

Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile.

**MARK 7:15**

September 1, 2024

## 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Today's readings emphasize the importance of genuinely following Jesus in our hearts rather than merely going through the motions. Moses instructs the Israelites to faithfully obey God's commands, while Jesus warns against prioritizing human traditions over God's commandments, urging us to internalize His teachings.*



### Church Hours:

Monday - Friday

8:30 am until 4:00 pm

On weekends, the church is open  
for masses only

Weekday Mass: 9:00 am

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm

Sunday Masses:

8:00 am, 10:30 am and 5:00 pm

Eucharistic Adoration:

Wednesday 9:30 AM - Noon

Confessions: Friday 9:30 am  
(732) 842-0348

[webmaster@holycrossrumson.org](mailto:webmaster@holycrossrumson.org)

*Dear Parishioners,*

*I wish all of you a happy and safe Labor Day weekend. As schools reopen this week; especially here at HCA, and the academic years begins, I look forward to meeting more parishioners and families.*

*As you know I was appointed Pastor of Holy Cross on July 1<sup>st</sup> on the retirement of Fr. Manning. I have spent the past nearly two decades as a Staff Chaplain at the Veterans Hospital in East Orange, NJ. Which was a great blessing and opportunity in my priesthood. Now, I am transiting back to parish life, which has been made easier by the excellent staff here at Holy Cross and the warmth of the parishioners who have welcomed me.*

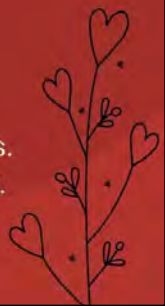
*Again, I look forward to meeting more of you with the close of summer holidays and working with you.*

*God Bless,*

*Fr. Michael Lankford-Stokes*

Jesus cautions us about a religiosity of appearances: looking good on the outside, while failing to purify the heart. He does not want outward appearances. He wants to put faith back at the center. He wants a faith that touches the heart.

— Pope Francis



## Church of the Holy Cross

30 Ward Avenue. Rumson  
New Jersey 07760

Rev. Michael Lankford-Stokes  
Rev. Joseph Tizio, CSsR, Weekend Assistant

Ms. Susan Symington, Sacristan  
Chris McGrath, Music Director  
Chuck Lada, Business Administrator  
Eileen George Secretary/Bookkeeper  
Mrs. Sallie Kabash, CRE



# Mass Intentions

August 31	5:00 pm	Lynn Gonnello	Larry Gonnello
August 31	5:00 pm	Jay Dooley	Family
September 1	8:00 am	Paulette Giordano	Joan McCue
September 1	10:30 am	For the Parishioners	Parish
September 1	10:30 am	Jerome A. Henderson	Mr. & Mrs. David Henderson
September 1	10:30 am	Bruce VanVliet	Mr. and Mrs. Ross Millhiser
September 1	5:00 pm	Adele Meny	The Velcamp Family
September 2	9:00 am	Margaret & Alfred Lucas	Donna Crosson
September 3	9:00 am	Estelle Pingitore	Mr. & Mrs. John Giannotto
September 4	9:00 am	Diane Keegan	John Keegan
September 5	9:00 am	Michael Brown	Mr. & Mrs. John Ridgeway & Family
September 6	9:00 am	Nancy Dickson	Martha Chamberlain
September 7	5:00 pm	Richard Dooley	Frida McLaughlin
September 8	8:00 am	Clara Hassell	Mr. & Mrs. Michael Seaman
September 8	10:30 am	For the Parishioners	Parish
September 8	10:30 am	Arline Palmieri	Family
September 8	10:30 am	Mary Ann Rizzotto	Regina McLean
September 8	5:00 pm	Hal Spencer	Kevin Cody & Family

**BISHOP'S Anniversary + BLESSING**

*October 6, 2024  
Co-Cathedral  
St. Robert Bellarmine, Freehold*

All couples celebrating their 1st, 25th or 50th (or more) anniversary of Catholic marriage during the 2024 calendar year

**Church of Saint Dorothea Health Fair 2024**

**Theme: Health is Wealth  
Focus: The Art of Aging**

**In Memory of The Guild's Faithful Departed**

**Place: Harbor School Gym  
240 Broad St.  
Eatontown, NJ 07724**

**Date: October 6  
Time: 9am-12pm**

**Special Feature: Honoring Millie Brady at 103**

**Hope for a Better Marriage**

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Over 100,000 couples helped.

**The Retrouvaille Marriage Program**

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**HelpOurMarriage.org  
215-766-3944**



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**PERSONAL TOUR AND SHADOW DAY OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE**

**Holy Cross Church/School**  
**Calendar of Events**

**Monday, September 2**

Labor Day – Church Office and School Closed

**Tuesday, September 3**

Back to School Social – 5:30pm

**Wednesday, September 4**

RCIA First Meeting 7:00pm – Parish Office

**Thursday, September 5**

Back to School-Grades 1-8—Noon Dismissal  
Kindergarten/Preschool/PreK

Orientation 9:00am

**Friday, September 6**

Confessions

HCA- Noon Dismissal

**Saturday, September 7**

5pm Mass—Fr. Chris Colavito—Vocations

**Sunday, September 8**

Fr. Chris Colavito—Vocations at all Masses  
Family Rosary - SJMM

***LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO USHER  
AT THE 5:00PM MASS ON SATURDAY.  
PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE  
(732) 842-0348 ext. 208 OR  
SEE SUE SYMINGTON AFTER MASS***



Mass Offerings: \$7,269.00

Online: \$4214.00

**Thank you!**

**\*\*♪♪ Lift Your Voice in Song: Join Our Parish Choir ♪♪\*\***

Dear Parishioners,

We invite members of our church community, from high school age and up, to join our parish choir. Your voice can be a beautiful part of our Sunday 10:30 AM Mass, enriching our congregation's experience through sacred music.

**\*\*Rehearsal Time: Tuesday Evenings, 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM\*\***

This is an open call to everyone, regardless of your singing experience. Whether you're stepping into a choir for the first time or you're a seasoned vocalist, our choir is a place of growth, learning, and spiritual enrichment. It's a space where your voice, young or mature, can flourish in a nurturing, faith-filled environment.


Joining the choir is more than lending your voice; it's about deepening your faith, connecting with the liturgy, and being an essential part of our worship. We come together to praise God in song, creating a strong sense of community within our parish.

Let us unite in harmony and joy, bringing the beauty of music to our Masses. We are especially seeking to balance our choir with more male voices, but all are heartily welcome.

Come, be a part of this uplifting ministry!


For more information, or to register, please contact Christopher McGrath at **732-431-1709** or **cmcgrath@holycrossrumson.org**




  
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**FROM THE BISHOP**



*"Your support enables us to continue vital ministries and programs broadening our services and reaching out to all those seeking solace and spiritual guidance, embodying the teachings of Christ in our actions. I urge you to read more about our collaborative efforts within this wonderful diocese of ours."*

*Most Reverend David M. O'Connell, C.M.,  
Bishop of Trenton*

**2024 GOAL: \$6.5 MILLION**

**2024 Annual Catholic Appeal Progress:**

**Goal:** \$77,000.00  
**Pledged:** \$43,715.00 (57%)  
**Paid:** \$43,235.00 (56%)  
**Total Donors:** 117  
**Total Gifts:** 132  
**Average Gift:** \$331.17

**ACA 2023 Performance Comparison as of August 19, 2023**

ACA 2023 Pledged: \$44,070.00 (49%)  
ACA 2023 Donors: 110

## Holy Cross Office of Religious Education

### God's call – Your "YES!"

We are currently seeking volunteers to serve as Catechist, Substitute Catechist or to assist with Family Faith Events. We are especially looking for volunteers who are available **TUESDAYS** after school and/or evenings.

Please contact Sallie Kabash, 732-842-0348, X 218. All catechist positions will be supported with training and resources.

The Diocese of Trenton requires that volunteers complete the Protecting God's Children Program, consent to a background check and be fingerprinted.



### "Come and See"

#### **Becoming Catholic: Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults**

Any adult, baptized or not, who wishes to pursue full initiation in the Catholic Church should consider exploring R.C.I.A. Classes start in September. If you are interested or have questions, contact Sallie Kabash, 732-842-0348, X 218

## Religious Education

Families new to the parish or families who have a child who will be entering the First Grade in September please contact the Office of Religious Education: 732-842-0348, X 218. Families of currently enrolled students, please return your completed registration forms as soon as possible!



JOIN THE DIOCESE OF TRENTON  
**11-Day**  
*Eucharistic Miracle Pilgrimage to Italy*  
September 29 - October 9, 2024

SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR:  
REV. MARTIN O'REILLY.

MORE INFORMATION/ REGISTRATION  
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