

Fourteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

This Week At Holy Cross:

- **Monday thru Thursday;** Soccer Clinic
- **Wednesday;** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- **Thursday;** Holy Hour 6PM
- **Friday,** Parish Office Closing at 12 noon



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Next Weekend Is The Holy Father Collection

The Holy Father Collection has ancient roots, linking back to New Testament times when people would provide material support to those preaching the Gospel for distribution to those in need. Today, the collection is the way we, as members of the Catholic Church, unite ourselves to the concerns of the Holy Father. Donations to this collection support the charitable works of Pope Francis for the relief of those most in need.

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The most severe critics are often people very familiar to us, a member of our family, a relative, neighbor or co-worker we rub shoulders with on a regular basis. Jesus faced a severe testing when he returned to his home town, not simply as the carpenter's son, but now as a rabbi with disciples. It would have been customary for Jesus to go to the synagogue each week during the Sabbath, and

when his turn came, to read from the scriptures during the Sabbath service. His hometown folks listened with rapt attention on this occasion because they had heard about the miracles he had performed in other towns.

*“Lord Jesus, you are the fulfillment of all our hopes and desires.
Your Spirit brings grace, truth, freedom, and abundant life.
Set my heart on fire with your love and truth.”*

Next Weekend Is Our Summer Mission Weekend

The Oblates of St. Francis de Sales



Next weekend, July 14-15, will be our summer mission weekend and the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales will be here at Holy Cross.

The Oblates work in the Church in a variety of ministries. From our nation's parishes and Catholic colleges, high schools and grade schools to the foreign missions, Oblate instill the Gospel and the Salesian spirit throughout the Church. Additionally, Oblates serve as chaplains in hospitals, prisons and the armed services and are also active in deaf and Hispanic ministry.

Please support the work of the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales and give generously.

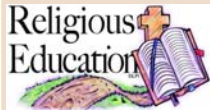
Online Registration for School of Religion

Families new to the parish, or who wish to enroll children in the program for the first time, should call the Office of Religious Education.



Re-Registration for our currently enrolled students should be completed online as soon as possible so we can plan for the upcoming year.

Online registration began on June 29th.



Join Our Catechetical Team!



Please help us fill the following positions:

Sunday, Catechists Grades 3 & 4, Adult & Teen aides grades 3 & 4, and Substitute Teachers.

Tuesday, Catechists Grades 1 & 2, Adult & Teen aides, Substitute Teachers and Hall Monitor.

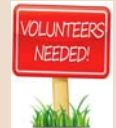
Confirmation Prep Team:

Monday, 6:30 to 8:15 PM (2x's a month) Catechists Gr. 7, Adult classroom aides & Substitutes

Sunday, 4:15 to 8 PM (1x a month) Catechists Gr. 8, Adult & Teen Aides, Substitute teachers & Support.

We provide training, materials and support.

Volunteers, contact Sallie Kabash at the Parish Office.



Charismatic Healing Mass

The Healing Shepherd Prayer Group invites everyone to attend a Charismatic Healing Mass on **Monday, July 23rd**, at 8:00 PM in Holy Cross Church.

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.



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, call Eugenia Kelly at the Parish Office.

Thank You to Our Online Givers



Thank you to the many families that have signed up for *Online Giving*! If you manage your bills online, we think you'll like the convenience of giving to our church online. *Online Contributions* are simple, secure and automatic. Log onto www.holycrossrumson.org click "Online Giving" in the left toolbar. You will be connected to a secure site where you may enter your information including how much and on what date per month to have funds transferred.

Thank you for your support!



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.

Convalidations



Are you a Catholic who was married by a justice of the peace or a Christian minister of another denomination?

“Perhaps you’d like to consider

taking your marriage to the next level, by having it validated in the Catholic Church, with the sacrament of marriage.” If you feel ready to begin the process of preparing for sacramental marriage, or if you’d simply like to discuss your options, please call Eugenia Kelly at the Parish Office.

Prayer Garden Memorial Bricks



Donate a Memorial Brick in the Holy Cross Prayer Garden in memory of a deceased loved one,

in esteem of someone living, or in thanksgiving for favors and graces received.

Pavers can be ordered online from the Parish Website, or stop by the Parish Office to fill out a form. Donations for Memorial Bricks are \$400.

Natural Family Planning

Next week is Natural Family Planning Awareness Week, July 22-28, 2018



The Church encourages married couples to learn about NFP methods because they represent *authentic* family planning that can be used either to *achieve* or *postpone* pregnancy. No drugs, devices, surgical procedures, or other artificial means are ever used to avoid pregnancy. This practice fosters in married

couples, an attitude of respect and wonder in their openness to human life. Natural Family Planning Awareness Week, July 22-28. For information contact Peg Hensler, 609-403-7156 or phensler@dioceseoftrenton.org.

Men's Group

Holy Cross Men's Group Summer Session will resume on Thursday, July 19th. Please join us!





Memorial Votive Candles

July 6 thru July 13

Debbie Rosenfeld (Panza Family)



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.



Pergola Column Donations



Consider helping us defray the cost of the pergola by dedicating a column in gratitude

or prayerful memory of someone. Contact the Parish Office for details.

St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Pray For Us!



Help us imitate your life of devotion to Our Lord, summed up in your dying words:
 "Jesus Konoronkwa!" - **"Jesus I Love You!"**

Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 7

9:00 AM Claire Harrison (Carol Brady & Family)
 5:00 PM George Kabash (The Stajik Family)

Sunday, July 8

8:00 AM Taylor Clark (M/M Brian George)
 10:30 AM William Weiant (M/M Dennis Lynch)
 5:00 PM James Garrett (Feiring Family)

Monday, July 9

9:00 AM For the Sick and Elderly of Our Parish

Tuesday, July 10

9:00 AM George Kabash (M/M James Parent)

Wednesday, July 11

9:00 AM For Military Personnel and their Families

Thursday, July 12

9:00 AM For People With Disabilities

Friday, July 13

9:00 AM John Geiger (M/M Michael Seaman & Family)

Saturday, July 14

9:00 AM Thomas F. Stokes, III (M/M Jim Hinckley)
 5:00 PM George Kabash (M/M John Blass)

Sunday, July 15

8:00 AM Jane Keaveney (Joan Dow)
 10:30 AM Alexander Ellwood (M/M Dennis Lynch)
 5:00 PM Bruce M. Peters (McCooley Family)



Please Pray for the Sick of the Parish

Our of 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, Frank Reedy, Carolyn Kiely
 and Remsen John Woodson*



Calendar at a Glance



Monday, July 9

Soccer Clinic, 9 AM—12:30 PM

Tuesday, July 10

Soccer Clinic, 9 AM—12:30 PM

Wednesday, July 11

Soccer Clinic, 9 AM—12:30 PM

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, 9:30 AM—12 Noon

Thursday, July 12

Soccer Clinic, 9 AM—12:30 PM

Holy Hour, 6:00—7:00 PM

Friday, July 13

Parish Office Closing at 12 noon

Saturday, July 14

Mass 9:00 AM, Confession and Novena after Mass

Monday, July 16

Young Sports Readiness Clinic, 9 AM—12:30 PM

Tuesday, July 17

Young Sports Readiness Clinic, 9 AM—12:30 PM

Wednesday, July 18

Young Sports Readiness Clinic, 9 AM—12:30 PM

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, 9:30 AM—12 Noon

Thursday, July 19

Young Sports Readiness Clinic, 9 AM—12:30 PM

Holy Hour, 6:00—7:00 PM

Friday, July 20

Parish Office Closing at 12 noon

Saturday, July 21

Mass 9:00 AM, Confession and Novena after Mass



Vacation Bible School

*For children entering 1st thru 4th Grades,
August 13-17, from 9 AM to 12 PM
in Holy Cross Gymnasium.
See page 3 of this bulletin for details!*



Senior Spirituality and So Much More Day

The Senior Spirituality and So Much More Day, featuring the Catholic Grandparents Association and Msgr. Sam Sirianni, presenting “Passing on the Faith to the Next Generation” and Bishop O’Connell will celebrate Mass. We will hear the Doo-Wops and the Bop-Shoo-Bops from the “Rock ‘n Rhythm!” And we’ll enjoy Lunch, by Dolce and Clemente! Join us on July 18th from 10 AM to 3:00 PM at St. Gregory the Great, Hamilton Square.

To register go to: www.dioceseoftrenton.org/pastoral-care.

Natural Family Planning Presentation

The Department of Evangelization and Family Life invites all married and engaged couples, to a presentation of the many surprising elements of Natural Family Planning. Reserve your spot for this free event in celebration of National Natural Family Planning Awareness Week, on Monday, July 23rd, from 7:00 – 9:00 PM at, St. Benedict Parish, Holmdel. To register, call Jossie Ramos, 609-403-7151 or: www.dioceseoftrenton.org/nfp-awareness.

St. Anne’s Society of St. Anthony’s Church

We will be hosting a day of prayer on Saturday, July 28th, at St. Anthony’s Church, Red Bank. The day will start with Mass at 10 AM, followed by a light brunch. We will have three key speakers: Pat Stevens, Fr. Al, and Fr. Nick, a newly ordained priest at our parish. The retreat will end at 3:00 PM. Call 732-741-8498 to register.

Discover The Joy of Being A Hospice Volunteer

VNA Health Group is offering training for all individuals interested in becoming hospice volunteers in Monmouth and Middlesex Counties. Training will be provided by members of the VNAHG Hospice team on 3 consecutive Tuesdays, July 10th, July 17th, and July 24th from 9:30 AM till 3 PM at VNA Health Group, 23 Main Street, Suite D1 Holmdel, NJ. Volunteers must attend all 3 sessions. To register, call Pauline De Palma at, 732-224-6933 or go to: www.vnahg.org for more information.