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Sixth Sunday in



Mission Statement

Holy Cross Parish, a community centered in the Eucharist, is committed in faith and love of Jesus Christ to fulfill the profoundly human and spiritual needs of its parishioners and the larger community it serves. We seek to inspire all, through deeds and by example, to do the work of Christ: to make God known, loved, and served.

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Office Hours

Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Mass Schedule

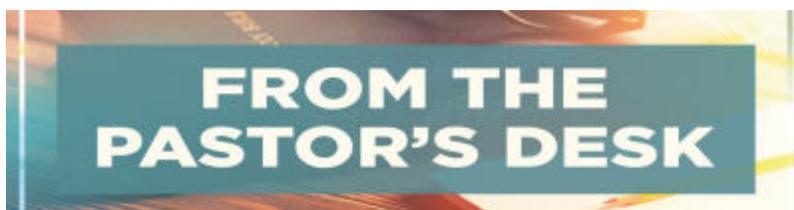
Saturday: 4:00 p.m. - Sunday: 8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m.
Monday through Friday - 9:00 a.m.
Holy Days of Obligation - 9:00 a.m. & 7 p.m.

Sacraments

Baptism: Contact a member of the pastoral team to schedule a baptism for your child or for preparation for adult baptism.
Sacrament of Christian Marriage: Please contact one of the priests eight months to a year in advance to schedule your wedding and begin preparations.
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday from 3:15 - 3:45 p.m. or anytime by appointment.
Sacrament of the Sick: This sacrament is available to anyone who is ill. Please let us know if you or anyone you know is hospitalized or homebound.

Welcome

Please introduce yourselves and register in order to become a member of this community of believers.
We welcome your gifted presence in the life of our parish.



Dear Parishioners,

This 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time is the last time we wear green on a Sunday until June 13th resuming the ordinal or numbered/counting Sundays with the 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time. You may be thinking, “Where did the 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th Sundays go? It all depends on when Christmas falls that particular year. In 2021, Christmas falls on a Saturday, so count four Sundays back for the four Sundays of Advent (11/28, 12/5, 12/12, and 12/19), and then the Sunday before that (11/21) is the 34th and last Sunday in that Year of Grace, which always concludes with the Feast of Christ the King of the Universe. Simply count backwards from there, 33rd, 32nd...until you get to the last two major Sunday feasts after Pentecost, Corpus Christi and Holy Trinity, and then the following Sunday is the next Sunday in Ordinary Time for that particular year. We omit the unneeded ordinal Sundays for that year due to when the first Sunday after the spring equinox falls, Easter, which then determines when Lent begins. This year Easter is Sunday, April 4th, six Sundays prior is the 1st Sunday of Lent, February 21st, and the Wednesday before, February 17th, is then Ash Wednesday. Probably a lot more information than you wanted to know about the liturgical year but I know there are a few budding liturgists out there so now you know. If you can't remember all that year to year, there is always a book called the liturgical ordo that keeps us on track for any given day and week.

Two more days until Lent begins. Two more days for sweets, fats, and all the other frivolous calories we love to consume along with all the bad habits that usually go with them. But Lent is much more than a fasting challenge one simply resumes on Easter. It is meant to be a true time of conversion away from what harms not only our bodies, but more importantly, our souls. What do you need to fast from to be a changed person come Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and ultimately Easter Sunday this year? Or maybe you need to add something back in that has been lacking in your spiritual life? Have some fun these last days of carnival, Lundi and Mardi Gras, but then be ready to discern during the first few days of the Lenten season so you are committed and feeling strong come the 1st Sunday of Lent. Make sure to check out the Lenten resources listed on our parish website: an inspirational daily Lenten song playlist, daily Lenten reflections, tasteful meatless recipes, ideas for alms giving, and audio Stations of the Cross. We are not able to come together for Fish Bakes and Living Stations, but we can unite our hearts and minds in prayerful opportunities drawing closer to God and closer as a community as we live this Lent together in faith. I look forward to “seeing” you in person or virtually as we journey through Lent 2021.

God Bless,

Fr. Brad



DIOCESSE OF FALL RIVER

Diocese of Fall River Preparation for Adult Confirmation

The Adult Confirmation Preparation Program is intended to provide catechetical instruction in the faith, as well as spiritual support to compliment and support the parish in the formation of candidates, who are completing their initiation in the Catholic Church. Adult Catholics (ages 18 and older) who have been baptized, received First Eucharist, and are practicing their faith but have not celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation are invited to participate in the diocesan preparation program.

Interested adults must inform their pastor or a member of the parish staff in their home parish that they wish to prepare for the sacrament. Their pastor and/or parish staff member will advise them of the process for this preparation and what is required of them as a Confirmation candidate. Registration for the Spring 2021 Adult Confirmation program is done through one's parish. There is a \$45 registration fee to cover the cost of materials.

The preparation program involves six class sessions and a retreat day. For the Spring 2021 program, class sessions will be conducted online. These sessions will take place on consecutive Thursday evenings, from 6:30 to 8 p.m., beginning February 18 and concluding on April 22. The retreat is scheduled for Saturday, May 15, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., at a location to be announced.

The Fall River Diocese Faith Formation Office oversees the Adult Confirmation Preparation Program. For more information, please contact David Carvalho of that office at dcarvalho@dioc-fr.org.

Special Appeal

Our sincere thanks to all who have already made a pledge on behalf of our Parish Special Appeal, dedicated to raising funds needed for the ongoing maintenance and upkeep of our parish plant as well as some major projects.

Our Goal: \$45,000
Pledged as of 2/7/21: \$65,250!!!!

It is through your generous support that we are able to maintain our high level of parish activity as well as the quality of our parish facilities. We appreciate your generosity in this year's Special Appeal.

Please place your pledge card and envelope in the regular Sunday collection baskets in the back of the church. You can also mail or bring it to the parish center. Extra pledge cards are available upon request after Masses or call the parish office.

You can also give online. Click the "Online Giving" button on our website holycrosseaston.org.

Thank you to the following parishioners that gave during the week ending February 7:

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| Mary Jane Brophy | Elizabeth Hocking |
| Don & Marianne Klok | Linda LaRock |
| Jilaine Morales | |



- ✠Saturday, February 13
4:00p.m. Marion Malloy
Requested from the parish
- ✠Monday, February 15
9:00 a.m. Nellie Girdvainis
Requested by Marianne & Don Klok
- ✠Wednesday, February 17, Ash Wednesday
6:00 a.m. For the
9:00 a.m. People
4:30 p.m. of the
7:00 p.m. Parish
- ✠Thursday, February 18
9:00 a.m. Kevin J. McIntyre
Requested by Eileen McIntyre
- ✠Saturday, February 13
4:00p.m. Bob & Lucy McGuinness
Requested by Jean Berry



Best Dads Challenge

Are you or someone you know seeking to be the best dad you can be? Abundant Hope is excited to announce the Best Dads Challenge! Facilitated by experienced dads, this new program will work with dads to create plans that work best for him and his family. The program is designed for "expecting" dads as well as dads with children up to 18 years of age.

Take the first step by emailing Dads@ahprc.org.

Abundant Hope Diaper Bank is Open

Open 2 days per month to those in need, we offer free diapers, wipes, baby formula and food. If you, or someone you know, is struggling to care for their small children, please let them know about this program. Requirements: Parent identification card, WIC card and proof of birth of baby. We serve children up to 2 years of age. For more information please go to www.ahprc.org or like us on Facebook at Abundant Hope Pregnancy Resource



The next Respect Life Committee Meeting will be on February 15th at 7 PM

Please contact Claire Pacchielat at clairepacchielat@gmail.com if you would like to join

Feeling lonely, overwhelmed, or depleted?
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(877) 870-4673






From the Parish Nurse and Health Ministry

People ages 75 and older are eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine in Massachusetts. The COVID-19 vaccine is provided free of charge. Vaccinations for people ages 75 or older will continue throughout the remainder of the winter and into the spring and summer. People ages 75 and older can schedule an appointment at this time. The current COVID-19 vaccines require two doses. You will not be fully vaccinated until you receive both doses, and both doses should be administered at the same site. Please note, it may take several weeks to get an appointment at a location near you. As more vaccine supply arrives in Massachusetts, additional appointments will become available.

The following are some locations close to us that are currently administering vaccinations:

Stoughton Senior Center (wear short sleeves)
110 Rockland Street
Stoughton, MA

URL <http://mimmunizations.org/>

Canton Health Department
79 Pleasant Street
Canton, MA

URL <http://mimmunizations.org/>



Foxborough Gillette Stadium
1 Patriot Place
Parking Lot 22
Foxborough, MA

URL <https://www.cic-health.com/vaccines>

Randolph Intergenerational Community Center
(wear loose fitting clothing – DRIVE THRU)
128 Pleasant Street
Randolph, MA

URL <https://www.cic-health.com/vaccines>

Walpole: Big Y
999 Providence Highway
Walpole, MA 02081

URL <https://www.bigy.com/Pharmacy/covid19-vaccine-faq>

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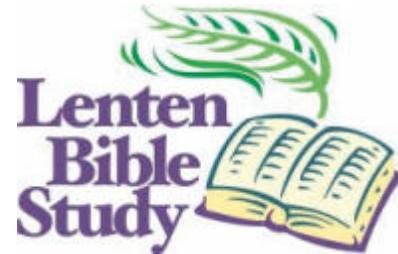
NOBODY SHOULD BE HOMELESS

Matching Gift Challenge: The Arbella Insurance Foundation has generously offered to match every gift we receive through March 30 – dollar for dollar – up to \$50,000!

If you have any questions regarding your donation please contact the Development Office at (508) 427-6448 or info@helpfbms.org. You can also mail donations to: Father Bill's & MainSpring, 430 Belmont Street, Brockton, MA 02301.

If you have questions about making a recurring gift, or you would like to adjust the frequency or amount of your recurring gift, please contact Tricia Fennessy at 508-427-6448 x2238 or tfennessy@helpfbms.org.

Our parish will be participating in this donation program, in lieu of the March monthly meal donation..



On the Tuesday of Lent Taunton Catholic North will sponsor a Bible Study of the Sunday Lenten Readings at 11am and 7pm. We will study the readings for the coming Sunday. The study will be held in the Hall at St. Jude (249 Whittenton Street). The study will be both in-person, and virtual. Park behind the rectory if you are going to be in person. There will be a link to the virtual bible study on the collaborative web site (cntaunton.org). The notes to study the reading in advance are also found on the web site. The Lenten readings are guide to deepen our living of the Lenten Season. We will begin on Tuesday, February 16, and continue on February 23, March 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30.



The Spirit (God) drove Jesus out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for forty days (Mk.1:12)

What can I do this Lent in order to live God's gifts; of faith, hope and charity (the "theological virtues")?



Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Lectionary: 77

Reading I

Lv 13:1-2, 44-46

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron,
“If someone has on his skin a scab or pustule or blotch
which appears to be the sore of leprosy,
he shall be brought to Aaron, the priest,
or to one of the priests among his descendants.
If the man is leprous and unclean,
the priest shall declare him unclean
by reason of the sore on his head.

“The one who bears the sore of leprosy
shall keep his garments rent and his head bare,
and shall muffle his beard;
he shall cry out, ‘Unclean, unclean!’
As long as the sore is on him he shall declare himself un-
clean,
since he is in fact unclean.
He shall dwell apart, making his abode outside the camp.”

Gospel

Mk 1:40-45

A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him and said,
“If you wish, you can make me clean.”
Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand,
touched him, and said to him,
“I do will it. Be made clean.”
The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean.
Then, warning him sternly, he dismissed him at once.

He said to him, “See that you tell no one anything,
but go, show yourself to the priest
and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed;
that will be proof for them.”

The man went away and began to publicize the whole matter.
He spread the report abroad
so that it was impossible for Jesus to enter a town openly.
He remained outside in deserted places,
and people kept coming to him from everywhere.

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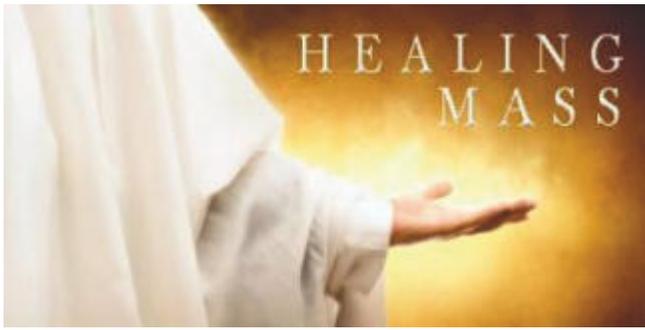
I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him
all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of
the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand
of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in
the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is
adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess
one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.
Amen.

Reading II

1 Cor 10:31—11:1

Brothers and sisters,
Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do,
do everything for the glory of God.
Avoid giving offense, whether to the Jews or Greeks or
the church of God,
just as I try to please everyone in every way,
not seeking my own benefit but that of the many,
that they may be saved.
Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.





There will be a Healing Mass at St. Anne's Shrine in Fall River on Thursday, February 18th. The Holy Rosary begins at 6:00pm and will include the Sacrament of Confession. Holy Mass will begin at 6:30pm. It will include praying individually in front of the monstrance and conclude with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. All are welcome.



February 17

Masses, with the distribution of ashes, will be held at 6 a.m., 9 a.m., 4:30 p.m. and 7 p.m.



This is our final fundraiser of the fiscal year. Please contribute \$120 to sponsor a day of expenses for the parish. In the first week, parishioners have donated \$14,910 to this important fundraiser. This covers days, all the way into May. Thank you!

Donations may be made by mail, placed in the collection basket, or through the parish website, holycrosseaston.org.

Our goal: \$43,800
Donations received: \$14,910
Still need: \$28,890
241 days to go!

Each week, we will list the people that have sponsored days in each month.

Thank you to the following parishioners who sponsored a day in January:

Andrew Yelle
Timothy & Marie Nolan
Bryan Blood
Patti Saganey
Penny Brennan
Suzanne Carey
Martha Heckman
Stephen Lyons

Julie Smith
Judith & Bernard LaFerriere
Kellie Cannon
Elizabeth Hocking
James Magaldi
Mary Stallings
In Memory of Russell Carlson
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