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To receive e-mail and text updates from the parish, text
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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



FROM THE PASTOR

I'm sure anyone who has navigated our parking lot has noticed the circular stone wall near the door to the parish office. I'm sure back in the day the wall was built around a tree or some other gardening feature. Lately, it had become a bit of an eyesore, and its only apparent purpose was to slow down and choke parking lot traffic. There were a variety of plants that grew in there throughout the Spring and Summer—but I think it became more a place for weeds to grow than anything else (and boy did they grow this Summer).

Thanks to the intrepid members of our gardening committee (who take care of planting flowers in planters around the church entrances and maintain the roses in a garden near the rectory), the weeds are no more. In the intense heat of a few weeks ago, those faithful souls were out there in the sun wielding all manner of cutting tools, cutting down and removing all the weeds. They've planted a tree and some bushes in their place. It looks 1,000 times better than it did, and I'm grateful to them for their care and hard work. Thank you, gardening committee! I've also promised that I will go nowhere near the newly-planted items so they have a fighting chance of surviving until October.

We are **two weeks away from our 75th Anniversary celebration Beef and Beer**. We hope for a great turnout from parishioners to celebrate our anniversary. You can buy tickets electronically via our parish website. Tickets will also be on sale in the vestibules of the church, where you can also get information about supporting the event as a patron.

Also on our website is a link to sign up to help work the event. We need many hands to help with food service, setup, and cleanup. We also need a number of desserts to help round out the meal. Sure, we could get a bunch of industrially-made cookies, but it would be a lot nicer to have all those homemade treats. Please consider lending a hand.

Finally, a reminder that we do send out parish news and information electronically via e-mail and text message. If you're not getting those communications, it's really easy to sign up. Just click the graphic on the front of our webpage, or see the bottom left of the front cover of the bulletin for a code you can send via text message.

25th
Sunday in
Ordinary
Time

Reading I: Isaiah 55: 6-9

The prophet exhorts people to look for God outside the sanctuary of the Temple. God is not only generous, but also has ways that are infinitely superior to our ways.

Reading II: Philippians 1: 20c-24, 27a

Paul reflects on what lies ahead, and trusts that Christ may be glorified through his entire person hood. For him, "to live is Christ."

The Gospel: Matthew 20: 1-16a

The basic message of the Parable of the Landowner is about God's generosity. It is unique to Him and far superior to our own. This is especially true in our culture.



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

8:30 AM - No Mass

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

8:30 AM - The D'Arcy Family

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

8:30 AM - Lorri Rudolph (11th Anniversary)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

8:30 AM - Chris Dougherty

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

8:30 AM - Daniel Bark

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

8:30 AM - No Mass

4:30 PM - Emily Hannigan

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1

8:30 AM - For the People of Holy Cross

11:00 AM - Tom Bunting

SANCTUARY LAMP



This week's Sanctuary Lamp intention is for:

Church: **Cornelius McCrossen**

COLLECTION INFORMATION

Weekly Need	\$12,820
Weekly Collection, September 17	
Total	\$6,767
Electronic	\$2,414
Basket & Mail-Ins	\$4,353

PRAY FOR THE SICK

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| Consiglia Borreli | Richard McCullough |
| Lyndi Butler | Larry McCusker |
| Mary Ann Carroll | Francis Murray |
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| Bob Frankenberger | Paige O'Leary |
| Dawn Gibbons | Katherine Patrone |
| Carolyn Henderson | Mary Rafferty |
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| Kendall Lambert | Betty Tomczyk |
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| Maryanne McCauley | Alexander Passquini |
| Matthew Bannon | Melissa Dunsee |
| Mary Ann Nero | Mildred Mancini |

The Corner

Brought to you by your Evangelization Team

Friday is the Feast of the Archangels, Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael. We know what all of God's angels do for us, including our own guardian angel always by our side protecting us. But what if you could do something to make all the angels in heaven rejoice?

"...I tell you, there will be rejoicing among the angels of God over one sinner who repents." --- Luke 15:10

So make heaven rejoice --- come home! You are loved.

Casserole Drop-Off Date

The next drop-off is Tuesday, September 26th 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 610-328-0599 with any questions. Thank you!

Fifth Grade Teacher Needed

Holy Cross Catholic School is searching for a Fifth Grade long-term substitute teacher for this school year. This assignment will be for the full school year. Qualified and interested candidates please send your resume and cover letter to the Principal at the e-mail address noted above. Clearances will be required as well as other documentation if the position is offered. If the position is offered, the candidate will be required to complete the "Protecting God's Children" training through the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

Football Fund Crazr

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

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.



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/givecatholic 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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Have questions about getting started? Call the ShopWithScrip Customer Support team at 1-800-727-4715 option 3.



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

Saint Therese, The Little Flower

Everyone is invited to attend the three evening Novena to St. Therese, the Little Flower. The Novena will begin on Tuesday, October 3rd and will continue on Wednesday, October 4th, and Thursday, October 5th at 7pm in the Church. On the third and final evening Mass will be celebrated and roses will be given out. Join us as we bring our intentions in prayer through her to Jesus. Feel free to bring your written prayer intention to be placed in a basket on the altar during the service. For more information call 610-544-8777. We hope to see you there.

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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