

**The Nativity of
 St. John The Baptist**

This Week At Holy Cross:

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- **Monday;** Charismatic
Healing Mass
- **Wednesday;** Exposition of
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- **Thursday;** Holy Hour 6 PM
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at 12 noon

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Stewardship

June 17, 2018

*“The hand of the
 Lord was with him”*

Offertory	\$9,527.60
Supplementary Coll.,	\$1,236.00
Electronic Giving	\$2,163.75
Alms	\$103.00
Candles	\$289.69

Thank You

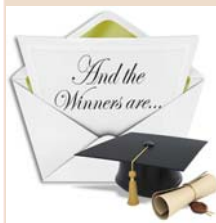
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The name John means "the Lord is gracious". In the birth of John and in the birth of Jesus the Messiah, we see the grace of God breaking forth into a world broken by sin and without hope. John’s miraculous birth shows the mercy and favor of God in preparing his people for the coming of their Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

John the Baptist's life was fueled by one burning passion, to point others to Jesus Christ and to the coming of God's kingdom. The fire of the Spirit dwelt in John and made him the forerunner of the coming Messiah. John was led by the Spirit into the wilderness prior to his ministry where he was tested and grew in the word of God. John broke the prophetic silence of the previous centuries when he began to speak the word of God to the people of Israel. His message was similar to the message of the Old Testament prophets who chided the people of God for their unfaithfulness and who tried to awaken true repentance in them. Among a people unconcerned with the things of God, it was his work to awaken their interest, unsettle them from their complacency, and arouse in them enough good will, to recognize and receive Christ when he came.

Holy Cross Scholarship Winners



Please join us in congratulating our Holy Cross Scholarship winners: Olivia Caruso, Alexandra Hickey, Michael Lemoine, Jack Velcamp, PJ Velcamp and Emily Worobel. These parishioners from the class of 2018 have been awarded scholarships based on their service to the parish and a written essay. The Scholarship Committee was very impressed with the students’ commitment to the parish and the quality of their written submissions. The many hours given in service to Religious Education was especially noteworthy. Please pray for these students and all college-bound students; that they may prosper, not only in their studies, but also in their relationship with the Lord.



Charismatic Healing Mass

The Healing Shepherd Prayer Group invites everyone to attend a Charismatic Healing Mass on **Monday, June 25th**, at 8:00 PM in Holy Cross Church. Our Celebrant will be Fr. Pio Mandato. All are welcome to attend!



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

We have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every Wednesday from 9:30 AM until Noon during the summer. We also have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Thursday evenings from 6:00 - 7:00 PM.

Men's Group Summer Session

Join us on June 28th at 7:30 PM, our topic will be;

Turning Point – Eight Encounters with Jesus That Will Change Your Life
Session III: The Wedding Party Encounters Jesus



How well do you know Jesus? Do you want to get to know him better? Have you really encountered him? Have you been waiting a long time to do so?

John's Gospel was written to help you experience Jesus Christ. In Turning Point, we will focus on eight people who encounter Jesus in John's Gospel so that we can personally meet Jesus ourselves and develop a more significant relationship with him in our everyday life.

In chapter two of his Gospel, John tells the story of the wedding at Cana, Jesus' first miracle, and the only Gospel to do so. His first "sign." The first miracle is a story of abundance. After all, as Jesus will tell us later in (John 10:10), He has come that we might "have a life and have it abundantly." The wedding at Cana illustrates Jesus' desire and capacity to do just that: turn our shortages into His abundance. **New members are welcome!**

Religious Freedom Week



People of faith are committed to serving others in God's love in healthcare, child welfare, migration and refugee resettlement, education, and more.

Religious freedom protects the space in which we can continue to serve. Religious Freedom Week began on June 22nd, the Feast of Saint Thomas More & Saint John Fisher. Join Catholics across the country to pray and act for the freedom to serve faithfully and with integrity.

Learn more at www.usccb.org/ReligiousFreedomWeek.

Find Out About R.C.I.A. Rite of Catholic Initiation of Adults



Perhaps you are not Catholic, but have been thinking about becoming one?

Any adult, baptized or not, who wishes to pursue full initiation in the Catholic Church should consider exploring RCIA.

Classes start in September. If you are interested or have questions, please call Eugenia Kelly at the Parish Office.

Summer 50/50 Raffle



Holy Cross will be holding a summer 50-50 raffle for July and August.

Tickets are \$20 each. The drawing will be held each month under the supervision of the Collection Counting Team.



Vacation Bible School



Join us for; *Shipwrecked: Saved by Jesus*, **From August 13th—17th.**
 Your kids will enjoy Bible stories, experiments, games, crafts, snacks and songs.



Venture onto an uncharted island where kids survive and thrive. Anchor kids in the truth that Jesus carries them through life's storms. At Shipwrecked, one memorable Bible Point is reinforced throughout each station, each day, making it easy to apply long after VBS is over.



Vacation Bible School is for children entering 1st thru 4th Grade, it will run from August 13th – 17th from 9 AM to 12:00 noon in Holy Cross Gymnasium.

Early Registration fee is \$50 until July 6th. After July 6th registration is \$75. Open registration at the door is \$75 (registration will be limited to Materials on hand). Make Checks payable to Holy Cross CCD. For details or questions email Marianne Velcamp at; mvelcamp@att.net .

Thank You From Project Paul

Dear Parishioners,
 Project Paul has been providing food, clothing and homelessness prevention services to the needy in the Bayshore area of Monmouth County for 30 years. Your generous donation of \$325 in May 2018, along with your donation of food from your food drive, will help people throughout the area. We want to thank you on behalf of the many people that will be helped with this contribution.
 Your continued support of Project Paul is very much appreciated!
 Sincerely, *Sal Cortale, Executive Director*

Parking Lot

Just a reminder, our parking lot is for church and school use only.



If in an emergency, you must leave your vehicle in the church lot, permission may be given if asked in a timely way, and contact information is left visible on the dashboard so we can contact you if necessary.

Applying for an Annulment



*Hope for a new beginning...
 ... a Church Annulment*

The process for marriage annulment can be emotional, difficult and confusing for a divorced Catholic. Through the Annulment Advocate Program, our diocese provides qualified individuals to journey with you throughout the process. These advocates help annulment petitioners to prepare the appropriate materials, as well as offer continuing assistance and encouragement until the case is resolved.

Ready to file for an annulment? For help in pursuing an annulment, contact the Parish Office to set an Appointment, or contact the Tribunal offices, tribunal@dioceseoftrenton.org or call 609-406-7411.

Convalidation



Are you a Catholic who was married by a justice of the peace or a Christian minister of another denomination? Perhaps you would like to consider taking your marriage to the next level by inviting Jesus to dwell within your relationship. If you feel ready to begin the process of preparing for sacramental marriage, or if you'd like to discuss your options, call Eugenia at the Parish Office.

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.

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, Frank Reedy and Carolyn Kiely

Mass Intentions

Saturday, June 23

9:00 AM Mahoney & Stump Families (Family)
5:00 PM Bill Noto (M/M Daniel Walsh)

Sunday, June 24

8:00 AM John C. Arlinghaus (Family)
10:30 AM William Gannon (Eileen & Joe Kenney)
5:00 PM Marie MacGregor & Melissa Centtani (Family)

Monday, June 25

9:00 AM Frank H. Arlinghaus (Family)

Tuesday, June 26

9:00 AM Robert Urbanik (Pat Scarrone)

Wednesday, June 27

9:00 AM Intention of Patricia & Walter Cuje (M/M Walter Cuje)
And Teresa & John Kenney (Eileen & Joe Kenney)

Thursday, June 28

9:00 AM Deacon Edward R. Herr (Dr. Adriane & Mr. Bruce Gsell)

Friday, June 29

9:00 AM Jane Keating (James Lenahan)

Saturday, June 30

9:00 AM Walter Beanland (Jack McGowan)
5:00 PM George Kabash (Gray Family)

Sunday, July 1

8:00 AM John Geiger (M/M Brian George & Family)
10:30 AM Carl Torjussin (M/M Dennis Lynch)
5:00 PM Lorraine Finan (Family)

HOLY CROSS SCHOOL

Now Enrolling For The 2018-2019 School Year!

Faith ~ Knowledge ~ Character



- ◆ *Over 75 Years of Catholic Education*
- ◆ *2015 National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence*
- ◆ *Exemplary Preschool Program for ages 3 to 5*
- ◆ *STEM-based Science Program*
- ◆ *Rigorous Language Arts focused on writing and literature*
- ◆ *Advanced Math Programs for qualified students*
- ◆ *State of the Art Technology*
- ◆ *Extra Curricular Art, Music, Drama, Baking and Math Clubs*
- ◆ *Christian Service Projects at all Grade Levels*
- ◆ *Track, Cross Country, Basketball, Soccer, Tennis, Golf & Baseball Teams*
- ◆ *After School Care Program and 7:15 AM Drop-Off option*

Visit www.holycrossschoolrumson.org or our Facebook page

Holy Cross School Rumson. Call to schedule your tour, **732-842-0348 x1128.**

Coffee House and Game Night at Nativity

College students and young adults ages 18-25 are invited to join your peers for a Coffee House and Game Night on Sunday, June 24th at 8 PM in the Parish Hall at the Church of the Nativity. For more information, and so that we can plan coffee and snacks, please RSVP to

VictoriaSullivan0@gmail.com

Calendar at a Glance

Monday, June 25

Basketball Clinic, 9 AM—12:30 PM
Altar Server Practice, Group 4, 4:30—5:30 PM
Charismatic Healing Mass, 8:00 PM (Church)

Tuesday, June 26

Basketball Clinic, 9 AM—12:30 PM
Tuesday Prayer Group, 1:30 PM
Altar Server Practice, Group 4, 4:30—5:30 PM

Wednesday, June 27

Basketball Clinic, 9 AM—12:30 PM
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, 9:30 AM—12 Noon
Altar Server Practice, Group 4, 4:30—5:30 PM

Thursday, June 28

Basketball Clinic, 9 AM—12:30 PM
Altar Server Practice, Group 4, 4:30—5:30 PM
Holy Hour, 6:00—7:00 PM
Holy Cross Men's Group, 7:00 PM (St. Joseph Room)

Friday, June 29

Parish Office Closing at 12 noon

Saturday, June 30

Mass 9:00 AM, Confession and Novena after Mass

Monday, July 2

Basketball Clinic, 9 AM—12:30 PM
Healing Shepherd Prayer Group 7:30 PM (HCS)

Tuesday, July 3

Basketball Clinic, 9 AM—12:30 PM

Wednesday, July 4

Holy Cross Parish Office Closed

Thursday, July 5

Basketball Clinic, 9 AM—12:30 PM
Holy Hour, 6:00—7:00 PM

Friday, July 6

Parish Office Closing at 12 noon
Basketball Clinic, 9 AM—12:30 PM

Saturday, July 7

Mass 9:00 AM, Confession and Novena after Mass

Monday, July 9

Soccer Clinic, 9 AM—12:30 PM
Healing Shepherd Prayer Group 7:30 PM (HCS)



Elizabeth Ministry



Elizabeth Ministry is an international movement designed to offer hope, healing and support to women and their families during the joys, trials, and sorrows of the childbearing years. For the past 11 years, Holy Cross Church has been served by its own, thriving Elizabeth Ministry chapter. At Holy Cross, Elizabeth Ministers visit new moms to offer support, cook meals for families with new babies, maintain a prayer chain, and facilitate a play-group that meets twice a month. We also host a variety of social and spiritual events throughout the year with topics that range from cake decorating, nutritional information sessions, all-day retreats and Christmas brunch. All are welcome to attend these events. Elizabeth Ministry at Holy Cross was blessed to have had Mairead Clifford as our Coordinator for the past four years. Mairead's leadership and guidance is very much appreciated. Thank you, Mairead, for a job well done. We will miss you!

We are pleased to welcome Teresa Makin as the new Coordinator. The Core Team leaders are: Carol Gangi coordinates delivery of dinners cooked by volunteers to families with new babies; Katie Berarducci manages the hospitality needs for all E. M. events as well as coordinates volunteers to help out at Baptisms; Kate Caffrey manages the parish-wide prayer chain as well as all communication within E. M. and its members; Adriana Werth coordinates a playgroup for newborns through three years old & reaches out to all new moms in the parish to assess their needs and inform them of how Elizabeth Ministry is here to help; Christy Ramos coordinates a faith sharing group which meets twice a month in the St. Joseph Room of the church; Kathleen Smith coordinates the sending of baptism anniversary cards to all families one year after their child has been baptized. Many exciting events are being planned for the upcoming year. We are always looking for volunteers and as you can see, there are lots of way to get involved. To learn more information about Elizabeth Ministry, please email: elizabethministry@holycrossrumson.org.

Questionnaire On Baptismal Certificate Sponsorship Eligibility Results

Thank you to those parishioners who completed our online questionnaire regarding availability of Baptismal sponsor certificates. 123 respondents completed the survey. There were many thoughtful open-ended comments on the questionnaire. Since the survey was anonymous, I cannot respond to each one personally.

Have you had personal experience or direct knowledge of a godparent's request for a sponsor certificate from a local parish?

<i>Answer Choices</i>	Responses	Responses
Yes	69.11%	85
No	30.89%	38
Answered	123	

Relationship of godparent to you

<i>Answer Choices</i>	Responses	Responses
Self	31.03%	18
Family member	56.90%	33
Friend or fellow parishioner	12.07%	7
Answered	58	

If you are completing this survey for a family member or friend, please answer the following questions as if they pertain to you. Rate the parish initial response to the request for a certificate:

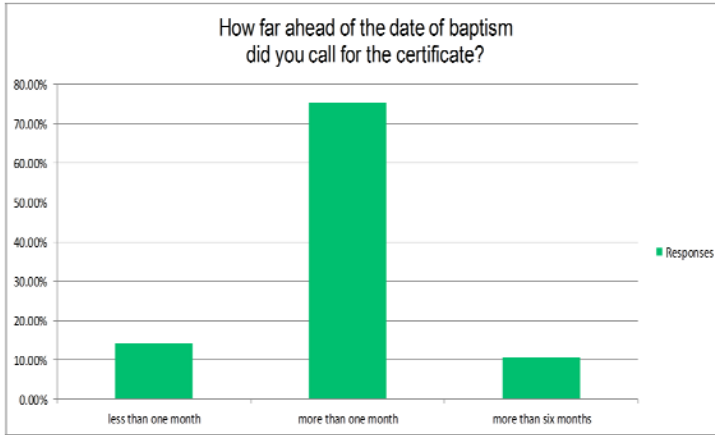
Parish easy to reach by phone		Dissatisfied		Neutral		Satisfied		Very satisfied		N/A
10.53%	6	0.00%	0	7.02%	4	17.54%	10	63.16%	36	1.75%
Handled request courteously		Dissatisfied		Neutral		Satisfied		Very satisfied		N/A
10.34%	6	1.72%	1	1.72%	1	25.86%	15	58.62%	34	1.72%
Handled request promptly		Dissatisfied		Neutral		Satisfied		Very satisfied		N/A
8.62%	5	0.00%	0	6.90%	4	25.86%	15	56.90%	33	1.72%
Returned follow-up calls		Dissatisfied		Neutral		Satisfied		Very satisfied		N/A
7.02%	4	0.00%	0	10.53%	6	17.54%	10	43.86%	25	21.05%
Answered		Dissatisfied		Neutral		Satisfied		Very satisfied		N/A
58		0		6		10		25		21.05%

Was a sponsor certificate issued?

<i>Answer Choices</i>	Responses	Responses
Yes, it was mailed.	31.03%	18
Yes, I picked it up.	53.45%	31
Yes. It was mailed to the parish where baptism was scheduled to take place.	1.72%	1
No, I changed my mind.	0.00%	0
No, it was refused.	8.62%	5
Other (please specify)	5.17%	3
Answered	58	

If it was refused, was the reason explained?

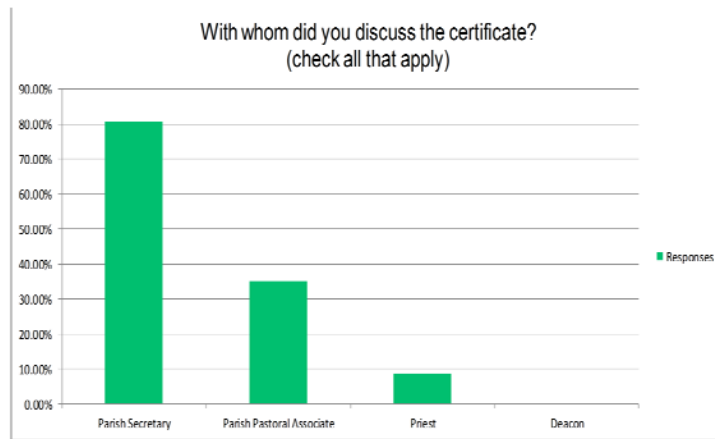
<i>Answer Choices</i>	Responses	Responses
Yes	14.71%	5
No	35.29%	12
Other (please specify)	50.00%	17
Answered	34	



Had you attempted to obtain a certificate at another parish?

Answer Choices

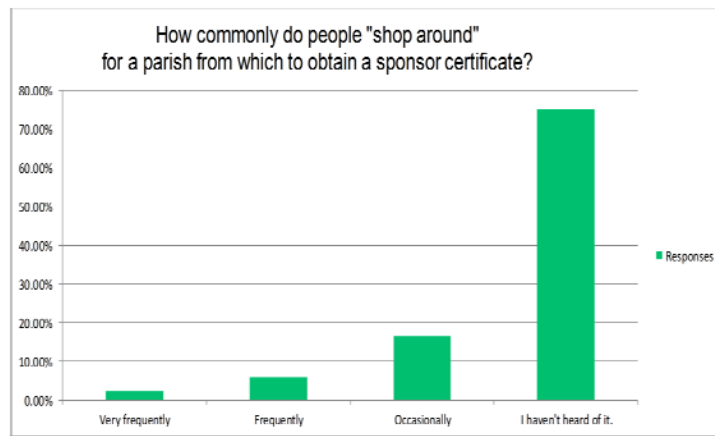
	Responses	Responses
Yes	8.62%	5
No	91.38%	53
	Answered	58



I had a hard time reaching the first parish.

Answer Choices

	Responses	Responses
	6.67%	1
I was refused.	6.67%	1
Other (please specify)	86.67%	13
	Answered	15



What suggestions do you have for the church to offer a more consistent process for obtaining a certificate from parish to parish in this area?

Answered 51

As expected, most parishioners first contact the parish secretary. The Diocese of Trenton has sponsored several workshops and appreciation days for Parish Secretaries. These have helped impress on everyone who speaks with a parishioner the importance of being helpful and courteous. However, the luxury of having a full-time receptionist dedicated to answering the phone can no longer be afforded. Here at Holy Cross, our parish secretary not only answers the parish phone, but also serves as secretary to the School of Religion. Between vacations and days off, lunch breaks and other responsibilities, we depend some of the time on parish volunteers who may not be as knowledgeable about parish procedures and sometimes may simply take a message. More frequently than I would like, the phone is in message taking mode. Other parish staff fill in answering the phone when available. If there is anticipated difficulty, the caller is always referred to a Pastoral Assistant. We frequently adjust the staffing pattern to answer the phones as best we can.