

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 8/27	8:00 AM	Holy Cross	Richard Rusak	Wife & Family
Tuesday 8/28	7:30 AM	Blessed Sacrament	Deceased Members of the Skowronski Family	Children & Grandchildren
Wednesday 8/29	8:00 AM	Holy Cross	Marjorie A. Dixon	Daily Mass Attendees
Thursday 8/30	7:30 AM	Blessed Sacrament	Arlene Skutnik	Blessed Sacrament Holy Name Society
Friday 8/31	8:00 AM	Holy Cross	Eleanor Huddy	Eugene Himchak
Saturday 9/1	4:00 PM	Holy Cross	Deceased Members of the Dempsey & McDonough Families	Dempsey Family
	5:30 PM	Blessed Sacrament	Concetta, Arnold, Robert, Sandra & Dolores Ligi	Marie Martillotti & Family
Sunday 9/2	8:00 AM	Holy Cross	Betty Hanichak	Husband
	9:30 AM	Blessed Sacrament	Deceased Family of Matylda & John Szymanski	Children & Grandchildren
	11:00 AM	Holy Cross	Nicholas, Antoinette & Rocco DePietro	Eleanor Keegan & 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 the Fumanti & Gilgallon Families offered by Jim & Ceil.

Blessed Sacrament Parish – In loving memory of Rosalie Kallay Kalinoski offered by husband Felix; children David, Robert, Linda, Lisa, Paula & Craig.

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM O, LORD
Please remember in your prayers Robert Doughton, Edward Pociask, Rose Marie Stachacz. *May Perpetual Light Shine Upon Them!*



Holy Cross: \$5711.00
Blessed Sacrament: \$2307.00

EUCHARISTIC 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.

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.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES will start on Sunday, September 9. **Holy Cross**-all classes begin at 9:20 AM and end at 10:25 AM. **Note:** Parish Center dismissal is 10:20 AM. **Blessed Sacrament**-all classes start at 10:30 AM and end at 11:45 AM.

PLAY WIFFLE! RESULTS- The Family Festival Play Wiffle! Event was held on Sunday, August 12 after being rained out on Saturday morning. The Matone All-Stars won over the Davitt All-Stars 18-9. A good time was had by all. The Matone Team was led by Kevin Essig and the Davitt All-Stars were led by a newcomer "MJ" Trowbridge. Other participants: Logan & Porter Matone, Mason & Molly Trowbridge, Isaiah & Roman Davitt; volunteers included Adam Davitt, Jim Liesiefsky and Joseph Butash. Thank you to everyone who helped in any way.

FAMILY FESTIVAL THANK YOU! Thank you to all who supported the 13th Annual Blessed Sacrament Family Festival. All donors, volunteers of all ages-parishioners and non-parishioners, and all who attended the three day event, contributed to Blessed Sacrament's largest fundraiser. The 50/50 Grand Prize was \$1500.00 won by Diane Kujawski. The Family Festival final profit will be determined after all the bills are payed. Again, a big thank you to everybody!

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

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.

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

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. 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 would like to attend please contact the Cathedral Parish Office at 570-344-7231.

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.. 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.

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD PARISH, William Street, North Scranton will celebrate Mass & Anointing of the Sick on Saturday, September 15 at 11:00 AM.

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.

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!**

ST. PAUL OF THE CROSS PARISH, Prospect Avenue, Scranton will hold a chicken bar-b-que dinner (chicken by Kundla's) on Sunday, September 16 in the Parish Center Hall. Tickets are \$12.00 per dinner. Reservations only. Dead line for reservations is Tuesday, September 4. Please call the rectory at 570-343-6420.

THE JESSUP 21ST CENTURY ASSOCIATION will hold their 7th annual "Pig in the Park Concert" on Sunday, August 26 from 5 to 9 at Station Park, Church Street, Jessup. Menu: Pork BBQ Sandwiches, Texas Hot Dogs, Pizza, Soda, Coffee and Cake. Entertainment Dani-elle Kleha.

SAINT GABRIEL'S FALL RETREATS

September 7-9, Women's Retreat- "The Adventure to Live Holiness": St. Gabriel's Passionist Retreat Center, Griffin Pond Road, Clarks Summit. Registration is 7 PM Friday evening. Begins at 7:30 PM and departure is after the noon meal on Sunday. Preached retreats consist of conferences on the spiritual life, personal reflection, prayer, reconciliation and liturgy. A deposit is required.

October 19-21, Men & Women's Retreat- "The Passion of Jesus Christ": St. Gabriel's Passionist Retreat Center. Retreat begins on Friday evening at 7:30 PM, (registration 7 PM), and ends after the noon meal on Sunday. Retreat consists of conferences, personal reflection, reconciliation and liturgy. A deposit is required.

For more information please call the Retreat Office 570-586-4957, or email kporter@epix.net.

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.

SAINT JOSEPH'S CENTER AUXILIARY 8TH ANNUAL CHICKEN DINNER will be held Sunday, September 23; 12:00 PM until 4:00PM, 2010 Adams Avenue, Scranton. Tickets \$10.00 and must be purchased in advance. Drive thru take out or limited seating. Back this year Mr. Yock's BBQ. Menu: half roasted chicken, baked potato, corn, roll, bottle of water, cookie. For more information please call 570-963-1290.

PRAYER: THE KEY TO HEAVEN

Every moment of prayer, especially before our Lord in the tabernacle, is a positive gain. The time we spend in having our daily audience with God is the most precious part of the whole day.

.....Blessed Teresa of Calcutta

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME,
CYCLE A

First Reading: Isaiah 22:19-23

God's kindness is forever.

Second Reading: Romans 11:33-36

Paul Sings praise to God.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 16:13-20

**Simon Peter acknowledges Jesus as the Christ
and is given the key to the Kingdom of Heaven.**

It is important to read today's Gospel and next week's Gospel as two parts of a single story. These readings are a turning point in Matthew's Gospel. This week we hear Jesus name Simon Peter as the rock upon which he will build his Church. Next week we will hear Jesus call this same Simon Peter "Satan" when he reacts negatively to Jesus' prediction about his passion and death.

In today's Gospel, Jesus asks his disciples what people are saying about his identity. The disciples indicate that most people believe that Jesus is a prophet of Israel. Then Jesus ask his disciples who they believe that he is. Simon Peter answers, identifying Jesus as the Messiah, the Son of God.

Jesus commends Simon Peter for this profession of faith, indicating that this insight has come from God. Because of Simon Peter's response, Jesus calls him the "rock" upon which Jesus will build the Church. This is a word play on the name Peter, which is the Greek word for "rock." Peter is then given special authority by Jesus, a symbolic key to the Kingdom of Heaven. Peter will play an important role in the early Christian community as a spokesperson and a leader.

In today's Gospel, Peter's recognition of Jesus' identity is credited to a revelation by God. This will contrast sharply with Jesus' rebuke of Peter in next week's Gospel. When Peter rejects Jesus' prediction of his passion and death, Peter is said to no longer be thinking as God does but as humans do.

The use of the term *church* in today's Gospel is one of only three such occurrences in Matthew's Gospel. Peter in this Gospel is being credited as the foundation for the Church, a privilege granted to him because of his recognition of Jesus' identify. The Church continues to be grounded in the faith that Jesus Christ is Lord.

**A PRAYER TO JESUS, SHEPHERD OF
PEACE**

**Gentle Jesus, shepherd of peace,
Listen to our prayers,
and join to your own suffering on the cross
the pain of all who have been hurt
in body, mind, and spirit
by those who betrayed the trust placed in
them.**

**Hear our cries as we agonize
over the harm done to our brothers and
sisters.**

**Breathe wisdom into our prayers,
soothe restless hearts with hope,
steady shaken spirits with faith:**

**Heal your people's wounds
and transform our brokenness.
Grant us courage and wisdom, humility and
grace,
so that we may act with justice
and find peace in you.
We ask this through Christ, our Lord.
Amen.**

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