

June 13, 2021

# Holy Cross Catholic Church



**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.**

## 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.



## HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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We ask God to return to eternal life Rita Bell, Jean LaPointe, and Joseph Caputo, and our recently departed friends and relatives.

**OPEN PANTRY** This week we ask that you please bring **Spaghetti Sauce**. Next week we ask that you please bring **Peanut Butter**.

## Calendar of **EVENTS**

Sun., June 13– Sandwich Ministry 11:00 a.m. in the gold room.

Sat., June 19 - AA – Park Allen Group 7:00 p.m. in the gold room.

Sun., June 20 - Sandwich Ministry 11:00 a.m. in the gold room.

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 13, 2021

<b>SUN 6/13</b>	Ez 17:22-24/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 [cf. 2a]/2 Cor 5:6-10/Mk 4:26-34
<b>MON 6/14</b>	2 Cor 6:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2b, 3ab, 3cd-4 [2a]/Mt 5:38-42
<b>TUES 6/15</b>	2 Cor 8:1-9/Ps 146:2, 5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a [1b]/Mt 5:43-48
<b>WED 6/16</b>	2 Cor 9:6-11/Ps 112:1bc-2, 3-4, 9 [1b]/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
<b>THR 6/17</b>	2 Cor 11:1-11/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 7-8 [7a]/Mt 6:7-15
<b>FRI 6/18</b>	2 Cor 11:18, 21-30/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [cf. 18b]/Mt 6:19-23
<b>SAT 6/19</b>	2 Cor 12:1-10/Ps 34:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 [9a]/Mt 6:24-34
<b>SUN 6/20</b>	Jb 38:1, 8-11/ Ps 107:23-24, 25-26, 28-29, 30-31 [1b]/2 Cor 5:14-17/Mk 4:35-41

### LIVE THE LITURGY

#### INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Jesus compares the Kingdom of God to a mustard seed, the tiniest of seeds. When planted, the tiny mustard seed grows into a tremendous tree with large branches. So too in each of our lives small things can have profound effects. God can use one of our more insignificant gestures to radically change another person's life. It may be the kindness of a smile, our willingness to accommodate someone, listening to someone's story, helping someone who is hurting, standing up for someone who is right or complimenting someone on something they did. We all have God given gifts and talents. What are some of yours? Our task is to use our talents creatively, consistently, lovingly, and generously. Because we are always guided by the Holy Spirit, things that may be insignificant or unnoticed to us can profoundly change the life of someone else. While we may think we are small and insignificant, God can make us large and magnificent. All we have to do is open ourselves to being used. We trust that God will take care of the rest.

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Please note that the last Sunday 6:00 p.m. Mass for the season will be this evening Sunday, June 13th.

## PARISH GIVING



The collection for May 24 was \$4,752 and for May 30 was \$5,118. 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!

### GOSPEL MEDITATION ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

June 13, 2021

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

A favorite motto of St. Teresa of Calcutta was, "do small things with great love." This is how it works in the kingdom of God. God can do tremendous things with the smallest gesture, especially when it is done in love. We can clearly see that our world is suffering greatly. People are struggling to find peace, navigate through conflicts, earn a sustainable living, find security and enough food to eat, and work through political tensions and conflicts. In the light of the magnitude of the difficulties that exist around us and even within us, we can find ourselves floundering to discover practical, effective solutions. How can something so large be helped by someone as small and seemingly insignificant as me? While whole systems and structures may be out of the league of our personal influence, are we really that helpless in the midst of all of the turmoil, sadness, and suffering?

If we believe that God is with us and that God is still working to bring about the glory of God's kingdom, then the answer is no. We are never helpless or without hope. Armed with a strong life of prayer, we can always flee to God and ask for inspiration, wisdom, and especially love. We are all blessed with unique gifts and talents and it often seems that considering all that the world lacks, love and charity remain at the top of the list. Life can easily become a battleground of hostility. Because life is challenging and difficult, anger is not far away. We see it on people's faces and hear it in their voices. There is a measure of frustration that permeates all avenues of life. It is even felt in the air. As people of faith, we know that what we see here is not the end but only a part of something far greater to come. We know that God's kingdom is where we are ultimately meant to be, and the Gospel is the way to get there. If love and charity can prevail in us, then God will be able to do what God does best. God will use us to scatter the seeds of his kingdom. Through our small gestures, those seeds can receive the nurturing attention that is necessary for them to bear great fruit. We cannot fall victim to the strife that is around us. We have to keep ourselves refreshed and focused so that even in small ways, we can become part of the solution, not the problem. Love and charity, which come from God, can help to heal the ills of the world. May we bring these simple gifts to the everyday simple tasks of our lives! Watch how big the plant grows!

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### Undie Sunday

We have designated the third Sunday of each month as “Undie Sunday,” a clothing collection for the homeless we see every Sunday through our sandwiches for the homeless ministry. We are looking for new white socks, boxer shorts for men (sizes M-XL), and undergarments for women in various sizes. Please deposit your donation **next weekend** in the barrels at the entrances of the church. We continue to be so BLESSED by your generosity and ask for your help on “Undie Sunday”! Call Deacon Bill at 372-6237 if you have any questions or suggestions.



### ST. MICHAEL’S ACADEMY

St. Michael’s Academy, a pre-school-Grade 8 Catholic school in Springfield, MA, seeks an Advancement Director to manage a comprehensive advancement program including major fundraising, annual fund, grant writing, alumni relations and special projects and events. We are seeking a dynamic leader committed to the future of Catholic education.

Please forward your resume and cover letter to: [a.obrien@smaspringfield.org](mailto:a.obrien@smaspringfield.org). We would like to complete the hiring process by June 30th with a start date of August 1, 2021.

### SANDWICH MINISTRY

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

July 24/25, September 25/26, and December 25/26.

### SAVE THE DATE FAITH ON FIRE CATHOLIC RALLY ONE DAY ONLY!

September 10, 2021, at 6 p.m. The annual Faith on Fire Catholic Charismatic Rally will be held on our beautiful grounds of Sacred Heart Parish in Feeding Hills, MA. This event is sponsored by the Hampden West Deanery and the Catholic Charismatic Renewal of the Springfield Diocese. Our evening will consist of Praise and Worship music with three Music Ministries, Eucharistic Procession, Reconciliation, opportunity for extra prayer under the prayer tent and Prayers for Healing with the laying of the hands. We will have two main speakers and two lay witness speakers to inspire you. The Faith on Fire Committee, Agawam Knights of Columbus and Saint Martha’s Guild will provide food for purchase. Please bring a lawn chair and or blankets for comfortable seating. God promised that “for where two or more are gathered I am there among you”. Please contact the Pastoral Associate/Faith on Fire Coordinator Deb Briancesco at 786.8200, ext. 3 with any questions.



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:

First 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, PFC.

#### 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.



We are asking all parishioners to visit our *Fruit & Bread of Life Farmers’ Market* each Sunday during the starting months of June and July to make this new fundraising effort a success! Help make this a warm, welcoming event attracting new parishioners to our community. Starting Sunday, June 6 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., we are able to gather outdoors with current COVID-Regulations in place to assure everyone’s safety. You will be delighted to see the Fresh Produce, Homemade Baked Goods, and Handmade Crafts, as you walk through to receive a FREE Ticket to win a Raffle Prize every Sunday!

(Donations are needed for these. Only new items will be welcome. Please drop them off at Church on the weekend or at the Rectory during the week.)



A huge thank you to Frank Ryan and all the volunteers who helped to make our first Farmers’ Market such a success!



### Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time June 13, 2021

“The kingdom of God is like a mustard seed.” Has Christ sown the seed of your vocation within you? Might it be to grow in holiness as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact Fr. Jon Reardon @ 413-248-7034 / [vocations@diospringfield.org](mailto:vocations@diospringfield.org).

## PASTORAL PONDERINGS

I am a huge fan of the work of Fr. Michael White and his team at Nativity Parish in Timonium, MD. This group of priests and laymen have written a series of books which provide a roadmap of “rebuilding” a parish.

In 2015 Father White wrote a blog that listed some of the reasons that parishes decline:

### 5 Reasons Churches in Decline Don't Do Anything About It

1. No one wants to admit that we've got a problem. That would mean that the church is doing something wrong, that we have to change something that we're doing, that we have to be different. And nobody wants that.
2. The pastor takes the decline personally. Pastors everywhere take attendance as a vote of confidence and when it is in decline it is hard not to take it personally. So everyone, including the pastor, pretends to not notice, or worse, to lie about the real numbers. The actual decline in church attendance is probably dramatically more advanced than anyone knows, because people lie about their attendance numbers.
3. The church has sufficient numbers to sustain itself. They can keep themselves going indefinitely, so why not proceed with business as usual.
4. The congregation confuses activities for life and health. Healthy churches aren't just in perpetual motion hosting activities, running fundraisers and having more services. To be healthy you've got to be growing in discipleship and evangelization.
5. Ministries are soiled. This is a problem in itself in many, many churches, but it is a certain problem in declining churches. The choir has their Thursday night rehearsal in the church basement and does their thing on Sunday morning; over in the school library the Ladies Club has their monthly dessert and coffee klatch with their guest speaker to talk about flower arranging (or whatever); the Knights of Columbus meet in the parish hall for their secret ceremonies and beer and cards afterward; St. Vincent de Paul does its collections in its closet in the old convent; or the Sodality says the Rosary on Saturday mornings. It's all comfortable and cozy and automatic and it all stands alone and nobody is really paying any attention to the big picture.

Do any of these situations exist in your parish?

## MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, June 12th

4:00 p.m. - Happy Birthday Kathleen Jergensen, requested by the Tuttle family.

Sunday, June 13th

+8:30 a.m. - Vincent and Norma Festa, requested by their daughter, Laurie.

11:00 a.m. -

6:00 p.m. -

Monday, June 14th

9:00 a.m. -

Tuesday, June 15th

9:00 a.m. -

Wednesday, June 16th

+9:00 a.m. - Raoul Doyon, requested by his daughter Marie LaVallee.

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

Thursday, June 17th

+9:00 a.m. - Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Tuttle and John Tuttle, requested by the Tuttle family.

Friday, June 18th

9:00 a.m. - No Mass.

Saturday, June 19th

+4:00 p.m. - Patricia Jackson (15th Anniversary), requested by her daughter Kris.

Sunday, June 20th

8:30 a.m. -

+11:00 a.m. - Repose of the Souls of Juliette and Jerry Quenneville, requested by Joanne and Michael Lanzillo-Epaul.

11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



## 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. (September - June)

Daily Mass:  
Monday to Thursday  
9:00 a.m.

Holy Days  
9:00 a.m. and 5:30 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

**Greeters**  
Jim Maiolo.....374-1548

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

**Knights of Columbus**  
Bob Bys.....563-1147  
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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

**RCIA**  
Rectory.....783-4111

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

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

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