

April 15, 2018

Third Sunday of Easter

This Week At Holy Cross:

- **Wednesday;** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- **Wednesday;** Nocturnal Adoration 11 PM—12 Midnight
- **Thursday;** Holy Hour 6 PM
- **Thursday;** HC Men’s Group
- **Friday;** Holy Cross School Mass



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Stewardship

April 8, 2018

Offertory	\$10,880.06
Supplemental Coll.,	\$1,264.00
Electronic Giving (week/April 1)	\$2,081.75
Electronic Giving (week/April 8)	\$3,821.00
Alms	\$95.20
Candles	\$236.05

Thank You

Jesus opened their minds to understand the Scriptures

Artistic Studies For The Holy Cross Altar Reredos



We are pleased to present these artistic studies for the painting on our altar reredos, *Risen Christ With Cross*. The completed work will be oil on canvas fitted into the opened reredos middle panel as shown. The panel doors will be open during special liturgical seasons (e.g. Easter), The Feast of the Holy Cross and parish celebrations of great joy.

Scott Nickerson is the artist who will paint the commissioned work; several studies will be on display in the gathering space of the church. Brochures with detail studies are

available in the Parish Office and the gathering space of the church. We invite you to consider all or part of a donation of \$100,000 to gift the work to Holy Cross Church and for a memorial plaque near the sanctuary.

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“We are praising God now, assembled as we are here in church; but when we go on our various ways again, it seems as if we cease to praise God. But provided we do not cease to live a good life, we shall always be praising God. You cease to praise God only when you swerve from justice and from what is pleasing to God. If you never turn aside from the good life, your tongue may be silent but your actions will cry aloud, and God will perceive your intentions; for as our ears hear each others voices, so do God’s ears hear our thoughts.”

The Easter Alleluia, by Augustine of Hippo



Holy Cross School Mass

Parishioners, as well as school parents, are welcome to join us at the next Holy Cross School Mass this Friday, April 20th, at 9:00 AM in the Church.

Holy Cross Food Drive



Holy Cross Parish is having a Food Drive this weekend, April 14/15,

for Project Paul in Keansburg.

Please help by donating non-perishable food, along with personal and household items. Monetary donations are also appreciated.

Holy Cross Men's Group

Join us on April 19, at 7:30 PM, our topic will be;

Session I: The Mystery of God - *The Divine Attributes*



Once we understand who God is, we naturally wonder, "What is he like? How does he act?" We can never fully answer those questions.

Yet we can know that God is self-sufficient, he doesn't need the world but creates it out of love. God is omniscient, knowing all things. God is omnipresent, everywhere in existence. Through these attributes we discover a God who presses upon the world, always and everywhere, not aggressively but only with love.

New members are always welcome!

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament



We are back to our regular Wednesday schedule.

Join us as we celebrate 9:00 AM Mass followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 9:45 AM to 4:00 PM.



Charismatic Healing Mass

The Healing Shepherd Prayer Group invites everyone to attend a Healing Mass on **Monday, April 30th**, at 8:00 PM in Holy Cross Church. Our Celebrant will be Fr. Alex. All are welcome to attend!



Holy Cross Scholarship Attention High School Seniors!



The Holy Cross Scholarship Committee is pleased to invite you to apply for a scholarship. This is for high school seniors whose family is registered at Holy Cross, and who intends to pursue post secondary education. The primary criteria for eligibility are Mass attendance and the extent of service performed for Holy Cross Parish Community, between Confirmation and High School graduation. The objective is to affirm those outstanding secondary students who have demonstrated an understanding of their Baptismal call to share in Jesus Christ's Mission through service to others in the church community.

Applications are online on the Holy Cross website.

Submission are due by April 25th.

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.



Holy Cross Poor Boxes

Our Poor Boxes are located in the Narthex of the church.

Donations are needed **and** appreciated all year long.

Please remember to give to the poor.

World Day of Prayer For Vocations 2018

The purpose of the World Day of Prayer for Vocations is to publicly celebrate vocations to ordained ministry and religious life in all its forms. Next Sunday, The Fourth Sunday of Easter, the Church throughout the world will pray for vocations. Please ask the Lord for more vocations to the priesthood and religious life.



- Pray for the priests who have ministered to you throughout your life.
- Keep our parish priests in your prayers throughout the week.
- Encourage your children, grandchildren, or other young people to consider a vocation as a priest or religious brother or sister.
- Pray a rosary for more young men and women in our diocese to respond to God's call.

Easter Collection

In case you missed our Easter collection, please send your contribution, or drop it in the next collection basket. The Easter collection is an important portion of our parish operating budget.

Thank you for your support.



Upcoming Events In May

Holy Cross will celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation on Friday, May 4th, at 2:00 and 4:00 PM.



We will celebrate the sacrament of First Eucharist on Saturday, May 12th, at 10:00 AM and 12 noon.

Hospitality Sunday

Join us on Sunday, April 29th, in the St. Joseph's Room following the 10:30 Mass, for Hospitality Sunday.

Enjoy light refreshments while spending time with other parishioners.

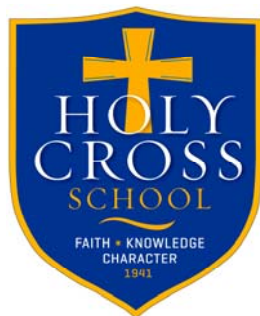


"For I do not seek to understand in order that I may believe, but I believe in order to understand. For this also I believe - that unless I believe I shall not understand."

St. Anselm, Feast Day- April 21

Holy Cross School Community Heroes Mass

All are invited to join Holy Cross School on Ascension Thursday, May 10th, at 9:00 AM, in the Church, for our Community Heroes Mass. All Police, Firefighters, Emergency Medical Technicians, and Lifeguards in Attendance, will be honored with a special blessing and cards from our students. Please invite family and friends who are community heroes!



So that we may reserve seats, RSVP to tmakin@holycrossrumson.org.

Family Connection

Family life is strengthened through storytelling and shared meal times. In a similar way, Christian life is sustained by God's word in Scripture and by Christ's presence in the Eucharist. We are especially sustained in our faith through our weekly celebration of Mass. Today's Gospel reminds us that the Scripture and the Eucharist are given to us so that our acts of bearing witness to Christ might be strengthened.

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. Candles and Cards are available at the Parish Office and on our Parish Website. A Memorial Candle donation is \$20.

We Believe in the power of *Prayer*

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, Maria Incremona, Sean Ring, Lori Lettieri and Frances Legge

Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 14

9:00 AM Thomas J. McHugh (M/M Joe O'Connor & Family)
5:00 PM George Kabash (Janet Wood)

Sunday, April 15

8:00 AM Anne Hemphill (M/M James Parent)
10:30 AM Dawn Garavente (M/M John Hall & Family)
12:00 PM Jessica Herndon (Cosimano Family)
5:00 PM George Kabash (Chandler Family)

Monday, April 16

9:00 AM Barbara Barnwell (Forlenza Family)

Tuesday, April 17

9:00 AM George Kabash (Alpert Family)

Wednesday, April 18

9:00 AM Anthony Carasia, Sr. (Gary Sammon)

Thursday, April 19

9:00 AM George Kabash (M/M Gene Harcsar)

Friday, April 20

9:00 AM Sandra Sirolly (Kilborne Family)

Saturday, April 21

9:00 AM Barbara Buckman (Doug & Kathy Brown)
5:00 PM Robert Higgins (Pat Gross)
And John V. Ellis (mary Ellis)

Sunday, April 22

8:00 AM Taylor Clark (M/M Anthony Cesario)
10:30 AM George Kabash (Hubbler Family)
12:00 PM James Garrett (Kathy Atter)
5:00 PM Raymond Bares (Clifford Family)

Holy Cross Summer Camps



Holy Cross Young Sports Readiness Clinic: Ages 4-6 years old, 9:00—11:00 AM

June 18th - 21st **and** July 16th - 19th. Cost, \$110 per session, includes T-shirt & certificate of participation.

Holy Cross Basketball Clinic: Open to Grades K—6, 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM, Cost is \$175 per session.

June 25th - 28th, July 2nd, 3rd, 5th & 6th, July 23rd - 26th, July 30th - August 2nd **and** August 6th - 9th.

Holy Cross Soccer Clinic: Open to Grades K—6, 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM,

July 9th thru 12th, Monday thru Thursday, cost is \$175 .

Please make all checks payable to: Holy Cross CYO.

If you have any questions, please contact Michael Feerst at 732-842-0348 x1140 or email mfeerst@holycrossrumson.org .



Calendar at a Glance

Monday, April 16

Respect Life Committee Meeting, 1:00 PM (PO)
 SOR 7th Grade Session, 6:15 PM
 Healing Shepherd Prayer Group, 7:30 PM (HCS)

Tuesday, April 17

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

Wednesday, April 18

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, 9:30 AM—4:00 PM
 Youth Ministry Meeting, 6:30 PM
 Nocturnal Adoration, 11 PM—12 Midnight

Thursday, April 19

Bible Study, 9:45 AM (St. Joseph Room)
 Children’s Choir, 3:30 PM (PO)
 Holy Hour, 6:00—7:00 PM
 Holy Cross Men’s Group, 7:00 PM (St. Joseph Room)

Friday, April 20

Holy Cross School Mass, 9:00 AM

Saturday, April 21

Mass 9:00 AM, Confession and Novena after Mass

Sunday, April 22

SOR Classes, 9:00 AM
 Choir Call, 9:45 AM
 Mass Sitters are Available
 Confirmation Retreat, 1-5 PM

Monday, April 23

8th Grade Confessions, 6:00 PM
 RCIA, Mystogia, 6:30 PM (PO)
 Healing Shepherd Prayer Group, 7:30 PM (HCC)

Tuesday, April 24

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

Wednesday, April 25

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, 9:30 AM—4:00 PM
 Youth Ministry Meeting, 6:30 PM
 Nocturnal Adoration, 11 PM—12 Midnight

Thursday, April 26

Children’s Choir, 3:30 PM (PO)
 Holy Hour, 6:00—7:00 PM
 Holy Cross Men’s Group, 7:00 PM (St. Joseph Room)

Saturday, April 28

Mass 9:00 AM, Confession and Novena after Mass

Diocese of Trenton—Blue Mass A Celebration of Law Enforcement

Our Annual Diocesan Mass in Celebration of Law Enforcement will be on Tuesday, April 17th at 10:30 AM at the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption in Trenton. Reservations are required for luncheon, fee of \$20 per person, immediate family of Law enforcement are free. Family and Friends are welcome.

For details call 609-403-7199 or visit www.bluemass.org .

Holy Cross Pergola Column Donations



Consider helping us defray the cost of the pergola by dedicating a column in gratitude or prayerful memory of someone. Please contact the Parish Office for details.

Holy Cross Prayer Garden Memorial Bricks



Donate a Memorial Brick in the Holy Cross Prayer Garden in memory of a deceased loved one or in esteem of someone living. Pavers can be ordered online from the Holy Cross Parish Website, or you may stop by the Parish Office. Memorial Brick donations are \$400 each.

The New Day Bereavement Support Group

This support group, held by the Parish of Saint Mary, Ministry of Consolation, Colts Neck, invites you to participate in a nine week program for those who are grieving the death of loved ones. The program meets at 7:30 PM in the Spiritual Center’s Chapel. The program began on Tuesday, April 10th and will run-through Tuesday, June 5th. For information call Marilyn Simone at 732-462-8088.

NJ Right to Life Annual Banquet Dinner

NJ Right to Life will hold its Annual Banquet dinner on Friday, April 20th, at the Hyatt Regency, New Brunswick beginning at 6:30 PM. Registration forms are on the NJRTL website, www.njrtl.org . To register by phone call 732-562-0562 Monday thru Friday during business hours.