

May 2, 2021

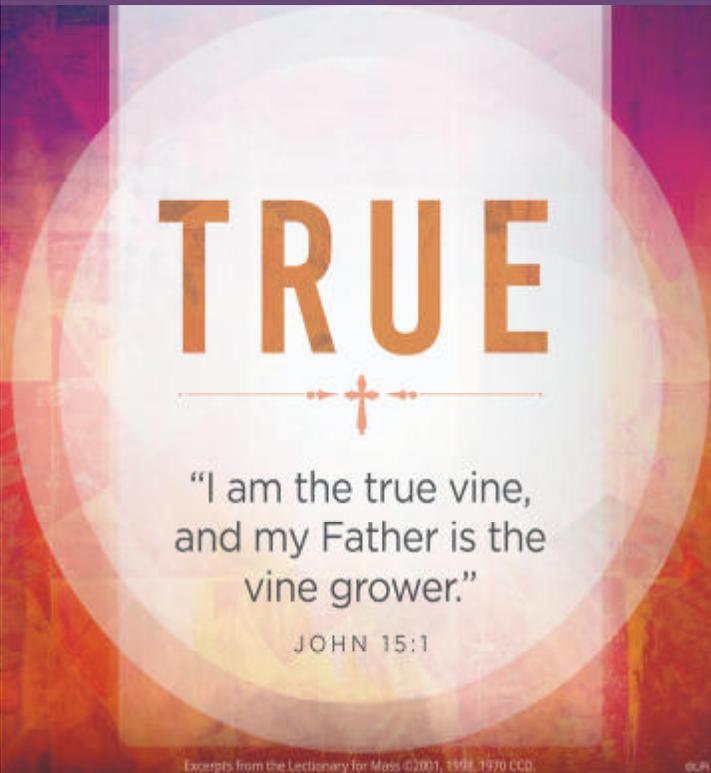
# Holy Cross Catholic Church

**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.



**TRUE**

— ✕ —

"I am the true vine,  
and my Father is the  
vine grower."

JOHN 15:1

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**W E L C O M E**

No matter what your present status in the  
Catholic Church,

No matter what your current family or marital  
situation,

No matter what your current personal history,  
age, background, or race,

No matter what your own self-image —

You are invited, welcomed, accepted, loved and  
respected here at Holy Cross Church.

We are here to welcome and serve you.

Together we are all called to conversion in  
Christ.



## **HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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Office Hours - Closed until further notice

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

**OPEN PANTRY** This week we ask that you please bring **Rice**. Next week we ask that you please bring **Canned Vegetables**.

## Calendar of **EVENTS**

Sun., May 2 - Sandwich Ministry 11:00 a.m. in the gold room.  
Tues., May 4 - JustFaith 7:00 p.m. in the JustFaith room.  
Wed., May 5 - JustFaith 7:00 p.m. in the JustFaith room.  
Sat., May 8 - AA – Park Allen Group 7:00 p.m. in the gold room.  
Sun., May 9– JustFaith Closing Liturgy 9:00 a.m. Sandwich Ministry 11:00 a.m. in the gold room.

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 2, 2021

<b>SUN 5/2</b>	Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 [26a]/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8
<b>MON 5/3</b>	1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Jn 14:6-14
<b>TUES 5/4</b>	Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21 [cf. 12]/Jn 14:27-31a
<b>WED 5/5</b>	Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 [cf. 1]/Jn 15:1-8
<b>THR 5/6</b>	Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10 [3]/Jn 15:9-11
<b>FRI 5/7</b>	Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12 [10a]/Jn 15:12-17
<b>SAT 5/8</b>	Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21
<b>SUN 5/9</b>	Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 [cf. 2b]/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-1

### CHANGE IN WEEKDAY MASS TIME

Starting Monday, May 3rd, due to health reasons, our new priest administrator, Fr. Frank, is changing our weekday 7:00 a.m. Mass to 9:00 a.m. For those who wish to go to an earlier Mass: St. Patrick's Church on Allen Street has a 7:00 a.m. Mass, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday; St. Paul the Apostle Church on Dwight Road has a 7:30 a.m. Mass, Monday – Friday; and Holy Name on Dickinson Street has an 8:15 a.m. Mass, Monday – Friday. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause you!



## PARISH GIVING



The collection for April 18 was \$6,372. 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

#### Branching Out Isn't Always What It's Cracked Up to Be

“That’s a really beautiful tree branch. Man, would you look at the bark on that thing? The others are real duds, but that low-hanging branch has really got it all together.”

I’ve never heard anyone say this. Maybe I just need to hang out with more arborists, but I can’t recall ever hearing someone admire the particular beauty of a single branch. When someone comments on a tree, it’s usually the whole tree — perhaps a visual element of it, like the color of the leaves or its height. But people don’t usually zero in on one branch.

Maybe that’s because usually, if one branch is looking a little weak, chances are every other branch is, too.

The Bible tells us that when we bear fruit as good everyday stewards, it is for the Father’s glory. We are the branch on His magnificent tree. What we have is from Him, and what we do likewise points back to Him. We also tend to reflect how well the other branches around us are incorporating the nutrients coming their way. That’s all fine and good in theory. In practice, it can be an arduous exercise in humility.

When I do something virtuous or charitable or kind, there is a part of me that wants to stand out for it. I think that’s true for all of us. We’ve given of ourselves in some way or overcome some human temptation to accomplish a little bit of good in this world, and even though we know God sees us, we’d really love for everyone else to see it, too.

It’s a struggle, for sure. But we need to remember that our fruit belongs to the whole tree.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS  
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**CHILD ADVOCATE**  
372-6239

**April is Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month.**

As Bishop Byrne has said, "The Easter spirit-filled celebration of prevention is a reminder of the God-given right for each child to live and move and have its being in a safe and loving environment. It is the sacred responsibility which is entrusted to every Catholic adult throughout the diocese to join in the cause to create and maintain nurturing environments for the children God has entrusted to our care and protection."

***Come Celebrate  
the Year of St. Joseph  
At The Nineteenth Annual  
Diocesan-Wide  
Eucharistic Rosary Procession***

Sunday, June 6, 2021,

1:00-4:00 p.m. (rain or shine)

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church,  
99 King St., Northampton, MA

Guest Speaker:

Most Reverend William D. Byrne,  
Bishop of Springfield

- Talk by Bishop William D. Byrne: "The Rescue Mission"
- Confession Available
- Rosary Procession through downtown Northampton (1.8 miles) (transportation available for those unable to walk)
- Chaplet of Divine Mercy
- Adoration and Benediction

**Please Note: Covid Safety Protocols to be Followed**

For more information, contact George or Brenda at (413) 221-4372 or visit: [www.eucharisticprocessionnorthamptn.com](http://www.eucharisticprocessionnorthamptn.com).

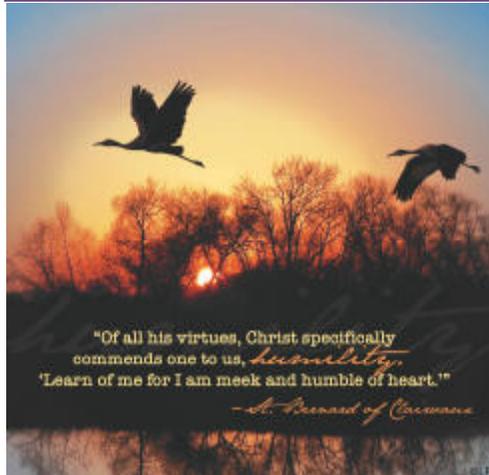
**The remaining 2021 Sandwiches for the Homeless second collection dates are:**

**May 29/30, July 24/25, September 25/26, and December 25/26.**

**LIVE THE LITURGY -  
INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK**

Anyone familiar with gardening knows that proper and timely pruning is essential. The health of the plant depends upon it. An unpruned tree can quickly produce suckers that zap many of the essential nutrients from its body. Pruning requires patience and vision. Studies reveal that plants often respond defensively to being pruned, displaying reactions that are similar to hurt or discomfort. Pruning is not easy but necessary. A hard lesson for us to learn is that we also need to be pruned. We become far healthier when we allow God to stretch, refine, and form us into the best version of ourselves. The fruit that then comes from our vines will be more abundant, nutritious, and robust. Left to our own devices we can easily find ourselves running amuck and spiraling out of control. Without a proper vision and trust in the Master Pruner, we will never find the contentment we desperately desire. Nor will the work of the Gospel stand a chance of succeeding.

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Are you comfortable with your computer skills? Would you like to help out your parish? We are looking for one or more people who would like to take over the bulletin. Training will be provided as needed and there is a wealth of assistance, data, and information provided online by our publisher. Please contact Anne Kusekoski at 372-6235 if you are interested. Thank you!



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.

GOSPEL MEDITATION  
ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

May 2, 2021  
Fifth Sunday of Easter

“Spiraling out of control,” is a phrase that can easily describe the current display of human existence. In addition to the violence, unrest, uneasiness, and turmoil that are common elements of our daily news, other essential pieces are misplaced or missing. Many lack an objective center around which to order and structure their lives or a clear set of definable goals or mores to act as guideposts and life directives. It appears that “feelings” have become a “new god” and traditional structures and ideals set aside. It is almost as if history only shows that we got this whole thing wrong, and many are determined to finally set things right. The real truth, however, is that while wrongs and errors are certainly a part of our often-checkered past, it is hardly the case that all was wrong. It is not our task to rewrite the history of our lives, but to learn from mistakes that were made, and preserve the perennial wisdom at the root of our successes. Learning is an essential part of being human.

The question becomes, however, from whom do we learn? Some have such a hard time placing God in that position, but that is precisely where God needs to be. God is the Master Teacher from whom all of humanity learns and gets its cues. It is in and through this relationship with the Gardener of Life that we are fashioned and pruned into the people we are intended to be and can be. It is only in God that we are able to find our best selves. Sadly, many think that religion too, as well as history in general, has also gotten all this wrong. Yet, our resurrection faith tells us differently. We are reminded, today especially, that we are meant to remain in Christ as Christ remains in us. We are also reminded that Jesus, the Incarnate God, is the vine upon which we grow, the branches that flow from the source of God’s life.

Giving up our will to God’s can be a painful endeavor. It is not easy to set our own desires and wants aside and allow God to step in and direct and guide our growth. But this is the only way to prevent deadly weeds from overtaking us and bringing us to a place of self-destruction. God’s commandments are the very guideposts and benchmarks we need, yet many seek to remove them from all public view because they appear to limit self-expression and suppress what is considered by many to be “human freedom.” They are the only way we can find freedom, however. And, until we learn this fundamental lesson, we will continue to spiral out of control, never really knowing who we are, what our potential can be or how life really can be lived. We will not know peace.

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Starting Sunday, June 6, a Farmers' Market here at Holy Cross featuring Fresh Produce, Homemade Baked Goods, and Handmade Craftwork will be held each Sunday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., June - October! Contact Frank Ryan at [sbanut2018@gmail.com](mailto:sbanut2018@gmail.com).



Fifth Sunday of Easter  
May 2, 2021

“Let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action.” Are you being called to love the Lord and His people as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? Love demands truth and action. Contact Fr. Jon Reardon @ 413-248-7034 / [vocations@diospringfield.org](mailto:vocations@diospringfield.org)

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 1st

+4:00 p.m. - Patricia Darney, requested by Mickey and the Darney family.

Sunday, May 2nd

+8:30 a.m. - Betty Harkless, requested by Deb Trimboli.

11:00 a.m. - The People of Holy Cross and St. Bartholomew.

+6:00 p.m. - Moe Ferriter, requested by his family.

Monday, May 3rd

9:00 a.m. -

Tuesday, May 4th

9:00 a.m. - Robert LaVallee, requested by his wife, Marie.

Wednesday, May 5th

9:00 a.m. -

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

Thursday, May 6th

9:00 a.m. -

Friday, May 7th

9:00 a.m. - No Mass.

Saturday, May 8th

+4:00 p.m. - The deceased members of the O'Connor, O'Donnell, and Brady families, requested by Mike and Mary O'Connor.

Sunday, May 9th

+8:30 a.m. - Joseph “Jerry” and Juliette Quenneville, requested by the Epaul family.

+11:00 a.m. - Lucy Santolin, requested by Linda and Earl Way.

+6:00 p.m. - Vincenzo Custureri, requested by Ida Romeo.

5th SUNDAY OF EASTER

TO OUR FIRST TIME VISITORS, YOU'LL FIND WE ARE A WELCOMING, FRIENDLY PARISH COMMUNITY.

Springfield  
Diocese LPi



AND TO OUR PARISHIONERS: PLEASE REMEMBER THAT, IF YOU SHOULD FIND AN UNFAMILIAR CAR IN YOUR FAVORITE PARKING PLACE.



## The Pastoral Staff

Rev. Frank Lawlor  
(Administrator)  
ext. 147

Rev. David Raymond  
(In residence)  
372-6242

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

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

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

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

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

Cathy Daniel (Director 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  
9:00 a.m.

Holy Days  
9:00 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 9:00 a.m. Mass

Adoration Wednesday  
4:00-5:00 p.m.

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



**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.

## PARISH GOALS and Objectives

### 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

**Altar Servers**  
Maureen Garner.....783-6428

**Athletic Association**  
Connie Begley.....262-2241

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

**Eucharistic Ministers**  
Maureen Garner.....783-6428

**Family Life**  
Patty Ferrarini.....782-3509

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Jim Maiolo.....374-1548

**JustFaith**  
Deacon Bill Toller.....372-6237

**Knights of Columbus**  
Bob Bys.....563-1147  
[holycrosskofc15864.groupsaces.com](http://holycrosskofc15864.groupsaces.com)

**Lectors**  
Mary Hosmer.....537-7979

**Liturgical Environment**  
Bob Tyer.....782-6017

**Outreach to the Poor**  
Ellen Angeli.....204-8562

**Pastoral Council**  
Pat Pearson.....782-2033

**Parish Nursing**  
Sr. Cindy.....372-6241

**Prayer Line**  
Sue Callahan.....796-1950

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Rectory.....783-4111

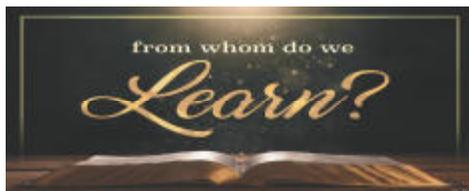
**Single Parent Support Group**  
Sr. Cindy.....372-6241

**Sister Parish**  
Deacon Kevin McCarthy .....374-3861

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Deacon John Miller.....782-4602

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