

February 4, 2018

**Fifth Sunday
In Ordinary Time**

This Week at Holy Cross:

- **Weekend;** Youth Ministry, Souper Bowl Of Caring, Collection
- **Wednesday;** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- **Thursday;** HC Men’s Group
- **Next Sunday;** Hospitality Sunday
- **Next Sunday;** World Marriage Day Blessings
- **Next Weekend;** Annual Catholic Appeal Begins

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Stewardship

January 28, 2018

*Jesus healed many
who were sick*

Offertory	\$10,904.00
Electronic Giving	\$1,863.00
Alms	\$73.10
Candles	\$191.01

Thank You

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Jesus' disciples freely brought their troubles to him because they found him ready and able to deal with any difficulty, affliction, or sickness which they encountered. When Simon brought Jesus to his home, his mother-in-law was instantly healed because Jesus heard Simon's prayer.

Jerome, an early church bible scholar and translator, reflects on this passage: "Can you imagine Jesus standing before your bed and you continue sleeping? It is absurd that you would remain in bed in his presence. Where is

Jesus? He is already here offering himself to us. 'In the middle,' he says, 'among you he stands, whom you do not recognize'. 'The kingdom of God is in your midst'. Faith beholds Jesus among us. If we are unable to seize his hand, let us prostrate ourselves at his feet. If we are unable to reach his head, let us wash his feet with our tears. Our repentance is the perfume of the Savior.

Approach the Lord with expectant faith. God's healing power restores us not only to health but to active service and care of others. There is no trouble he does not want to help us with and there is no bondage he can't set us free from.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament At Holy Cross



Come to church and pray before the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. The Eucharist is on the altar in Holy Cross Church on Wednesday's between 9:30 AM and 4:00 PM **and** on Thursday's from 6:00 - 7:00 PM.

Beginning February 7th, we will have Nocturnal Adoration from 11 PM - 12 midnight.

*When you look upon the Sacred Host,
you look upon Jesus, the Son of God.*

**Adorers are needed on Wednesday's from,
11 AM to Noon, 2 PM – 3 PM and 3 PM -4 PM.
Please commit to an hour or half an hour.**

Holy Cross Youth Ministry Souper Bowl



Next weekend the Holy Cross Youth Ministry will be collecting donations for the Souper Bowl of Caring. Drop \$1 in the soup pot as you leave church. Help our young people develop hearts for giving that can last a lifetime. Please support their efforts.

Holy Cross Men’s Group

Join us on February 8, at 7:30 PM, our topic will be;

Prayer—An Intimate Dialogue



Have you ever had an experience in prayer where you felt deeply, intimately connected to God? Have you ever felt like you were merely talking to yourself during prayer? Chances are

most of us have experienced both ends of the spectrum, and no matter how healthy our prayer life, there is always room for improvement. We begin our study on prayer by exploring the importance of approaching it as a two-way conversation. Our speaking to God is one part of the conversation. Often it’s the other part, God speaking to us, with which most people struggle. Does God speak to us? And if so, how do we hear him? **Please join us, new members are always welcome!**

Hospitality Sunday



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Join us for Hospitality next Sunday, February 11th following the 10:30 Mass.

We will celebrate Mardi Gras with King Cake New Orleans Style!

Be sure to join us!

Annual Catholic Appeal



Through your support of the Annual Catholic Appeal, you partner with the Diocese and your parish to make the corporal works of mercy tangible for people who are most in need through: Diocesan Parish Counseling Services, Parish Emergency Assistance Program, Diocesan Social Service Workshops, Home Health Nursing Program and Emergency Assistance. Please give to the Annual Catholic Appeal. The ACA begins next weekend.

Remember In Your Prayers



Please pray for the repose of the soul of George Kabash, Husband of Sallie Kabash, our Director of Religious Education at Holy Cross, who entered eternal life on January 27th. Please keep Sallie and her family in your prayers.

Collection of Old Palm



In preparation for Ash Wednesday we are collecting old palm. Fr Manning will burn the palm on February 5th. Please bring your old palm and place it in the basket in the Narthex of the Church. We can accept palm until mid-morning on Monday, February 5th.

World Marriage Day



Next Sunday, is World Marriage Day, a day which honors the husband and wife as head of the family, the basic unit of society. In recognition of the vocation of married life and in loving support of all who are or will be married, we will have special intercessions and blessings for married and engaged couples at all masses next weekend.

Common Sense With Communion And Communicable Illness



Since the flu season is upon us, it is important that we take simple precautions to minimize the chance of spreading it during our Masses. Some common sense guidelines are worth repeating: **1)** If you are experiencing the effects of any potentially contagious illness, refrain from taking communion from the common chalice. **2)** If you are coughing repeatedly and not feeling well, it is sensible to stay home and not attend Mass until you are well. **3)** If you have a cough and runny nose (not allergies) it would be prudent to refrain from shaking hands.

Here is a recent guideline from the bishop's office:

With the guidance of the bishop it is the role of the pastor to judge whatever measures are needed to ensure the well-being of his parish community and to take every opportunity to remind the faithful that they should refrain from receiving Communion from the chalice if they are ill. The sick are not obliged to attend Mass and should use prudence and good judgment before coming into contact with others.

Holy Cross School Mass

Everyone is welcome to join us at the Holy Cross School Mass on Ash Wednesday, February 14th at 9:00 AM in the Church.



Hymnals for Our Church



Bookplate dedications are available for new hymnals in Holy Cross Church. Download the form

from the Parish website or call the Parish Office to have a hymnal inscribed and dedicated. The donation amount is \$20 per hymnal.



Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, February 14, is Ash Wednesday and marks the beginning of the Season of Lent. Ashes will be imposed on February 14th at the 9:00 AM Holy Cross School Mass in the Church. Ashes will also be imposed at the 4:00 PM and 7:00 PM Prayer Service in Holy Cross Church.

There will be No Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament during the day.

We will have Nocturnal Adoration from 11 PM to 12 midnight on Ash Wednesday.

2017 Contribution Statements



Holy Cross Parishioners who would like to receive a 2017 Contribution Statement may request one by emailing; webmaster@holycrossrumson.org

Thank you!

Food Drive for St. Anthony's



On the weekend of February 17/18, Holy Cross will have a Food Drive for St. Anthony's Parish in Red Bank. Please help by donating non-perishable food, along with personal and household items. Monetary donations are also always appreciated.

Memorial Votive Candles



Holy Cross Memorial Candles burn from Friday to Friday in our Prayer Garden, in front of the Blessed Mother Statue. Your intention is announced at the Saturday 9 AM Mass. Memorial Candles and Cards are available at the Parish Office and on our Parish Website. A Memorial Candle donation is \$20.

Please Pray for the Sick of the Parish

Our respect for the privacy of the person who is ill and keeping in mind the HIPPA Laws, we can only publish prayer requests from the ill person or their guardian, with the permission of the ill person. We review the list every three months. Call with concerns!



Catherine O'Malley, Ann Connor,

Eleanor Blass, Sophia Gonzales, Joey

Weikel, John Wizeman, Marisa Murphy,

Daniel Bonifacio, Jennifer Denis, Dawn

Lloyd, Sandra Foster, Alessandra Giunta, Msgr.

James Innocenzi, Maria Incremona, Sean Ring,

Lori Lettieri and Frances Legge

Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 3

9:00 AM Mary Jane Warshaw (Eileen & Joe Kenney)

5:00 PM Elizabeth Fenton (Horan Family)

Sunday, February 4

8:00 AM Mary Ann Gardella (Tony Gardella)

10:30 AM Janet Kaiser (Eileen Haslach & Alycia Robins)

12:00 PM Brendan T. Byrne (M/M Robert Marchand)

5:00 PM Michael Lucey (Finan Family)

Monday, February 5

9:00 AM Loretta Passaro (M/M Hari Roth and Family)

Tuesday, February 6

9:00 AM George Kabash (M/M Michael Seaman)

Wednesday, February 7

9:00 AM For The Sick of The Parish

Thursday, February 8

9:00 AM Theresa Plaza (M/M Ray Viggiano)

Friday, February 9

9:00 AM Michael Lucey (M/M James Parent)

Saturday, February 10

9:00 AM Jennifer Garwood (M/M Owen Burns & Family)

5:00 PM Warren Lee West (M/M John Blass)

Sunday, February 11

8:00 AM Michael Lucey (M/M Stephen Barnett)

10:30 AM Janet Kaiser (Nancy Leighton)

12:00 PM Helen Resigno (Angela Resigno)

5:00 PM Bridget & John Brody (Gray Family)

Annual Catholic Men for Jesus Christ Conference

Join Catholic men from across the Diocese of Trenton at the **21st Annual Catholic Men for Jesus Christ Men's Conference** on Saturday, Feb. 24 at **St. Gregory the Great, Hamilton Square**, from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM. The theme is "The Age of Mercy" and will feature Holy Mass celebrated by Bishop David O'Connell, as well as talks by **Ralph Martin**, an internationally renowned Catholic Radio & TV Host, Author and Evangelist; **Bob and Maureen Digan**, the couple whose family experienced a miraculous healing that was used as the verified miracle for St. Faustina's Beautification, and **Gez Ford**, Lifeteen Minister and co-founder of Tabor House.

A youth breakout session will also be offered for young men from 8th grade to college age. Cost is \$25 per person in advance (\$30 at the door); \$10 for students. Breakfast and lunch will be provided.

For more information, or to register online go to 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

Calendar at a Glance

Monday, February 5

CRCIA Session, 4:00 PM **and** RCIA Session, 6:30 PM
SOR 7th Grade Session, 6:15 PM

Tuesday, February 6

Tuesday Prayer Group, 12:30—3:30 PM (St. Joseph Room)
SOR Classes, 4:00 PM

Wednesday, February 7

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, 9:30 AM—4:00 PM
Elizabeth Ministry Faith Sharing, 10:00 AM
Youth Ministry Meeting, 6:30 PM
Nocturnal Adoration, 11 PM – 12 midnight

Thursday, February 8

Bible Study, 9:45 AM (St. Joseph Room)
Thursday Holy Hour, 6 PM—7 PM
Holy Cross Men's Group, 7:30 PM (St. Joseph Room)

Saturday, February 10

Mass 9:00 AM, Confession and Novena after Mass
Annual Catholic Appeal Begins

Sunday, February 11

World Marriage Day Blessing
Annual Catholic Appeal Begins
HC Adult Choir Call, 9:45 AM
Mass Sitters Available
Hospitality Sunday following 10:30 Mass

Monday, February 12

RCIA Session, 6:30 PM

Tuesday, February 13

Tuesday Prayer Group, 12:30—3:30 PM (St. Joseph Room)

Wednesday, February 14

Ash Wednesday—Lent Begins!

Holy Cross School Mass, 9:00 AM (distribution of ashes)
NO Exposition Today
Prayer Service with Distribution of ashes, 4 PM & 7 PM
Youth Ministry Meeting, 6:30 PM
Nocturnal Adoration, 11 PM—12 Midnight

Thursday, February 15

Bible Study, 9:45 AM (St. Joseph Room)
Children's Choir, 3:30 PM
Grade 7, Confirmation Interviews, 3:30 PM
Thursday Holy Hour, 6 PM—7 PM
HC Adult Choir rehearsal, 7:10 PM
Holy Cross Men's Group, 7:30 PM (St. Joseph Room)

Friday, February 16

Stations of the Cross, 7:00 PM

Saturday, February 17

Mass 9:00 AM, Confession and Novena after Mass
Food Drive For St. Anthony's Parish

Sunday, February 18

Mass Sitters Available
Food Drive For St. Anthony's Parish
SOR Classes, 9:00 AM
HC Adult Choir Call, 9:45 AM



Knights of Columbus Souper Bowl of Caring

Join us on Sunday, February 4th at 200 Fair Haven Road, Fair Haven, for our Souper Bowl of Caring. Please bring monetary donations, canned goods and nonperishable food for the Project Paul Food Pantry. Doors open at 1:30 PM to accept donations and again at 5:30 PM, for the Big Game.

For details contact the Knights at; info@kofc3187.com or leave a voice mail at; 732-704-3981.

Downey Side Adoption

Downey Side Adoption is holding an orientation for interested persons to learn about adopting older children, school age and up. Join us on Sunday, February 18th, at St. Uriel's Church, Sea Girt, from 2-4 PM. Refreshments will be served. For more information contact Sister Elizabeth Engel, at 732-359-8434 or send email to; sister.engel@gmail.com.

Diocesan Youth Conference

Diocesan Youth Conference, open to teens in 8th –12th grade. Saturday, February 10th, from 10 AM to 6 PM at CBA, Lincroft. Register at; www.dotyouth.org.

The Center in Asbury Park Needs Volunteers

We are looking for folks who can be on a schedule to pick up food and bring it to The Center, on Wednesday and Friday mornings, pickup at exit 100 GSP, off Belmar Blvd, no need to go on the parkway. Call Clark Shannon at 732-774-3416 x121 if you are able to volunteer.

Healing The Wounds Of Abortion

If you suffered through an abortion and have isolated yourself from healing and forgiveness, consider one of our retreat weekends. 2018 Weekend retreats, February 16-18 and August 24-26. For details call Judy at 732-536-6871.