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**Come and pray with us!**

**2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - January 14, 2018**

**WE CELEBRATE EUCHARIST**

Monday—Thursday: 9:00 A.M. (Chapel)

Saturday: 5:00 P.M.

Sunday: 8:00 A.M. + 9:30 A.M. + 11:30 A.M.

**WE CELEBRATE RECONCILIATION**

Saturday: 3:45 P.M.—4:30 P.M.

or call Father Michael for an appointment.

**WE CELEBRATE BAPTISM**

Baptisms are generally celebrated twice each month at 1 P.M. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

**WE CELEBRATE WEDDINGS**

Couples should contact the Parish Office at least six months in advance of the proposed wedding date.

# We are here for you!

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Parish Office Hours: Monday - Friday 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM (closed 12:15-1:00 PM)

## PASTORAL TEAM

Rev. Michael F. Holzmann  
Pastor

Ms. Kathleen Reid  
Director of Religious Education

Mrs. Mary Anne Mc Culloch  
Ms. Patricia Gyscek  
Co-Coordinator of Parish Outreach

Mrs. Judith Pickel  
Pastoral Associate

Deacon Ralph Rivera  
Pastoral Minister

Mrs. Elizabeth Shea  
Business Manager

Mr. Brian Reich  
Director of Music Ministry

Mr. Salvatore Finocchiaro  
Coordinator of Youth Ministries

## PASTORAL STAFF

Mrs. Jane Wirth  
Parish Secretary

Dr. Vincent Mazurek  
Music Minister

Mrs. Mary Pannone  
Religious Education Secretary  
([hcreled@optonline.net](mailto:hcreled@optonline.net))

Mrs. Barbara Shipman  
P/T Asst. to the Pastor

Mr. Gerald Farrell  
Mr. Vincent Matula  
Custodians

Mrs. Mary Inghilterra  
Weekend Sacristan

### Celebrants for Next Weekend's Masses



#### January 20th/21st

5:00 PM Fr. Michael  
8:00 AM Fr. Michael  
9:30 AM Fr. Kenan Peters  
11:30 AM Fr. Michael

### Mass Intentions Schedule



#### Week of January 14th, 9AM Mass

**Mon.** Rinaldi Family  
**Tue.** William Doughty  
**Wed.** Marianna Ferrarelli  
**Thu.** Eileen Dean

#### Saturday, January 20th, 5 PM Mass

Ann Keena, Chester Mikol

#### Sunday, Jan. 21st, 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

**8:00 AM** People of the Parish  
**9:30 AM** Carmen Sanchez  
**11:30 AM** 30th Anniversary of Holy Cross

### Remembering Our Sick

Please pray for the sick of our parish, their families and caregivers:

**Paul Malley**

If you would like to have the name of your loved one listed for 4 weeks in our prayers for the sick, please contact the Parish Office at 631 -265-2200 or email to [pothc@optonline.net](mailto:pothc@optonline.net).

### *Scripture Readings for January 21, 2018*



+ *Jonah 3:1-5, 10*  
+ *1 Corinthians 7:29-31*  
+ *Mark 1:14-20*

**The Parish Office is closed on Monday, January 15th, for the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday. There will be a 9:00 Mass Monday morning.**

# We Are Not Frozen Anymore!

*by Father Michael*

Happily, the brutally cold weather took a change of course this week. It was great to go outside in 30 degree weather and have it feel almost like spring. I am sure for those of you who have to work outside or even stand on a windy train platform, you welcome the change. I suspect your furnace and your wallet appreciate the break as well. As much as we might complain, it is hard to imagine how the homeless and those with inadequate housing endure such difficult conditions.

Christmas is officially behind us now. Thank you to our Liturgy Committee and all the helping hands that took down the Christmas decorations. The church looked beautiful for Christmas. Now we have about five weeks until Lent begins. This year Ash Wednesday falls on Valentine's Day. That might make for a challenge or two for those of you who are married, but there is still time to sort that out.

Our baptism font has sprung a couple of leaks. We are hopeful it is just a bit of silicone sealant that has worn away. We are waiting to drain and repair it after this weekend, as there are baptisms scheduled to take place. We did not want to start the project and have an empty font for baptisms.

This weekend is the Annual Telecare Telethon. If you tune in this evening (Sunday) from 7:00PM-7:30PM (Channel 29) you should see me on air reading a few pledges and chatting with the host (and my classmate) Msgr. Jim Vlaun. It is remarkable how often I will make a Communion call or home visit, and Telecare is being watched when I come to the home. This television ministry provides a connection to the life of the Church for those who are homebound. I'm happy to help out with this effort.

I am looking forward to next week's 11:30 Mass. It was on January 21, 1988 that Bishop McGann announced the formation of three new parishes in the Diocese. One of them was to become Holy Cross. The 11:30 Mass will be our kick-off celebration for the year to come. I hope you can join us for the festivities. There will be a few folks visiting us for the Mass. Plan on staying afterwards for hospitality and sharing happy memories and good times with fellow parishioners.

I have a new saga to deal with regarding my Jeep. I have barely 40,000 miles, and the transmission has failed for the second time within a year. I hope the dealings with the folks at Chrysler go better than the last time this happened. I had to take out my boxing gloves for that one to be resolved. Have a blessed week.

**Holy Cross' 30th Anniversary is January 21st!**  
**Please pick up a pamphlet from the Atrium to find out all the**  
**30th Anniversary activities offered this year! If you would like to help**  
**with any of these special events, please contact the Parish Office.**  
**And, join us for hospitality after the 11:30 Mass on January 21st!**



# WINTER CARNIVAL



*The Parish of the  
Holy Cross*



*is hosting a **WINTER CARNIVAL**  
for all level 1 and 2 students and their families!*

**Date:** *Friday, January 19<sup>th</sup>*

**Time:** *6pm-9pm*

**Place:** *Parish of the Holy Cross Atrium*

*Come join us for games, crafts, refreshments,  
prizes and fun!*

*Please RSVP by January 15<sup>th</sup>*

*631-265-2200 x11 or x12 or [hcreled@optonline.net](mailto:hcreled@optonline.net)*

*We look forward to seeing you there!*

*Please note: This is not a drop off event.  
Child must be accompanied by an Adult.*



# YOUTH GROUP

Hello Everyone!

Are you in high school? Do you want to make new friends as you play fun games? Do you want to build more of an understanding about yourself and your faith? If you answered "Yes!" to any of those questions, then you **MUST** check out the **Holy Cross Youth Group!** You will be glad you did!



If you made your Confirmation, then come with a friend and check out the wonderful opportunities the Youth Group has for you! The Holy Cross Youth Group is the perfect opportunity for you to continue to grow in your faith and build relationships with others in the parish. Here are our upcoming youth events! Take a look:

- **Sunday, 1/14: No Youth Day/Night Event-Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday weekend!**
- **Sunday, 1/21: Youth Night Event 6-8 PM in the Atrium!**

So, if you are thinking about coming to the Church to see what we are all about, do it! You will not regret it. Come with a friend or family member, and join us as we continue to grow in the endless love of Christ. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Sal Finocchiaro, Coordinator of Youth Ministries, at [hcyouthgroup15@gmail.com](mailto:hcyouthgroup15@gmail.com) or call the Parish Office!

# LAST CHANCE, LAST RETREAT!

**Retreat in Assisi and visit to Rome: June 15 – 25, 2018**

I have been giving a six day retreat in Assisi for the past 27 years. Now that I am serving on the faculty of the North American College in Rome, I will offer this retreat for one last time.



I wish to invite you to a special retreat in the footsteps of St. Francis and St. Clare in Assisi on June 15 – 25, 2018. I will give two conferences a day for six days in Assisi, with Mass each day in the various churches. There is ample time for prayer and visiting the holy places. The entire city of Assisi becomes the retreat house. We will be staying at the Hotel Posta in Assisi. We will then spend three days in Rome at Domus Carmelitana, not far from St. Peter's. For further information you can access the brochure at: [www.pilgrimages.com/frmcnamara](http://www.pilgrimages.com/frmcnamara)

All arrangements are being made by 206 Tours and you register through them. You can call Chris at 206 Tours: 800 206 8687 or email him at: [Chris@206tours.com](mailto:Chris@206tours.com)

I look forward to sharing this with you.

Fr. Jim McNamara

# CASH CALENDAR



January 2018 ~ Parish of Holy Cross ~  
Cash Calendar

**January 21st is  
Holy Cross'  
30th Anniversary!**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
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21	22	23	24	25	26	27
\$500	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50
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\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$10 PER CHANCE	31 CHANCES TO WIN	\$50 PER DAY  <b>\$500</b> January 21

Cash Calendar JANUARY 2018

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# MEETINGS THIS WEEK

<b>Sunday, January 14th</b>		<b>1:00 PM</b>
• BAPTISMS		Worship Area
<b>Monday, January 15th</b>		<b>9:00 AM</b>
• MASS		Worship Area
<i>(The Parish Office is closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.)</i>		
<b>Tuesday, January 16th</b>		<b>10:00 AM</b>
• IN STITCHES		Fr. Joe Room
<b>Wednesday, January 17th</b>		<b>11AM - 2:30PM</b>
• SENIORS		Atrium
• LEVEL 3 CATECHIST MTG.	<b>7PM</b>	Atrium
• PASTORAL COUNCIL	<b>7:30PM</b>	Fr. Joe Room
<b>Thursday, January 18th</b>		<b>10:00 AM</b>
• SCRIPTURE STUDY		Fr. Joe Room
• RCIA	<b>7PM</b>	Conference Rm.
• LEVEL 4 CATECHIST MTG.		Atrium
<b>Friday, January 19th</b>		<b>6:00 - 9:00 PM</b>
• LEVELS 1&2 WINTER CARNIVAL		Atrium
<b>Sunday, January 21st</b>		<b>11:30 AM</b>
• 30TH ANNIV. CELEBRATION		Worship Area
• YOUTH NIGHT	<b>6-8PM</b>	Atrium

# PARISH NEWS

## Bakers Needed!

Bakers are needed to make baked goods for Holy Cross' **30th Anniversary Celebration** on January 21st. If you are interested in baking, please contact Nick and Diane Lombardo at **631-698-5930**. Thank you!

## Special Collections

This weekend, at the offertory we will also be collecting for our **Renovations and Major Repairs** fund. Next weekend we will also be collecting for our **Regional Schools**. Thank you for your support of these important collections!

# RELIGIOUS FREEDOM



**Religious Freedom Day**  
**January 16, 2018**

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

National Religious Freedom Day is observed on Jan. 16<sup>th</sup> every year since 1993 to commemorate the Virginia General Assembly's adoption of Thomas Jefferson's landmark Virginia Statute for Religious Freedom on Jan. 16, 1786. This vital document became the basis for the Constitution's First Amendment establishment clause and led to the protection of freedom of religion for all Americans.

An academic report from Princeton University argues that vigorously advancing religious freedom is in America's national interests:

\* The basis for religious freedom is awareness of the reality and dignity of the human person. Since religion is a human impulse to know and relate to something bigger than one's self and is a phenomenon found in all times and cultures, to interfere with living our religious experience, is to interfere with human fulfillment.

\*When citizens are free to have an ultimate commitment to something more than human, something beyond the authorities of state and society, the power of the State is thereby limited.

\*Morally, religion is just not religion unless it is done freely.

\*Legally, democracies have recognized that – far from being a marginal special interest – religious freedom is a central human right.

**Founding Father Samuel Adams, 1778: "Religion and good morals are the only solid foundation of public liberty and happiness."**



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