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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 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.

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.

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 22, 2024

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

Let's pretend for a bit and project our times backward to the days of the Apostles before the resurrection where our gospel passage finds us. A young reporter named Rebekah for "Action News Jerusalem" is dispatched to interview ordinary people who have become followers of Jesus. Given a tip by Mordecai, the assignment editor, about a group of 12 who are currently in town, she asks a certain man named Thomas what the group is discussing at their meeting. Thomas shyly replies, "We're trying to decide which of us is the greatest?"

Rebekah replies, "Our sources tell us that's the kind of question that your Leader disdains. Isn't that true?" Just then the Leader Himself comes into camera range. Rebekah notes the man's good looks and regal bearing despite His drab clothes and asks him straight away "Sir, don't you dislike talk of privilege and position among your followers?" "Surely", He replies, in a voice that could enrapture any audience. These men are good people, but they have a lot to learn about My perspective on things."

He goes further. "Rebekah, may I call you that?" "Certainly," she says, "our viewers call me that, and we're anxious for your thoughts."

Jesus at this point calls a little boy over from a group playing tag. Putting His arms around the boy's shoulders, He looks into the camera while also addressing His young followers and says, "Look, guys, and those of you watching on TV or online right now, "If you really want to be first, you've got to choose the last place. And if you receive a child like this boy here in My Name, respecting His innocence and his not angling for a position, you will be really receiving Me. Or even better, you will be receiving the One, the Person I call "Father" or "Abba" (Daddy) who sent Me. And we will always have your back."

TV reporter Rebekah, taking back her mike, says into the camera, "Well, there you have it, everybody, an unexpected drop- in conversation with the Man himself, Jesus of Nazareth. Now back to our studio. I'm Rebekkah in Jerusalem for Channel 144, Action News."

I trust that you here and now can see the major point of the gospel that I tried to dramatize. True greatness comes from acknowledging who we are in God's eyes, not the eyes of fellow human beings. Setting goals like climbing social or corporate ladders, wishing for fame and fortune, or flaunting our possessions is so much a pursuit of nonsense. As for so many other teachings in Christ's Church, humility is key. "The person with true humility never has to be shown his place; he is always in it."

God loves you and give you His peace.

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I: Wisdom 2:12, 17-20

The wicked, in this case apostate Jews, want to make power the norm of goodness. This to allow them to persecute the just man, because his lifestyle is a silent reproach to theirs.

Reading II: James 3: 16 -4:3

The author provides the qualities of true wisdom, and then the causes of war and strife among peoples.

The Gospel: Mark 9: 30-37

Jesus foretells His coming passion and death. Meanwhile His disciples discuss a completely unrelated matter that needs Jesus' input.

Behold Jesus in the Eucharist! -



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

8:30 AM - No Mass

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

8:30 AM - Mary Ann Purcell

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

8:30 AM - Josephine Elliott

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

8:30 AM - Mary Cleary

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

8:30 AM - Lorri Rudolph

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

8:30 AM - No Mass

4:30 PM - Tom Chenoweth

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

8:30 AM - For the People of Holy Cross

11:00 AM - Charles & Joan Dunleavy

The Corner

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"I will make you fishers of men." ---Matthew 4:19

This is one of the best one-liners in Scripture. Notice the first part: "I will make you..." In today's culture, everyone wants to invent and define their own reality. But Jesus puts this lie to bed. We learn from Him that it's God who acts, and if we give ourselves over to His creative power, He will make us into something far better than we could ever imagine.

SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's Sanctuary Lamp intention is for:

Church - Jeffrey Scolis Chapel - Richard Daciw



COLLECTION INFORMATION

Weekly Need\$12,000Weekly Collection, September 15Total\$7,773Electronic\$2,604Basket & Mail-Ins\$5,169

PRAY FOR THE SICK

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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.

Casserole Drop-Off Date

The next drop-off is Tuesday, September 24th between 4:00 and 5:00 PM at the gym annex. The casseroles are appreciated by the homeless who visit St. John's Hospice at 12th and Race St., Philadelphia, You can make any casserole that you like. Please mark the casserole with the date prepared. Call Connie Labowitz at 610-348-1591 with any questions. Thank you!

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

Join Us to Pray the Rosary

Join us in praying the rosary for our country on Saturday, October 12th at noon in front of Holy Cross Church.



Parish Ministry Fair

September 28 & 29

Get to Know Your Holy Cross Ministries

In back vestibule of Church

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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
- 2. Enter your ZIP code and select "Holy Cross" from the drop-down menu and press "Next"
- 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. FNJOY!

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

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 <u>elizabeth.collins3@verizon.net</u> or 610.623.3412.

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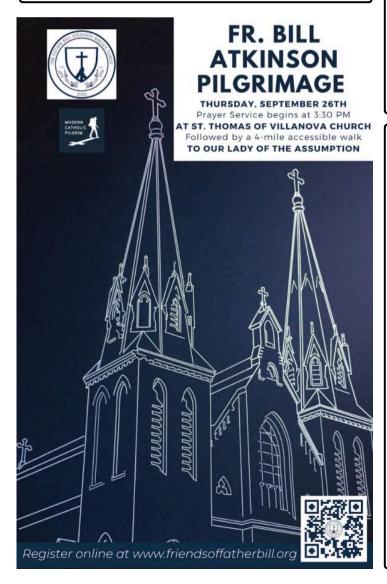
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Three Parish Catholic Book Club

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

Our Food Pantry's hours are now 3:45 - 5:30 on Wednesdays. This enables more safety and less traffic during school closure time. Father Kiernan has solved our challenge on how to keep the Food Pantry in operation while the construction work is done on our school. The Food Pantry volunteers and Neighbors in Need really appreciate his intercession. We are still operating behind the school and folks are directed to a shorter path to collect their food.

If you are able, we are in need of the following items (no glass please) including: cereal, oatmeal, pancake mix, syrup, peanut butter & jelly, rice, beans, pasta and pasta sauce, mac & cheese, canned meats, stews, spaghettios, 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 through your prayers and support.

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.

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 Whelihans 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 <u>Robertpace1978@gmail.com</u>
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!



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





Cotober 5

Gift Card Bingo





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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/.

O'Hara Class of '74 Reunion

The Cardinal O'Hara High School Class of 1974 is celebrating their 50th Reunion on October 19 at Llanerch Country Club. For tickets, go to events.hunanitix.com/cohs1974reunion. For more information email alumni@cohs,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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