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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 17, 2023



FROM THE PASTOR

This Tuesday, the book to request announced Mass intentions during the calendar year 2024 will open at 9:00. There is often a lot of confusion about Mass intentions, so it might be good to use this space to talk about what exactly goes on when someone requests a Mass to be offered for a particular intention (e.g. for the repose of the soul of a loved one).

Because the Mass is the celebration of Christ's sacrifice on Calvary in an unbloody manner, each time Holy Mass is celebrated, there are myriad graces or "fruits" poured out onto the Church. These fruits get categorized in different ways by different theologians, but there's generally a four-fold division. Every Mass is offered: (1) for the benefit of all the members of the whole Church (living and deceased); (2) for the benefit of those who participate in the celebration—either by being physically present or having contributed in some way to the celebration, which includes donating money to pay for the vestments, bread and wine, vessels, candles, etc.; (3) for the benefit of the priest himself who offers the sacrifice; and (4) for the benefit of those for whom the priest offers the Mass in particular. When we say a particular Mass is offered for "Jane Doe," we're referring to this fourth category. However, the celebration of the Mass still benefits everyone in the Church and others specifically in different ways and to different degrees.

The custom developed over time for people to make a financial offering to the priest with a request that he offer a Mass for a particular intention. It's a way to unite oneself more fully to the celebration of the Mass and became a primary means of support for priests. Of course, fallen human nature being what it is, there is a risk of abuse whenever money changes hands. The faithful can see themselves as buying the rights to a particular Mass: "I bought this Mass." And I'm sure you can see how priests can easily see a way to pad their wallets, demanding big fees, creating bidding wars for popular Masses, or combining intentions to get more money for fewer Masses.

To prevent this, the Church has strict rules regarding Mass offerings. The most important principle to remember is the rule that there is one donor for one Mass. That donor can request whatever intention he wishes (whether it be for one deceased person or for blessings on all the people living in China and India combined). The donor can be a single person or a family/group coming together as one. But once a priest agrees to say a Mass for the intention of that donor, he cannot accept an offering from anyone else for the same Mass, even if it's the same intention.

There are lots of other rules that apply as well, but we don't have space to go into them all here right now. When we "open the Mass book" as a parish, we are essentially saying "here's a list of Masses we reasonably expect to offer as a parish in the year ahead" and invite parishioners to request intentions for those Masses. For any number of reasons, we may not be able to accommodate everyone's requests. And out of fairness to the whole parish, we do have to limit the number of Masses that one may request at one time. We want everyone to have a fair opportunity to pray for his/her loved ones. Thanks for understanding. And thank you for the charity you show in requesting the Holy Sacrifice be offered for those about whom you care.

24th
Sunday in
Ordinary
Time

Reading I: Sirach 27: 30-28:7

The obligation to forgive others and not hold on to grudges is the essence of Christianity.

Reading II: Romans 14: 7-9

Since Christ alone is Lord, and He gained our freedom, we have the task of living for Him, and not for ourselves.

The Gospel: Matthew 18: 21-35

This parable teaches us the need to imitate the Lord's mercy. The divine patience, however, is not infinite. So, we must forgive a "brother from the heart."



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

8:30 AM - No Mass

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

8:30 AM - Mary Ann Redding

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

8:30 AM - Edward Josph Collins

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

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

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

8:30 AM - Daniel Bark

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

8:30 AM - No Mass

4:30 PM - For the People of Holy Cross

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

8:30 AM - James Penney, Sr.

11:00 AM - The Living & Deceased

Members of the Casciano Family

SANCTUARY LAMP



This week's Sanctuary Lamp intention is for:

Church: **Jeffrey Scolis**

Chapel: **Cornelius McCrossen**

COLLECTION INFORMATION

Weekly Need \$12,820

Weekly Collection, September 10

Total \$7,227

Electronic \$2,642

Basket & Mail-Ins \$4,585

PRAY FOR THE SICK

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| Lyndi Butler | Larry McCusker |
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| Matthew Bannon | Melissa Dunsee |
| Mary Ann Nero | Mildred Mancini |

The Corner

Brought to you by your Evangelization Team

Saturday is the Feast of St Pius of Pietrelcina, better known to us as Padre Pio. We know of his stigmata and sufferings; take a moment to reflect on this quotation from him...

"Bless Him in all that He makes you suffer on this earth and rejoice in it, for each victory gained has a corresponding crown in paradise."

Mass Book Opening

The Mass book for 2024 will open on Tuesday, September 19, at 9:00 am. 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 2024 announced Masses will be accepted or scheduled before the book opens (except those we are required to include). Phone calls or e-mails received once the book is open will be processed after those who are present in-person have tended to.

ANNUAL DELCO LIFE CHAIN

Please join us for our annual Delco Life Chain on Sunday, October 1, National Respect Life Sunday, from 1 to 2 PM, along the sidewalks of Baltimore Pike starting at Saxer Ave. in Springfield. (Rain date October 8) You may stand or sit, bring signs or we will provide them. Show Delco that we respect life from conception to natural death. Witness 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.

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 if 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.

Saint Laurence Church Re-Opening

All are invited to Saint Laurence Parish, Upper Darby, for the Upper Church Re-opening Celebrations:

Saturday, September 23 - 10am to 3pm
St. Laurence Grounds - Family Entertainment, Music, Fun, Food 7 Games Festival

Sunday, September 24 - 10:30am Mass
Eucharistic Celebration, 40 Hours Procession and Devotions in the newly renovated Upper Church.
Details: www.stlaurencedelco.org

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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

Our students and faculty made it through the first week full week of school. It was extremely hot, but thanks to our Pastor Father Kiernan, we had popsicles and freeze pops to help cool off. Thank you, Father, for your thoughtful treats all week. We are getting back into the swing of things. Students are already working hard in the classrooms. We celebrated our first school Mass together on Friday, September 8th and we were happy to see that some of our parishioners and school families joined in the celebration. Our school enrollment has increased we have many new students and families. We welcome them to our Holy Cross School community.

On Wednesday, September 20th we will have our "Back to School Night" for our parents in grades 1 through 8. We are excited to meet the parents of new students as well as greet our returning parents.

We are still working on our middle-states accreditation. This is a long and tedious process that has been on-going since the end of last year. Our dedicated faculty have put hours of work into this process. We will have our visit from the Middle States team in November.

We are always looking for school volunteers, if you would like to volunteer, please check our website for clearance information. We welcome any of our parishioners who have a special skill that they would like to share with our students, please go online under Sign Up to Volunteer.

Be on the lookout for our giving Tuesday/igivecatholic campaign.

We are looking forward to a wonderful new year at Holy Cross School. We are excited to get started and work with our amazing students.

Thank you, Pastor Father Kiernan, Our Principal Mr. Daniel Salvatore and our hard-working faculty and staff. And thank you to our parishioners whose support of our school is greatly appreciated. We keep all of you in our daily prayers.

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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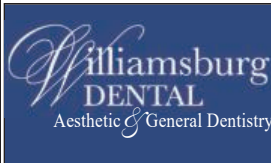
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