

**December 10, 2017**



**Second Sunday  
Of Advent**

**This Week at Holy Cross;**

- **Sunday; Messiah Concert at 3:00 PM**
- **Monday; CRCIA & RCIA**
- **Wednesday; Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**
- **Wednesday; Nocturnal Adoration During Advent**
- **Thursday; Evening Adoration**
- **Friday; HCS Open House**

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**Stewardship**

**December 3, 2017**

Offertory	\$13,989.00
# of envelopes	258
Supplemental Coll.,	\$1,770.00
Electronic Giving	\$3,266.75
Alms	\$77.00
Candles	\$257.30

**Thank You**

*"The baptism of repentance and purification in the Holy Spirit"*



*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.*

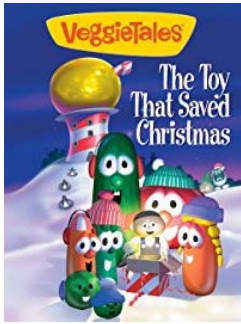
**FREE WILL OFFERING**

**Nocturnal Adoration During Advent**

Pray during an hour of peaceful Eucharistic Adoration, Wednesday nights throughout Advent, from 11:00 PM to midnight. The remaining Wednesdays of Advent are, December 13 and December 20th.



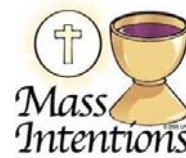
We all know how hectic the days of Advent can become. This is an opportunity to collect ourselves and spend some time with the Lord during the beautiful Advent season of waiting in hope for what is to come.



### Children’s Movie ~ This Sunday

This 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 Mass Book



We have opened our 2018 Mass Book and have begun taking Mass requests.

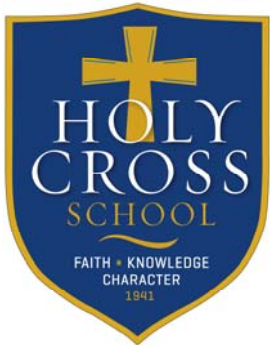
Please come to the Parish Office during office hours Monday through Friday, or to our Church office in the North Transept of Holy Cross Church following the 10:30 AM Sunday Mass.

### Stars For Jesus



All gifts must be wrapped with the star attached!

All gifts must be returned by Sunday, December 10.



### Open House

Friday,

December 15th

9:00 AM—10:30 AM

732-842-0348

[www.holycrossschoolrumson.org](http://www.holycrossschoolrumson.org)



**A TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE**

### Join Us For

### The Family Rosary

Next Sunday, December 17th, following the 5:00 PM Mass, the Elizabeth Ministry will lead the Family Rosary in the St. Joseph Room.

Pizza will be served.

We hope you and your family can join us!



### Stations of the Creche and Christmas Tree Lighting



Please join us on Monday, December 18th at 7:00 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### Remember Holy Cross Church At Christmas



*My Christmas Gift*

Amount \_\_\_\_\_ \$  
Name \_\_\_\_\_

Please be as generous as your means allow in the Christmas collection this year. Your generosity is needed and appreciated.

### Charismatic Healing Mass



The Healing Shepherd Prayer Group invites all to attend a Healing Mass on **Tuesday, December 19th** at 8:00 PM in Holy Cross Church. Our Celebrant will be Fr. Alex Enriquez. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Please Note: Our January Healing Mass will be on Monday, January 22, 2018

### Holy Cross Pergola Column Donations



Consider dedicating a Pergola column in gratitude or prayerful memory of someone. Contact the Parish Office for details.

### 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.

### Holy Cross Prayer Garden Memorial Bricks



Donate a Memorial Brick in the Holy Cross Prayer Garden. Pavers can be ordered online from our Parish Website **or** you may stop by the Parish Office. Donations for Memorial Bricks are \$400 each.

### Morning Offering to Our Lady of Guadalupe



Immaculate Heart of Mary, Heart of my Mother, Our Lady of Guadalupe, I unite to thy purity, thy sanctity, thy zeal and thy love, all my thoughts, words, acts, and sufferings this day, that there may be nothing in me that does not become through thee, a pleasure to Jesus, a gain to souls, and an act of reparation for the offenses against thy Heart.

### Second Week of Advent



This second candle of our Advent Wreath recalls the promise that you have made to your faithful ones, that a new heaven awaits us. We are patient Lord, as we await your coming we ask that you enlighten our minds and hearts with your grace and peace.





**Memorial Votive Candles**  
*December 8th thru December 15th*

In Thanksgiving (Keefe Family)  
Pierce Jarck (Lerner Family)  
Janet Kaiser (Lerner Family)  
John Connor (Family)



**Mass Intentions**

**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)

**Monday, December 11**

9:00 AM Timothy Quill (M/M James Parent)

**Tuesday, December 12**

9:00 AM James J. Maguire, Sr. (M/M James Parent)

**Wednesday, December 13**

9:00 AM Judy Clauss (Koerwer Family)

**Thursday, December 14**

9:00 AM John Francis McCarthy (Geri & Michael Bennett)

**Friday, December 15**

9:00 AM John Kenney (Family)  
And Mark Sobel Jr. (Family)

**Saturday, December 16**

9:00 AM Victoria Callahan (Sallie Kabash)  
5:00 PM Jennifer Glassman (M/M Ron Carhart)

**Sunday, December 17**

8:00 AM Charles Henderson, III (Tony Gardella)  
10:30 AM Richard Brock (M/M Don McDermott)  
And Timothy Quill (Pat Scarrone)  
12:00 PM Family of Dawn Garavente (Walsh Family)  
5:00 PM Teresa Azzalina (Makin Family)  
And Robert Bernard White (Makin 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 9:00 AM Mass. Memorial Candles and Cards are available at the Parish Office and on our Parish Website.

A Memorial Candle donation is \$20.

**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 Carols begin at 10:30 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

**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 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

Family Rosary, following the 5:00 PM Mass (St. Joseph Rm)



## 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.

### Monday, December 18

CRCIA Session, Children 4:00 PM  
 RCIA Session, Adults at 6:30 PM (PO)  
 Stations of the Creche & Christmas Tree Lighting, 7:00 PM

### Tuesday, December 19

Tuesday Prayer Group, 12:30—3:30 PM (St. Joseph Rm)  
 SOR Classes, 4:00 PM  
 Charismatic Healing Mass, 8:00 PM (HCC)

### Wednesday, December 20

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, **9:45 AM - 4:00 PM**  
 Holy Cross Youth Ministry, 6:30 PM (Gymnasium)  
 HC Adult Choir rehearsal, 7:00 -8:30 PM  
 Nocturnal Adoration During Advent, 11PM -12 AM

### Thursday, December 21

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

### Friday, December 22

HCS Noon Dismissal

### Saturday, December 23

Mass 9:00 AM, Confession and Novena after Mass

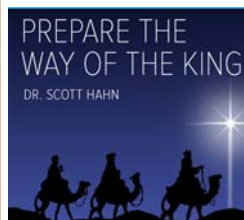
### Sunday, December 24

Sunday Masses: 8:00 AM, 10:30 AM & 12 Noon  
 Christmas Eve Masses: 3:00 PM, 4:30 PM, 6:00 PM & 11:00 PM  
 Children's Choir to sing at the 4:30 PM Mass  
 HC Adult Choir Call, 9:45 PM  
 Christmas Carols, 10:30 PM

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### The Catholic Faith On Demand!

#### FORMED pick of the week:



Dr. Scott Hahn, one of the most eminent Catholic theologians in our country today, reveals what scholars now know about the shepherds, the mysterious Magi, and King Herod.

Your Advent journey will take on new meaning as you prepare your heart for the birth of our Lord. This presentation will help you grow in appreciation of the greatest gift ever given to mankind, Jesus Christ.

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- Click on **Register** (lower right of page)
- Enter Parish Access Code: **FGZHRX**
- Enter your email and create a password
  - Enjoy and share with others.