

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

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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 9/24	8:00 AM	Holy Cross	Joan E. Bennie	Joan Ksiazek & Family
Tuesday 9/25	7:30 AM	Blessed Sacrament	Joan McGraw	M/M Joseph Adamitis
Wednesday 9/26	8:00 AM	Holy Cross	Jim & Anne Halloran	Children
Thursday 9/27	7:30 AM	Blessed Sacrament	Deborah Bozym	Husband, Joseph
Friday 9/28	8:00 AM	Holy Cross	Elaine Gallagher	Family
Saturday 9/29	4:00 PM	Holy Cross	John & Irene Musyt	Children
	5:30 PM	Blessed Sacrament	Joseph & Helen Oleckna	Joe & Mary Ann
Sunday 9/30	8:00 AM	Holy Cross	Tyler Morgan	Grandparents John & Mary Ann Wanas
	9:30 AM	Blessed Sacrament	Willie B. & Ceil Granza	M/M John Kostik Jr.
	11:00 AM	Holy Cross	Armand Sr. & Jr. Galea & Joseph Costello	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 John J. Krajewski offered by Sons.

Blessed Sacrament Parish – In loving memory of Bertha Laskowski & the DeGutis & Pogorelski Families offered by Robert & Ann Marie Stine & Family.

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM O, LORD

Please remember in your prayers Fred Clark, Joan Breig. *May Perpetual Light Shine Upon Them!*



Holy Cross: \$5180.00

Blessed Sacrament: \$2073.00

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, Wednesday 6:00 PM, Thursday

9:00 AM, Friday 11:00 AM & 12 Noon. Sign up for an hour, or for more information please call Eydie at 570-489-8816.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES started last 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.

NEWLY BAPTIZED: Congratulations **Kieran John & Chaney Michael Carito**, sons of Francis & Maura Carito who were baptized at Holy Cross Parish. May God bless you and your family and may Jesus, the Light of the world, always guide and protect you.

CONFIRMATION RETREAT for all candidates will be held on Saturday, September 29, 10:00 AM to 3:30 PM at the Diocesan Center, Scranton. This retreat is mandatory for all students.

SAVE THE DATES: Saturday, October 13, immediately after the 5:30 PM Mass, Blessed Sacrament will hold HNS FALL HOSPITALITY, Autumn Treats.

Sunday, November 25, 9:30 AM mass, 9th Annual Blessed Sacrament Parish Holy Name Mass and Communion Breakfast.

All are welcome to both events. Contact Adam Nosak or Joseph Butash for Communion Breakfast tickets. More information coming, make plans to attend.

SOCIAL CONCERNS meeting will be held on Thursday, September 27, 6:30 PM at Holy Cross, Kelley Hall. Once again thanks to all who have donated items in our Back-Pack collection. Your generosity is most appreciated.

The work of our linked parish ministry includes efforts to provide direct service or outreach to people in need and efforts to work for justice and peace by educating and offering programs to understand the rich social teaching of the Roman Catholic Church.

All are most welcome to join the work of our committee. This month's meeting is held on the Feast of Saint Vincent de Paul, patron saint of social outreach and the poor. St. Vincent de Paul, pray for us. "Tender God, refuge of the poor, You filled Saint Vincent de Paul with the strength of the Apostles to work for the salvation of the poor. May we who follow the example of his life be driven by unceasing charity to continue the mission of Your Son in the world." Amen.

VIRTUS PROGRAMS-A training for adults in the Protecting God's Children (PGC-VIRTUS) program is scheduled on:

Monday, October 1: 6:00 PM at Our Lady of the Snows Parish, Clarks Summit.

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. Next meeting Tuesday, September 25, 6:30 PM, Kelley Hall.

YOU ARE INVITED

You are cordially invited to come and join us on September 27, 2:00 PM at Blessed Sacrament Parish Hall as we gather to pray, study and reflect on the Word of God. This isn't just any invitation, it is 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 gathering will last one hour and consist of praying with the readings for the upcoming Sunday.

BATON TWIRLING LESSONS will begin at the Blessed Sacrament Parish Hall on Tuesdays at 5:00 PM. Children 4 years old and older are welcome to attend. For more information and to register please call 570-489-1935 or visit doublertwirl.com.

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 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.

SAINT GABRIEL'S FALL RETREAT

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. Information please call 570-586-4957.

MARYWOOD'S LIFE LONG LEARNERS will sponsor a bus trip to West Point on Wednesday, October 3. The bus will leave Marywood at 8 AM and includes a guided tour and lunch at the Historic Thayer Hotel, price \$120.00. On December 3 the group will visit Longwood Gardens, lunch will be included for \$110.00. For reservations call 570-383-0544.

VNA HOSPICE INVITES YOU TO "HEAL FROM GRIEF".....A WORKSHOP on three consecutive Thursday evenings, September 27 and October 4 & 11 at 6:30 PM at VNA Hospice, 301 Delaware Avenue, Olyphant. Join them for education, support and conversation. They will explore feelings and emotions related to the sadness of losing someone we love, but also the best way to take care of ourselves. For additional information please call 570-383-5180. Park behind the VNA building and enter through the rear door.



THE UNIVERSITY OF SCRANTON will host two Open House events for prospective and students and their families on Sunday, October 21 and Sunday November 4.

At the Open House, participants can learn about Scranton's 68 undergraduate majors, meet with faculty, students, admissions counselors and financial aid representatives. Student-led campus tours will be conducted throughout the day and will include residence halls, dining halls, computer labs, science labs and academic facilities.

Open House includes a complimentary brunch for prospective students and their families. Registration and campus tours begin at 9:00 AM. For information contact Scranton's Admission Office at 1-888-SCRANTON or visit www.scranton.edu/admissions.

"SUMMER FOREVER"

Larry Spegar recently filmed and directed several segments from summer events throughout northeast Pennsylvania, which are now televised on local Comcast station EC-TV and titled "Summer Forever."

The events included in the feature are Jessup's "Race of the Saints," Holy Cross Parish, Olyphant "Chicken Barbecue," Blessed Sacrament, Throop "Family Festival," St. Rocco, Dunmore "Procession of Faith," LaFesta Italiana and "The Little League World Series," including film of the title game and interviews with players, coaches and families from World Series Champions, Honolulu Hawaii.

The focus of "Summer Forever" is to celebrate family, friends and community (and of course, Good Food). For more information call 570-498-8066 or email LarrySpegar@aol.com.

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR TO HOSE FURNITURE & HOME FURNISHING SALE

The Little Sisters of the Poor will host a furniture and home furnishing sale on Saturday, September 22 through Sunday, September 30, in the auditorium of Holy Family Residence. The sale will take place from 8 AM to 4 PM Monday through Saturday and 12 to 4 PM on Sunday. The Sisters will also sell their famous homemade scones. All items must be taken on the day they are purchased. Delivery is not available. For more information please call Sister Joan at 570-840-6214.

CRAFT FAIR sponsored by the Women's Guild of Divine Mercy Parish, Davis Street, Scranton, on Saturday, September 29 from 9 AM to 3 PM in the Parish Center. Door prizes all day, bake sale, refreshments. Admission \$2.00.

ST. PAUL OF THE CROSS SOCIETY will hold a Rummage & Bake Sale on Friday, October 5 and Saturday, October 6 in the Parish Center, Prospect Avenue, Scranton from 9 AM to 3:30 PM each day.

SCRANTON PREPARATORY SCHOOL will hold an Open House on Sunday, October 14 from 1 to 4 PM. Seventh and eighth grade students, their parents and families are cordially invited to attend.

Scholarship entrance exam will be held on Saturday, December 1. Registration will begin at 8:30 am and the exam starts at 9 AM. Students may pre-register by calling 570-941-7737, extension 141 or by visiting www.scrantonprep.com

PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY RALLY will be held on Saturday, October 13 at 12 Noon at the Olyphant Train Station. This rally is going on all over the USA, sponsored by America Needs Fatima. Please come and join with others in prayer.

**TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME, CYCLE B**

First Reading: Wisdom 2:13, 17-20

The just one is put to the test.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 54:3-4, 5, 6 & 8

A prayer for God's protection.

Second Reading: James 3:16 –4:3

James teaches about the wisdom from above.

Gospel Reading: Mark 9:30-37

Jesus teaches his disciples that the greatest are those who serve all.

Background on the Gospel Reading:

In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus again predict his passion, death, and Resurrection to his disciples. The setting here is important. Jesus and his disciples are preparing to journey through Galilee, a Jewish territory in which Jesus has already encountered problems with the Pharisees. Perhaps this is why Mark indicates that Jesus was trying to journey in secret. In predicting his passion, Jesus is acknowledging the danger they will face and is trying to preparing his disciples for it. Yet Mark tells us that the disciples did not understand what Jesus was saying and were afraid to ask what he meant. Such hesitation on the part of the disciples is not characteristic behavior. Peter had no fear about rebuking Jesus in last week's Gospel. Perhaps this is an indication that the disciples were aware that a new situation was emerging.

Mark paints a vivid picture in today's Gospel. Having arrived at Capernaum, Jesus and his disciples enter a house. In this private place,

Jesus asks his disciples about the argument they had while they were journeying. Again, the disciples are uncharacteristically silent and afraid to answer. They have been found out. Jesus then summons the Twelve, whom Mark identified earlier in his Gospel as those chosen by Jesus to preach and to drive out demons. To this select group of disciples, Jesus teaches that those who would be first in God's kingdom must be servants of all.

Jesus then calls forward a child and teaches the Twelve that to receive a child in Jesus' name is to receive both Jesus and the one who sent him. We might easily fail to understand the significance of this action. In first-century Palestine, children were without status or power, possessing no legal right. In this action, Jesus is teaching his disciples and us that when we serve the least ones among us, we serve Jesus himself. Who are the people without power or status in our society that Jesus is calling us to serve? Do we do so willingly? Jesus teaches that God's judgement of us will be based on this criterion alone.



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