

**December 3, 2017**

**First Sunday Of Advent**

**This Week at Holy Cross;**

- **Weekend;** Youth Ministry  
Christmas Wreath Sale
- **Weekend;** Hospitality &  
Advent Wreath Making
- **Monday;** CRCIA & RCIA
- **Thursday;** Evening Adoration
- **Thursday;** Men's Group
- **Thursday;** Vigil Mass, 7 PM  
for Holy Day
- **Friday;** HC School Mass
- **Next Sunday;** Messiah  
Concert at 3:00 PM

**Stewardship**

**November 12, 2017**

Offertory	\$13,781.82
Electronic Giving	\$1,496.00
Alms	\$47.00
Candles	\$170.10

**November 19, 2017**

Offertory	\$13,408.77
Supplemental Coll.,	\$1,475.00
Electronic Giving	\$1,533.75
Alms	\$43.00
Candles	\$193.45

**November 26, 2017**

Offertory	\$11,713.00
# of envelopes	206
Electronic Giving	\$1,326.25
Alms	\$30.00
Candles	\$210.00

**Thank You**

**Holy Cross Memorial Donor Book**

Our Memorial Donor Book for the church's capital campaign has been engraved and returned to Holy Cross. Thank you to all our generous donors. It is truly a worthy remembrance for those who have given so generously to Holy Cross Church. Our next engraving will likely be in six months to one year depending on when pledges to the campaign are completed.



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**First Sunday Of Advent**



The season of Advent is a time for rousing our minds and hearts for the Lord's coming. As his servants we watch for his will, continually seeking him. We watch for his word and his power, that he may act now to save and to deliver. We watch for his visitation, he will surely come again! Servants of the Lord be vigilant, be alert, be "watchmen" for the Lord pointing the way for his coming.

**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 **Thursday**,

December 7, at 7:00 PM. On Friday, December 8th,

Holy Cross School will celebrate a School Mass at 9:00 AM

In honor of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

**Nocturnal Adoration During Advent**



Pray during an hour of peaceful Eucharistic Adoration, Wednesday nights throughout Advent from 11 PM to midnight. The Wednesdays of Advent are December 6, December 13 and December 20th.

We all know how hectic the days of Advent can become. This is an opportunity to collect ourselves and spend some time with the Lord during the beautiful Advent season of waiting in hope for what is to come.



### Hospitality Sunday

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

### Advent Wreath Making



We will meet this 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.

### 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 after masses on Saturday and Sunday. Please show your support for our Youth Ministry.

### 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.

### Holy Cross Religious Education 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 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 this weekend December 2nd & 3rd.

### Stars For Jesus



**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 Sun., December 10.

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



# Messiah

Part One George Frideric Handel



**Sunday,  
December 10th  
at 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.*

**FREE WILL OFFERING**

## Holy Cross Mass Book



We have opened our 2018 Mass Book and have begun taking Mass requests. Please come to the Parish Office during office hours or to our Church office in the North Transept following the 10:30 AM Sunday Mass.

## 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.

## Thanksgiving Food Drive - Thank You!



A very sincere thank you, to all parishioners for their donations to our Thanksgiving Food Drive.

We collected 115 turkeys, 150 bags of food and \$120 in monetary donations.

These are the churches and agencies that we helped: St. Anthony's, The Center, The ARC of Monmouth County, Project Paul, Lunch Break and Sea Bright.

## Children's Movie ~ Next Sunday



Next Sunday, December 10, following the 10:30 Mass, the Elizabeth Ministry will host the Veggie Tales Movie, *The Toy That Saved Christmas*. All are invited to join us in the St. Joseph Room. Refreshments will be served.

## Holy Cross Men's Group

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

### Michelangelo *Part II* 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!**





**Memorial Votive Candles**

*December 1st thru December 8th*

- Pierce Jarck (Durney Family)
- Sheila Hobson & James J. Straine, Sr. (Durney Family)
- Andrew Tomasello (Stypa Family)
- Dolores Karinja (Krystopowicz Family)
- Erich Morgano (M/M Paul LaPlante)
- Tom Reagan (Family)



**Mass Intentions**

**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 (Vittoria Family)

**Monday, December 4**

- 9:00 AM Raymond Tierney (M/M James Parent)

**Tuesday, December 5**

- 9:00 AM Lillian Farrington (Farrington & O'Malley Family)

**Wednesday, December 6**

- 9:00 AM Dawn Garavente (Mindnich Family)

**Thursday, December 7**

- 9:00 AM Clair Byrne (M/M James Parent)

**Friday, December 8**

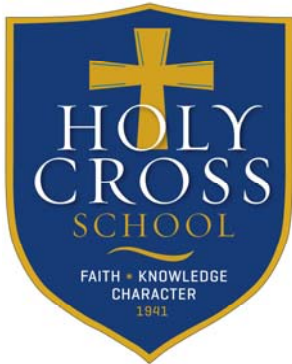
- 9:00 AM Concetta Sorace (Family)

**Saturday, December 9**

- 9:00 AM Carlos Azaceta (Family)
- 5:00 PM Regina Brantley (Forlenza Family)

**Sunday, December 10**

- 8:00 AM James Maguire, Sr. (M/M Joe O'Connor & Family)
- 10:30 AM Dawn Garavente (M/M Richard Barry & Family)
- 12:00 PM Martin B. McCann, Jr. (M/M Jim Dengler)
- 5:00 PM James Maguire, Sr. (Brodsky Family)



**Open House**

**Friday,**

**December 15th**

**9:00 AM—10:30 AM**

**732-842-0348**

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***A TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE***



**Stations of the Creche  
and Christmas Tree Lighting**

Please join us on Monday,  
December 18th 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.



**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, 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  
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)  
Nocturnal Adoration During Advent, 11PM –12 AM

### 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)

### Friday, December 8

Holy Cross School Mass, 9:00 AM  
Youth Ministry Christmas Wreath Sale

### Saturday, December 9

Mass 9:00 AM, Confession and Novena after Mass

### Sunday, December 10

SOR Classes, 9:00 AM  
Mass Sitters Available

**Messiah Concert, 3:00 PM (HCC)**

### Monday, December 11

CRCIA Session, Children 4:00 PM  
RCIA Session, Adults at 6:30 PM (PO)  
SOR 7th Grade, 6:30 PM

### Tuesday, December 12

SOR Classes, 4:00 PM

### Wednesday, December 13

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, **9:45 AM - 4:00 PM**  
Holy Cross Youth Ministry, 6:30 PM (Gymnasium)  
Nocturnal Adoration During Advent, 11PM –12 AM

### Thursday, December 14

HC Youth Choir, Practice 3:30 PM (PO)  
Thursday Evening Adoration, 6:00 -7:00 PM (HCC)

### Friday, December 15

Holy Cross School Open House, 9:00 AM—10:30 AM

### Saturday, December 16

Mass 9:00 AM, Confession and Novena after Mass

### Sunday, December 17

SOR Classes 9:00 AM  
HC Adult Choir Call, 9:45 AM  
Mass Sitters Available

## 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

### *Masses For Sunday, December 31st,*

### *Feast of the Holy Family*

8:00 AM, 10:30 AM, 12 Noon, 5:00 PM  
and 7:00 PM Latin Mass

*New Year's Day, Monday, January 1st,  
Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God  
9:00 AM Mass*



## March For Life 2018



Join Holy Cross and the Diocese of Trenton  
at the March for Life on Friday, January 19th,  
in Washington D.C.

Holy Cross will provide bus and metro  
transportation, food and drink on the bus.

Tickets are; \$25/adult and \$10/student,  
Holy Cross School 7th and 8th grade students  
will be chaperoned by a faculty member.

Bus departs Holy Cross parking lot  
at 6:15 AM and returns at 10:00 PM.

Please fill out a registration form and return  
it to the Parish Office with a check  
by Friday, January 8.

For more information, call the Parish Office.