

November 26, 2017

**Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of The Universe**

This Week at Holy Cross;

- **Monday;** RCIA
- **Monday;** Charismatic Healing Mass
- **Thursday;** Evening Adoration
- **Thursday;** Sacrament of Reconciliation
- **Thursday;** Men's Group
- **Next Weekend;** Youth Ministry Christmas Wreath Sale
- **Next Weekend;** Advent Wreath Making

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Do you allow the love of Christ, who is your Lord and King, to rule in your heart?



Augustine of Hippo said, "Essentially, there are two kinds of people, because there are two kinds of love. One is holy, the other is selfish. One is subject to God; the other endeavors to equal Him." Jesus came not only to fulfill the law of righteousness, but to transform it through his unconditional love and mercy towards us.

The Lord Jesus proved his love for us by offering up his life on the cross as the atoning sacrifice for our sins. His death brings freedom and life for us, freedom from fear, selfishness and greed, and new abundant life in the Holy Spirit who fills our hearts with the love of God. Allow God's love to purify your heart and transform your mind to think, act, and love others as the Lord Jesus has taught through word and example.

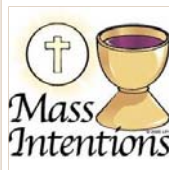
Augustine of Hippo wrote, "Christ is at once above and below, above in Himself, below in his people. Fear Christ above, and recognize him below. Here he is poor, with and in the poor; there he is rich, with and in God. Have Christ above bestowing his bounty; recognize him here in his need" (excerpt from *Sermon 123, 44*).

Stars For Jesus Tags available this weekend!



See page 2 of this bulletin for details

Holy Cross Mass Book



The Holy Cross book of mass intentions has been filled through the end of this year. We will open the 2018 Mass Book and begin accepting mass intentions this Friday, December 1st.

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 will be set up on this weekend.

Please take a star, sign the clipboard with the star number, as well as your name and phone number.



All gifts are to be returned wrapped with the 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. Return the gifts any day until Sunday, December 10th.

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 27th at 8:00 PM in Holy Cross Church.

Fr. Bill Gaffney will be our celebrant.

Our next Healing Mass will be on Tuesday, December 19th.

Holy Cross Men's Group

Join us on November 30, at 7:30 PM, our topic will be

Michelangelo Part I The Artist



The master of sculpture and painting is not a saint but serves as the privileged representative of the creative potential

engendered by the Catholic Faith. The Church professes that beauty is a route of access to God, and through humanity's creative artistry we glimpse the power and glory of the Lord.

Please join us, new members are always welcome!

Holy Cross 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 Friday, December 1st, and after masses on Saturday, December 2nd and Sunday, December 3rd. Please show your support and purchase a Christmas wreath.

Holy Cross Religious Ed Advent Service Project – Giving from the heart to serve those most in need!



In an effort to continue Jesus' mission of extending the gift of love and compassion to those in need, the School of Religion is sponsoring a collection of hygiene items to benefit The Center in Asbury Park.

The Center is dedicated to helping the poorest of the poor, the sick and homeless. The majority of clients that are served by The Center are men. Please keep this in mind when choosing the following items. The Center requests that items be travel size, small or regular and no more than 15 ounces. Please consider a donation any of the following items: *tooth brushes & tooth paste, men's deodorant, mouthwash (15 oz. or less) men's shampoo (15 oz. or less) disposable razors and shaving cream.* Gift Cards or monetary donations are always accepted! Look for the Drop off Boxes outside of Church next weekend December 2nd & 3rd.

Hospitality Sunday

Please join us next Sunday,
 December 3rd at Hospitality
 Sunday in the St. Joseph
 Room, following the
 10:30 AM Mass.



Advent Wreath Making

We will meet next Sunday,
 December 3rd, in the St. Joseph
 Room for Advent Wreath Making.



In less than half an hour, your family will assemble an Advent Wreath with live greens and begin marking the weeks of preparation for Christmas. The cost for the materials is \$25 per family. A limited number of wreaths will be on hand Sunday morning on a first come, first serve basis, for those who did not make a reservation in advance.

Messiah

Part One George Frideric Handel
Sunday, December 10th
at 3:00 PM in Holy Cross Church

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

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

FREE WILL OFFERING



The Holy Cross Parish Retreat

The Holy Cross Parish Retreat is quickly approaching!

Plan on joining us on Tuesday, December 5th, 9:00 AM - 2:30 PM at St. Alfonso Retreat House, West Long Branch, \$35/person includes lunch and refreshments. Three Redemptorist priests will preach the retreat which concludes with Mass at 2:30 PM. Confession will be available. Contact the Parish Office to register.



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 30th, 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.





Memorial Votive Candles



November 24th thru December 1st

Pierce Jarck (James Lenahan)

Andrew Tomasello (M/M Joseph Loftus & Fam)

Peter McOrmond (Deignan Family)

Donaldo Lombino (M/M Joseph Loftus & Family)

Holy Cross Christmas Mass Schedule



Masses For Sunday,

December 24th

8:00 AM, 10:30 AM and 12 noon

Christmas Eve,

Sunday, December 24th

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

Christmas Day,

Monday, December 25th

10:30 AM and 12:00 PM



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Some of November's Liturgical Content on FORMED

* Presentation of The Blessed Virgin Mary

* Saint Cecilia

* Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of The Universe

* Saint Catherine Laboure

* Saint Andrew, Apostle

Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 25

9:00 AM Raymond Tierney (Mindnich Family)

5:00 PM Regina Brantley (Cesario Family)

Sunday, November 26

8:00 AM Karl T. Torjussen (M/M Jim Duffy)

10:30 AM Betty Rossi (Gibson Family)

12:00 PM Oakley G. Debbs (Everett Family)

5:00 PM James J. Maguire, Sr. (Clifford Family)

Monday, November 27

9:00 AM Dawn Garavente (Raphalian Family)

Tuesday, November 28

9:00 AM Timothy Quill (Mindnich Family)

Wednesday, November 29

9:00 AM Judy Clauss (Faculty of Holy Cross School)

Thursday, November 30

9:00 AM Angela Sabbia (Family)

Friday, December 1

9:00 AM Dawn Garavente (M/M James Parent)

Saturday, December 2

9:00 AM Martin B. McCann, Jr. (Mindnich Family)

5:00 PM John V. Ellis (Family)

Sunday, December 3

8:00 AM Dawn Garavente (M/M Michael Bruno & Family)

10:30 AM Frances E. Hackenson (Danielle Henderson)

12:00 PM Winifred and Thomas O'Leary (Family)

5:00 PM Bruno Sama (Family)



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,

Lindley McCarthy, Maria Incremona, Sean Ring,

Elenmarie Dunn and Lori Lettieri

Calendar at a Glance

Monday, November 27

RCIA Session, Adults at 6:30 PM (PO)

SOR 7th Grade, 6:30 PM

Charismatic Healing Mass, 8:00 PM (HCC)

Tuesday, November 28

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

Reconciliation Practice, 4:00 PM (Church)

Wednesday, November 29

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, **9:45 AM - 4:00 PM**

Holy Cross Youth Ministry, 6:30 PM (Gymnasium)

Thursday, November 30

Bible Study 9:45 AM (St. Joseph Rm.)

HC Youth Choir, Practice 3:30 PM (Church Choir Loft)

Thursday Evening Adoration, 6:00 -7:00 PM (HCC)

Sacrament of Reconciliation, 7:00 PM (HCC)

HC Adult Choir, rehearsal 7:10 PM

Holy Cross Men's Group, 7:30 PM (St. Joseph Room)

Friday, December 1

Youth Ministry Christmas Wreath Sale

Saturday, December 2

Mass 9:00 AM, Confession and Novena after Mass

Youth Ministry Christmas Wreath Sale after mass

RCIA Rite of Welcoming, 5 PM Mass

Sunday, December 3

Youth Ministry Christmas Wreath Sale after masses

SOR Classes, 9:00 AM

HC Children's Choir singing at 10:30 Mass

Hospitality Sunday following 10:30 Mass (St. Joseph Room)

Advent Wreath Making, Following 10:30 Mass (St. Joseph Rm)

Monday, December 4

CRCIA Session, Children 4:00 PM

RCIA Session, Adults at 6:30 PM (PO)

SOR 7th Grade, 6:30 PM

Tuesday, December 5

Holy Cross Parish Retreat, 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM

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

SOR Classes, 4:00 PM

Wednesday, December 6

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, **9:45 AM - 4:00 PM**

Holy Cross Youth Ministry, 6:30 PM (Gymnasium)

Thursday, December 7

Bible Study 9:45 AM (St. Joseph Rm.)

HC Youth Choir, Practice 3:30 PM (PO)

Thursday Evening Adoration, 6:00 -7:00 PM (HCC)

Vigil Mass For Holy Day, 7:00 PM (HCC)

HC Adult Choir, rehearsal 7:00—9:00 PM

Bereavement Committee Meeting, 7:00 PM

Baptism Prep Class, 7:00 PM (PO)

Holy Cross Men's Group, 7:30 PM (St. Joseph Room)

St Dominic Church Presents

The Orchestra of St. Peter By The Sea

Join us for this Christmas Spectacular on Friday,

December 8th at 7:30 PM! Welcome the holiday season with Father Alphonse Stephenson, as his 42 piece orchestra skillfully performs holiday classics with passion and precision, that make this spectacular evening one not to be missed. Tickets are \$30 in advance, \$35 at the door. Call 732-840-1410, Monday thru Friday 9 AM—4 PM.

2018 Polar Bear Plunge!

The Sons of Ireland Polar Bear Plunge, will raise money for the following organizations:

Shore House, a membership organization dedicated to providing resources and supportive services to people with mental illness.

Unbroken Warriors, provides veterans that are suffering from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, the means to pursue effective residential treatment through various therapeutic techniques.

Plunge takes place at 1:00 PM at Convention Hall in Asbury Park. Register at; www.sonsofireland.org.

The Ancient Order of Hibernians

Polar Plunge To Benefit Catholic Schools!

Join Holy Cross families on January 28, 2018 at

Donovan's Reef for the Polar Plunge. For more information

or if you are interested in volunteering your time to help out please send email to Lisa at, super3ones@aol.com

or Charissa, charissakeavey@gmail.com .

Reboot Live

Fun, inspiring and practical experience of applying the beauty of the Gospel to your life. Speaker and Author Chris Stefanick. Reboot is a cross generational event for ages 12 and older. Bring family and friends, Catholics & non-Catholics. Wednesday, April 11th, 7-9:30 PM at St. Leo's Church. Tickets are \$22, call the Holy Cross Parish Office.

To register: www.reallifecatholic.com .

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