

# November 25, 2018 Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe



### This Week At Holy Cross:

- **Monday:** Charismatic Healing Mass
- **Wednesday:** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- **Thursday:** Bible Study
- **Thursday:** Holy Hour
- **Thursday:** Men's Group
- **Next Weekend:** Youth Ministry Christmas Wreath Sale, Hospitality Sunday and Advent Wreath Making

## Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe



The Scriptures tell us that there are ultimately only two kingdoms in this world which are opposed to one another - the kingdom of light and the kingdom of darkness. Each kingdom is ruled by one lord or master - the Lord Jesus Christ who is the true "Light of the World" - or the false messiah who rules by lies and deception.

If we serve the Lord Jesus Christ he will open our eyes to the light of his truth and guide us on the course that leads to our true homeland and security with God. If we follow the course which is set by the world - a world which is opposed to Christ and blinded by Satan - then we will discover that sin, pride, and greed will lead us down a path of destruction, division, and death rather than life, community, and freedom.

If we accept Jesus Christ as Lord and King we become citizens of an everlasting kingdom which is governed by God's righteousness, peace, and love.

*"Lord Jesus Christ, you are my King and there is no other. Be the Lord and Master of my heart, mind, body, and soul. May I always seek to do your will and to serve your kingdom above all else."*

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### Hospitality Sunday



Please join us next Sunday, December 2nd, at Hospitality Sunday in the St. Joseph Room, following the 10:30 AM Mass. We will have both Hospitality **and** Advent Wreath Making. Join with fellow parishioners for fellowship and free Coffee, munchkins and bagels!

### Stars For Jesus

Stars For Jesus tags are available online and in church this weekend. Gifts must be dropped off by December 9th



### Christmas Flower Donations



Included in your packet of offertory envelopes is the Christmas Flower Donation envelope. We appreciate your donations that helps us manage the cost of decorating our church for Christmas. Please consider helping us prepare a fitting place to welcome the Lord.



## Stars For Jesus



The *Stars for Jesus* Boards are available this weekend.

You can either sign up online **or** take a star from the boards at church.

The online link is <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0A4FAAA82FA75-holy1>

When using the online link, requests are listed as Male or Female, Star Number, and then Item requested.

If you choose to take a star from church, sign the clipboard with the star number, as well as your name and phone number.



**All gifts are to be returned wrapped, with the card or star attached!**

Donations should be brought to the St. Joseph Room, using the outside lower level stairwell, between the hours of 8 AM to 4 PM, from Friday, November 30th **thru** Sunday, December 9th.

*Your kindness and generosity will help a child or a disabled adult have a Blessed Christmas.*



### Charismatic Healing Mass

The Healing Shepherd Prayer Group invites all to attend a Charismatic Healing Mass on Monday, November 26th at 8:00 PM in Holy Cross Church.

**Our next Healing Mass will be on Tuesday, December 18th.**

### *Save The Date*

### Stations of the Creche and Christmas Tree Lighting

Please join us on Monday, December 13th at 7 PM as we follow the journey of the Holy Family in Stations of the Creche. Music, candlelight, live nativity animals and the lighting of our Holy Cross Christmas Tree, followed by refreshments for everyone.

### Youth Ministry Christmas Wreath Sale



Our Youth Ministry will be selling beautifully decorated Christmas wreaths, roping and grave blankets for the upcoming holiday season. The Christmas Wreath sale will take place on the weekends of December 1st & 2nd, and December 8th & 9th. Please show your support of our Youth Ministry and purchase a Christmas wreath.

### Advent Wreath Making



Join us on Sunday, December 2nd, in the St. Joseph Room for Advent Wreath Making. In less than half an hour, your family will assemble an Advent Wreath with fresh greens, candles, ribbons and pine cones. The cost for the materials is \$25 per family. Everyone who sends in a registration form by November 29th will be guaranteed a wreath. The registration form is available on the Holy Cross website.



### Men's Group

**Thursday, November 29th Advent: Preparing For Christ**

**(Week I)** If the readings for the first Sunday of Advent had to be summed up in a few words, they might be: "Don't worry.

I read the end of the book, and we, the good guys, win."

Advent begins with a reflection on the end times.

We will meditate on God's triumph over our sins, God's promise to the Old Testament people of a new covenant, the end times,

and further reflection on what our response to the end times,

in the light if Jesus' saving work, should be.

### Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament

Why not give the Lord the gift of yourself during this Advent and Christmas? Make a commitment to visit the Blessed Sacrament for one hour on Wednesdays between 10 AM and 4 PM and let your presence be your offering to Jesus. Use the time to pray, read Scripture or meditate in the silence of church and soak up God's grace and peace. We especially need Adorers from 11 AM to 3 PM. Please consider making this gift in the weeks ahead; the gifts you receive from the Lord will overflow without measure. Please call the Parish Office to sign up.



### Church Security



In order to make our church environment more secure, access to the church during

the week will be limited to the

handicapped entrance door adjacent to the rectory **and**

the South West Double Stairway entrance (by the Jesus Statue).

This will enable us to monitor the church more easily, especially when the school children are present for mass. As always, we must balance the need for security with ease of access.

### Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception



The Immaculate Conception, is the patronal feast of the United States. It is one of the Holy Days of Obligation

on the Church calendar, all Catholics are obligated to attend Mass on this day. Holy Cross will celebrate a Vigil Mass on **Friday**, December 7, at 7 PM.

On Saturday, December 8th, Holy Cross will celebrate Mass at 9:00 AM in honor of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. The 5:00 PM Mass is a Sunday Mass, it does not meet the obligation of the Holy Day.



## Messiah Part One

*George Frideric Handel*

**Sunday, December 9th PM,  
3:00 PM Holy Cross Church**

*Holy Cross Choir, Choral Artists,  
Chamber Orchestra,  
Don Carolina, Conductor.*

*You will be entertained  
and filled with the  
spirit of Christmas.*

**Suggested Offering \$20.**



**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 9:00 AM Mass. Candles and

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

**Holy Cross Poor Boxes**

Our brass colored Poor Boxes are built into the wall, on either side of the entrance, in the Narthex of the Church. Donations are needed **and** appreciated all year long. Please remember to give to the poor especially during Advent.



**Please Pray for the Sick of the Parish**

Out 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, Frank Reedy and Grace Fasullo*

**Christmas Anticipation Prayer  
or St Andrew's Christmas Novena**

*This prayer is recited 15 times per day,  
starting on the feast of St Andrew,  
November 30<sup>th</sup>, through to Christmas Eve.*

Hail and blessed be the hour and moment in which the Son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in the piercing cold. In that hour vouchsafe, I beseech Thee, O my God, to hear my prayer and grant my desires, [State your Intention ..] through the merits of Our Savior Jesus Christ and of His blessed Mother. Amen.

**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, November 24**

- 9:00 AM Thomas E. Lynch, Jr. (Gary Sammon)
- 5:00 PM Frances T. Legge (Joanna Roberts)

**Sunday, November 25**

- 8:00 AM John DeVincenzo (M/M Michael McGough)
- 10:30 AM Lorraine Finan (Family)
- 12:00 PM Winifred and Thomas O'Leary (Ann O'Leary)  
**And** Michael Durcan (Ann O'Leary)
- 5:00 PM Antonio Dorgerville (Heine Family)

**Monday, November 26**

- 9:00 AM Oakley Gage Debbs (Everett Family)

**Tuesday, November 27**

- 9:00 AM Eugene Meny (Adele Meny)

**Wednesday, November 28**

- 9:00 AM Jeanne Clark (M/M Harvey Stewart)

**Thursday, November 29**

- 9:00 AM For the Parishioners Of Holy Cross

**Friday, November 30**

- 9:00 AM Angela Sabbia (Family)

**Saturday, December 1**

- 9:00 AM For the Sick of the Parish
- 5:00 PM John V. Ellis (Mary Ellis)

**Sunday, December 2**

- 8:00 AM Charles Bernard Donnelly (Mary Eagan)
- 10:30 AM Mark J. Azzolina (Nancy Leighton)
- 12:00 PM Margaret Checton (M/M Robert Finan)
- 5:00 PM Bruno Sama (Vittoria Sama)



**Calendar at a Glance**



**Monday, November 26**

RCIC Session, 4:00 PM (PO)  
 RCIA Session, 6:30 PM (PO)  
 Charismatic Healing Mass, 8:00 PM

**Tuesday, November 27**

Elizabeth Ministry Faith sharing 10 AM (St. Joseph Room)  
 Tuesday, Prayer Group, 1:00 PM (St. Joseph Room)  
 First Reconciliation Practice, 4:00 PM

**Wednesday, November 28**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, **9:45 AM - 4:00 PM**  
 Youth Ministry, 6:30 PM  
 AA Meeting, 8:00 PM (St. Joseph Room)

**Thursday, November 29**

Bible Study, 9:45 AM (St. Joseph Room)  
 Youth Choir practice 3:30 PM (Choir loft)  
 Exposition and Holy Hour, 6:00—7:00 PM  
 Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM  
 Sacrament of First Reconciliation, 7:30 PM  
 Holy Cross Men’s Group, 7:30 PM (St. Joseph Room)

**Saturday, December 1**

Mass 9:00 AM, Confession and Novena after Mass  
 Stars For Jesus Gift Drive  
 Youth Ministry Christmas Wreath Sale

**Sunday, December 2**

Stars For Jesus Gift Drive  
 Youth Ministry Christmas Wreath Sale  
 Youth Choir Singing at 10:30 Mass  
 Hospitality and Wreath Making, following 10:30 Mass (SJR)  
 SOR Classes 9:00 AM  
 SOR 8th Grade Session, 4:15 PM



**Monday, December 3**

RCIC Session, 4:00 PM (PO)  
 RCIA Session, 6:30 PM (PO)  
 SOR 7th Grade Session, 6:30 PM

**Tuesday, December 4**

Tuesday, Prayer Group, 1:00 PM (St. Joseph Room)  
 SOR Classes, 4:00 PM

**Wednesday, December 5**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, **9:45 AM - 4:00 PM**  
 Youth Ministry, 6:30 PM  
 AA Meeting, 8:00 PM (St. Joseph Room)

**Thursday, December 6**

Bible Study, 9:45 AM (St. Joseph Room)  
 Youth Choir practice 3:30 PM (Choir loft)  
 Exposition and Holy Hour, 6:00—7:00 PM  
 Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM  
 Holy Cross Men’s Group, 7:30 PM (St. Joseph Room)

**Friday, December 7**

Vigil Mass for Holy Day of Obligation, 7:00 PM

**Saturday, December 8**

**Immaculate Conception, Holy Day of Obligation**  
 Mass 9:00 AM, Confession and Novena after Mass  
 Dress Rehearsal for Messiah Concert 10:30 AM  
 Stars For Jesus Gifts must be brought in by December 9th  
 Youth Ministry Christmas Wreath Sale

**Sunday, December 9**

Stars For Jesus Gifts must be brought in today  
 Youth Ministry Christmas Wreath Sale  
 SOR Classes 9:00 AM  
 Adult Choir Call 1:30 PM  
 Messiah Concert 3:00 PM



**Holy Cross Christmas  
 Mass Schedule**



**Christmas Eve,**

**Monday, December 24th**

3:00 PM, 4:30 PM, 6:00 PM and 11:00PM

Christmas Carols begin at 10:30 PM

**Christmas Day,**

**Tuesday, December 25th**

10:30 AM and 12:00 Noon

**Around The Cohort And The Diocese**

**Downey Side Adoptions**

Do you want to make a difference in the life of a Foster Care Child? If so, apply to adopt through Downey Side and give Foster Care children a permanent home.

Children are school age and up. Contact Sister Elizabeth Engel at 732-359-8434 or email [sister.engel@gmail.com](mailto:sister.engel@gmail.com).

**St. Joseph By The Sea, South Mantoloking  
 December 12th, Quiet By The Fireside**

This is an opportunity to contemplate Jesus, the Incarnate Word, through reflection in a quiet and prayerful environment. Christmas sing-along and refreshments after program. From 5 PM - 8 PM, Free will donation.