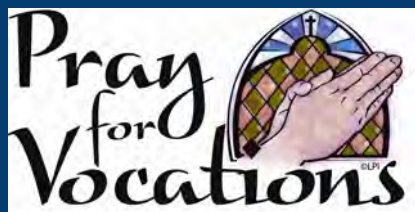


*"He has done all things well.  
He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."  
~ Mark 7: 37*

***One key theme in Mark's Gospel is Jesus' identity as both the Son of God and a human being. Mark shows Jesus performing miracles, like healing the deaf man, demonstrating His divine power. Yet, Mark also depicts Jesus experiencing human emotions, emphasizing the Catholic belief in the Incarnation. Jesus' miracles in Galilee highlight His authority over physical and spiritual realms and proclaim the kingdom of God. This passage reminds us of Jesus' dual nature and His mission to bring God's kingdom to earth..***

September 8, 2024

23rd Sunday  
in Ordinary Time



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

*Dear Parishioners,*

*We welcome Fr. Chris Colavito, Vocation Director for the Diocese of Trenton to Holy Cross Parish this weekend. Fr Colavito will be preaching at several of the Masses this weekend on Vocations to the priesthood and consecrated religious life. Needless-to-say, praying for and encouraging vocations is the work of every Catholic.*

*Now that Holy Cross Academy is back in full swing for the Academic year 2024-2025, I ask you to keep our students, their families, our faculty and staff in your prayers. Like vocations we need to help, encourage and prayer for one another.*

*I had a meeting with the leaders of our parish Social Concerns Committee the other night. They will be approaching the parish shortly about their work, programs that support neighboring food banks and St. Vincent de Paul societies.*

*Looking forward to our patronal feast day September 14<sup>th</sup>. The bishop has given us permission to celebrate the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross at all the Masses that weekend. Also, after all the Masses that weekend we will have a "greet and meet" Father Michael social after all the Masses.*

*God Bless,*

*Fr. Michael Lankford-Stokes*

Parish Giving

Mass Offerings: \$9,468.00

Online: \$2,943.00

Thank you!

**Church of the Holy Cross**

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

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



## Mass Intentions

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
September 9	9:00 am	Congressman William Pascrell, Jr.	Mr. & Mrs. Ken Stromsland
September 10	9:00 am	Harry Joe Kegelman	Family
September 10	9:00 am	Jeanne Cuje	Walter Cuje
September 11	9:00 am	Virginia Rowley	Catharine Long
September 12	9:00 am	Joseph Brocato	Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Buchner
September 13	9:00 am	Bryan Garvin	Mr. & Mrs. Michael Wingertzahn
September 14	5:00 pm	Thomas S Karlo, Sr.	Mary Ellis
September 14	5:00 pm	Charles Lankford	Father Michael Lankford-Stokes
September 15	8:00 am	Trish & John Sullivan	Mr. & Mrs. Michael Collart
September 15	10:30 am	For the Parishioners	Parish
September 15	10:30 am	Dawn Garavente	Family
September 15	5:00 pm	Carol O'Neil	Mr. & Mrs. Michael McGough
September 15	5:00 pm	Robert Kelleher	Family

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

**Saturday, September 7**

5:00pm Mass Father Colavito–  
Diocese Vocations Director Presentation

**Sunday, September 8**

Fr. Colavito—Diocese Vocations Director at all Masses  
Family Rosary—SJMM after 10:30 Mass

**Monday, September 9**

AA Open Meeting 7:30pm SJMM

**Tuesday, September 10**

RCIC Orientation 6:30pm Parish Office  
Choir—7:30 pm

**Wednesday, September 11**

Exposition 9:30-Noon  
CCD grades 3-6 Home Parent Kick-off mtg 7:30-8:30  
GYM

**Friday, September 13**

Opening of School Mass—9:00am  
Confessions after 9:00am Mass

**Saturday, September 14 \***

5pm Mass- Exaltation of the Holy Cross

**Sunday September 15 \***

CCD Grades 1 & 2 - 9:00am-10:15am

***\*Parish Feast Day & Hospitality Welcome Celebration  
for Father Michael Lankford-Stokes in the outside  
Prayer Garden after all Masses (9/14 & 9/15)***

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




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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**

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**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 31.**

**\*\*🎵 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](mailto:cmcgrath@holycrossrumson.org)



## *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!