

The Parishes of Holy Cross & Blessed Sacrament

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Mission Statement

As baptized followers of Jesus Christ, guided by the Holy Spirit, we strive to proclaim the Gospel by promoting a welcoming community; celebrating the Eucharist and living our faith with charity, peace and justice.

Office Hours

Monday thru Thursday
7:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Friday 7:30 am—12 Noon

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LaSalle Academy (570)489-2010 Fax (570)489-3887

Holy Cross High School (570)346-7541 Fax (570)348-1070

Baptisms

Parents anticipating the birth of their first child are required to attend baptismal instruction. Baptismal classes are held on the first Sunday of every month from 12:00 p.m. until 1:00 p.m. We suggest that you attend this session before the birth of your child, if possible. Please contact the Parish Office to register. Note: Baptisms cannot be scheduled until all the necessary paperwork is completed.

Confirmation

Confirmation is administered every two years. You must be enrolled and participating in the Religious Education Program for two years before they are eligible to receive the sacrament.

Marriages

Congratulations on your approaching marriage! In order to complete the necessary paperwork, couples are asked to contact the Parish Office at least 12 months in advance of the proposed marriage date.

Anointing of the Sick

Please contact the Parish Office whenever a member of your family has become sick or hospitalized. Please note, because of the government regulations regarding privacy, hospitals cannot release information without a patient's consent.

Monthly Visitation

Any parishioner who is homebound and wishes to receive the Eucharist on a monthly basis is asked to contact the Parish Office to schedule a visit.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

The RCIA begins in October and prepares adults for reception into the Church at the Easter Vigil. The RCIA is for any adult non-Catholic who is interested in becoming Catholic and any adult who was baptized Catholic and did not receive Confirmation. For more information about the RCIA, please call Monsignor Delaney at the Parish Office or 489-0752.

Religious Education and Formation

Religious education is held for K thru 8th grade. Classes begin in September and conclude in May. Religious education begins with Mass and continues with formal instruction. Classes are held at Holy Cross Parish from 9:20 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. Classes are held at Blessed Sacrament Parish from 10:30 a.m. until 11:45 a.m.

Reconciliation

The Sacrament of Penance is celebrated at the following times and also by appointment:

Saturdays	3:00 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.	Holy Cross
	4:30 p.m. to 5:15 p.m.	Blessed Sacrament

Schedule of Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil	4:00 p.m.	Holy Cross
	5:30 p.m.	Blessed Sacrament

Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Holy Cross
	9:30 a.m.	Blessed Sacrament
	11:00 a.m.	Holy Cross

Date	Time	Location	Intention	Requested
Monday 8/6	8:00 AM	Holy Cross	Nicholas & Mary Ross Morano	Son, Nicholas
Tuesday 8/7	7:30 AM	Blessed Sacrament	Jack Kozel	Archy
Wednesday 8/8	8:00 AM	Holy Cross	Tom Rowan	Son, Tom Rowan
Thursday 8/9	7:30 AM	Blessed Sacrament	In Honor of Fr. Everard S. Scesney, O.F.M. on the 50 th Anniversary of his Franciscan Priesthood	Uncle Leonard Scesney
Friday 8/10	8:00 AM	Holy Cross	Nancy Lally Kolcharno	Family
Saturday 8/11	4:00 PM	Holy Cross	Ofcharsky & Whitman Families	Eleanor Whitman
	5:30 PM	Blessed Sacrament	Dominick Rocco	Wife, Toni & Children
Sunday 8/12	8:00 AM	Holy Cross	Branch 72-Living & Deceased Members of FCSLA	Society
	9:30 AM	Blessed Sacrament	Andrew Chorba	Wife, Rita
	11:00 AM	Holy Cross	Corrine & Karen Griggs and Deceased Family Members	Son & Granddaughter

Memorial / Honor Candles

The sanctuary candle burning before the tabernacle has been donated this week as follows:

Holy Cross Parish – In loving memory of Deceased Members of the Ofcharsky & Whitman Families offered by Eleanor Whitman.

Blessed Sacrament Parish – In loving memory of Rosalie Kallay Kalinoski offered by Husband Felix, Children David, Robert, Linda, Lisa & Craig.

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM O, LORD
Please remember in your prayers Walter Dziedzic, Shirley Fanucci, Roseanne Farris. ***May Perpetual Light Shine Upon Them!***

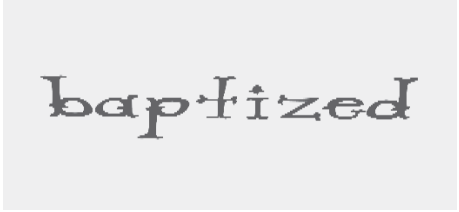


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EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION is held in St. John Paul II Chapel at Holy Cross Parish from Monday at 8:30 AM until Friday at 6:00 PM. If you would like to

experience a peaceful hour in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, there are open hours: Monday midnight, Tuesday 1:00 PM, Thursday 8:00 AM & 9:00 AM. Sign up for an hour, or for more information please call Eydie at 570-489-8816.



NEWLY BAPTIZED- Congratulations **Adaline Nicole Rochinski** daughter of Benjamin & Dana Rochinski who was baptized last weekend at Holy Cross Parish. May God bless you and your family and may Jesus, the Light of the world, always guide and protect you.

ALTAR FLOWERS- The flowers in the sanctuary at Holy Cross Parish this weekend have been donated in memory of M/M Casimir Hodorowski offered by M/M Francis Hodorowski.



HOLY CROSS CHICKEN BAR-B-Q will take place today, August 5, 2018 at Holy Cross Parking Lot, 11:30 AM to 4:00 PM. Come join in the fun. Food, entertainment, bake sale, bingo, children's games. Hope to see you there!



BLESSED SACRAMENT FAMILY FESTIVAL
Blessed Sacrament Family festival kicks off with Whiffle Ball next Saturday at 9:00 AM. Want a specially designed baseball T-Shirt? Calling all young people! Be sure to sign up to play Whiffle Ball as part of the Family Festival. This weekend is the deadline to sign up to receive a free T-shirt. Special date, Saturday, August 11 at 9:00 AM, ages 16 and under. Everybody plays. Sign up at the Church entrances. Any questions please call Joseph Butash at 570-489-4515. Sign up at Mass today with T-shirt size.

UPDATES:

Bingo is Sunday, August 19 beginning at 1:30 PM. Admission is just \$5.00 and includes a chance to win 1 of 3 BINGO RAFFLE PRIZES including a \$100.00 FIRST PLACE PRIZE. Return your Bingo Ticket stub for a chance to win! Bingo tickets will be available at the door.

Donations of cans of soda, napkins, paper plates and large brown grocery bags are still needed. Please leave donations in the Church entrances at Blessed Sacrament.

FAMILY FESTIVAL JUST 2 WEEKS AWAY!
The 13th Annual Family Festival of Blessed Sacrament Parish will take place Friday, Saturday and Sunday, August 17, 18, & 19. Tickets for all registered parishioners (that have not been picked up) have been mailed. We ask you to make your returns as soon as possible. Please place them in the weekend collection or mail them to the Parish Office. For additional Dinner, Bingo or 50/50 tickets contact Karen Doyle at 570-489-2552, or any member of the committee, or contact the Parish Offices 570-489-1963 or 570-489-0752.

Friday and Saturday traditional picnic and ethnic food and games for all ages will fill the Parish Grounds

beginning at 5:00 PM. Saturday—Pig-In-The-Blanket Dinner Noon until 7:00 PM or until sold out. Sunday events include Breakfast immediately after the 9:30 AM Liturgy followed by Bingo at 1:30 PM.

Gift baskets are coming in slowly this year—we would like to get more for our traditional basket raffles, call Karen Doyle at 570-489-2552 if you can donate a basket.

Bake sale items are needed and greatly appreciated for both Friday and Saturday. Contact Barbara Long at 570-489-8295 if you can donate baked goods. Items can be dropped off beginning Friday, August 17, at noon in the Parish Hall.

VOLUNTEERS OF ALL AGES ARE NEEDED AND WELCOME!

August 8, Wednesday, 6:00 PM meeting for final preparations; August 11 Play Whiffle Ball-9:00 AM-Parish Grounds; August 12, Sunday-10:30 AM Piggie Dinner Preps; August 13 Monday- 9:00 AM Piggie Dinner Preps; August 14, Tuesday 5:30 PM Vigil Mass-Assumption of Mary; August 15, Wednesday 1:00 PM grounds set-up; August 17, Friday 5:00 PM Festival Grounds Open; August 18, Saturday Noon-Piggie Dinner Sale begins; August 19-9:30 AM Liturgy-Cash Breakfast afterwards-1:30 PM Bingo!

THANK YOU: A FUN TIME WAS HAD BY ALL WHO PARTICIPATED IN THIS YEAR'S BIBLE CAMP. Thank you to Lindsey and Connie Wotanis who organized the event. See you all next year!



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BLESSED SACRAMENT ALTAR & ROSARY will hold their next meeting Thursday, August 2 at 7:00 PM, reciting of the Rosary at 6:30 PM. New members are always welcome! Bakers: Barbara Burak and Christine Cabets. Hostess: Ellen Butash, Betty Chmock, Marie Collins, Karen Doyle, Jessie Doyle and Alice Fawcett.

PRINCE OF PEACE-OLD FORGE TAKE OUT CHICKEN BBQ AND BASKET RAFFLE will take place on Sunday, August 12, 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM at Arcaro & Genell's Parking Lot, Main Street, Old Forge. \$10.00 includes ½ BBQ chicken, corn on the cob, pasta salad, roll. For tickets call Prince of Peace Rectory 570-457-5900.

VIRTUS PROGRAMS-A training for adults in the Protecting God’s Children (PGC-VIRTUS) program are scheduled on the following dates and places:

Wednesday, August 22; 6:00 PM at LaSalle Academy, Jessup. To register please contact Heather at 570-207-1453.

Monday, August 27; 6:30 PM at Holy Cross Parish, Olyphant. Please call the rectory office to register, 570-489-0752.

Saturday, September 8; 9:00 AM at LaSalle Academy, Jessup. Please call Heather at 570-207-1453.

Wednesday, September 12; 6:00 PM at All Saints Academy, Scranton. To register call Heather at 570-207-1453.

ITALIAN FESTIVAL: SS. ANTHONY & ROCCO PARISH will be held August 10, 11, 12 at St. Rocco’s Church Grounds, 122 Kurtz St., Dunmore. Opens Friday and Saturday at 5:30 PM; Sunday following mass and procession at 12 Noon. Food, games and live entertainment. Fireworks on Sunday night at 9:00 PM.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

Are you someone or do you know someone who.....

- *Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
- *Has a child over the age of 7 who has not been baptized?
- *Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?

Here at Blessed Sacrament and Holy Cross we offer an opportunity to come together to learn more about our faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist during the Easter season. There are separate sessions for children or youth. You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your insights and your faith story in a warm, accepting setting. For information please contact the Rectory at 570-489-0752 or 570-489-1963.

BOB MCGOFF MEMORIAL 5K/1 MILE WALK

will be held on Sunday, August 26 at Connors Park, 515 Orchard Street, Scranton. The race will begin at 9 AM, registration fee is \$20.00 in advance and \$25.00 the day of the race. Sign-up will begin at 7:30 AM. To register or to make a donation, visit RunSignup.com/BobMcGoff. Proceeds from the event

will benefit the St. Francis of Assisi Kitchen and scholarships for local 2019 graduates. For more information call 570-561-7584.

DO YOU ENJOY READING SCRIPTURE? Maybe you should consider being a Lector at Mass. On Thursday, August 30, at 6:30 PM, Holy Cross Parish, Deacon John Musyt will be conducting a Lector training class for anyone from our linked parishes.

**CONGRATULATIONS ON 33 YEARS OF SERVICE TO GOD’S PEOPLE
MONSIGNOR DELANEY**

KEEP IN MIND the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (a Holy Day of Obligation) is August 15.

Mass schedule: Tuesday, August 14....5:30 PM at Blessed Sacrament.

Wednesday, August 15....7:30 AM blessed Sacrament; 8:00 AM and 7:00 PM at Holy Cross.

DIOCESAN SCHOOLS ACCEPTING REGISTRATION

- LaSalle Academy, St. Mary of Mount Carmel and Holy Cross High School, our regional diocesan schools, are now taking student registration for all grades for the 2018-19 school year. Our diocesan schools are committed to educating students in the Catholic faith and providing a Catholic education that is spiritually sound and academically excellent. For more information please call LaSalle Academy at 570-489-2010, St. Mary of Mount Carmel at 570-346-4429 or Holy Cross High School 570-346-7541.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FORMS were handed out the last day of class to children in grades kindergarten through 8th grade. If you have not received a form, they can be found in the vestibule of the churches or at the Rectory Office. Parents are asked to complete **all sections of the form**, drop in the collection basket or mail to the Parish Office. The registration fee is \$20.00 per child or \$50.00 for three children or more. The registration fee helps to defray the cost of the program, including books and supplies. All forms are due by August 20.

HOLY HOUR/ADORATION Thursday, August 9, 6:30 PM at Holy Cross Parish.

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU
MARK DECELLES

We are grateful to have had the pleasure of sharing these past weeks with Mark DeCelles, Ph.D., a seminarian preparing for priestly ministry to, for and with the People of God of the Diocese of Scranton.

Blessed Charles de Foucauld said, “As soon as I believed that there was a God, I understood that I could do nothing other than to live for him.”

The process of discernment, study and spiritual formation, responding to God’s invitation to priestly ministry, is filled with joys and challenges. Mark, in his openness to sharing his many talents as well as receiving the faith and example of the good people of Blessed Sacrament and Holy Cross Parishes, has given witness to his desire to “live for God.”

We ask Almighty God to bless and to deepen that desire as Mark moves forward in prayer and preparation. We pray this prayer for vocations for Mark and all those discerning a call to priestly ministry.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

God our Father, You made each of us
to use our gifts in the Body of Christ.

We ask that You inspire
young people whom you call to
priesthood and consecrated life
to courageously follow Your will.

Send workers into Your great harvest
so that the Gospel is preached,
the poor are served with love,
the suffering are comforted,
and Your people are strengthened
by the sacraments.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

A FEW WORDS FROM MARK DECELLES

It’s hard to believe that August is already upon us. A new school year is right around the corner, with new joys and new possibilities, new things to learn, people to meet, places to be. For me, it is a bittersweet time, since August 5 marks the last day of my summer assignment here at Holy Cross and Blessed Sacrament. I am so very grateful to have had the privilege of accompanying this community during the past eight weeks, to pray with you, mourn with you, celebrate with you, learn with you. I have been edified by your faith and lifted up by your kindness and love. What a wonderful gift, to have been able to minister to you alongside Monsignor Delaney. Many thanks to Monsignor for putting me up and putting up with me; to him and Deacon John for mentoring me and challenging me to grow in pastoral ministry; to all the parish staff for your help, support and encouragement; to the altar servers and liturgical ministers who showed me the ropes; to all those who participated in Vacation Bible School, adoration and benediction, and our adult bible study in Kelley Hall; and to all the parishioners of Blessed Sacrament and Holy Cross for your generosity, hospitality, kind words, and prayers. You will always have a special place in my heart. As I return to seminary later this month, I humbly request your continued prayers for me, as I will be praying for you. God bless you all.

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