

January 17, 2021

Holy Cross Catholic Church

WELCOME! We are always happy to welcome new people into our Parish Family. If you are new to the parish, please call the Rectory to make an appointment. We want to know and serve you! We hope that you will favor our parish with your prayer, your presence, and your talents.

MISSION STATEMENT

Holy Cross Parish, located in the East Forest Park section of Springfield, was founded in 1949 by the Diocese and the people of Holy Name parish. We have from the beginning drawn strength from our church, school, and neighborhood. We, as a Spirit-filled, prayerful community of people of all ages, are challenged to live the Gospel of Jesus Christ by knowing, loving, and serving God and each other.

As Roman Catholics, we commit ourselves to grow through celebrating the Sacraments, especially the Eucharist, studying the Word, and supporting one another. We are called to reach out to all people, especially the poor and those in need, in a spirit of compassion and love.

SEE

“Come, and you will see.”

JOHN 1:39A

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“The time is always right
to do what is right.”

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

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HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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We ask God to return to eternal life Robert Smith and our recently departed friends and relatives.

OPEN PANTRY This week we ask that you please bring **Soup**. Next week we ask that you please bring **Pasta**.

UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE ALL MEETINGS AND EVENTS ARE CANCELLED EXCEPT FOR JUSTFAITH AND THE SANDWICH MINISTRY.

Tues., January 19 - JustFaith 7:00 p.m. in the JustFaith room.

Wed., = January 20 - JustFaith 7:00 p.m. in the JustFaith room.

Sun., January 24 - Sandwich Ministry 11:50 a.m. in the gold room.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 17, 2021

- SUN 1/17** 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 [8a, 9a]/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42
- MON 1/18** Heb 5:1-10/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/Mk 2:18-22
- TUES 1/19** Heb 6:10-20/Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9 and 10c [5]/Mk 2:23-28
- WED 1/20** Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/Mk 3:1-6
- THR 1/21** Heb 7:25—8:6/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17 [8a and 9a]/Mk 3:7-12
- FRI 1/22** Heb 8:6-13/Ps 85:8 and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [11a]/Mk 3:13-19
- SAT 1/23** Heb 9:2-3, 11-14/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Mk 3:20-21
- SUN 1/24** Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [4a]/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20

COMING SOON... 

Clothing shed at Holy Cross Church will reopen!

The clothing donation shed at Holy Cross Church, 221 Plumtree Road, Springfield, MA 01118, which was temporarily closed due to global effects of the pandemic, will be reopened to the public.

If you're not familiar with the clothing donation shed, it's designed to give community members a uniquely clean, convenient, and well-cared-for option to donate their used clothing to. St. Pauly Textile Inc., the company that has provided the shed, partners with businesses and various organizations to distribute donated items both here in the U.S. and worldwide, where they're ultimately re-worn by people who need them. The Holy Cross Sandwiches for the Poor Ministry receives funding for donated clothing, and uses the donations to serve community needs.

With over 1,300 clothing drop-off sheds in place, St. Pauly Textile Inc. collects over 90,000 pounds of clothing every day and estimates that this clothing ends up in 44 different countries (including the U.S.) yearly. In 2019, the company was able to help keep over 20 million articles of clothing out of landfills, which clothed an estimated 2.5 million people worldwide. The company was founded in 1996 and is an A+ rated member of the Better Business Bureau.

Accepted items: clothing, shoes, belts, purses, blankets, sheets, curtains, pillowcases, and stuffed animals.

PARISH GIVING



The collection for January 3 was \$7,303. Thank you to all the people who have mailed, dropped off, or gone online for their contributions! Our budgeted weekly cost of operating the Parish is \$8,300. Thank you all for your continued financial support of our parish. God bless you and please stay safe!

The Rectory Office is closed until further notice. Please call 783-4111 if you have any questions or concerns. The phones are checked daily for messages.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Christ Is Anything but Ordinary

We're about to dive headlong into week two of Ordinary Time, and we need to admit, after the hustle and bustle of the holidays, things are indeed looking more ... ordinary, at least in our spiritual lives.

The transcendent highs of the Christmas season are flatlining a bit and the vivid imagery of the Nativity scene has faded. The solemn anticipation of the Advent season is by now a distant memory.

Are you bored yet?

Here's a secret: I think that Ordinary Time can actually be quite extraordinary, if we're really living out our baptismal call.

In today's Gospel, Jesus point-blank asks Andrew, who is following him after hearing John the Baptist's testimony: "What are you looking for?" He's asking us the same question.

What are you looking for? Why are you following me? Is it for the Christmas cookies and the Advent carols? Is it for the King's Cake on the Epiphany? Is it for the feeling we get on Christmas when we just know God has done a wondrous thing?

None of those things are bad, but they are not what Andrew was looking for, and they were not what Christ promised him when he said, "Come, and you will see." Andrew was looking for the Messiah — the One who makes even Ordinary Time extraordinary. The One who can sanctify the longest and dullest of to-do lists, on the longest and dullest of days. The One whose peace can reign in our homes on January 25, not just December 25.

Remember what you are looking for. Come, and you will see.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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SANDWICH MINISTRY

Next weekend, we will have a second collection in support of our Sandwiches for the Homeless Ministry. Your continued generosity is appreciated by those who are served by this Ministry.



**Caring for Our Seniors During the Winter Season
By Home Instead Senior Care,
413-304-2316**

Tips for cold weather

Avoid Slipping on Ice – Icy, snowy roads and sidewalks make it easy to slip and fall. Unfortunately, falls are a common occurrence for senior citizens, especially during the winter months. Make sure they are wearing shoes with good traction and non-skid soles; and, if possible, keep them inside until the roads are clear. Replace a worn cane tip or walker leg caps for making walking easier. Take off shoes as soon as you return indoors; because often snow and ice attach to the soles and, once melted, can lead to slippery conditions inside.

Dress for Warmth – As people age, their sense of touch declines. Arthritis, diabetes, poor circulation, paralysis caused by stroke, and many other conditions can cause lack of feeling, especially in the extremities. A diminished response to cold can put seniors at risk for hypothermia. Check with them to see if they are chilly. Offer a sweater or blanket if necessary.

Skin Protection – As the body ages, skin becomes thinner and drier and thus more susceptible to tears. In addition, certain medications can thin already fragile nasal tissue, creating risk of nosebleeds. To lessen the possibility of danger associated with dryness, keep the body moist! Drink plenty of water and other fluids. Eat foods with high water content like soups and vegetables. Moisturize skin with cream or lotions. Use nasal lubricants or petroleum jelly to protect the lining of the nose. All these things can be done for your seniors.

Be Prepared for an Emergency – Winter storms can mean power outages and loss of heat, water, and telephone services. Inclement weather can mean difficulty going out for necessary supplies. Be prepared: stock up on food and fresh water. Some Meals on Wheels programs provide frozen emergency food packs that can be heated on days when there is no delivery. Keep batteries, flashlights, extra blankets, and a battery-operated radio on hand.

**GOSPEL MEDITATION -
ENCOURAGE DEEPER
UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE
January 17, 2021
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Our faith is not just about ideas. It's really about having an encounter with God and, in particular, the Risen Christ! Once we give ourselves over to the notion of God's presence, we have to train ourselves to listen for God's voice and be attentive to God's call. Having companions on our faith journeys is so incredibly important as they can help us fine-tune our listening skills and discern God's voice from others we may be hearing. Faith is all about having these profound encounters not only with God but with our brothers and sisters, and creation itself. Anyone or anything that is alive with God's presence becomes an occasion for God to speak and call us to deeper graces and experiences. "Come, and you will see."

The example and teaching of Jesus, the lives of the saints, those living among us and those glorified in heaven, and the wonder and beauty of creation can all serve to help us listen more clearly and assist in positioning ourselves for this profound God meeting. It is an encounter that can quickly and easily lead to a friendship and intimate intertwining of our souls to their Maker, making a claim on us like no other. Then, the Word of God moves from being just a body of ideas to something we simply accept and do. The person of Jesus Christ swiftly moves from being just a good prophet in word and deed to the incarnate presence of God Himself, the Lamb of God. The voice leads us to the Person behind it.

The Gospel is hard to follow. We can intellectually debate whether what Jesus said is really what we are asked to do. The Gospel ideas do not always make sense in our practical, secular world. The person of God always does. We can debate the practicality and sense of ideas and doing so often keeps the more difficult ones at a safe distance away from us. Jesus said to love our enemy, but we really don't need to do that, our minds try to convince us. It just doesn't make sense. Yet, if we are truly in love with the God who is behind the voice of those words, they make perfect sense. Our deep and intimate love of this God would even find us laying down our lives for Him if necessary. Speak Lord, your servant is listening.

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Please keep the following service members, as well as all those affected by COVID-19 and those serving on the front line of this pandemic, in your prayers this week:

U.S. Air Force:

**Staff Sergeant Alexander Henle and
Staff Sergeant Samuel B. Park.**

U.S. Army:

**Second Lt. Alexander Nappi, OCS,
Chief Warrant Officer -4 Nicholas S.
Penna, and
Private First Class, Trevor Bajek**

U.S. Marine Corps:

**Lance Corporal Dominic Bushway,
Sergeant Christopher Bouchie,
Private Vincent Manning, and
Dakota Wood, Active Military.**

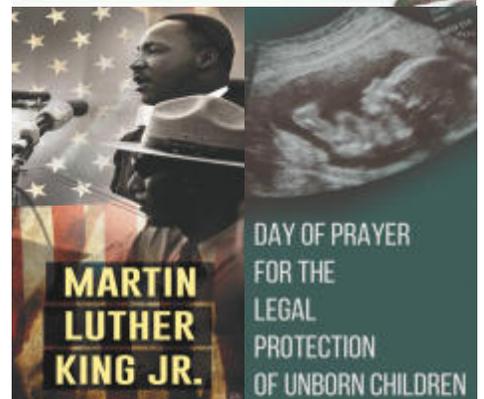
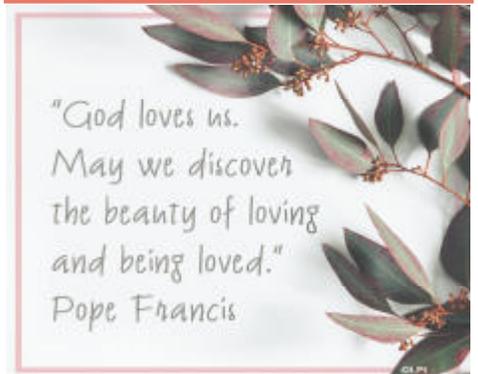
U.S. Navy:

**Sailor Austin Ray Allaire and Ensign
Joshua Lausier.**

U.S. A. Army Corps of Engineers

First Lt. Jonathan Edward Moll

If you have someone, family or friend, who is currently in the military, please call the rectory with the proper spelling of each person's name. As space allows in the bulletin, we will ask for prayers for those who are serving our country.



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Support the Collection for the Church in Latin America

January 4, 2021

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Soon, our diocese will take up the **National Collection for the Church in Latin America**. The collection helps to share the faith in regions like the mountainous Andahuaylas Province of Peru, where most of the people of the Talavera District speak Quechua. To better minister to these people, the parish of Santiago Apostol led a project to prepare Quechua-language audiovisual materials about evangelization and Sacred Scripture. The parish also created digital materials and furnished a room to serve as a library to hold these and other resources.

Support from the Collection for the Church in Latin America helped cover the necessary costs of the project—allowing the first series of materials to be created in June 2018. By supporting this collection, you help share the faith more fully with underserved indigenous peoples in remote areas of Latin America.

Our diocese takes up this collection the weekend of January 23rd and January 24th. Please be generous toward this collection. Take this opportunity to share your faith with our sisters and brothers in Latin America and the Caribbean. Your support truly makes a difference. Thank you and God bless you.

For more information on the Church in Latin America and the many projects funded by the collection, please visit www.usccb.org/latin-america.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "William D. Byrne".

+Most Reverend William D. Byrne
Bishop of Springfield



LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

We have often heard it said that God is always calling but we are not always listening. It is not only that we are not listening, but that we are not familiar enough with God to even recognize that it is God who is calling! We can easily mistake God's voice for someone or something else and miss some profound opportunities for connection. We have to train our minds, hearts, and souls to specifically listen for the voice of God. It is a voice that draws us to deeper places, leading us to moments of grace and more profound God awareness. To look at Jesus and be able to say, "Behold, the Lamb of God," means that I know something special about this person whom others know as simply a man. I will become more attentive and receptive when he says, "Come, and you will see." I may even be more willing to set aside what I am doing and actually go.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 16th

3:00 p.m. - Confessions.

4:00 p.m. – The People of Holy Cross and St. Bartholomew.

Sunday, January 17th

+8:30 a.m. - Elizabeth Callahan (15th Anniversary), requested by her daughter, Sue.

+11:00 a.m. - Deceased members of the Lausier and Lussier families requested by Bob and Marie Lussier.

6:00 p.m. - The People of Holy Cross and St. Bartholomew.

Monday, January 18th

7:00 a.m. -

Tuesday, January 19th

7:00 a.m. - Healing Mass for Tim Hosmer, requested by Mary's friends in her Bible Study Group.

Wednesday, January 20th

7:00 a.m. -

4:00 p.m. - Adoration, Benediction and Chaplets of the Unborn and Divine Mercy.

Thursday, January 21st

7:00 a.m. -

Friday, January 22nd

No Mass

Saturday, January 23rd

3:00 p.m. - Confessions.

+4:00 p.m. – William Scholtz, requested by Richard and Janice Houghton

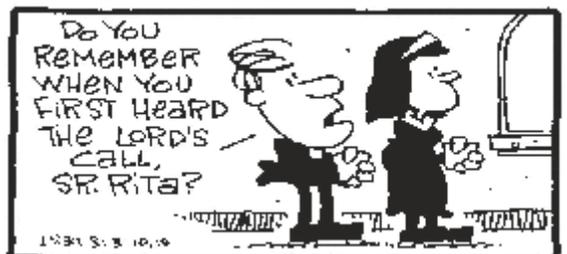
Sunday, January 24th

+8:30 a.m. - Peter Gallo, requested by Laurie Festa.

+11:00 a.m. - Our recently deceased: Theodore Zielinski, Claire Joyce, Frances Russell, Denise Nospin, and Norman March.

6:00 p.m. -

2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



The Pastoral Staff

Rev. Mr. John Miller (Deacon)
(Administrator)
372-6246, or ext 101

Rev. David Raymond
(Priest Minister)
372-6242

Rev. Robert Thrasher (Retired, in residence)

Msgr. David George (Retired Maronite Monsignor, in residence)

Msgr. Juan Garcia (Retired, in residence)
ext. 147

Rev. Mr. William Toller (Deacon)
372-6237, or ext. 116

Sr. Cindy Matthews, OSF (Pastoral Minister)
372-6241, or ext. 117

William Lucia (Director, Liturgical Music)
372-6238, or ext. 146

Cathy Daniel (Director, Youth Faith Formation) and Child Advocate
372-6239, or ext. 121

Main Number
783-4111, ext. 100

Weekend Masses:

Saturday 4:00 p.m.
Sunday 8:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Daily Mass:
Monday to Thursday
7:00 a.m.

Holy Days
7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Confessions
Saturday 3:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. or by appt.

Devotions
Miraculous Medal Novena
Monday after 7:00 a.m. Mass
Adoration Wednesday
4:00-5:00 p.m.

Chaplet of Divine Mercy Wednesday
5:00 p.m.

Rosary
Monday to Thursday after 7:00 a.m. Mass



Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturdays, 3:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m., and by appointment.

Sacrament of Marriage
The policy for the Diocese of Springfield requires a period of preparation for the Sacrament of Marriage, which includes sessions with the Parish Priest and participation at either the Pre-Cana conferences or the Engaged Encounter weekend. Please contact the Priest a minimum of six (6) months prior to setting any dates to allow adequate preparation.

Pastoral Care
Arrangements for the reception of the Sacraments at home can be made by contacting the Rectory. Please also notify the Rectory when a Parishioner is in the hospital or otherwise confined. If you have an emergency sick call, please call the Rectory.

Sacrament of Baptism
Baptism is celebrated on the second Sunday of each month at 12:30 p.m. Expectant parents should call the Parish office and speak with Deacon John Miller to make arrangements.

Baptismal preparation takes place on the first Wednesday of the month at 5:30 p.m. in the church.

Youth Faith Formation
Classes are held from September through April.



Goal One

Create additional opportunities to build community in our Parish, reaching out to involve young adults, singles, families, and seniors.

Goal Two

Increase the number of opportunities for spiritual growth in our Parish.

Goal Three

Provide support and outreach to families and individuals in need.



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Maureen Garner.....783-6428

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Connie Begley.....262-2241

Cursillo
Deacon Bill Toller.....372-6237

Eucharistic Ministers
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Family Life
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Greeters
Jim Maiolo.....374-1548

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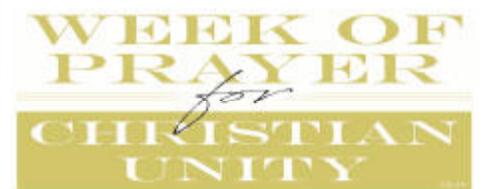
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