

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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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 10/8	8:00 AM	Holy Cross	Dorothy H. Borys	Drs. David & Susan Borys
Tuesday 10/9	7:30 AM	Blessed Sacrament	Josephine D. Burdyn	Dragon Family
Wednesday 10/10	8:00 AM	Holy Cross	M/M Paul Lewan	Earl & Elizabeth Lewan
Thursday 10/11	7:30 AM	Blessed Sacrament	John & Julia Wrable	Joseph & Elsie Wrable
Friday 10/12	8:00 AM	Holy Cross	Louise Berry	Mickey & Rita Castelli & Betty Martini
Saturday 10/13	4:00 PM	Holy Cross	Bruno Silvestri	Wife & Family
	5:30 PM	Blessed Sacrament	Barbara Bonacci	Husband Dominic
Sunday 10/14	8:00 AM	Holy Cross	Marie Boyarsky	Husband & Family
	9:30 AM	Blessed Sacrament	Michael Gretzula	Wife & Son
	11:00 AM	Holy Cross	Thomas Halloran	Frank & Debbie Wilensky

NOTE: The mass on Sunday, October 7 for Helen & George Wallo was requested by daughter, Helen Oravec, sorry for the error.

Memorial / Honor Candles

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

Holy Cross Parish – In loving memory of Michael Zuczek Jr. offered by wife & daughter.

Blessed Sacrament Parish – In loving memory of Therese Peko offered by the Blessed Sacrament Stickers.

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM O, LORD

Please remember in your prayers Joseph C. Price Sr., Joan M. Breig. *May Perpetual Light Shine Upon Them!*



Holy Cross: \$5358.00

Blessed Sacrament: \$2769.00

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-- 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.

CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN WOMAN will hold their meeting on Sunday, October 7, 2:00 PM in Kelley Hall.

NEWLY BAPTIZED: Congratulations **Aliyah Marie Fox** daughter of Brandon Fox and Alexis Swingle who was baptized last weekend at Blessed Sacrament Parish. May God bless you and your family and may Jesus, the Light of the world, always guide and protect you.

The Altar Flowers in the sanctuary at Holy Cross Parish this weekend have been donated in memory of Chester P. Tracewski Jr. offered by Wife, Son & Family.

SAVE THE DATES: The Annual Holy Name Society sponsored "Fall Hospitality" will take place next Saturday, October 13, immediately following the 5:30 PM Mass. Join us outside in our courtyard by the historical monument for Apple Cider, Cider Donuts, Coffee, and new this fall-CUP OF SOUP! All are welcome! Bring the family. Your neighbors, a stranger and yourself. Free!

HOLY CROSS DECEMBER LOTTO IS BACK
Volunteers will be calling to get your orders for tickets. Tickets are \$10.00 and good for the month of December. Please be kind to the callers.

**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, October 9, 6:30 PM, Kelley Hall.

**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.

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.

**VISITATION OF THE BVM PARISH FALL
FESTIVAL AND CHICKEN DINNER** Saturday, October 20 in the school cafeteria, 625 Dundaff Street, Dickson. Homemade stuffed boneless chicken breast dinner includes salad, mashed potatoes, vegetable, dessert and beverage; adults \$12.00, children's chicken nugget dinner \$5.00. 12 Noon until 6:00 PM. Tickets are available at the parish office 570-489-2091.

**VNA HOSPICE INVITES YOU TO "HEAL FROM
GRIEF".....A WORKSHOP** on Thursday evening, and October 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.

HOLY CROSS HIGH SCHOOL CRAFT FAIR will be held on October 21 from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM at the school 501 East Drinker Street, Dunmore. Over 95 vendors, basket raffle, door prizes and homemade food available. Admission \$3.00, \$2.00 for seniors and students; 12 and under free. Information 570-614-3727.



HOLY CROSS HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE
Sunday, October 28 from 12 Noon until 3:00 PM at 501 East Drinker Street, Dunmore.

Holy Cross continues the rich heritage of Catholic secondary education within the Diocese of Scranton. Our High School provides each student with the opportunity to reach their fullest potential and promises to help them fulfill their future goals. Financial assistance is available. Check us out at www.hchspa.org!

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.

THROOP HOSE COMPANY #1 will hold an egg, pancake & sausage breakfast at 512 Center Street, Throop on Sunday, October 7. Serving 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM. Adults \$7.00 children 10 and under \$3.00. For tickets call Ralph Obelinas at 570-489-9782 or Dave Benson at 570-383-1019.

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.

SACRED HEARTS OF JESUS AND MARY PARISH, JERMYN will hold a Pork Dinner on Saturday, October 27. Cost is \$12.00. Take-outs from 2 to 4 PM; eat in from 5 to 6:30 PM. The meal includes roast pork, mashed potatoes, green beans, sauerkraut, rolls, desserts. A raffle basket will also be held. Tickets can be purchased at Sacred Hearts Rectory 570-876-1061 or at the door.

VALLEY COMMUNITY LIBRARY has two fundraising events coming up: New York City Day trip, Saturday, October 27. Pick up at Valley Community Library, dropping off at W. 77th Street and Central Park West. Cost \$40.00 for bus. For \$70.00 trip will include entrance and tour of "Harry Potter: A History of Magic" at New York Historical Society. For information 570-489-1765.

Fall Book Sale at Valley Community Library on Wednesday, November 7 and Thursday November 8 from 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM. Prices vary from 25 cents to \$2.00.

ST. LUCY'S will hold their annual Candlelight Rosary Novena, October 6 through October 14. Please come to pray for our world, our church and individual intentions. The Rosary will be recited by Candlelight and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be observed each night. Contact 570-347-9421 for any questions.

THE LIONS CLUB OF OLYPHANT and the Mid-Valley Leo Club will conduct their annual "White Cane Days" on Saturday, October 20 and Sunday, October 21. Please be generous. All funds received from this drive are for ongoing sight conservation and eye research projects, hearing programs and other community betterment projects.

BUILD A SPARTAN FOUNDATION'S 2ND ANNUAL SPOOKTACULAR, Saturday, October 27; 2:30 to 7 PM, Mid Valley Sports Complex, 52 Underwood Road, Throop.

This free admission event includes a Mid Valley youth soccer tournament, basket raffle extravaganza, custom corn hole game set raffle, food and refreshments, games for kids of all ages and the Spooktacular raffle.

Spooktacular raffle tickets are \$50 and can be purchased at the event or in advance at the following locations: All Mid Valley home football games; Olyphant Borough Building; Sanderson St. Traven, Throop; DC Pet Center, Dickson; Debbie's Flower Boutique, Jermyn. If all tickets are sold, the maximum prizes are: \$10,000; \$3,000; \$2,000. If fewer tickets are sold, prizes will be scaled proportionally to maintain a 50/50 split.

The Build A Spartan Foundation is a non-profit organization established in 2016 to support academics, arts, and athletics at the Mid Valley School District.

RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY

Today, we celebrate and honor the inviolable dignity of each and every human life. We recognize the sin of abortion, physician-assisted suicide, our state's death penalty and all other actions that threaten the life and dignity of the human person.

On this day, we also recognize the ways in which our own Church, throughout its history, has failed to protect its young people and to respect the integrity of their claims against its clergy members.

This Sunday, we ask you to pray for all vulnerable members of our community, from the unborn to the struggling family. We pray especially for healing for all those who feel isolated, hopeless, or ashamed. We also continue to pray for those who feel pressure to make difficult decisions with regard to respecting life, and with those in positions of power, that we may support them as a community of faith to create a culture of life.

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Assist our men in formation to become priests and deacons as we look to the future of our parishes and our Diocese.

Prepare our children for fulfilling and faith-filled lives through education in our Catholic schools and in our parish religious education programs.

Provide opportunities in our parish communities for everyone to more fully share their personal gifts in devoted service to God and one another.

Joyfully spread the Gospel and the message of our Catholic faith to all members of our Diocese and our community.

To make a donation to this year's Annual Appeal, please visit www.AnnualAppeal.org or call 570-207-2250.

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, CYCLE B

First Reading: Genesis 2: 8-24

God creates woman from Adam's rib.

R sponsorial Psalm: Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6

A prayer for God's blessing.

Second Reading: Hebrews 2:9-11

Christ was made perfect through suffering so that we might all be consecrated.

Gospel Reading: Mark 10:2-16

Jesus teaches against divorce and welcomes the children.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today we continue to read from the Gospel according to Mark. For the past three Sundays, we have been hearing Mark's reports of conversation between Jesus and his disciples. Recall that in Mark's Gospel, Jesus uses these private moments to teach his disciples in greater detail about the Kingdom of God. Beginning with today's Gospel, Jesus returns to Judea, Jewish territory and resumes his public ministry. The first verse of Chapter 10 of Mark's Gospel tells us that crowds gathered around Jesus, and he taught them, as was his custom. Immediately, the Pharisees approach Jesus to test him.

The Pharisees question Jesus about the lawfulness of divorce. Under specific conditions, divorce was an accepted practice among the Jewish people during the time of Jesus. It was regulated by the Law of Moses, as found in Deuteronomy 24:1-5. This law only permits that a husband may divorce his wife if he finds her to be indecent. This is the justification that the Pharisees reference when Jesus inquires about the commandment of Moses. In reply, Jesus quotes from the Book of Genesis and counters that God's original intention was that men and women would become one flesh in marriage. Jesus describes the teaching of Moses as a concession made to God's original intention because of human stubbornness.

At first glance, the final part of today's Gospel seems unconnected to the previous teaching about divorce. When read together, however, these passages present a strong picture of Jesus' emphasis on the importance of family. God intended for women and men to be joined together in marriage. Among the purposes of marriage is the raising of children. By welcoming children and fostering their relationship with God, parents and families bear witness to the Kingdom of God.

At the end of today's Gospel, the people were bringing their children to Jesus, and again Jesus' disciples show that they just don't get it. Recall that in the Gospel for each of the past two Sundays, Jesus has taught his disciples the value and importance of these "little ones" in the Kingdom of God. Yet in today's Gospel, the disciples try to prevent people from bringing their children to Jesus. Jesus reprimands his disciples and welcomes these children. Again Jesus offers these children as an example of the kind of complete trust and dependence upon God that ought to be the attitude of all believers.

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