

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

JAN. 23, 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 —
You are invited, welcomed, accepted, loved and respected
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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Rev. Frank Lawlor, Administrator
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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

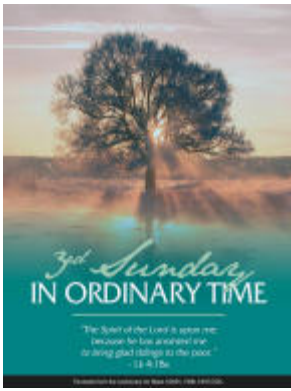
Adoration Wednesday: 4:00-5:00 p.m.

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

Call Sue at 796-1950

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



MASS INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 24

9:00 a.m.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 25

9:00 a.m.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26

9:00 a.m.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 27

9:00 a.m.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 28

9:00 a.m. No Mass

SATURDAY, JANUARY 29

4:00 p.m. + John & Gloria Porcello, required by Adele and Christine Porcello

SUNDAY, JANUARY 30

8:30 a.m.

11:00 a.m. + George Vumbacz, requested by Maria Recchia

We ask God to return to eternal life our recently departed, **BLAINE STEVENS** and **PAULA GUCZEK**, and our friends and relatives.

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sun., Jan. 23	9:30 am Faith Formation (Gr. K-9), SMA Classrooms 11 a.m. Sandwich Ministry, Gold Room 2:30 p.m. Liturgical Ministers Conversation, Rectory Conference Room 6:30 Gr. 10 Confirmation, Rectory Conference Room
Mon., Jan. 24	6:00 p.m. Planning Group, Gold Room 6:30 p.m. Pastoral Council, Rectory Conference Room
Tue., Jan. 25	6:30 p.m. JustFaith, JustFaith Room
Wed., Jan. 26	4 p.m. Adoration & Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Church 6:30 p.m. JustFaith, JustFaith Room 6:30 p.m. Bible Study, Rectory Conference Room
Sat., Jan. 29	7:00 p.m. AA Park Allen Group, Gold Room
Sun., Jan. 30	11 a.m. Sandwich Ministry, Gold Room 12:00 p.m. First Communion Parents' Meeting, 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 9: \$6,314.00

2021-22 BUDGET: \$8,600.00

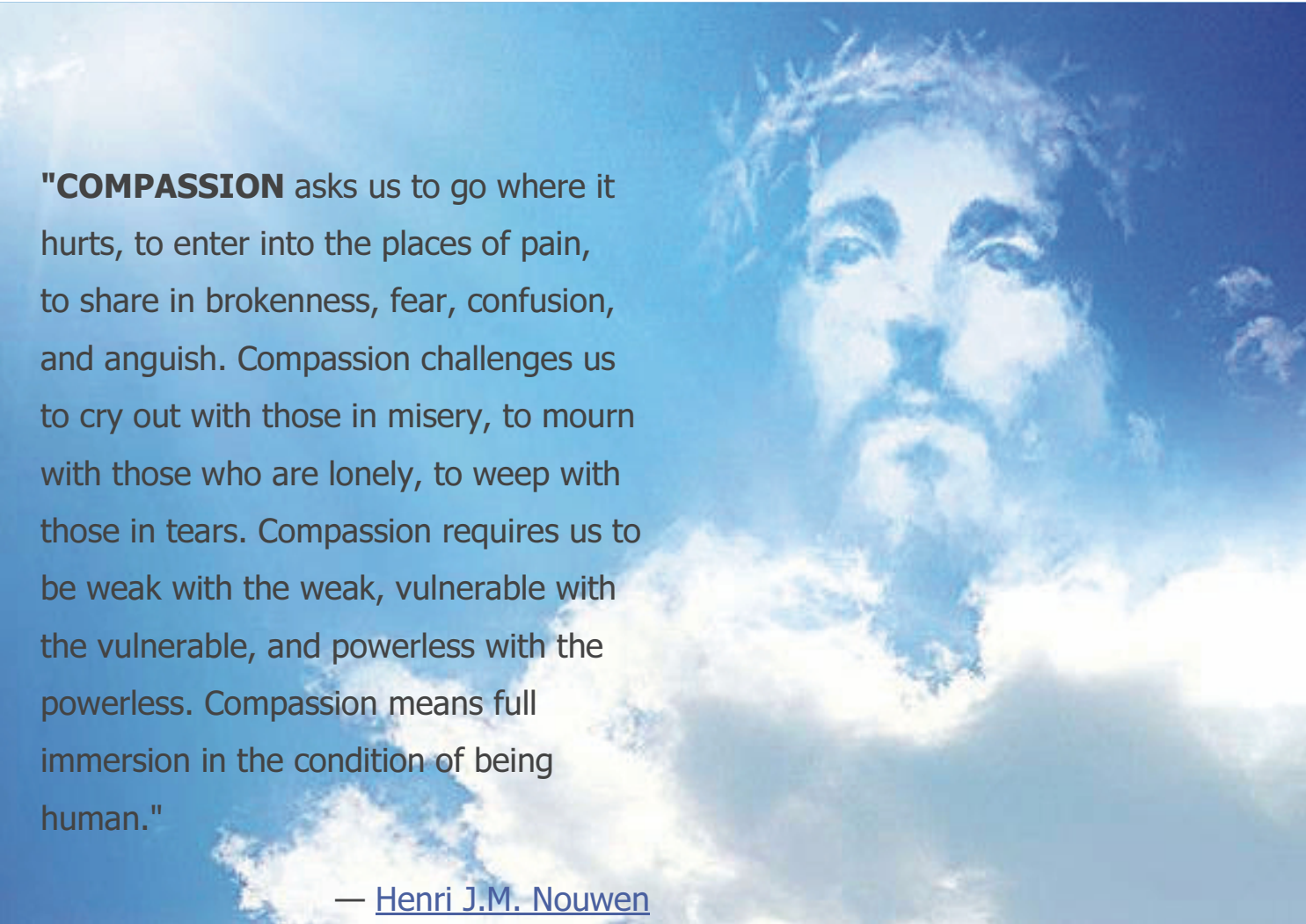
Thank you for your continuing support.

Look for inspiration or humor or share it on Holy Cross' new Facebook page...
AT THE CROSS.SPRINGFIELD

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

"Your Words, Lord, are spirit and life." from Psalm 19

PASTORAL PONDERINGS



"**COMPASSION** asks us to go where it hurts, to enter into the places of pain, to share in brokenness, fear, confusion, and anguish. Compassion challenges us to cry out with those in misery, to mourn with those who are lonely, to weep with those in tears. Compassion requires us to be weak with the weak, vulnerable with the vulnerable, and powerless with the powerless. Compassion means full immersion in the condition of being human."

— [Henri J.M. Nouwen](#)

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. Thank you!

JANUARY 22 & 23, 2022

CHILD ADVOCATE

Online Child Sexual Exploitation and the NCMEC (National Center for Missing & Exploited Children) Cyber Tipline.

Law enforcement continues to find that the online exploitation (and enticement) of young people has occurred in a variety of ways: across social media, on gaming platforms, through messaging apps, etc. Online enticement involves children of all ages and backgrounds.

Consequently, since 1998, the NCMEC has operated the Cyber Tipline, the United States' centralized system for reporting suspected cases of technology facilitated child sexual exploitation. The Cyber Tipline also provides the electronic technology service providers with the ability to make reports of suspected child sexual exploitation on their platforms.

Today, as we deal with the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, it is noteworthy that NCMEC reported that child safety has also been affected as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. In 2021, NCMEC stated that they had experienced a 97.5% increase in online enticement reports between January 2020 and December 2020, versus the same time period in 2019.

Remember that the social networking and online gaming landscape is constantly changing and technology is rapidly evolving. Adults cannot be complacent. Caring adults, parents, teachers and all of us who are charged with protecting children must continue our efforts to stay informed of the technology used both by minors and the child abusers who are seeking to manipulate and abuse our children. By maintaining a high level of awareness, and communicating when you have a concern, you can help protect the children, youth and vulnerable in your community.

For a copy of the complete article contact Cathy Daniel (Child Advocate): hcc.cathy@gmail.com or 372-6239.

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 for more details or to register. All are welcome!

Bulletin Deadline

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

HAVE A GREAT WEEK!

THIS SUNDAY:

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

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

Facilitated by Sr Chris Clark with Fr Frank Lawlor
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.)

Participants have RSVPd to cclarkhparish@gmail.com or 413-372-6241.

FAITH FORMATION



Classes for January are this Sunday, 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

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

10TH GRADE

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

JOIN BISHOP BYRNE IN MARCH FOR LIFE

You are invited to join Bishop Byrne in Mass "In Thanksgiving for the Gift of Human Life" on Wednesday, January 19, at 10:00 am at St. Michael's Cathedral. The Mass will precede a "march" to the Springfield City Hall for prayers, or the praying of the Pro Life Rosary at the Cathedral for those who choose not to march, and then a return to the Cathedral for lunch provided by Pro Life of Pioneer Valley.

Jan. 23, 2022: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST

"What man could not utter nor conceive, and what he could never have dared to desire — that, God in His love has uttered, conceived, and executed. Should we ever have dared suggest to God that He should make His Son die for us, that He should give us His Flesh to eat and His Blood to drink? If all that were true, then man would have been able to imagine things that God could not do. He would have gone further than God in the inventions of love, [and] that is impossible."

St. John Vianney



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