

January 24, 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.

# BOAT

They left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him.

MARK 1:20

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCO.

NOTHING  
IS SO STRONG  
AS GENTLENESS;  
NOTHING  
IS SO GENTLE  
AS REAL STRENGTH.

—ST. FRANCIS DE SALES



## HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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We ask God to return to eternal life Robert Raufeisen and our recently departed friends and relatives.  
**OPEN PANTRY** This week we ask that you please bring **Pasta**. Next week we ask that you please bring **Tuna**.

**UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE ALL MEETINGS AND EVENTS ARE CANCELLED EXCEPT FOR JUSTFAITH AND THE SANDWICH MINISTRY.**  
**Tues., January 26 - JustFaith 7:00 p.m. in the JustFaith room.**  
**Wed., = January 27 - JustFaith 7:00 p.m. in the JustFaith room.**  
**Sun., January 31 - Sandwich Ministry 11:50 a.m. in the gold room.**

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 24, 2021**

- 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
- MON 1/25** Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Mk 16:15-18
- TUES 1/26** 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10 [3]/Mk 3:31-35
- WED 1/27** Heb 10:11-18/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/Mk 4:1-20
- THR 1/28** Heb 10:19-25/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/Mk 4:21-25
- FRI 1/29** Heb 10:32-39/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40 [39a]/Mk 4:26-34
- SAT 1/30** Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75 [cf. 68]/Mk 4:35-41
- SUN 1/31** Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 [8]/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28

Many Gifts, One Nation: A Day of Giving to Catholic Schools  
 Save the Date – February 2<sup>nd</sup> - February 3<sup>rd</sup>



On Feb. 2, 2021, from noon until Feb. 3, 2021 noon, St. Michael's Academy will be participating in Many Gifts, One Nation: A Day of Giving to Catholic Schools, a national campaign focused on giving back to your local Catholic schools. This event is being sponsored by NCEA and FACTS Management. During this 24 hour period, you will have the opportunity to support St. Michael's Academy online by making a gift by visiting our specially designed web page that day.  
 In addition, we are VERY excited to announce once again, we have a \$3,000 MATCHING CHALLENGE DONOR. Once we reach \$3,000 in gifts, that amount will be matched by our generous benefactor!!  
 Please mark this date on your calendar and check our website, smaspringfield.org for more information to follow in the next few weeks!



**SANDWICH MINISTRY**

This 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.

**PARISH GIVING**



The collection for January 11 was \$5,156. 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.

**Trinity Health Of New England to Launch Series of**

**Covid-19 Vaccine Community Webinars**  
*Experts provide an in depth look at the science behind the COVID-19 vaccine and answer questions from the community related to the vaccine.*

**HARTFORD, Conn. (January 8, 2021)** – Trinity Health Of New England experts kick off a series of educational webinar presentations, “COVID-19 Vaccine: What You Need to Know.” The weekly COVID-19 community educational webinar series begins on Monday, January 11, and will run through February 15, with the January 25 session offered in Spanish. The sessions will run one hour, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. There will be a question and answer session following the presentation with Dr. Syed Hussain, Chief Clinical Officer of Trinity Health Of New England.

“As Connecticut and Massachusetts roll out the COVID-19 vaccine in earnest, we know that many people have myriad questions and concerns and we are proud to serve as a source of truth,” said Dr. Reggy Eadie, President and CEO of Trinity Health Of New England. “In keeping with our deeply rooted Mission to serve as a healing and transforming presence to our local communities, Trinity Health Of New England is committed to providing the latest information and education about this virus and the vaccines developed to fight against it. We invite the community to gather the members of their households and attend our educational webinars and we encourage you to come with questions.”

These sessions are free and open to the public, but registration is required. To register for an upcoming session, visit [TrinityHealthOfNE.org/vaccine-webinar](http://TrinityHealthOfNE.org/vaccine-webinar).

For additional information and resources about the COVID-19 vaccine, please visit:

- [COVID-19 Vaccine Information for our Community](#)
- [CDC COVID-19 Vaccine Information](#)



**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.



**The Intersection of Caring Adults and Reporting Abuse**

Every person involved in the life of a child, even when on the “periphery,” has the opportunity to make a significant difference in that child's life - regardless of their role to report child maltreatment.

*"Child maltreatment"* refers to all types of abuse and neglect of anyone under the age of 18 by a parent, caregiver, or other person with the responsibility of safeguarding the child. The vast majority of children who are abused are abused by someone they know and trust. This included coaches, teachers, clergy, volunteers, family, and others.

You can help by reporting any suspected abuse to Child Protective Services. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call the Holy Cross Child Advocate, Cathy Daniel at 413-372-6239.

**Seeking individuals who were sexually abused by members of the Catholic Church clergy**

Stop It Now! (Now!) seeks to connect with individuals who were sexually abused by priests, nuns and other Catholic clergy. As an organization founded by a survivor, Now! knows that the voices of people who experienced sexual abuse are central to offering authentic, honest feedback for improvement. We are looking to hear from those who have been directly impacted, and who are interested in sharing their ideas for how the Diocese of Springfield can protect children and vulnerable adults from abuse.

We are looking to speak with folks from **now until 1/25/21**. They can use our [contact form](#), send inquiries to [info@stopitnow.org](mailto:info@stopitnow.org), or call 413.587.3502 to leave their first name and phone number in our confidential voicemail.



**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS**  
**Give Until It Hurts**

One of the characteristics of Everyday Stewardship is to be committed — to persevere daily in a way of life acknowledging that everything belongs to God.

I know, I know. Easier said than done.

Just ask Zebedee. It's quite an image we get from the Gospel, after all. “So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him.”

There was Zebedee, about his business, mending nets with his two sons, who were undoubtedly his best workers — they had to have been more dedicated than the hired men, who worked for wages rather than for family. And in an instant off they go, following this strange man.

I don't know about you, but if my kids left me on a hot summer day to finish the lawn by myself, I wouldn't be too happy.

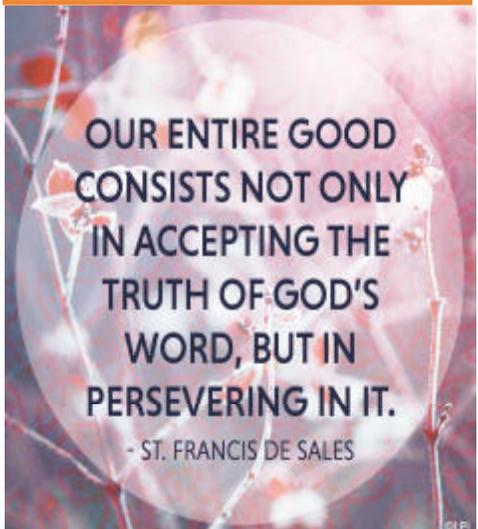
But Zebedee must have been someone quite special. Perhaps he realized that his sons didn't belong to him — not really. They belonged to God, and from the beginning of time, it had been appointed that they would be among the first disciples of Christ. He passed, he called, they followed, and Zebedee obliged. He simply went back to mending his nets, I imagine.

Zebedee already understood what St. Teresa of Calcutta would say millennia later: “Give until it hurts.”

“You're wasting my time.” “I've done so much for her; she owes me this.” How often do we think things, and even people and relationships, belong to us? The truth is none of them do. We must be ready, as Zebedee was, to surrender them to God when He comes walking past.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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## Diocese of Springfield contracts with Stop It Now! to conduct focus groups, surveys with individuals who have been sexually abused

The Independent Task Force on the Response to Sexual Abuse within the Diocese of Springfield announced a contract with Stop It Now!, an internationally recognized sexual abuse prevention organization, to independently create a safe forum for those who have experienced sexual abuse within the Catholic Church to share their experiences and insights.

Stop It Now! will conduct confidential focus groups and surveys. The information will help inform the task force which is charged with providing recommendations to Bishop William Byrne on how to improve the response to sexual abuse allegations in the diocese.

Stop It Now! has no affiliation with the Catholic Church or any other faith community.

Stop It Now!, founded by an individual who was sexually abused, has nearly 30 years of experience of working with families and organizations to identify behaviors that pose risks, and educating the public around preventing sexual abuse.

Stop It Now! encourages individuals wishing to participate to reach out through Jan. 25 by calling (413) 587-3502 and leaving a message on a confidential voicemail, providing first name and call-back number, or by email, [info@stopitnow.org](mailto:info@stopitnow.org), subject line 'You Matter.' For more information, visit [www.stopitnow.org/youmatter](http://www.stopitnow.org/youmatter).

## GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

January 24, 2021  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

It was a normal day by all accounts, but John just wasn't feeling himself. He was a little lightheaded and out of sorts. Later in the afternoon, he experienced a sharp pain in his chest and arm. Quick thinking and action brought John to the emergency department with a diagnosis of a significant heart attack. Surviving this ordeal, he found himself face to face with his cardiologist, having an honest conversation about things that needed to change. "I came close to death," John found himself thinking. Then came the remorse. He was a young man with a loving wife and children who were very close to facing life without him. John found himself with intense sorrow for living an unchecked and self-indulgent life that almost brought him to his demise. He wanted to change.

We all have our wake-up calls. We have experiences and encounters that force us to really think twice about choices we have made and directions we have taken. Often, we find ourselves looking at those we have hurt square in the eye and wallowing in our foolishness. We regrettably realize that we have allowed our needs to lure us into making some cruel mistakes. We impulsively say things and flippantly do things that reveal our unredeemed and unhealed self. It is a self we stumble over and try to tame but can't quite seem to master and control. Help!

We spin our wheels, naively thinking that we will somehow, perhaps through persistence, get ourselves unstuck. But we don't. We just get out of the car, feeling very helpless, and ignorantly look at the mess we got ourselves into. Did we ever think to ask someone for help? Or, taken the advice of One who is wiser and avoid this route altogether? "Come after me," are words that Jesus says to all of us. In order to heed his invitation, we must leave our ego-self behind and follow.

When we really see and understand the freedom, peace, justice, and love he offers, we find ourselves with such sorrow in our hearts for how foolish and silly we have been. All the misguided choices and sinful actions come full view and we see how risky our random impassioned behaviors really have been. Repentance is beautiful. When done with a sincere and contrite heart, it directs us to the glory that can be ours, ignites us with the challenge of living a life in service of others and reminds us that all is well.

## MASS INTENTIONS

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. - The People of Holy Cross and St. Bartholomew.

Monday, January 25th

7:00 a.m. -

Tuesday, January 26th

+7:00 a.m. - Michele Massa, requested by Nina Massa.

Wednesday, January 27th

7:00 a.m. -

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

Thursday, January 28th

7:00 a.m. - Prayer Shawl Recipients, requested by the Prayer Shawl Ministry.

Friday, January 29th

No Mass

Saturday, January 30th

3:00 p.m. - Confessions.

+4:00 p.m. - Angelina D'Aneli, requested by Maria Recchia.

Sunday, January 31st

8:30 a.m. -

+11:00 a.m. - Jennie Choiniere (3rd Anniversary), requested by Thomas Choiniere and family.

+6:00 p.m. - Maria Romeo, requested by Dino Facente and family.

3<sup>rd</sup> 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

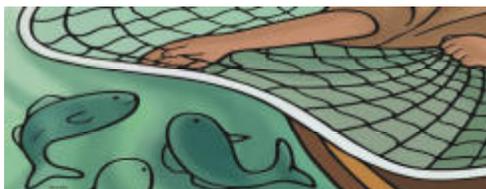
Create additional opportunities to build community in our Parish, reaching out to involve young adults, singles, families, and seniors.

### 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.



**Administration and Finance**  
Richard Allen .....734-6292

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Maureen Garner.....783-6428

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Sr. Cindy.....372-6241

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Sue Callahan.....796-1950

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Rectory.....783-4111

**Single Parent Support Group**  
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**Sister Parish**  
Deacon Kevin McCarthy .....374-3861

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