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

Pastor:
Monsignor Michael J. Delaney
Deacon John Musyt
* * Administrative Assistant **
Mrs. Judith Novak

Mr. Thomas Pearce — *** **Maintenance*** ***

Mrs. Mary Therese McKane — *** **Organist** *** — Mr. Ned Ructor

Religious Education

Deacon John Musyt — *** Director of Religious Education *** — 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:

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	Location		Intention	Requested
Monday 02/22	Holy Cross	8:00 AM	Martin Munley	Wife and Family
Tuesday 02/23	Blessed Sacrament	7:30 AM	Margaret Cupina	Mr. & Mrs. Paul Lahotsky
Wednesday 02/24	Holy Cross	8:00 AM	Lou Rose	Myra & Sam Taffera and Cousins
Thursday 02/25	Blessed Sacrament	7:30 AM	Richard J. Karmol	Carol Smargiassi
Friday 02/26	Holy Cross	8:00 AM	Nancy Lally Kolcharno	Joe & Dolly Michalzyk
Saturday 02/27	Holy Cross	4:00 PM	Dempsey & McDonough Families	Dempsey Family
	Blessed Sacrament	5:30 PM	Helen Yourkowski	Son and Daughter
Sunday 02/28	Holy Cross	8:00 AM	Stanley W. Kennedy	Merli Family
	Blessed Sacrament	9:30 AM	Ralph Policichio	Jean & Peter Racavitch
	Holy Cross	11:00 AM	Elizabeth "Betty" Pastir	Lori, Jennifer, and Family

Memorial / Honor Candles

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

Blessed Sacrament Parish – In Loving Memory of James Pochas, offered by Lynn Pochas.

Holy Cross Parish – In Loving Memory of William and Mary McCormick and deceased members of the Rook & McCormick Families, offered by Family.

LET ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM , O LORD:

Please remember in your prayers our friends and family.

May Perpetual Light Shine Upon Them!

Due to early transmittal, no totals available.

MASS SCHEDULE

At this time, reservations are required for all weekend Masses.

You will be greeted upon entering each church and directed to where you will sit.

Please be in church 15 minutes before the beginning of Mass to receive instructions.

TO MAKE RESERVATIONS FOR MASS

Please call the rectory at:
570-489-0752
570-489-1963

Thank you for your understanding and patience in helping us to move forward. As always, your continued generosity and support of our parishes helps us to together continue to conduct our mission.
A special note of gratitude to those who have agreed to set-up, direct and sanitize our churches in preparation for worship.
United in the Love of Our God who reveals Himself to us as father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Sincerely,
Msgr. Michael J. Delaney

WE ARE STILL COLLECTING NONPERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS AND CLEANING SUPPLIES

Please place food/cleaning supplies on the porch (front or back) at Holy Cross/Blessed Sacrament Office, 200 Delaware Avenue, Olyphant.
Continued thanks for your donations.

Thank you to all those whose continuous financial and prayerful support permits us to continue our mission of sharing and bringing Good News to all.

WEEKEND MASSES ON FACEBOOK

Every Saturday at 5:30pm from Blessed Sacrament and every Sunday at 11:00am from Holy Cross will continue to be broadcasted Live on Facebook. Our Facebook name is The Parishes of Holy Cross & Blessed Sacrament.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO SUPPORT ALL THOSE WHO ADVERTISE IN OUR WEEKLY BULLETIN

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Statements for the 2020 calendar year will be mailed by request only. If you would like a tax statement, please call the parish office at 570-489-0752.

GUIDELINES FOR SAFELY RETURNING TO MASS

SAFETY MEASURES: * If you are feeling ill, stay at home. * We highly encourage those who are vulnerable (such as the elderly and people with underlying medical conditions) to continue to participate in Mass via parish livestreaming or CTV. * Mass from the Cathedral of St. Peter will continue to be broadcast daily on CTV. It is also available on the Diocese of Scranton website, YouTube, Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. * People should wash their hands thoroughly before coming to church.

FACE MASKS: * Face masks must be worn by all lay faithful who attend Mass. The only time a face mask may be removed is for the reception of Holy Communion. * Clergy are not to wear a face mask during the celebration of the Sacred Liturgy but must wear a face mask for the distribution of Holy Communion which takes place after Mass.

SOCIAL DISTANCING: * Mass attendance will be limited to no more than 25-percent of a church's seating capacity. * While within the church, all people need to maintain a safe social distance of six feet from others in all directions. The only exception is for immediate family members who may sit together. * Several pews may separate individuals/families to ensure the six foot distancing while within the church. * Parishioners will need to enter through only one designated door, follow social distancing guidelines during the line for communion, and exit the church through a separate door.

HOLY COMMUNION * The distribution of Holy Communion will take place after the conclusion of Mass. After receiving communion, the faithful are to depart and not return to their pews. * Distribution of the Precious Blood remains suspended at this time. * Parishioners are strongly advised to receive the Body of Christ in the hand. * Priests and deacons (or Any other minister) will wear a mask for the distribution of Holy Communion and are to use hand sanitizer before, immediately after, and if necessary, during the distribution of communion if contact is made with any person's hand or tongue.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the Sunday obligation to attend Mass remains suspended at this time.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AS WE MOVE FORWARD….

BAPTISMS - Please call the rectory to make arrangements.

OUR ADORATION CHAPEL - REMAINS CLOSED AT THIS TIME

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL
BOUND TOGETHER IN HOPE

Retired priests continue to be a vital part of our Diocese. Before the COVID pandemic they assisted by offering Mass and administering the sacraments. From the most senior to the newly ordained, our priests selflessly serve us. We now ask you to support them through the Diocesan Annual Appeal.
Support our Diocesan Ministries and Help Our Parish reach its Annual Appeal Goal
Mail your gift to:
Diocesan Annual Appeal
300 Wyoming Avenue
Scranton, PA 18503
or drop an Appeal gift in your parish collection. Your gift supports Catholic School Students, Parish Food Pantries, assists retired Priests who served generously, Seminarians answering God's call.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL
Lord, we thank you for abundant blessings of treasure and abilities. Give us generous hearts to joyfully share our gifts for those in need through the Diocesan Annual Appeal. We pray to the Lord.

OUR DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL
GOAL FOR 2020

Blessed Sacrament: $16,000.00
Holy Cross: $47,000.00

TO DATE:

Blessed Sacrament: $17,180.00
109 % of our goal has been reached
$1,405.00 over
Holy Cross: $39,393.00
84% of our goal has been reached
with $7,607.00 to go.

TAKE-OUT ONLY SPAGHETTI DINNER

Eureka Hose Co. No. 4, 717 E. Grant St., Olyphant. Saturday, March 6th from 3-7pm at the fire station. Tickets are $10 each and are available from members or at the first station on Monday evenings. Proceeds benefit the Hose Company, which is a volunteer organization.

WEDNESDAY IS LENT,
THE YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH

Each Wednesday night in Lent, Mass will be celebrated at 6:30pm. St. Joseph is a great example for us of Lenten virtues that we do well to ponder and emulate. Please come and join us in Eucharistic reflections.

Wednesday	Feb. 24th	Holy Cross
Wednesday	March 3rd	Blessed Sacrament
Wednesday	March 10th	Holy Cross
Wednesday	March 17th	Blessed Sacrament

All Wednesday masses will be livestreamed on our Facebook page, The Parishes of Holy Cross and Blessed Sacrament.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations will be prayed each Friday night during Lent. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, soup in Kelley Hall after stations will not be held. We pray and look forward to continuing the tradition in 2022.

5:30pm – Holy Cross Parish
6:00pm – Blessed Sacrament Parish

Every Friday at 6:00pm, Stations will be livestreamed on our Facebook page, The Parishes of Holy Cross and Blessed Sacrament.

THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU

Each Monday during Lent, **confessions** will be heard in our churches from 5:30-7:00pm. Confessions will be in the body of the Church. The Confessionals can still not be used at this time, but there will be a screen available for those who prefer to go to Confessions anonymously.

Monday	Feb. 22nd	Blessed Sacrament
Monday	March 1st	Holy Cross
Monday	March 8th	Blessed Sacrament
Monday	March 15th	Holy Cross

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Hosting a "Spring Fundraiser". Lenten Foods, Easter and Mother's Day Flowers. Food: Pierogy, pizza and soup. Food sale will take place each week during Lent. Phone your order in by 6:00 PM Monday of each week. Pick-up Thursdays between 4:30 and 6:00 PM at the Parish Hall. For information about the food sale and flower sale please call Jule 570-357-6171; Michaelene 570-209-2026, or Mary Ann 570-313-1989.

LENT IN THE YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH

Apostolic Letter
"Patris Corde"

of the Holy Father, Pope Francis on the 150th anniversary of the proclamation of Saint Joseph as patron of the universal church.
Join as we continue to reflect upon Pope Francis' reflection: "With a Father's Heart"

Part 1. A beloved father

The greatness of Saint Joseph is that he was the spouse of Mary and the father of Jesus. In this way, he placed himself, in the words of Saint John Chrysostom, "at the service of the entire plan of salvation."

Saint Paul VI pointed out that Joseph concretely expressed his fatherhood "by making his life a sacrificial service to the mystery of the incarnation and its redemptive purpose. He employed his legal authority over the Holy Family to devote himself completely to them in his life and work. He turned his human vocation to domestic love into a superhuman oblation of himself, his heart and all his abilities, a love placed at the service of the Messiah who was growing to maturity in his home."

Thanks to his role in salvation history, Saint Joseph has always been venerated as a father by the Christian people. This is shown by the countless churches dedicated to him worldwide, the numerous religious Institutes, Confraternities and ecclesial groups inspired by his spirituality and bearing his name, and the many traditional expressions of piety in his honour. Innumerable holy men and women were passionately devoted to him. Among them was Teresa of Avila, who chose him as her advocate and intercessor, had frequent recourse to him and received whatever graces she asked of him. Encouraged by her own experience, Teresa persuaded others to cultivate devotion to Joseph.

Every prayer book contains prayers to Saint Joseph. Special prayers are offered to him each Wednesday and especially during the month of March, which is traditionally dedicated to him.

Popular trust in Saint Joseph is seen in the expression "Go to Joseph", which evokes the famine in Egypt, when the Egyptians begged Pharaoh for bread. He in turn replied: "Go to Joseph; what he says to you, do" (Gen 41:55). Pharaoh was referring to Joseph the son of Jacob, who was sold into slavery because of the jealousy of his brothers (cf. Gen 37:11-28) and who – according to the biblical account – subsequently became viceroy of Egypt (cf. Gen 41:41-44).

As a descendant of David (cf. MT 1:16-20), from whose stock Jesus was to spring according to the promise made to David by the prophet Nathan (cf. 2 Sam 7), and as the spouse of Mary of Nazareth, Saint Joseph stands at the crossroads between the Old and New Testaments.

Let us now make our prayer to him:

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.

Given in Rome, at Saint John Lateran, on 8 December, Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, in the year 2020, the eighth of my Pontificate.

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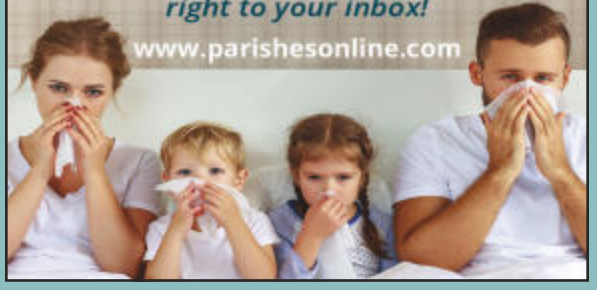

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