

The Parishes of Holy Cross & Blessed Sacrament

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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

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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:

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 10/14	8:00 AM	Holy Cross	Mary Maslar	Noreen & Jack Schofield
Tuesday 10/15	7:30 AM	Blessed Sacrament	Frank Homnick	Barbara Gouldsbury
Wednesday 10/16	8:00 AM	Holy Cross	Paul Massenkeil	Family
Thursday 10/17	7:30 AM	Blessed Sacrament	Frances Petrasko	Irene Yanek
Friday 10/18	8:00 AM	Holy Cross	Ferrese & De Matteo Families	Fran Ferrese & Family
Saturday 10/19	4:00 PM	Holy Cross	John J. Krajewski and Mary G. Liparulo	Eileen
	5:30 PM	Blessed Sacrament	Felix & Jane Boyer	Rose & Jim
Sunday 10/20	8:00 AM	Holy Cross	Ambrose Oravec	Wife Helen
	9:30 AM	Blessed Sacrament	Paula Kalinoski	Father Felix, Daughter Kayla and Family
	11:00 AM	Holy Cross	Joseph Novak	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 Joseph & Rose Poklemba, offered by Connie, Rob, and Family.

Blessed Sacrament Parish – In loving memory of Dominick Rocco, offered by wife Toni Rocco.

LET ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM O, LORD Please remember in your prayers Fabian Straka, Carol F.Iyoob, Arlene Miller, Linda Hartman. *May Perpetual Light Shine Upon Them!*

ALTAR FLOWERS – The flowers in the sanctuary at Holy Cross Parish this weekend are in memory of Chester P. Tracewski Jr., offered by Wife Barbara, Son, and Family.



Holy Cross \$6003.00

Blessed Sacrament \$2274.00

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 **Ryla Ann**

Rosser, daughter of Craig and Karina Rosser, 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.

BLESSED SACRAMENT FORMATION IN PICTURES 1895-2020: Looking for a unique Christmas Gift? **Faith 1895-2020 A Pictorial History of The Formation of Blessed Sacrament Parish**

Throop, is a hardcover coffee table style book that looks at the four former parishes in Throop in short histories and in a variety of photos, together with the establishment of Blessed Sacrament Parish on December 13, 2009. The deadline is fast approaching for ordering the 56 page book. All orders with payment are needed by Friday, November 1 at Noon. Cost of the book is expected to cost \$90 plus postage. (If we get any type of discount the difference will be refunded). Contact Joseph Butash at 570-489-4515 by November 1 to order a unique look at FAITH 1895-2020 and how we arrived here at Blessed Sacrament.

Rosemarie Liesiefsky, Maryann Popovitch, Janet A. Popovitch, Joseph Butash, Al Muto, Susanne Baka and Monsignor helped with word and photos in telling our story. A nice pictorial history, from Dunmore to Sanderson Streets, from Rebecca to Charles Streets to Our Blessed Sacrament Parish Community of today.

10th ANNUAL BLESSED SACRAMENT HOLY NAME COMMUNION BREAKFAST will be held on Sunday, December 1; 9:30 AM Mass and breakfast and program afterwards in the Parish Hall.

A reminder that all Parishioners 75 years old and up, along with all Altar-Servers, their parents or guardians, are invited (free) to attend as guests of the Holy Name. Please call Artie Philipp Jr. at 570-840-1283 or Joseph Butash at 570-489-4515 for tickets. We want to celebrate the fact that come April 2020, it will be 125 years that Roman Catholics have been organized in the town. We want to get a number of attendees as soon as we can, so please call Artie or Joe. Also service hours will be available for young people before, during and after the Breakfast. The Breakfast is open to all.

GINA TOMASSONI SCHOOL OF DANCE will host a Designer Purse Bingo on Sunday, November 3; 1 to 5 PM at St. Michael's Center, Jermyn. Tickets are \$25.00. For tickets call Gina at 570-362-4091 or Laurie at 570-313-7167.

HOLY CROSS DECEMBER LOTTO IS BACK

Volunteers have called to get your orders. If you did not receive a call and want to order tickets, please call the Rectory office at 570-489-0752. Tickets are \$10.00 and good for the month of December. Watch the bulletin for pick-up dates. Please do not send money in until you have your tickets. Thank you for your generosity and support!

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.

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 call 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."

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.

OLYPHANT HOSE CO. #2, Rear 113 Willow Street, PORKETTA SANDWICH SALE: Saturday, October 19 from 11 AM to 3 PM. Tickets \$6.00, include 2 large sandwiches. Take out only. Call 570-489-3473 to order. Walk-ins welcome.

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 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.

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.

MARYWOOD UNIVERSITY'S LIFE LONG LEARNERS will visit the 911 Memorial with a guided tour of Ground Zero Museum and the One World Observatory on November 12. The cost is \$110.00. For reservations please call 570-383-0544.

SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE

There will be a meeting Tuesday, October 15th, 6:30pm in Kelley Hall. All current and new members are always welcome!

PARISH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED: Monday, October 14th in observance of Columbus Day.

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APEAL
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Catholic Social Services touches more than 300,000 lives each year, offering more than food and shelter to the poor and forgotten. Staff and volunteers restore human dignity and give hope to needy individuals and families through counseling, emergency help, employment assistance and permanent and transitional housing, including special care and support for our veterans.

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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.

OCTOBER COAT DRIVE

Please check your closets for new or gently used coats that you no longer use (or don't fit anymore!). All coats can be dropped off at the entrances of our parish churches during the month of October. Thank you, as always, for your generosity and support 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.

Diocese Adds Two Names to List of Credibly Accused Individuals

Following the release of the Pennsylvania Grand Jury Report in 2018, Bishop Joseph C. Bambera pledged to be open and transparent in the way that the Diocese of Scranton handles occurrences of child sexual abuse.

As a result, the Diocese announces two names have been added to its list of clergy that have a credible claim of sexual abuse against a minor.

In August 2019, the Diocese published on its website a list of all clergy, staff and volunteers who had been

credibly accused of child sexual abuse. Eleven additional names were added to the online list in January 2019. Since then, additional survivors have come forward. After a review was completed in consultation with the Diocesan Independent Review Board, the two new named are listed below. We will continue to alert you periodically in the case that additional individuals are added to list.

The Diocese of Scranton urges individuals who have been sexually abused by a priest, deacon, religious, lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese to report abuse directly to law enforcement. If you are aware of additional allegations of wrongdoing or any information that should be included on this list, please contact our Victim Assistance Coordinator Mary Beth Pacuska at 570-862-7551. If you have suffered abuse by clergy or anyone working on behalf of the Diocese, you are encouraged to contact Mary Neth Pacuska.

These names have been added to the original list of credibly accused individuals:

Diocesan Clergy
Oldfield, Albert E.

Members of Religious Orders
Gormley, James J. (S.J.)



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