

The Parishes of Holy Cross & Blessed Sacrament

Holy Cross Parish

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Blessed Sacrament Parish

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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

Pastor:

Monsignor Michael J. Delaney

Deacon John Musyt

**** Administrative Assistant ****

****Mrs. Judith Novak****

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Mr. Thomas Pearce
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***** Director of Religious Education *****

Deacon John Musyt

Mrs. Karen Doyle

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Bonnie Poklemba

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:

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| 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

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| Saturday Vigil | 4:00 p.m. | Holy Cross |
| | 5:30 p.m. | Blessed Sacrament |

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| 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 10/7 | 8:00 AM | Holy Cross | Mifaldo Degrazio | Son, Paul |
| Tuesday 10/8 | 7:30 AM | Blessed Sacrament | John & Julia Wrable | Joseph & Elise Wrable |
| Wednesday 10/9 | 8:00 AM | Holy Cross | Robert Jackson | Liz Parette |
| Thursday 10/10 | 7:30 AM | Blessed Sacrament | Mark Grimes | Family |
| Friday 10/11 | 8:00 AM | Holy Cross | Andrew Zvonik | Sister |
| Saturday 10/12 | 4:00 PM | Holy Cross | Deceased Members of the Onze & Janowski Families | Sue Onze and Barbara Janowski |
| | 5:30 PM | Blessed Sacrament | Frank Blasi | Richard Bisignani |
| Sunday 10/13 | 8:00 AM | Holy Cross | Margaret, Donald, & Michael Dodgson | Family |
| | 9:30 AM | Blessed Sacrament | Living & Deceased Members of Blessed Sacrament Altar & Rosary Society | Society |
| | 11:00 AM | Holy Cross | Joseph & Rose Poklemba | Connie, Bob, & 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 David & Catherine Williams and Deceased Sons, offered by Family.

Blessed Sacrament Parish – In loving memory of Mark Grimes, offered by Family.

LET ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM O, LORD Please remember in your prayers all of our friends and families. *May Perpetual Light Shine Upon Them!*



Holy Cross \$6138.00

Blessed Sacrament \$2157.00

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: Tuesday 1:00 PM & 4:00 PM, Friday 11:00 AM. Sign up for an hour, or for more information please call Eydie at 570-489-8816.

CCD-RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Holy Cross – All classes are 9:20-10:25am.

Note – Parish Center dismissal is at 10:20am.

Blessed Sacrament – All classes are 10:30-11:45am.

Holy Cross Classes: Grade K, 1, 2, 3, 5 Kelley Hall.

Grades 4, 6, 7, 8 Parish Center.

SUNDAY OCTOBER 13 – NO CCD CLASSES

Due to the annual Steamtown Marathon, CCD classes for both Holy Cross and Blessed Sacrament will be cancelled.

NEWLY BAPTIZED: Congratulations **Greyson Robert Kosik**, son of Jacob Sr. and Kaitlin Kosik, **Marilea Rose Posly**, daughter of Matthew and Gabriella Posly, and **Cecelia Maxwell Chuff**, daughter of Kyle and Shayna Chuff who were 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.



PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY

SATURDAY OCTOBER 12TH @ NOON

All are invited to the train station in downtown Olyphant to participate in the public square rosary.

BLESSED SACRAMENT is offering a coffee style book with a pictorial history of the formation of Blessed Sacrament Parish. The 56 page book is almost completed. This book includes short histories along with photos of the four former parishes in Throop. The cost of the book is expected to be around \$90.00 plus postage. The hope is to have the books available on Saturday, November 23. This will be a one time order with the deadline with payment needed by Friday, November 1. This is not a fundraiser. This is the price the book company is charging. Contact Joseph Butash at 570-489-4515 if you want to order the book **“Faith 1895-2020 A Pictorial History of the Formation of Blessed Sacrament Parish Throop, Pennsylvania.**

ROAST PORK & SAUERKRAUT DINNER

Dinner will be Saturday – October 19th at First United Methodist Church, 136 Charles St., Throop. Take-outs are 2-4pm and Sit-Down is 4-7pm. For tickets call 570-489-3352 or 570-489-4037.

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATE PARENTS

MEETING

Wednesday October 9th at 6:30pm at Holy Cross.



FALL HOSPITALITY SATURDAY, OCTOBER

12, after the 5:30 Mass. Join us by Our Heritage Monument for some Autumn treats. The Holy Name Society of Blessed Sacrament Parish is the sponsor of the “Fall Hospitality.” Bring the family, a friend, a stranger, bring yourself. All ages welcome for some conversation, fellowship and community spirit.

HOLY CROSS CONFRATERNITY OF

CHRISTIAN WOMEN will hold their meeting on October 6, 2:00 PM at Kelley Hall. All are welcome to attend.

UNIVERSITY OF SCRANTON OPEN HOUSE;

October 20 and November 3 for prospective students and their families. At the Open House participants can learn about the 68 undergraduate majors, meet faculty, students, admissions counselors and financial aid representatives. Tours will be conducted. Open house includes a complimentary brunch for students and their families. Registration and campus tours begin at 9 AM. For information please call 1-888SCRANTON or visit www.scranton.edu/admissions.

EUREKA HOSE CO. 4, GRANT STREET will

sponsor a “Pigs in the Blanket” dinner on Saturday, October 26 from 3 to 5 PM in the fire station. A **LIMITED** number of \$10.00 tickets are available from members .Please purchase tickets as soon as possible. Questions all 570-383-1406.

THROOP HOSE CO. #1, 512 Center Street, Throop

will hold an all you can eat egg, pancake & sausage breakfast, Sunday, October 6; 8:30 am to 12:30 pm. Tickets \$8.00 per adult and children 10 & under \$3.00. Tickets may be purchased by calling Dave Benson 570-383-1019 or Ralph Obelinas 570-489-9782

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

The RCIA is the church's definitive statement on conversion.

When the bishop of the Second Vatican Council called for a restoration of the catechumenate, the original processes of preparing adults to be received into the family of faith, they were asking us to change the way we think about conversion. Conversion would no longer mean "becoming Catholic" (as in, I used to be a Lutheran, but I am a convert to Catholicism"). Conversion has a much more profound meaning.

The R.C.I.A. is basically a conversion machine. The rite states: "The rite of Christian Initiation is designed for adults who, after hearing the mystery of Christ proclaimed, consciously and freely seek the living God and enter the way of faith and conversion as the Holy Spirit opens their hearts."

The process of preparation involving a commitment to radical transformation, a journey that continues throughout the lives of Jesus' followers.

The process is Jesus-based. The seeker's conversion is to Christ. It is not to just the church, to a set of doctrines, to a pastor or spiritual leader. The catechumens will be baptized into the death and resurrection of Christ.

When they join us at the Eucharistic table, it is Christ that will be broken for them and poured out for them. They will be incorporated into Christ. Everything about their conversion journey must be focused on Jesus Christ.

It is Church based. The journey of conversion takes place in the midst of the community. Members of our parishes at Blessed Sacrament and Holy Cross invite, extend friendship, offer support and model discipleship for those seeking the Lord.

If you know of someone who would like to know more about our Catholic faith, or if you are an adult, never baptized or baptized into another Christian Church and are inquiring about Catholicism, or if you are an adult Catholic but have not completed your initiation (have never received communion or have yet to be confirmed), call the Rectory at 570-489-0752 and we will get you started.

RCIA Session: Monday, October 14 at 6:30 PM in Kelley Hall.

BIBLE STUDY/FAITH SHARING:
"EUCHARIST"

The next six sessions of Bible Study/Faith Sharing will focus on a single subject: The biblical foundations for the Church's celebration of the Eucharist.

Through this exploration, you can enrich your understanding of this sacrament and deepen your appreciation of the great gift it is. Through texts from the Old Testament, the Apostles, and New Testament letters, you can discover that the Eucharist unites the prayers, works, joys and sufferings of our lives as an offering in union with Christ. Through meditation on these texts, you can learn to cultivate a Eucharistic life of prayer and active commitment in the world.

Where: Blessed Sacrament Parish Hall
(Tuesdays, 1:30 PM)

October 8; October 15; October 29

All are invited.

QUEEN OF ANGELS PARISH, JESSUP will hold a Pasta and Meatball Dinner on Saturday, October 26, **take outs only** and Sunday, October 27, 11:30 AM to 3:00 PM take outs and 12 noon until 2:00 PM dine-in. Adults \$10.00, children 12 and under \$5.00. Call the rectory for more information 570-489-2252.

QUEEN CITY HOSE COMPANY #8 will hold a "Designer Purse Bingo" Saturday, October 12 at the Scott Township Fire Hall, Montdale. Doors open at 5 PM and Bingo starts at 6 PM. Tickets are \$20.00 pre-sale and \$25.00 at the door. Tickets include 16 games and door prize entry. Food will be available and a basket raffle. Currently they are planning to run a free bus from Olyphant to the bingo and back. Seating on a first come basis. For details please call 570-510-4060.

VNA HOSPICE "MOVING THROUGH CHANGE WITH EASE AND GRACE" – Class is at 6:30 PM, October 10th, VNA, Delaware Avenue, Olyphant. Living without your loved one is difficult. Everything is changed and you feel sad, alone and confused. Learn how to cope and manage with these changes while meeting others who are living through the same experiences. Support is so important. Let us help. Call 570-383-5180 with questions or just to let us know you are coming.

HOLY CROSS HIGH SCHOOL CRAFT FAIR

Craft Fair & Home Showcase will be held Sunday October 20th from 10am – 4pm at the school located at 501 E. Drinker St. in Dunmore. Over 95 vendors will be selling candies, ceramics, home décor, jewelry and much more. Basket raffles, door prizes, and homemade food will also be available. There will be a small admission fee, but children 12 and under are free. For more information, call 570-614-3727.

INDIVIDUALIZED TUTORING PROGRAM

This program is offered by IHM Educational Enrichment Institute which is located at the end of Marywood University and staffed by the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Tutoring is Monday thru Friday (one day a week) from 3-4pm or 4-5pm. For further information, contact Sister Rose Marie Mozzachio, at 570-346-5429 or eei@sistersofihm.org.

SCRANTON PREPARATORY OPEN HOUSE

Sunday October 20th from 1pm – 4pm. Seventh and eighth grade students, their parents, and families are cordially invited to attend. Attendees can register at www.scrantonprep.org/openhouse.

ROAST BEEF DINNER

Sunday October 26th at St. James – St. George Episcopal Church on 398 Washington Ave. in Jermyn. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$5 for kids under 12. Take-outs begin at 2pm, and dine-in is from 4pm – 7pm. Basket raffles will also be available.

BLESSING OF PETS: Sunday, October 6 at 1:00 PM, Parish Grounds, Blessed Sacrament, Throop.

Friday, October 4 is the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi. His love of all creation reminds us to be loving stewards to our pets entrusted to our care. Everyone is invited! Bring your cats and dogs, rabbits and snakes, Hermit crabs and turtles, cows and horses! Stuffed animals are also welcome!



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This Is Appeal Commitment Weekend

Put your faith into action! Please say ‘Yes’ to a homeless veteran, an elderly priest receiving medical care, a seminarian studying for the priesthood, a young family needing emergency shelter...and thousands of others who will benefit from your gift to the Annual Appeal. Your donation truly matters. Call 570-207-2250, or give online at AnnualAppeal.org.

Be a minister of God’s hope and love...Help us reach our Parish Appeal goal.

SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE:

Tuesday, October 15, 6:30 PM at Kelley Hall. October Coat Drive-Please check your closets for gently used coats that you no longer use (or don’t fit anymore!) or drop off new coats at the entrances of our parish churches during the month of October.

Thank you, as always, for your generosity. Also, consider joining us to participate in the work of our Social Concerns Committee.

HOLY HOUR FOR LIFE: October is designated as “Respect for Human Life” month. Join us for a Holy Hour/Benediction on Wednesday, October 16 at 6:30 PM at Holy Cross, Olyphant.



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