



# Church of the Holy Cross

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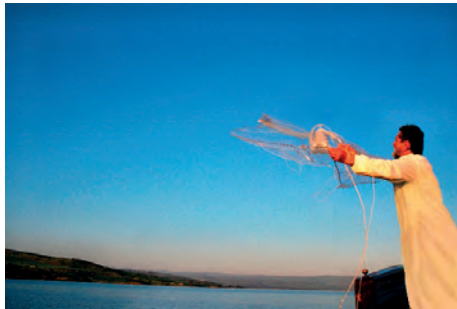
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# Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

## [Word of God Sunday]

January 26, 2020



Matthew tells us that the future apostles left "immediately" to follow Jesus. How refreshing it was to read that for me. So often I wrestle with indecision. "Immediately" for me involves a certain freedom, unhampered by doubt or indecision. It further notifies all of us that the attraction Jesus had here was for real men used to making quick but important decisions fighting for their livelihood on the open sea. Where and when to toss their nets for fish could almost be a matter of life or death in their daily struggle to provide for their families and themselves.

Andrew, James and John for following their hearts as well as their heads in answering Jesus' invitation right away, without consulting a checklist. There is something invigorating about letting go of fear and apprehension and simple saying "Yes" to God right away. I can summon a certain Francis of Assisi who did it centuries later. We all have a knack for delay. We like staying right where we are in our custom made comfort zone and asking Jesus for His understanding.

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### Mass Worship Schedule

Weekday & Sat.	9:00 AM
Saturday Vigil	5:00 PM
Sunday	8:00 AM
	10:30 AM
	12 Noon
	5:00 PM
Latin	7:00 PM

I read a scriptural commentary in which the writer almost hastens to tell us that Matthew's account is a compressed one. That St. John's version of the same incident is more likely because it includes the natural human tendency to be hesitant to embark on a new direction in life. But I thought to myself that "Sure, we all have to do our research and give serious thought to any major decision." Today we might say "Go on Google first." Certainly, the early four Apostles likely consulted their wives, children, and others before stepping away from their usual lives to follow this amazing young Rabbi from Nazareth.

Such immediate decisions don't have to be any more uprooting than a change in our daily schedule to get out of bed a half hour earlier to pray each day. Or choosing to fast one day a week to know what it feels like for those among us who through no fault of their own must go hungry most days if not all. You are mature enough to make your own list. But do it immediately.

Beware those well-meaning souls who will happily point out practical obstacles to your decisions. That's why we have to avoid delay. Like the apostles' decisions made long ago and far away, which they made "asap." Look where they are now. Meanwhile, we can imagine those first four Apostles saying to us at times: "Do it now! Today will be yesterday tomorrow."

*Reflections by Rev. Leonard Peterson*

But allow me to take Matthew literally for just a moment or two, to admire Saints Peter,

"Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men."







## From the Pastor

## Parish Offertory

Pope Francis says he established the Third Sunday of Ordinary Time as Word of God Sunday in response to requests from the faithful around the world.

Collections	\$ 8,706.20
Online Giving	\$ 2,228.75
Alms	\$ 93.92
Candles	\$ 181.85

Catholic scripture scholarship has been advancing for many decades, both before and after Vatican II and Catholic laity have embraced Bible study enthusiastically for many years.

Pope Francis sees bible study not only as a way to nourish the faith of Catholics but to promote Ecumenism.

It usually takes several years for a new "Sunday" to be embraced fully by the faithful and for it to become a spiritually nourishing event rather than an abstract theme designated by church hierarchy.

This Sunday and every Sunday, let us give thanks for the rich treasure the Scriptures are for us in the Church and use them not only during liturgical prayer, but for deepening our knowledge and love of our Lord Jesus Christ.



## 2019 Contribution Statements

Holy Cross parishioners who have donated to the church using envelopes or checks and would like to receive a summary of their contributions in 2019 for tax purposes should complete this form and return it to the Parish Office or place it in the collection basket. Preferably, you may request a statement by email to the [webmaster@holycrossrumson.org](mailto:webmaster@holycrossrumson.org). Statements will be ready by the end of January. Thank you!

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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# Liturgical Ministers

Please help us and serve God by serving as a Liturgical Minister at Holy Cross Church.

The church needs additional volunteers in all its ministries to ensure that our Masses are prayed beautifully and without confusion or distraction.

**Ushers** not only greet those arriving and remain available to answer questions, but take up the collections efficiently and securely. It is not proper for our sacristan to be obliged to help supervise or take up the collections due to lack of ushers.

**Readers** bring God's Word off the page and into our minds and hearts. It should not be necessary for one reader to proclaim all the readings at a Sunday Mass. There should always be two readers

in a parish of our size.

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion** help ensure that the Body and Blood of Christ is distributed reverently and efficiently. It would be sad to eliminate distributing the Precious Blood for lack of sufficient Extraordinary Ministers.

**Altar servers** help the priest focus on prayer during the mass by assisting with many of the liturgical actions of the Mass. They also allow the young people of our parish to serve God in a unique way.

**Choir Members** encourage the congregation to give full-throated praise to God

**Call the Parish Office to offer your help!**



Your non-perishable food item or cash contribution will help provide for for the hungry.

Holy Cross Youth Group will be collecting your donations after all the Masses the weekend of

February 1-2.

## POLAR PLUNGE DAY



January 26th

Sea Bright Municipal Beach  
 Meet Up: 1:00 PM  
 Plunge Time: 2:00 PM  
 Benefit Catholic Education

## Marian Candles

Marian candles burn for one week before Mary's statue in the Prayer Garden at the head of the Memorial Pavers. Intentions for the week are announced at Saturday morning's mass and published in the bulletin.

Anthony Lubrano by Helen Maresca

## Pray for the Sick

Catherine O'Malley, Eleanor Blass, Sophia Gonzales, Joey Weikel, John Wiseman, Marisa Murphy, Daniel Bonifacio, Jennifer Denis, Dawn Lloyd, Sandra Foster, Alessandra Giunta, Frank Reedy, Grace Fasullo, Maryann Allegra, John McCoy, Marilyn Hull, Elizabeth McNally, Eugenia Kelly.

## Pray for the Unborn

## Mass Intentions

25-Jan	9:00 AM	CLAY WEAVER	Melanie Lerner & Family
25-Jan	5:00 PM	BEATRICE BONNER	Shaheen Family
26-Jan	8:00 AM	ROBERT McDERMOTT	Sallie Kabash
26-Jan	10:30 AM	ELIZABETH H. BECKMAN	Vittoria Sama
26-Jan	12:00 PM	REGINA WARD	The Jewett Family
26-Jan	5:00 PM	THERESA KELLY	Regina Kelly
26-Jan	7:00 PM	FOR THE PARISHIONERS	
27-Jan	9:00 AM	GEORGE KABASH	Sallie Kabash
28-Jan	9:00 AM	PATRICK MULLEN	The Leibee Family
29-Jan	9:00 AM	ROSEANNE GIALANELLA & THOMAS GIALANELLA	The Lang Family
29-Jan	9:00 AM	DAWN GARAVENTE	Family
30-Jan	9:00 AM	CONSTANCE SULLIVAN	M/M James Scatuorchio
31-Jan	9:00 AM	THOMAS J. GIANLANELLA	Anne Kenney
1-Feb	9:00 AM	DAVID BURNS	Louise Golda
1-Feb	5:00 PM	ROSEANNE GIALANELLA	The Shaheen Family
2-Feb	8:00 AM	MARY ANN GARDELLA	Tony Cardella
2-Feb	10:30 AM	ROBERT PEAKE, SR	The Peake Family
2-Feb	12:00 PM	MARTHA GHEZZI	M/M Sean Healey
2-Feb	5:00 PM	J. HUGH DEVLIN	The Wark Family
2-Feb	7:00 PM	FOR THE PARISHIONERS	



## Bring Your Candles to Mass on February 2nd Presentation of the Lord, Candelemas Day

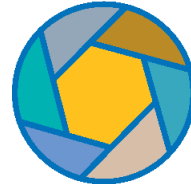
Next week is the Presentation of the Lord, also known as Candlemas Day. It celebrates the public recognition that the Christ child was the Light who was to come into the world foretold in the Scriptures. It was the custom that candles that will used throughout the

year are brought to church and blessed as Mass on this day. If you use candles in your home for prayer, devotions or meditation, bring them to mass on February 2nd and they will be blessed during Mass along with an assortment of the candles we use on the altar for the coming

year. This feast has also been called the Purification of Mary, 40 days after she gave birth to Jesus and was the basis for the now forgotten practice of "churching" women after childbirth in the Western Catholic Church.



# MEET OUR PARISHIONERS



**Anthony Falconeri** is a new parishioner. He's been a faithful mass attendee at Holy Cross since September 2015, when he moved to Sea Bright.

Anthony's favorite thing about Holy Cross is its traditional aspect. For example, the Palm Sunday procession from Sea Bright, the Holy Thursday mass and procession; as well as the Christmas Eve celebration with the musical prelude. Along with this traditionalism of Catholic culture around Catholic holidays, he also enjoys the patriotism when we do something as simple as praying for the troops or singing America the Beautiful around an American holiday. While solemn and prayerful, this embrace of Catholic and American culture resonate with me the most," Falconeri said.

While he is not yet involved in

any church activities or ministries, he has interest in joining the Men's Group. Falconeri currently serves as a human resources manager and enjoys bike riding, working out, reading about history and culture, and cooking and traveling.

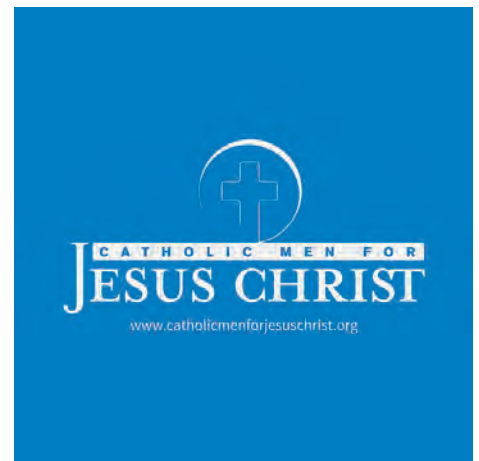
One interesting tidbit he shared was his family name, which used to be spelled Falconieri. "The first 'i' was dropped when my ancestors came to the U.S. in the early 20th century. One of the seven founders of the Servite Order and foundress of the Religious Sisters of the Third Order of Servites were Saint Alexis (Alessio) and Saint Giuliana Falconieri (respectively) of Florence. There is a statue of Saint Giuliana inside Saint Peter's Basilica in Rome. I'm not sure we are related, but interesting nonetheless," Falconeri said.

## Catholic Men for Jesus Christ Conference - February 29th

Join other Catholic men from across the Diocese of Trenton at the **23rd Annual Men's Conference** on Saturday, February 29, at **Saint Mary, Mother of God Parish in Middletown, NJ**. The theme of this year's conference is "Discipleship: The Greatest Adventure." The day runs from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm and will feature Holy Mass celebrated by **Bishop David O'Connell**; **Mark Teixeira**, former Yankee first baseman and MLB All Star, and current ESPN analyst; **Marcellino D'Ambrosio AKA Dr. Italy**, an author, evangelist and the funniest theology professor you will ever meet; and **Stephen Auth**, the CIO for Federated

Global Equities and author of *The Missionary of Wall Street*. There will also be music, Catholic vendors, and the opportunity to fellowship with other men who are looking to grow in their walk with Jesus and dynamically live out their Catholic faith.

A youth breakout session will also be offered for young men from 8th grade to college age. Cost is \$30 per person in advance (\$35 at the door); \$15 for students. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. For more information or to register online go to [www.catholicmenforjesuschrist.org](http://www.catholicmenforjesuschrist.org). To register by mail, send the name(s) of each person registering,



your check, and a self-addressed stamped envelope to: Catholic Men for Jesus Christ PO Box 816 Morrisville, PA 19067