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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, APRIL 21, 2024**



# FROM THE PASTOR

This past week, the parish had an official visit from the Dean of our deanery, Fr. Tom Whittingham. These visits happen every few years as an opportunity to review parish records, tour the campus, and get a sense of the state of the parish: strengths, challenges, areas for improvement, etc. Different offices from the archdiocese contribute reports as well to paint a picture of Holy Cross.

I'm happy to say that the visit was a success. While we do face plenty of challenges as a parish, the feedback I received is that we are honest and realistic about them, and we are working to manage and address them as best as we can under the circumstances. I was happy to hear that. It's a recognition of and testimony to the hard work that our staff and volunteer leaders put into keeping the parish going. I do want to point out that we received a positive review of our sacramental and other parish records. Lastly, I am proud to say that the Office of Child and Youth Protection for the Archdiocese wrote a letter that said we are doing an excellent job following the various protocols and standards to ensure the safety and protection of the children of our parish. As Father said to me, they don't give out compliments very often, so we are definitely doing something right there! Thank you to Betty McIntyre for her hard work keeping on top of all that.

Don't forget this Saturday is our school's Night at the Races event! It looks to be a great evening of fun and excitement. But it won't be fun if you're not there, so please plan to join us.

An early note for next week. From April 29-May 2, the priests of the archdiocese will be gathering with the Archbishop for our biennial convocation in Hershey. We'll be taking a deep look at the state of the archdiocese and the strategic planning being done as we face a continuing shortage of priests and the effects of the demographic shifts that have happened in the last generation. Because most of the priests of the archdiocese will be away, there will be no Mass here at Holy Cross on April 30, May 1, or May 2.

4th Sunday of Easter

#### Reading I: Acts 4: 8-12

Peter's first discourse is more like an "apologia" than a sermon. Peter answers the Sanhedrin's question directly.

## Reading II: 1 John 3: 1-2

By way of the Paschal mystery, we have truly become the children of God.

#### The Gospel: John 10: 11-18

In this section, "good" really means "noble" or "ideal", and not just "good at" something or other. Unlike bad shepherds, who allow the sheep to be eaten by wolves, Jesus lays down His life for His sheep



MONDAY, APRIL 22

8:30 AM - No Mass

TUESDAY, APRIL 23

8:30 AM - Mary Ann Purcell

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24

8:30 AM - Samuel & Angeline Forlano

THURSDAY, APRIL 25

8:30 AM - Robert & Marge Little

FRIDAY, APRIL 26

8:30 AM - Noreen O'Connor

SATURDAY, APRIL 27

8:30 AM - No Mass

4:30 PM - For the People of the Parish

SUNDAY, APRIL 28

8:30 AM - Lorri Rudolph

11:00 AM - John Kemmey

## The Corner

Brought to you by your Evangelization Team

On Thursday we observe the feast of St Mark the Evangelist. Tradition tells us that he was St Peter's translator and scribe, so the Gospel of Mark is actually Peter's story and eyewitness account of his time with Jesus! Mark also accompanied Saints Paul and Barnabas on their journeys, and was the founder of the Church in Alexandria, Egypt.

## SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's Sanctuary Lamp intention is for:

Church - Robert Seitz, Sr. Chapel - John Kemmey



## **COLLECTION INFORMATION**

Weekly Need	\$13,330
Weekly Collection, April 14	
Total	\$7,492
Electronic	\$2,524
Basket & Mail-Ins	\$4,968

## PRAY FOR THE SICK

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## Interested in Being a Greeter?

**YOU** are invited to be a greeter at the doors before a Saturday evening or Sunday morning Mass! Please contact Lisa D'Arcy at 610.213.4047 for more information.

## **Casserole Drop-Off Date**

The next drop-off is Tuesday, April 23rd 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!

#### Mass for Parents Who Have Lost Children

Wednesday, April 24 at 7:00 PM

All are welcome to join us at St. Dorothy Church, 4910 Township Line Road, Drexel Hill, as we celebrate a Mass for all Parents Who Have Lost a Child on Wednesday, April 24 th at 7:00 PM. Thank you.

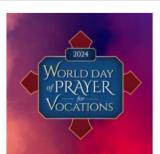
## The Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia invite you to join us!

Franciscan Night ~ Monte Carlo Style Saturday, April 27, 2024 \* 6 - 10 pm Neumann University Mirenda Center Atrium 501 S. Convent Road, Aston, PA 19014

Online registration is available on our website at www.osfphila.org

### St. Francis Over 50 Club

The St. Francis Over 50 Club meets Thursday, April 25 at 12:30 pm in Springfield with entertainment by Ed Mills. \$2.00 at the door includes light refreshments. Join us in the gym of Saint Francis of Assisi School, 136 Saxer Ave, Springfield. Park in school lot. Anyone age 50 or older is welcome, regardless of religious affiliation. Contact President Chuck Di Dio, 610-543-6314; jamesD95@aol.com. Casino Trips: The Club will host bus trips to Resorts Casino on May 8 and June 12. Tickets are \$30 with a \$15 return for slot play. Bus leaves 10am, St. Kevin's Church parking lot, 200 W. Sproul Rd., Springfield. Call Joe Gowen, 610-739-8146.



#### Sunday April 21, 2024

"The priesthood is the love of the heart of Jesus. When you see a priest, think of our Lord Jesus Christ."

---St John Vianney



## Holy Cross School's NIGHT AT THE RACES!

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Saturday, April 27, 2024
Join us for a night filled with excitement, raffle baskets, 50/50 chances, and the best equestrian sports.
Doors open at 6:30PM. Races start at 7:00PM.
\$25.00 a ticket includes food and non-alcoholic beverages.
BYOB event!

Tickets can be purchased at the school office or church office.



One Ribbon for \$3.00 Or Two Ribbons for \$5.00 Pink Ribbon for Living or White Ribbon for Deceased Choir will be selling the ribbons after masses April 27th & 28th and May 4th & 5th.

Names will be added to the ribbons and placed on tree for display May 11th – May 31st

Names will be part of the offertory and placed on Altar during Sunday Masses May 12th.

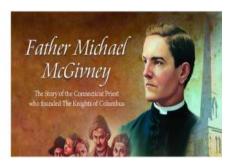
Donations for ribbons can be placed in an envelope with your request form and dropped in the collection basket, dropped off at office, or given to sellers in church vestibule after Masses on appointed days. All names must be received by May 6th.

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## Three Parish Book Club

At each meeting members and guests offer suggestions for spiritual reading as well as discussing the selected book. You need not have read the month's selection to attend the meeting, If you would like to join the discussion or if you would like more information, please contact Joy Van Berg at 610 328-2095 or at joyvanberg@gmail.com.

#### March

On the Incarnation by St. Athanasius

#### Apri

Carlo Acutis: The First Millennial Saint by Nicola Gori

# Spring Bible Study

# Please join us EVERY week for Weekly Bible Study!

In <u>"Queen of Heaven: Mary's Battle For You"</u> we will study history's most famous woman. It is an encounter with Mary as you have never had before. We will accompany her from her Immaculate Conception through her apparitions in modern times. This is an 8 episode series with videos and discussions; there are no workbooks for this study. As always, we study at your convenience, either Monday <u>evenings</u> or Wednesday <u>mornings</u> in the Parish Center, so <u>PICK THE TIME</u> that is best for you. If you choose the Wednesday morning option, we begin right after the 8:30 Mass, so please consider joining us for Mass that morning. Come a few minutes early to meet others and to get your seat. No workbooks are required for this study, but please bring your Bible. Light refreshments are provided.

**When**: Mondays, April 8 thru May 27, 7:00 – 8:30 PM **OR**: Wednesdays, April 10 thru May 29, 9:15 – 10:45 AM It is always helpful to have a headcount. <u>To save a seat</u> or for more information, contact Pattie Stevens at pattiejstevens@comcast.net or 484.868.8571

## **Food Pantry Update**

Thank You Holy Cross parishioners for your support every week to help our Neighbors in Need. Your prayers and generosity are very much appreciated.

One of our volunteers recently shared that they wanted to be "More Christian". Well, after reviewing some articles on the Corporal Works of Mercy, I came across the following:

"The Corporal Works of Mercy are found in the teachings of Jesus and give us a model for how we should treat all others, as if they were Christ in disguise. They "are charitable actions by which we help our neighbors in their bodily needs" (USCCA).""

Of course, feeding the hungry is at the top of the list... I know I am preaching to the choir, since you embrace this every week... I just wanted to share......

Back to our mission, if you are able we are in need of the following: (no glass please) cereal, oatmeal, pancake mix, syrup, mac & cheese, peanut butter, jelly, pasta and pasta sauce, canned meats, fruit, rice, beans, juice, tea and coffee.

If you know anyone in need of food in Delco, please let them know that we are open every Wednesday from 3:30 to 5:30 as a drive-thru behind our school.

God Bless "All" of you, Friends from the SVDP Holy Cross Food Pantry

## **Eucharistic Adoration**



LOOKING for someone you can TRUST? I know Who you can go to.

perfect place.

LOOKING for some answers? I know Who has them.

LOOKING for some peace and quiet? I know the

ABOVE: This picture an adorer took in our chapel while kneeling in front of Jesus, it's the reflection from the stained glass window showing up on the Host.

St. Catherine Laboure. "If you listen God will speak to you, with the good Lord you have to both speak and listen, God always speaks to you when you approach Him plainly and simply".

We have the perfect intimate chapel here at Holy Cross where you can come to accomplish all of the above!

PLEASE consider visiting with Jesus weekdays from 9:00am to 7:00pm.

We are in need of adorers to maintain our current Adoration schedule!

For more information please contact Eileen 610-213-3369

# TICKETS ON SALE NOW FOR ST.FRANCIS PLAYERS 2024 PRODUCTION OF MEREDITH WILLSON'S THE MUSIC MAN

Tickets on sale now for the St. Francis Players 2024 production of Meredith Willson's the Music Man! The St. Francis Players will be sure to dazzle you in this years production - their 63rd production!

Evening performances will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, April 19, Saturday, April 20, Friday, April 26 and Saturday, April 27. Matinee performances will be Sunday, April 21 and Sunday, April 28 at 2:00 PM. Doors open a half hour prior to curtain.

Reserved tickets are \$18.00 with general admission at the door for \$12.00. Senior and student general admission is \$10.00. Senior and student general admission must be purchased by phone or at the door. To purchase tickets to our performances simply visit <a href="https://www.stfrancisplayers.org">www.stfrancisplayers.org</a> under Tickets or call 610-505-8874. All performances will be held at Leonard Hall, St. Francis of Assisi Church, Springfield. PA.

#### **DELCO PRO-LIFE MEETING**

Please join us for our monthly Delco Pro-Life meeting on Wednesday, April 24, at 7 PM at the Holy Cross Parish Center in Springfield. The Parish Center is located behind the school. Your prayers and suggestions are most welcome. Jesus, protect and save the unborn.

#### Servant of God Father Bill Atkinson, OSA

If you, or someone you know, was a caregiver to Fr. Bill Atkinson, OSA, perhaps during your time at Msgr. Bonner HS or as a medical professional, we want to hear from you.

We want to honor and give thanks to all of Fr. Bill's caregivers at a special event in September, as the process for his beautification and sainthood continues. Email: Rich Herron, <a href="mailto:reheron@comcast.net">reheron@comcast.net</a>, Ted Donnelly, <a href="mailto:tuna1031@gmail.com">tuna1031@gmail.com</a>, or Mary Moody, <a href="mailto:marrymmoody@yahoo.com">marrymmoody@yahoo.com</a>.

For more information: https://frbillatkinson.org/

## Holy Cross Students Excel at Cardinal O'Hara High School

Our parish recently received notification of the performance of our high school students on the end of the 3rd quarter. We are particularly proud of those who demonstrated academic excellence.

Students who achieved first honors include: Hannah Nguyen '26, Erin Saye '26, Miley Woltanski '26, Sophia Campbell '27, Hayden Ganley '27, Daniel Kull '77

Among those earning second honors were the following students from our parish: William Donnelly '24, Grace Beurket '25, Allison Kirby '25, Amber Joyce Pensyl '25, Joseph Cleary '27, Rocco DiMario '27, Alyssa Zebuski '27.

### **IHM Conference Center Events**

Please register for these events by calling 610-581-0120 or emailing S. Marie at <a href="mailto:ihmconferencecenter@gmail.com">ihmconferencecenter@gmail.com</a>

Movie With Meaning: "Miss Potter Wednesday, May 8, 2024 1:00 p.m. (Lunch at 12:00 noon) Stipend: \$25

Beatrix Potter (Renée Zellweger) overcomes many obstacles in her quest to become a writer, including a domineering mother and the chauvinism prevalent in Victorian England. She falls in love with her publisher, Norman Warne (Ewan McGregor), and his marriage proposal and a subsequent tragedy change her life forever. Starring Renee Zellweger and Ewan McGregor

Conference Day: "Many Spiritualities - One God"

Tuesday, May 14, 2025 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Presenter: Sister Rose Adams, IHM

Stipend: \$40 (includes breakfast, lunch and Mas)

While the Christian spiritual life is about "living Jesus", there is no single path to perfection. Instead, each person must discover with the help of scripture, tradition and the guidance of others what it means to "live Jesus" in daily life. Come see how Christian people have followed Jesus from the earliest days up to the present.

#### **Nun Run**

Date!

June 1, 2024: NUN RUN - A 5K Run / 3K Walk. Early bird registration April 1-15th. Register by May 10th to be assured a t-shirt. Sponsored by the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary at Camilla Hall, 100 Maxis Drive, Malvern, PA 19355. Proceeds benefit Camilla Hall, the convent home and health care center for the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. For information or to register go to: www. www.immunrun.org. A fun family day and great opportunity for youth, young adults and all those who like to run or walk



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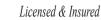
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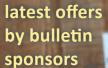


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