

# The Parishes of Holy Cross & Blessed Sacrament

## Holy Cross 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.*

## Blessed Sacrament Parish

215 Rebecca Street  
Throop, PA 18512

Phone: (570) 489-1963

## Office Hours

Monday thru Thursday

7:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Friday 7:30 am—12 Noon

Mr. Thomas Pearce

Mrs. Mary Therese McKane

Mr. Leo Maxfield

## Parish Staff

### **Pastor:**

**Father Scott Sterowski**

**Deacon John Musyt**

**\*\* Administrative Assistant \*\***

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

**\*\*\* Maintenance\*\*\***

**\*\*\* Organist \*\*\***

Mr. Ned Dructor

## Religious Education

**\*\*\* 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 Father Sterowski at the Parish Office or 489-0752.

## Religious Education and Formation

Religious education is held for K thru 8<sup>th</sup> 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 9:30 a.m. until 10:45 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 every Saturday from 3:15pm—3:45pm in the Chapel of Holy Cross Parish, and from 4:45pm—5:15pm in the Church of Blessed Sacrament Parish.

## Schedule of Weekend Masses

<b>Saturday Vigil</b>	4:00 p.m.	Holy Cross
	5:30 p.m.	Blessed Sacrament
<b>Sunday</b>	8:00 a.m.	Holy Cross
	9:30 a.m.	Blessed Sacrament
	11:00 a.m.	Holy Cross

Date	Location		Intention	Requested
<b>Monday 01/31</b>	Holy Cross	8:00 AM	Leona Zambo Cailis Grunick	Lori Zator and Family
<b>Tuesday 02/01</b>	Blessed Sacrament	7:30 AM	Catherine A. Gedrich	Mr. & Mrs. Ray Kowalski and Nicole
<b>Wednesday 02/02</b>	Holy Cross	8:00 AM	George Kalavsky	Wife and Children
<b>Thursday 02/03</b>	Blessed Sacrament	7:30 AM	Carl Snead	Robert Wnuk and Theresa Kiwior
<b>Friday 02/04</b>	Holy Cross	8:00 AM	Deceased Members of Eugene and Helen McGee Family	Family
<b>Saturday 02/05</b>	Holy Cross	4:00 PM	John Latniak	Sue, Alice, and Donna
	Blessed Sacrament	5:30 PM	Anthony Gataveskas	Family
<b>Sunday 02/06</b>	Holy Cross	8:00 AM	Theresa R. Pachucy	Halloran & Wasnetsky Families
	Blessed Sacrament	9:30 AM	Paula C. Kalinoski	Father Felix, Daughter Kayla and Family
	Holy Cross	11:00 AM	Irene Zurine	Bernadette Laffey

***Memorial / Honor Candles***

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

**Blessed Sacrament Parish**

In Loving Memory of Jacob Martillotti,  
offered by Wife Marie and Family.

**Holy Cross Parish**

In Loving Memory of Joseph F. Finetti,  
offered by Joseph, Tina, and Norma Finetti



<b>Blessed Sacrament</b>	<b>01/18</b>	<b>\$2,208.00</b>
	<b>01/23</b>	<b>\$2,117.00</b>
	<b>Christmas</b>	<b>\$7,663.00</b>
<b>Holy Cross</b>	<b>01/18</b>	<b>\$5,578.00</b>
	<b>01/23</b>	<b>\$4,741.00</b>
	<b>Christmas</b>	<b>\$19,408.00</b>

**LET ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM,**

**O LORD:**

Please remember in your prayers

**William McCue, Janice Nemitz, Lorriane Srebro,  
and Theresa Rojak**

May Perpetual Light Shine Upon Them

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back) at Holy Cross/Blessed Sacrament Office,  
200 Delaware Avenue, Olyphant.

Continued thanks for your donations.

**BAPTISMS**

Please call the rectory at 570-489-0752 to make the  
arrangements.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES**

**Holy Cross** - All classes begin at 9:30am

**Blessed Sacrament** – All classes begin at 10:30am

Please continue to keep in your prayers and support VNA Hospice and Home Health who have most graciously allowed Holy Cross Parish to use space in their building to not only expand our CCD program, but also allow us keep our children safe and healthy.

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**A NOTE FROM VNA**

Dear Father Scott,

I would like to take the opportunity to extend our sincere thanks for your parishes extreme spirit of generosity to support our collection of socks for members of our area. Your collection of 479 pairs were amazing, and greatly appreciated.

The total of 3404 pairs was shared with residents and patients of all nursing homes, personal care and assisted living residences, four veterans’ organizations, St. Joseph’s Villa, St. Joseph’s Center, and the four area hospitals. The gratitude of these locations was wonderful to witness.

Again, our heartfelt thanks for your assistance with this special project.

Sincerely,  
Beth McGuigan  
Executive Director

**WEEKEND MASSES ON FACEBOOK**

Although the obligation to attend Mass has been reinstated, 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 for the foreseeable future, barring any unforeseen circumstances. Our Facebook name is The Parishes of Holy Cross & Blessed Sacrament.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

**Holy Cross Parish**

Saturdays from 3:15pm – 3:45pm in the Chapel

**Blessed Sacrament Parish**

Saturdays from 4:45pm – 5:15pm in the Church.

**WEDNESDAY FREE HOT LUNCH!**

Where: Holy Cross Parish, Kelley Hall

Take Out Only

Lunch is served from 12:00 – 12:30pm.

All are most welcome!

**OUR DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL GOAL**

**FOR 2021**

Blessed Sacrament: \$16,000.00

Holy Cross \$47,000.00

**TO DATE:**

Blessed Sacrament \$18,013.00

*113% of our goal has been reached*

Holy Cross \$40,244.00

*86% of our goal has been reached*

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**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Statements for the 2021 calendar year will be mailed in late January 2022 by request only. Donation for tax purposes for 2021 should have already been made. If you would like a tax statement for 2021, please call the rectory at 570-489-0752.

**MASS FOR REV. JEFFREY J. WALSH**

On December 21, 2021, Pope Francis appointed the Reverend Jeffrey J. Walsh, Pastor of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish and Saint Rose of Lima Parish, Carbondale, as the Sixth Bishop of the Diocese of Gaylord, Michigan.

As Bishop-elect Walsh prepares for his Episcopal Ordination and Installation as Bishop of Gaylord on March 4, 2022, parishioners and friends of the Bishop-elect are invited to attend a Mass of Thanksgiving and Sending Forth in gratitude for his ministry of service to the People of God in the Church of Scranton. The Mass will be held on Tuesday, February 15, 2022 at 12:10pm in Saint Peter’s Cathedral. It will also be televised live on CTV: Catholic Television of the Diocese of Scranton with a livestream made available on the Diocese of Scranton website, YouTube channel, and all Diocesan social media platforms.

**FAMILY NIGHT HOCKEY GAME**

Sunday, February 27<sup>th</sup> at 3:05pm at Mohegan Sun Arena at Casey Plaza in Wilkes-Barre. Tickets are \$18 per adult, and with the purchase of an adult ticket, you get one free ticket for a child 14 and under. We are also renting a bus to go down to the arena for anyone who would like transportation. Please take a flyer, which will be next to the bulletins in church, and return it to the rectory or contact Leo Maxfield at [leoanthonymaxfield@gmail.com](mailto:leoanthonymaxfield@gmail.com). This even is open to parishioners of Holy Cross and Blessed Sacrament Parish!

**YOUTH GROUP FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL**

We are starting a youth group for students in 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Youth Group is NOT a class, but a great place to hang out with friends, make some new friends, learn about faith, have fun and enjoy some free food! There is no cost to sign up. Our first meeting will be Sunday, February 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm at Holy Cross Parish in Kelley Hall. Contact Mr. Maxfield at [leoanthonymaxfield@gmail.com](mailto:leoanthonymaxfield@gmail.com) for more information or to let us know if your child will be attending.

**BLESSED SACRAMENT'S ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY VALENTINE RAFFLE**

Tickets are \$5.00 each and will be mailed out shortly. Extra raffle tickets will be sold before and after weekend masses. You may return all 50/50, raffle stubs, and payments by either dropping them into the collection basket, or mailing them to Blessed Sacrament Parish  
215 Rebecca St.  
Throop, PA 18512

Deadline for returns is February 10, 2022

Grand Prize = 50/50 Raffle

\*Autumn Raffle 50/50 Prize was almost \$1,500.00\*

1<sup>st</sup> Prize = \$300.00

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize = \$100.00

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize = \$50.00

4<sup>th</sup> Prize = \$50.00

**Please Note – We must continue to be vigilant during the emerging variants of COVID-19. While there is no mandate by the Bishop at this time, we strongly recommend all parishioners wear a mask while attending Mass, but no one will be turned away if they choose not to wear one.**

**VISION 2030**

For the last several years, the Diocese of Scranton and its churches have been focused on the future with a pastoral planning initiative call the

***Vision 2030 Blueprint Process.***

**Vision 2030** will help our diocese meet the many opportunities and challenges of the coming decade. The main goal of **Vision 2030** is to create vibrant parishes rooted in the life of Jesus Christ.

We invite everyone to learn more about the current realities we face together, by picking up a copy of the **Vision 2030** booklet in our churches. All of this information is also available in this week's Catholic Light newspaper and is on the Diocese of Scranton's website.

Because of our Baptism, each one of us has an important role to play in the Church. The participation of each one of us is critical to proclaiming the Good News of the Gospel and sharing the love of Jesus Christ. Please take some time to read through the **Vision 2030** document and pray for this process as we work to keep our Church a strong and vibrant beacon of hope for all.

**FEAST OF ST. BLAISE-FEBRUARY 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Saint Blaise was martyred in Armenia in 316. He served as a holy Bishop and was known to have worked ardently for the benefit of his people.

The general Blessing of Throats will take place on the weekend of February 5/6 as well as at the 7:30am Mass on Thursday February 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Feast of Saint Blaise.

“Through the intercession of Saint Blaise, Bishop and martyr, may you be healed of every ailment of the throat and all other ailments, in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.”

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Sunday, February 13<sup>th</sup> from 3:00pm – 6:00pm at the Hose Co., 590 Burke Bypass. This will be a drive-thru only fundraiser. The price is \$12 for a square pizza or 2/\$20. Pepperoni, sausage, mushroom, or onions are available toppings, but you must call ahead if you would like to add toppings. Toppings are \$1 each. Tickets can be reserved by calling 570-489-3473 or you can purchase from any Hose Company No.2 member!

Thank you for your support!

**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK**

Since 1974, National Catholic Schools Week is the annual celebrations of Catholic education in the United States. This year’s theme is

**“Catholic Schools: Faith. Excellence. Service.”**

**PRAYER TO SAINT JOHN NEUMANN**

*Merciful Father, You have given me all that I have in this world, even life itself. In all my daily needs, help me to remember the needs of others too. Make me aware of the need to pray to You not just for myself, but for the Church, the Pope, for the clergy and for people who suffer any need.*

*Make me selfless as Saint John Neumann was. Throughout my life, give me the grace to direct my first thoughts to the service of You and of others. Make my prayer- “Your will be done” knowing that in Your mercy and love, Your will for me is my sanctification.*

*Saint John Neumann, you helped organize Catholic education in the United States. Please watch over all Catholic schools and help them be a model of Christianity in their actions as well as their words. I ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.*



**NEWLY BAPTIZED**

**Congratulations to Sadie Rose Dempsey,** daughter of Girard and Kelly Marie Davitt Dempsey, who is being baptized this weekend at Holy Cross Parish.

**Sadie,** may God bless you and your families and may Jesus, the Light of the world, always guide and protect you.

**FIRST PENANCE**

Next Saturday, February 5<sup>th</sup> at Holy Cross , our children from both Blessed Sacrament and Holy Cross, after much prayer and preparation, will go to Confession for the first time. We ask all the members of our parishes to remember our young people in your prayers as we mark this special, grace-filled moment with them. We pray that they will discover the joy of God’s unconditional love and forgiveness as they make their first confession. Jesus searches for us when we go astray and brings us back home with joy! May our children know the greatness of God’s love and forgiveness.

**Holy Cross Parish**

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|-------------------|--------------------|
| Joshua Abda       | Ryan Alunni        |
| Emma Anderson     | Jonathan Aquino    |
| Brady Boynton     | John Paul Byrne    |
| Matthew Buranich  | Julia DiChiara     |
| Caoimhe Evans     | Olivia Fitzpatrick |
| Elena Fortuner    | Harper Frable      |
| Caden Kasandra    | Kenley Keegan      |
| Brodie Klem       | Nina Klem          |
| Sabrina Krisler   | Dylan Lettieri     |
| Maximus Morano    | Luke McGrath       |
| Carter Oakley     | John Paone         |
| Gabriella Panusky | Emma Tracewski     |
| Brooke Patchcoski | Alexa Wintermantel |

**Blessed Sacrament Parish**

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|-------------------------|------------------------|
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