

# HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

JAN. 16, 2022

## THE SACRAMENTS

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays, 3:00-3:30 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. Parents should call the parish office at 783-4111.

### YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

Classes are held from September through April.

*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 —  
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here at Holy Cross Church.  
We are here to welcome and serve you.*

## MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Holy Cross Parish  
is to **BUILD THE BODY OF CHRIST.**

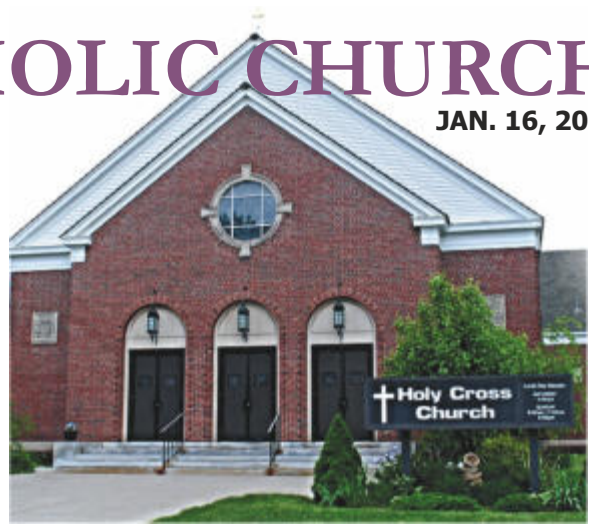
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## PASTORAL STAFF

**Rev. Frank Lawlor, Administrator**  
372-6246, or ext. 147

**Rev. Dr. John Tuohey, In Residence**

**Msgr. David George**  
Retired Maronite Monsignor, In Residence

**Msgr. David Joyce**  
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**Rev. Mr. William Toller, Deacon**  
372-6237, or ext. 116

**Rev. Mr. Marc Jean-Mary, Deacon**

**Sr. Chris Clark, DHM, Pastoral Minister**  
372-6241 or ext. 117

**Brian Rucci, 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

## MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Daily Mass: Mon. to Thurs., 9:00 a.m.

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

## CONFESSIONS

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

## DEVOTIONS

Miraculous Medal Novena

Monday after 9:00 a.m. Mass

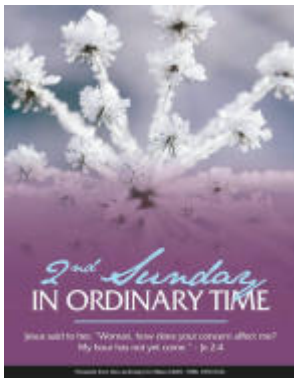
Adoration Wednesday: 4:00-5:00 p.m.

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

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Call Sue at 796-1950

## 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



### MASS INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK

#### SATURDAY, JANUARY 15

4:00 p.m. + Roger Tetreault, requested by Janet Tetreault

#### SUNDAY, JANUARY 16

8:30 a.m. + Robert Sullivan, requested by Liam Smith

11:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Recipients, requested by The Prayer Shawl Ministry

#### MONDAY, JANUARY 17

9:00 a.m. + Patricia Lynch Kennedy, requested by Her Daughter

#### TUESDAY, JANUARY 18

9:00 a.m.

#### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19

9:00 a.m.

#### THURSDAY, JANUARY 20

9:00 a.m.

#### FRIDAY, JANUARY 21

9:00 a.m. No Mass

#### SATURDAY, JANUARY 22

4:00 p.m. + Michael Masse, requested by His Wife, Nina

#### SUNDAY, JANUARY 23

8:30 a.m.

11:00 a.m. + Leonardo Rodriguez, 1st Anniversary, requested by His Wife

We ask God to return to eternal life our recently departed, **THOMAS JOSEPH DONAHUE JR.**, and our 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., Jan. 16 11 a.m. Sandwich Ministry, Gold Room  
2:30 p.m. Spiritual Accompanists  
Conversation, Rectory Conference Room
- Mon., Jan. 17 6:30 p.m. Maryknoll Affiliates, JustFaith  
Room
- Tue., Jan. 18 6:30 p.m. JustFaith, JustFaith Room
- Wed., Jan. 19 4 p.m. Adoration & Chaplet of Divine  
Mercy, Church  
6:30 p.m. JustFaith, JustFaith Room
- Sat., Jan. 22 7:00 p.m. AA Park Allen Group, Gold  
Room
- Sun., Jan. 23 11 a.m. Sandwich Ministry, Gold Room  
2:30 p.m. Liturgical Ministers Conversation,  
Rectory Conference Room



In honor of the *Year of the Eucharist*, Holy Cross will begin holding monthly Adoration and Holy Hours. Beginning on **Sunday, February 6**, from 2 to 4 in the afternoon, and the first Sunday of every month, we invite you to join us for a few hours of quiet prayer and reflection in front of the Blessed Sacrament. Spend a holy hour or just drop in for a few moments of quiet.

### PARISH GIVING

JANUARY 2: \$4,391.00

2021-22 BUDGET: \$8,600.00

Thank you for your continuing support.

Look for inspiration or humor or share it on Holy Cross' new Facebook page...

**AT THE CROSS.SPRINGFIELD**

## Bulletin Deadline

**mabailhparish@gmail.com on Friday by 5 p.m.**

**Holy Cross parish is beginning to explore the process of sponsoring an Afghanistan refugee family. I believe that it would be a wonderful parish wide activity. If you would like to be involved in this process please call the rectory. Fr Frank**

**"We proclaim His marvelous deeds." Psalm 96**

## PASTORAL PONDERINGS

*shared by Fr. Frank Lawlor*

### A SOLID FOUNDATION

*Theologian and author Kate Bowler counters our cultural desire to proclaim we are “self-made” with a reminder of our foundational communal reality.*

I am self-made. Didn't anyone tell you? I brought myself into the world when I decided to be born on a bright Monday morning. Then I figured out how cells replicate to grow my own arms and legs and head to a reasonable height and size. Then I filled my own mind from kindergarten to graduation with information I gleaned from the great works of literature. . . .

I'm joking, but sometimes it feels like the pressure we are under. An entire self-help and wellness industry made sure that we got the memo: we are supposed to articulate our lives as a solitary story of realization and progress. Work. Learn. Fix. Change. Every exciting action sounds like it is designed for an individual who needs to learn how to conquer a world of their own making.

It's hard to remember a deeper, comforting truth: we are built on a foundation not our own. We were born because two other people created a combination of biological matter. We went to schools where dozens and dozens of people crafted ideas and activities to construct categories in our minds. We learned skills honed by generations of craftspeople. We pray and worship with spiritual ideas refined by centuries of tradition. Almost nothing about us is original. *Thank God.*

It reminds me of the account of creation in Genesis... God breathes oxygen into lungs in an instance of divine CPR. I love picturing that God, the only One who can create out of nothing—*ex nihilo*. God, who set the cornerstone of our lives and our faith, laid the first brick. The Master Builder whose carefully poured foundation is what we build on top of now. It certainly feels like a template for the rest of our experience.

*Kate was a young mother when she was first diagnosed with Stage Four cancer:*

When I was really sick and worried about dying too young, I kept trying to picture how much my son would remember. . . .

I thought about him all the time. When do children develop long-term memory? How much am I in *there* . . . his mischievous mind, his evil laugh. Then one day, my psychologist said something wonderful. He said: “Kate, you're in there. The foundation is the part that doesn't show.”

Whether it is our parents, our teachers, mentors, friends, churches, or neighbors, people have been pouring into us. We are standing on a foundation. It should come as an incredible relief. Our only job is to build on what we've been given, and, even then, even our gifts we can trace back to the creativity, generosity, and foresight of others. *Thank God we are a group project.*

**GIVE VOICE!** Holy Cross Parish will host new adult fellowship and formation opportunities open to parishioners and the general public this year. Please offer your input, especially for a speaker, topic, book video, kind of event the Spirit is prompting you to suggest.

(Please print)

My name: \_\_\_\_\_

My input: \_\_\_\_\_

Please place your response in the collection plate or mail to Chris Clark DHM, Holy Cross Church, 221 Plumtree Road, Springfield MA 01118, or email to [cclarkhccparish@gmail.com](mailto:cclarkhccparish@gmail.com). Thank you!

JANUARY 15 & 16, 2022

## A LETTER FROM OUR BISHOP

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Our diocese soon will take up the Special Collection for the Church in Latin America. This national collection supports many pastoral projects that benefit the faithful in Latin America and the Caribbean. In the mountains of northeastern Colombia on the border with Venezuela, the Diocese of Cúcuta has been a migration point for needy Venezuelan refugees coming in search of food, medicine, and daily necessities. For several years, the diocese's welcome centers have served more than 1,000 meals each day to hungry migrants. The primary center, at Casa de Paso Divina Providencia, has been addressing the needs of these refugees with diocesan resources as well as assistance from local businesses, charities, and parishes.

The Collection for the Church in Latin America, in solidarity with these vulnerable refugees and the local diocese serving them, provided much-needed assistance to ensure that Casa de Paso Divina Providencia can continue its work of hospitality and mercy. Your contribution to the collection not only supports and sustains these invaluable efforts but also allows you to stand in closer unity with refugees and those serving them.

Our diocese takes up this collection the weekend of January 22nd and January 23rd. Please be generous toward the 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.

+Most Rev. William D. Byrne  
Bishop of Springfield

### **BIBLE STUDY: *A Biblical Walk through the Mass***

Please join us for a new Bible study, **A Biblical Walk through the Mass**, Wednesday evenings from 7 to 9 p.m. in the rectory conference room, January 26 to February 23. This five-week program explores the biblical roots of the Mass, what it all means and why it all matters, through video teaching by Edward Sri, book, workbook and discussion. Cost of materials is \$30.

***PLEASE NOTE: If Wednesday does not work for you, you're welcome to join us Thursday nights for the same study on Zoom.*** Please contact Mary Hart, at 413-455-4778, or [maryhart.avon@yahoo.com](mailto:maryhart.avon@yahoo.com) for more details or to register. All are welcome!

Jan. 16, 2022: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

### **YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST**

Oh, if men loved You, all the churches would be continually filled with people prostrate on the ground adoring and thanking You and burning with love for You at seeing You with the eyes of faith hidden in the tabernacle. But no; men forgetful of You and of Your love, leave You, O my Lord, abandoned and alone. In flame me with Your love so that from this day forth, I may live only to love and please You.

**St. Alphonsus Liguori**

## HAVE A GREAT WEEK!

### THIS SUNDAY:

#### **Invitational Gathering *Spiritual Accompanists' Conversation with Prayer, Gratitude, Update, Moving Forward Together***

Sunday, January 16, 2:30-3:30 pm, Rectory Conference Room

Facilitated by Sr Chris Clark, with Cathy Daniel and Fr Frank Lawlor

Gathering of Spiritual Accompanists and those who wish to be spiritual accompanists in Holy Cross Parish - Eucharistic Ministers/Visitors to Homebound, Prayer Line, Respite, Prayer Shawl Ministry, etc. Participants have RSVPd to [cclarkhccparish@gmail.com](mailto:cclarkhccparish@gmail.com) or 413-372-6241.

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### Save the Date, Invitation & RSVP:

#### **Gathering *Liturgical Ministers' Conversation with Prayer, Gratitude, Update, Moving Forward Together***

Sunday, January 23, 2:30-3:30 pm, Rectory Conference Room

Gathering of Liturgical Ministers and those who wish to be liturgical ministers in Holy Cross Parish - Ushers, Welcomers, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Music etc. (Yes, those Liturgical Ministers who participated in the January 16 conversation are encouraged to join in on January 23.)

Please RSVP for "Liturgical Ministers" by January 20 to [cclarkhccparish@gmail.com](mailto:cclarkhccparish@gmail.com) or 413-372-6241, so we may prepare the meeting space.

### PRO-LIFE MASS

**January 19 at 10:00am** - Diocesan Pro-Life Mass at St. Michael's Cathedral, followed by a local march to City Hall (those who prefer may stay at the Cathedral after Mass to pray "The Rosary for Life,") followed by a lunch sponsored by Pro-Life of Pioneer Valley.

### FAITH FORMATION



Classes for January are the 23rd, K-9, 9:30- 10:45 at St. Michael's Academy. For the other weekends please continue to do the Gospel Weeklies at home and submit the online assessments.

### FIRST COMMUNION

January 30th, First Communion parents' meeting at the rectory, 12:00 noon.

### 10TH GRADE

**PLEASE NOTE** that the makeup class for Sunday, January 9, is Sunday January 23, 6:30 - 8:30 pm, Rectory Conference Room.

**Sunday, January 30th** parents meeting at the rectory.

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