-person have tended to.

Church Cleaning

The next Church cleaning will take place on Monday, 9/9/2024, at 9:00am. Please use rear door to enter. Extra hands are always welcome.

Knights of Columbus Football Pools

Football pools are being sold by the Knights of Columbus in the vestibules after mass on the weekends of October 12 and October 19

Parish Ministry Fair

September 28 & 29

Get to Know Your Holy Cross Ministries

In back vestibule of Church

FORMED

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For September, there is a new 12-part series for men produced by the Knights of Columbus called **Into the Breach**, seeking answers to what it means to be a Catholic man in today's world. And for kids, there is a great series called **Chalk & Block**, where a troupe of young believers want to tell their peers "what every child should know about God." And of course there are plenty of movies for the whole family.

Signing up for FORMED is EASY and FREE!

1. Just go to FORMED.org or download the FORMED app
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3. Register with your name and email address
4. Check that email account for a link to begin using FORMED. No password is needed and you will have full access to the site. ENJOY!

ANNUAL PA MARCH FOR LIFE

Join us on Monday, September 23, as we witness for Life in Harrisburg, PA. Rally at 11 AM in front of the Capitol building and then March around the block of the Capitol building at 12 noon. Transportation from St. Pius X Church parking lot in Broomall at 8:45 AM. Call Ted Meehan at 610-804-3285 to reserve a seat. Let's show our State legislators that we value all pre-born life!

Autumn Bible Study – The Chosen!!



We're back in our newly refreshed Parish Center with Season 4 of **The Chosen**! We will be showing all 8 episodes of Season 4 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 16 thru November 4 --- 7:00 – 8:30 PM - in the Holy Cross Parish Center

Or: **Wednesdays**, September 18 thru November 6 --- 9:15 – 10:45 AM – in the Holy Cross Parish Center

The Bible Study is free! A workbook is NOT necessary. **Please join us!**

To save a seat or for more information, contact Jane Collins at elizabeth.collins3@verizon.net or 610.623.3412.

In our 61st year of service, **Saint John's Hospice** is excited to host the 4th Annual

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Three Parish Catholic Book Club

The Book Club will hold its first meeting of the season in the Family Life Center at Holy Cross on September 25 at 7:00 p.m. Club members will choose books for the coming year and will discuss the September selection. If you would like to join the meeting or if you would like more information, please contact Joy Van Berg at 610-328-2095 or via email joyvanberg@gmail.com.

September

All Will Be Well: 30 Days With Julian of Norwich
published by Ave Maria Press

Food Pantry Update

It's hard to believe that our children will be back in school very soon.

Starting September 4th, our Food Pantry's hours will change to: 3:45 - 5:30. This will enable less traffic during school closure time.

Our pantry has been very busy over the summer months and we have been Blessed to have enough to meet these needs. Thanks to all of you for your prayers and donations and also St. Annie's, St. Francis of Assisi, and the Franklin Mint Credit Union, St. Kevin's Knights of Columbus and Williamsburg Dental for their toothbrush and toothpaste donations.

If you are able, we could use the following items (no glass please) including: cereal, oatmeal, peanut butter & jelly, rice, beans, pasta and pasta sauce, mac & cheese, canned meats, spaghetti, soup, kiddie snacks and personal items (deodorant, soap, shampoo).

If you know anyone in Delco in need of food, please let them know our hours and that we are still a drive-thru.

Thank you for All You Do to support our pantry all year.

God Bless You,
Your Friends from the St. Vincent dePaul Holy Cross Food Pantry

First Friday Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Please join us for the Nine First Fridays Devotion of Reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The devotion will begin on Friday, October 4th and end on Friday, June 6th, fulfilling our Lord's request of nine consecutive Fridays.

The Schedule for First Fridays:

First Friday Mass will be celebrated at 8:30 am.
Adoration will be in the Church from 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm.
Confessions will be held from 7:00 pm - 7:45 pm.

If you would like more information about First Friday and First Saturday devotions, pamphlets are available at the entrance of either side of the Church.

CAN YOU NOT SPEND 1 HOUR WITH ME??

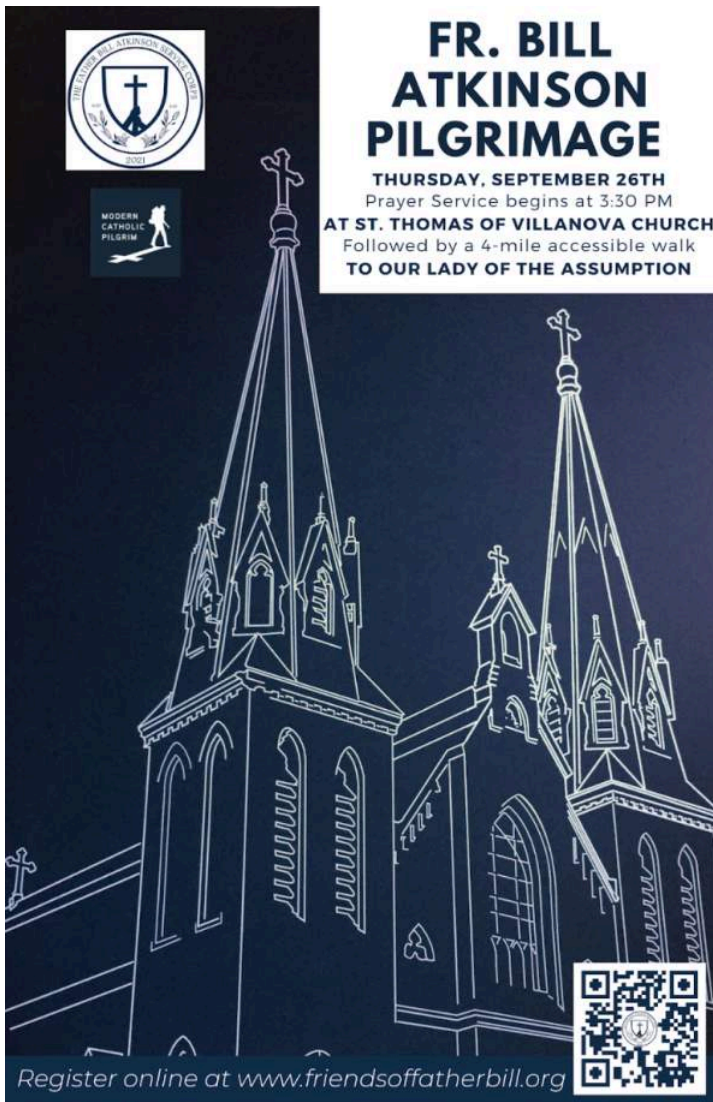




The Eucharistic miracles Lanciano in Italy occurred in the 8th century. A certain priest developed doubts about Christ's presence in Eucharist. One day after consecration, during Mass, the wine and bread visibly turned into blood and flesh. This was preserved through the centuries. In 1970-71 and in 1981, scientist Odoardo Linoli, a professor of pathological histology, clinical microscopy and chemistry as well as anatomy, investigated the miracle.

The professor came to the conclusion that the flesh was cardiac tissue containing veins, nerve fibers and arterioles. The blood type matched with the blood type of other Eucharistic miracles, namely AB. The WHO too verified the finding of the Italian doctors, and after 500 examinations expressed the inability of science to explain Eucharistic miracles Lanciano.

WE ARE IN NEED OF ADORERS!


PLEASE CONSIDER VISITING JESUS WEEKDAYS IN OUR CHAPEL, FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT EILEEN AT 610-213-3369.



FR. BILL ATKINSON PILGRIMAGE

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH
Prayer Service begins at 3:30 PM
AT ST. THOMAS OF VILLANOVA CHURCH
Followed by a 4-mile accessible walk
TO OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION



Register online at www.friendsoffatherbill.org

Holy Cross Class of 1974 50th Reunion

Looking for all classmates from Holy Cross class of 1974! We are holding our 50th grade school reunion on Saturday Sept 28th, 6:00 pm at PJ Whelians in their private room in Newtown Square (delco) . Tix are \$65 PP and includes buffet of steak, crabcake, and chicken entrees and all soft drinks *Cash bar for all other drinks*

Venmo to purchase tix is as follows. Robert-Pace-103
Phone: 484-470-9490

Questions please email Robertpace1978@gmail.com

Any proceeds will be donated back to Holy Cross school for student support!

RCIA at Holy Cross

The Rite of Christian initiation for Adults is the process for people of other faith traditions, those not baptized or not baptized and baptized Catholics who want to refresh their faith or complete their Sacraments.

RCIA is a journey where a person encounters Jesus Christ and begins the conversion to the Catholic Faith. Each meeting is designed to stimulate a person both intellectually and spiritually. We explore numerous aspects of the Catholic Faith through the bible and other reading material.

If you are interested in exploring your faith or know someone is looking to renew their faith in the Church, please contact Deacon Tom Taylor at deacontom2011@gmail.com

St. Kevin's Novena

St. Kevin Church, 200 W Sproul Rd, Springfield invites all to celebrate a 3 evening Novena in honor of St. Therese of the Little Flower. The Novena will begin on September 29th at our weekly Sunday 5:30pm Mass and continues on Monday, September 30th at 7pm with Adoration and prayers to St. Therese and concludes on Tuesday, October 1st at 7pm with a closing Mass. Join us and bring your prayer intentions to Jesus through the intercession of St. Therese. We hope to see you there!

Save
THE
Date

Mark your Calendars now so you don't miss out on any of these upcoming fun events. Tell your Family and Friends!

 **September 28 & 29**

Parish Ministry Fair 

 **October 5**

Gift Card Bingo 

 **November 2**

Annual Craft Fair 

Bonner-Prendie Class of '74 Reunion

Monsignor Bonner- Archbishop Prendergast High School, Class of 1974, is planning their 50th Class Reunion, 6- 10 p.m. Friday, Sept. 27 at Paxon Hollow Country Club, 850 Paxon Hollow Rd., Broomall.

The Reunion Committee is currently searching for current email addresses to send out notices with the details. Class members are asked to send name and email address to bonnerprendie50threunion@gmail.com/.

St. Mary Polish American Society Raffle

Please consider purchasing a raffle ticket! The raffle will feature \$10,000 in prizes paid out to seven winning tickets and will be broken down as follows:

1st Prize- \$5,000

2nd Prize- \$2,000

3rd Prize- \$1,000

and Four \$500 prizes.

Tickets are \$50 each. A total of 500 tickets will be sold. Raffle proceeds support our mission of promoting Polish heritage in Montgomery County, PA and assistance with the restoration of St. Mary Catholic Church in Conshohocken, PA. The drawing will be held on Sunday, December 15, 2024 at St. Mary Hall. To purchase tickets, please contact Dorothy Swedkowski at 610-630-0861 or email us at raffle@stmarypolish.org

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