

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

Parish Staff

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Catholic Schools

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 8/20	8:00 AM	Holy Cross	Joseph J. Borys	Drs. David & Susan Borys
Tuesday 8/21	7:30 AM	Blessed Sacrament	Mary M. Grady	Michael & Georgiana Malaski
Wednesday 8/22	8:00 AM	Holy Cross	Nicholas Portanova	Family
Thursday 8/23	7:30 AM	Blessed Sacrament	John Gratz & Helen Washenik	Longo Family
Friday 8/24	8:00 AM	Holy Cross	Josephine Luklanchuk	Daughter & Family
Saturday 8/25	4:00 PM	Holy Cross	Fumanti & Gilgallon Families	Jim & Ceil
	5:30 PM	Blessed Sacrament	Walter Nawrocki	Children
Sunday 8/26	8:00 AM	Holy Cross	Joseph Wasnetsky	Family
	9:30 AM	Blessed Sacrament	Rosalie Kallay Kalinoski	Husband Felix; children David, Robert, Linda, Lisa, Paula & Craig
	11:00 AM	Holy Cross	Mary G. Liparulo	Tom & Geralyn Swinick & Family

Memorial / Honor Candles

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

Holy Cross Parish – In loving memory of Angelo, Marie & JoAnne Picchio offered by Dave & Angie Wiltz, Mary Ann, John & Johnny Picchio.

Blessed Sacrament Parish – In loving memory of Amelia, Bruno, Jacob, & Joseph Martillotti offered by Marie Martillotti & Family.

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM O, LORD

Please remember in your prayers Mary Rose Brogan, John F. Glinsky Jr. *May Perpetual Light Shine Upon Them!*



Holy Cross: \$6373.00

Blessed Sacrament: \$2823.00

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.

THANK YOU! Blessed Sacrament has received a generous donation in Memory of John F. Glinsky Jr. offered by M/M Konstanty Kowalewski.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FORMS can be located in the church vestibule or the Rectory Office. Parents are asked to complete **all sections of the form and each student must have their own form.** All forms are due by August 20. Drop it in the collection basket or mail to the Rectory Office. 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.



13TH ANNUAL FAMILY FESTIVAL IS HERE!!!
Join us after 5:30 PM Mass today (Saturday, August 18). Piggie Dinner available until 7:00 PM or sold out! (in the Parish Hall).

Piggies, Potato Pancakes, Chrusciki, Haluski, Corn on the Cob, Free Ice for kids! (courtesy of J&J Snack Foods Mia Products), Pierogi, Pizza Frita, Broccoli & Noodles, Ice Cream Sandwiches, Pizza, Sausage & Peppers, Hot Dogs, Porchetta Sandwich, Hamburgers, French Fries, Funnel Cake Fries, Wimpies, Bake Sale, Breakfast, Bingo, Pirate Ship, Entertainment by “Ned the DJ,” and much more!

On Sunday (today, August 19), we begin with 9:30 AM Liturgy followed by a Cash Breakfast-eggs, sausage, bacon, potatoes, orange juice and coffee. Bingo will follow at 1:30 PM, seating begins at 12:30 PM, games start at 1:30 PM. Tickets available at the door. Bingo admission includes entrance in Bingo Raffle with a first place prize of \$100. Basket Raffle and 50/50 grand prize drawing to follow at 4:20 PM. GOOD LUCK!

If you can help clean-up and dismantle the tents outside on the Parish Grounds it will take place this weekend (Sunday, August 19) beginning at Noon. All Sunday events take place in the Parish Hall. All ages are welcome. If young people need service hours, this is an excellent opportunity. **THANK YOU** to Blessed Sacrament Parish Holy Name Society for purchasing specially designed baseball t-shirts for the participants in our PLAY WIFFLE! Event.

MASS INTENTION BOOK TO OPEN- The 2019 Mass Intention Book for Holy Cross and Blessed Sacrament will be opened on Tuesday, September 18. All masses will be scheduled on a first come, first serve basis. Because of the limited number of Masses, families will only be allowed to request **one weekend Mass and one daily Mass.** Mass intentions must be paid for at the time of the request. Please note: the parish reserves the right to reschedule any Mass intention request or to send Mass intentions to the missions. Mass intentions may be changed due to a change in the daily Mass schedule or a priest’s availability. Thank you for understanding.
Sanctuary Candles are limited to two per family.

SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE will meet on Thursday, August 23, 6:30 PM at Blessed Sacrament Hall.

Our Social Concerns Committee is sponsoring a backpack drive that provides support to children who are victims of abuse. Please read the insert included with this bulletin. All donated items will be donated to the Children’s Advocacy Center. Please place your items in the vestibule of our churches.

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.

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.

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.

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.

MANDATED REPORTER TRAINING is scheduled as follows: Wednesday, September 12; 6:00 to 9:00 PM Ascension Parish, Forest City and Wednesday, October 3; 5:30 to 8:30 PM St. Ann Basilica Parish, Scranton. To register please call Kathy Bolinski at 570-207-1453 or Kathleen-bolinski@dioceseofscranton.org. Please note: this training is not a virtue session.

GRIEF SUPPORT MINISTRY- The Cathedral of St. Peter's Parish will once again hold a Grief Support group program for people in our community who are grieving the loss of a loved one. In our community we are frequently reminded of the reality of Death, and of our Christian responsibility to offer some degree of comfort to those who mourn. Our Ministry is not confined to Parish members only and is available to anyone in the community who feels the need to participate in a Grief Ministry Program that offers spiritual as well as emotional support during the weeks, months or years following the death of a close family member or friend. The next group will meet weekly for 4 weeks starting Wednesday, September 5 from 6:30 to 7:30 PM in the Diocesan Pastoral Center, 330 Wyoming Avenue. If you feel that you may benefit from this program and would like to attend please contact the Cathedral Parish Office at 570-344-7231.

VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CHURCH UPCOMING TRIPS:

Woodloch Pines "Dinner & Show"- Wednesday, October 17, \$70.00 per person includes bus, dinner and a show. \$35.00 deposit due with reservation.
Army Football at West Point "Army vs Air Force" on Saturday, November 3. Price \$99.00 per person includes lunch. \$50.00 deposit due with reservation. Please call St. Mary's 570-489-2019 for information.

BOY SCOUT RELIGIOUS EMBLEMS PROGRAM

A training session for those who are interested in becoming counselors for the Boy Scout Religious Program will take place on Thursday, August 23; 6 to 9 PM; Office for Parish Life, Diocesan Pastoral Center, 330 Wyoming Avenue, Scranton. Please call 570-207-2213 or Mary-Anne-Malone@dioceseofscranton.org for more information.

NEW MAUSOLEUM FOR OUR MOTHER OF SORROWS CEMETERY will be built at Our Mother of Sorrows Cemetery, Greenfield Township, in the near future. An investment in a mausoleum ensures a peaceful, maintenance-free resting place that will last for centuries to come. Pre-planning your cemetery arrangements will relieve your family and help to provide the peace of mind they deserve. Discounts are available for pre-purchases. For information please call St. Rose Parish Office at 570-282-2991.

HEALING MASS will be held at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, 322 Chestnut Street, Dunmore on Tuesday, October 16 at 7:00 PM.

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL PARISH, DUNMORE will offer a new study titled "Speaking God's Love: Understanding the Sacraments." Their parish's devotional ministry team will lead a journey through the seven sacraments. The program will begin Monday, September 17 and will run for seven sessions from 7 to 8:15 pm each Monday through October 29 and will be held at the parish rectory. If you are interested please call the parish office at 570-346-7429 or e-mail Greg Solfanelli at greg.solfanelli@gmail.com to register.

JENNY'S KLOSET will hold a bake sale at Quinn's Market, Peckville on Sunday, August 19 from 8:30 AM until 2:00 PM. Proceeds benefit students currently enrolled at the Valley View School District.

EUREKA HOSE COMPANY NO. 4, 717 East Grant Street is holding their annual envelope drive during the month of August. Please be generous by mailing your donation to the fire company or dropping off at the Olyphant Borough Electric Office. **Thank You!**

GRATITUDE

Many thanks to all who have helped us go over goal for the Diocesan Annual Appeal, 2017.

75% of all contributions above and beyond our goal comes back to us for parish use.

Our 2017 goal for Blessed Sacrament was \$17,000.00, our rebate \$2397.75.

Once again thank you and God Bless you for your generosity and dedication.

BLESSED SACRAMENT/HOLY CROSS SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE AWARDED DIOCESAN APPEAL GRANT

Having received our application to the Social Justus Fund of the Diocesan Annual Appeal, our linked parish social concerns committee has been awarded a \$5000.00 grant to continue the good work and ministries of our parishes. It is a wonderful affirmation of the dedication and commitment of our committee as well as the support of the members of our parishes, only made possible because of your generous contributions to the Diocesan Annual Appeal.

TWENTIETH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, CYCLE B

First Reading: Proverbs 9:1-6

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 34:2-3,4-5,6-7

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:15-20

Gospel Reading: John 6:51-58

On this Sunday, we continue to read from the sixth chapter of the Gospel of John. Today's Gospel elaborates further on the teaching that Jesus began in our liturgy last week. In that reading, the crowds wondered about how Jesus could say that he had come down from heaven because they knew Jesus to be the son of Joseph. In this Gospel, some have difficulty with Jesus' teaching that he is the living bread sent from God. Recall that Jesus had told them that just as God gave the Israelites manna to sustain them in the desert, so now God has sent new manna that will give eternal life. We hear the concluding verse of last week's Gospel repeated in today's reading: Jesus himself is the bread sent by God; Jesus' flesh is the bread that is given for the life of the world.

Among the stumbling blocks for those who heard but did not understand Jesus is the teaching that the bread that Jesus will give is his own flesh. In response to the people who quarreled over his words, Jesus teaches with even greater emphasis that salvation comes to those who eat his Body and Blood. Jesus doesn't seem to answer the question posed about how salvation will come about, perhaps because this reality can only be understood after his death and Resurrection. Instead, Jesus teaches about the life that he will give to the world.

To many ears, Jesus' words are jarring and difficult to hear. Many who heard Jesus could not accept what he said. Many today continue to struggle to accept these words. But they are important words because they reveal our intimate connection with Jesus.

This is the mystery that is at the heart of our eucharistic theology. In the elements of bread and wine, Jesus' Body and Blood are made truly present. When we share in the Body and Blood of Christ, Jesus himself comes to dwell within us. This communion with the Lord makes us one body, brings us eternal life, and sends us forth to be Christ's body for the life of the world.

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