

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 9/3	8:00 AM	Holy Cross	Joseph Costello	Kearney Family
Tuesday 9/4	7:30 AM	Blessed Sacrament	Therese Peko	Emily Snead
Wednesday 9/5	8:00 AM	Holy Cross	DiPietro, Genett & Gillette Families	Carmen & Marion DiPietro
Thursday 9/6	7:30 AM	Blessed Sacrament	Gratz, Eleanor & Bill Washenik	Patricia & Ray Billig
Friday 9/7	8:00 AM	Holy Cross	Paul, Joan, Anne, Arthur Wasnetsky	Children & Grandchildren
Saturday 9/8	4:00 PM	Holy Cross	Elizabeth McCormick Cicilioni	Family
	5:30 PM	Blessed Sacrament	Marylou Mielechowski	Marie Martillotti & Family
Sunday 9/9	8:00 AM	Holy Cross	Katie Sokoloski Gilroy	Trice Tolerico McCullagh
	9:30 AM	Blessed Sacrament	Andrew Keating	Mike & Helen Harkins & Family
	11:00 AM	Holy Cross	George A. Kalavsky	Wife & Children

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 Morell & Rose Families offered by Mary Ann & Tom.

Blessed Sacrament Parish – In loving memory of Joseph McCarthy Sr, Alice McCarthy, Clara Szustak & Lunario Families offered by Florence McCarthy.

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM O, LORD

Please remember in your prayers family members and friends. *May Perpetual Light Shine Upon Them!*



Holy Cross: \$5546.00

Blessed Sacrament: \$2026.00

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.

NEWLY BAPTIZED- Congratulations **Nolan Franco Bhagwandass**, son of Nithin & Nicole Bhagwandass 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.



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.

OFFICES CLOSED on Monday, September 3, Labor Day.

THANK YOU! Blessed Sacrament has received donations in Memory of John F. Glinsky Jr. offered by The Simpson Family, the Thomas Family, the Giumento Family, Frank & Barbara Scozzaro, Florence Chmiel and Patrick & Patricia DeNaples.

CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN WOMEN

will hold their first meeting of the year on Sunday, September 9, 2:00 PM in Kelley Hall. All are invited to attend.

BLESSED SACRAMENT ALTAR & ROSARY will hold their next meeting on Thursday, September 6 at 7:00 PM, reciting of the Rosary at 6:30 PM. New members are always welcome. Bakers: Laura Fawcett and Leona Gataveskas. Hostess: Frances Gentile, Dolores Gretzula, Rose Kaminski, Mary Kearney, Marion Kowalski and Rose Liesiefsky.

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.

FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY

CROSS- While celebrated on Friday, September 14, we will mark Holy Cross Parish Feast Day on Thursday, September 13 with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament/Holy Hour/Benediction at 6:30 PM.

Come join us as we thank God for the blessings of Parish life, the relationships and friendships we share as a community of believers and place our gratitude before the Eucharistic Presence of Our Lord. All are invited and most welcome.

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.

Wednesday, October 17; 6:00 PM at St. Paul Parish, 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.

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.

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.



HOLY CROSS CHICKEN BBQ-

Cash Raffle Winners: \$50.00 April Morris, \$100.00 Dorothy Cipilewski, \$100.00 Kathy Williams, \$250.00 John P. Wargo, \$500.00 Jeanine Shuta-Suhanick. A profit of \$13,266.96 was made on the BBQ. Thank you once again to everyone who helped in some way and a special thank you to Tom & Mary Kearney for once again taking on the title of "Chairmen."

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.

**DID YOU HAND IN YOUR CCD
REGISTRATION FORM? CLASSES START
NEXT WEEKEND, SEPTEMBER 9.**

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.

**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.

**PENNSYLVANIANS FOR HUMAN LIFE,
SCRANTON CHAPTER** will hold a memorial service for aborted children at St. Peter's Cathedral Monument of Our Lady Madonna of the Streets on Saturday, September 8 at 1:00 PM. For more information call Pennsylvanians for Human Life at 570-347-8299 or email @prolifescranton.org.

YOU ARE INVITED

You are cordially invited to come and join us each week in September as we gather to pray, study and reflect on the Word of God. This isn't just any invitation, it's an opportunity to ask and seek, to grow spiritually and personally, to prepare well to celebrate Sunday Mass more meaningfully and to encounter the love of our God in His Holy Word. Our gatherings last one hour and consist of praying with the readings for the upcoming Sunday, reflecting on them and conversation.

Where: Blessed Sacrament Parish Hall, Throop
When: The Thursdays of September at 2:00 PM

September 6, 13, 20, 27

THANK YOU, MARK DE CELLES

Mark DeCelles, a seminarian preparing for priestly ministry for the Diocese of Scranton, was kind to leave the Book of Christian Prayer (also referred to as the Liturgy of the Hours or the Breviary) in the Saint John Paul II Adoration Chapel for adorers prayerful use.

Mark's inscription: "Dear Parishioners of Blessed Sacrament and Holy Cross Parishes, Thank you for a wonderful summer!"

"Few souls understand what God would accomplish in them if they were to abandon themselves more reservedly to Him."----- St. Ignatius of Loyola

Please pray for our seminarians, but more importantly, pray that more Christians, whether laypersons, seminarians, priests or religious may have the courage to abandon themselves without reserve into His hands.

We thank Mark DeCelles for his kindness and pray for him as he continues his discernment and formation.

If you would like to drop a note of encouragement and support to Mark:

Mark DeCelles
St. Mary's Seminary
5400 Roland Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21210-1994

MOVIE NIGHT: "WONDER"

Based on the beloved best-selling novel, Wonder follows the inspiring story of the Pullman Family, whose youngest child, Auggie, is a boy born with facial differences. When Auggie enters mainstream elementary school for the first time, his extraordinary journey unites his family, his school and his community, and proves that you can't blend in when you were born to stand out. Heartwarming and uplifting, reminding us of the gospel imperative to treat each other with reverence, respect and compassion.

Wednesday, September 12, 6:30 PM, Kelley Hall **also** a special showing for children Sunday, September 16 at 2:00 PM, Kelley Hall. The movie is hosted by our candidates for confirmation volunteering to provide refreshments and supervision. (adult chaperones will be present as well!)

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, CYCLE B

First Reading: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8 – Those who do justice will find favor with God.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5-Those who do justice will find favor with God.

Second Reading: James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27-James teaches that Christians should be doers of the Word.

Gospel Reading: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23-Jesus teaches that it is that which comes from our hearts that defiles us.

Background on the Gospel Reading

This Sunday, our lectionary returns to Mark's Gospel after a number of Sundays in which we heard the Bread of Life discourse from the Gospel of John.

In this Gospel, Mark addresses the question of which Jewish practices would also be observed in the newly emerging Christian community. This was a significant question for the early Christian Church, especially in communities that included both Jewish and Gentile converts to Christianity. We also hear this question addressed in the letters of Paul with regard to table fellowship. In Gospel passages such as the one today, we see the Gospel evangelists finding justification for a Christian practice distinct from Judaism in the remembrances of Jesus' teaching and the practice of his first disciples.

Jesus first criticizes the Pharisees for putting human tradition above God's Law. Here, Jesus is referring to the tradition of the elders, the teaching of the Pharisees, which extended the ritual-purity laws of Temple worship to everyday Jewish life. Jesus criticizes the Pharisees for making this tradition equal to and as binding as the Law of Moses.

Jesus comments on the meaning behind the Pharisees' language of holiness—clean and unclean. Jesus teaches that a person is not defiled by the food that enters his or her body, but rather by sin that emerges from his or her words and actions. In this teaching, Jesus unmarks a deeper question behind the one posed to him by the Pharisees. The real issue is holiness, which is not found in external acts alone. Holiness comes from within and is evidenced in the actions and attitudes that emerge from a person's life.

Jesus' words challenge us as well. In our desire to show that we are holy, we might also give too much credence to externals, following rules without thinking about the intention behind them. Jesus reminds us that we do not make ourselves holy by our actions. Rather, we become holy when we allow God's Spirit to transform us. Our actions should be an expression of the conversion of our heart to God and to God's ways.

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