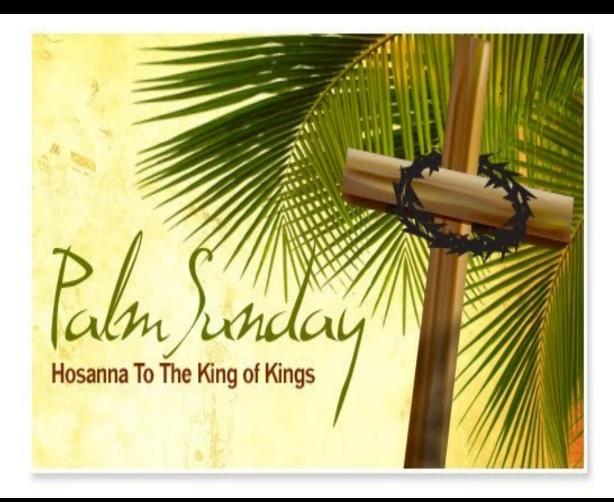
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Palm Sunday - April 14, 2019

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

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

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Celebrants for Next Weekend's Masses



April 20th/21st

8:00 PM Fr. Michael 8:00 AM Fr. Frank Eisele 9:30 AM Fr. Frank 11:30 AM Fr. Michael

1:00 PM Fr. Michael

Remembering Our Sick

Please pray for those in our parish who are sick, their families and caregivers:

Yolanda Fattorusso Jeff Lawson Maryann League Charlotte & Jim Lynch Lisa Tauger

If you would like to have the name of your loved one remembered, please call 631.265.2200.

Scripture Readings for April 21, 2019



- + *Acts of the Apostles 10:34,37-43*
- + Colossians 3:1-4
- + John 20:1-9

Mass Intentions Schedule

Week of April 14th, 9AM Mass

Mon. Marie GiulianoTue. Agnes Bryan

(No morning Mass on Wednesday)

Holy Thursday, April 18th, 8PM Mass

People of the Parish

Easter Vigil - Saturday, April 20th, 8 PM Mass

All Easter Prayer Card Intentions

Easter Sunday - April 21st, Masses at 8:00AM, 9:30AM, 11:30AM and 1:00PM

All Easter Prayer Card Intentions

The **Bread and Wine** for the week April 14th - 20th have been donated in loving memory of **David Littlefair** by his wife, Marie.



A Blessed Holy Week

by Father Michael

Before I offer my "holy thoughts" for the week, I would like to offer a word of gratitude to all who supported our Annual Basket Raffle. We are grateful to all the ministries and individual parishioners who made each and every basket. Thank you to all of you who took a chance and bought some tickets. And finally, thank you to our Fundraising Committee who took care of the many details of this undertaking. We appreciate the support of everyone.

This has been a busy Lenten season here at Holy Cross. Over 80 people enjoyed the Soup Supper last week. Dr. Tom Petriano spoke beautifully of how silence is the gateway to God speaking in our lives. Not only did we hear inspiring words, but we had 10 different soups to choose from. And, one was better than the next.

There have been other spiritual opportunities as well. We had 26 parishioners participate in the directed retreat which consisted of individual weekly meetings with a Spiritual Director. For many parishioners this was something they had never done before, and it was well received. An additional 36 people are participating in the Awakening Faith program which continues into the spring. We also had Eucharistic Adoration on Fridays throughout Lent. We tried to make our Sunday celebrations different than the rest of the year. We sang the Our Father, and we had our closing procession in silence. We also used the song "Sacred Silence" at every Mass to help remind us of the invitation to silence. All of these experiences were in addition to whatever personal practices you chose to do for the days of Lent. I hope these days have been prayerful and reflective for you.

As many of you know, I like planning trips. For me, planning is almost as much fun as the trip itself. When I bring a group of people to see some point of interest, I try to ensure they have the very best time. I want folks to have as full of an experience as possible. I look at these days before Holy Week from the same perspective. I'm not planning a trip to some destination, but I am going to be leading people through the most holy days of our year. I am going to be part of an experience which I hope, in some ways, brings people closer to God. Our solemn celebrations afford us the opportunity to understand how the Paschal Mystery touches our lives. These can be profound encounters with God.

As much as I would get a kick out of being a tour guide, it is a far deeper privilege I have as a priest to do the holy work that I do. Not everyone has the ability or means to travel to distant places. But, to be able to bring the power of God here to our community is great work. I pray that these days are rich moments in prayer where the presence of the Lord is made known to you. Blessed and prayerful days to all.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER MASS SCHEDULE

Come join us for our Services and Masses!

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (Confession)

Saturday, April 13th: 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM Monday, April 15th: 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM & 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Good Friday, April 19th: following 9:00 AM Morning Prayer (up to 10:00 AM) Holy Saturday, April 20th: following 9:00 AM Morning Prayer (up to 10:00 AM)



HOLY WEEK & EASTER SUNDAY 2019 PALM SUNDAY APRIL 14, 2019

Saturday 4/13/19: 5:00 PM Mass Sunday: 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM,

11:30 AM & 1:00 PM

please note Mass times

HOLY THURSDAY

APRIL 18, 2019

Morning Prayer - 9:00 AM
Children's Service - 5:00 PM
Mass of the Lord's Supper - 8:00 PM
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10:00 PM

GOOD FRIDAY

APRIL 19, 2019

Morning Prayer - 9:00 AM
Children's Service - 12:00 Noon
Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
with Veneration of the Cross - 3:00 PM



HOLY SATURDAY

APRIL 20, 2019

Morning Prayer - 9:00 AM
Solemn Easter Vigil - 8:00 PM
NO AFTERNOON CONFESSIONS OR 5:00 PM MASS
ON HOLY SATURDAY



EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 21, 2019

Masses: 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM & 1:00 PM

please note Mass times

MORE HOLY WEEK NEWS

Holy Week for Children

During the holiest week of the Church year, we remember what Jesus did for us at the Last Supper and on Good Friday. Children and their families are invited to commemorate these two important days at special prayer services, designed especially for our youngest parishioners.



Please join us at Holy Cross:

Children's Holy Thursday Prayer Service, April 18th, 5:00 PM Children's Good Friday Prayer Service, April 19th, 12:00 Noon

Come, bring your family, bring a friend.
Let these holy days deepen your appreciation of God's great love for us!

Easter Mass Intentions

In lieu of individual announced intentions at the Easter Masses, there are **prayer cards** in the atrium for you to write your special intentions on. These cards will be placed on the Altar at all the Easter Masses.

Holy Land Collection

On Good Friday, our parish will take up the annual Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land. Each day, the news reminds us of the violence and instability plaguing the Middle East, but we rarely hear of the shrinking Christian community there, a community that struggles to remain in the land of Christ's birth, death and resurrection. This Pontifical Collection allows the Franciscans and others to continue caring for Christianity's holiest sites and for God's people in the Holy Land. Thank you for supporting this important collection!

Reminder on Fasting

All Catholics who have reached their fourteenth year are bound to abstain entirely from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent. All Catholics between the ages of eighteen and fifty-nine inclusive are also bound to observe the law of fast on Ash Wednesday and **Good Friday**. This means limiting oneself to a single full meal and avoiding food between meals. Two other light meals, which together do not equal a full meal may be taken during the day.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Welcome to Holy Cross Religious Education

The Religious Education Office is planning ahead to the 2019-2020 Formation Year. We need your help so that we can adequately plan to meet the needs of our parish. If you have a child entering **First Grade in September you need to register.** If you have recently moved to our parish you need to register in the parish. Our program is "home based." Classes do not take place at the Church; rather they are held in the homes of our Catechists. Because of this, there are geographical limits on who we are able to accommodate. Please contact our office for more specific information.

- First time registration needs to be done in person at our office.
- Registration needs to be completed by June 14, 2019.
- Office Hours: Monday Friday 9:00-12:00 & 1:00-4:00
- If your child was not baptized at Holy Cross you need to bring a copy of your child's Baptism Certificate.
- For those who are already part of our program, you need to re-register for the upcoming year. Materials will be sent to your home by the end of April and they may be returned by mail. Please note the deadline of June 14, 2019.

A detailed outline of our program is available on-line or at our office. But, there are a few important details to be noted.

- Children must successfully complete each grade level to proceed to the next.
- The Sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist, and Confirmation require a minimum of two years of preparation.

Most importantly, we need to work together. Faithful attendance at classes and

parent workshops is essential. As comprehensive and informative as our program is, this is only one part of your child's faith formation. The greatest thing you can do to nurture your faith and the faith of your child is to regularly be part of our Sunday Eucharist.

The Catechism of the Church states that parents have the first responsibility for the education of their children. We are privileged to work with you in this task. We thank you for your cooperation in allowing us to be part of your lives. We look forward to a fruitful year where everyone, young and old, continues to grow in understanding the gift of our faith.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 8 - 12, 2019

Please mark your calendars for this year's **ROAR! Vacation Bible School** at Holy Cross which will be held from Monday, July 8th, through Friday, July 12th, from 10am to 1pm.

Registration forms for campers can be found on page 10 of the bulletin or on our web



page, www.pothc.org. This is for **campers** only, specifically children who are entering grades K through 5 in the fall of 2019. Please fill out the form and mail-in your registration or stop by the Religious Education office to register.

Inquiries regarding this popular, exciting, summer program can be made at 265-2200 ext.19. **Sign-up registration for **helpers** and **counselors** will be held May 15th at 6:00pm.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Hello everyone! If you made your Confirmation, then come with a friend and check out the wonderful opportunities the Youth Group has for you! We would love to see 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.





We just got back from an amazing retreat full of fun activities! The theme of our discussions was "communication" and how to make our communication stronger with God! We will not be meeting Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday weekends, but we look forward to meeting again for our Youth Night on April 28th from 6 to 8PM. Join us!

BASKET RAFFLES

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all our committees, businesses, companies and parishioners who have given so generously in supporting our Basket Raffle Fundraiser. The success of our fundraiser would not have been possible without your generosity!



The Fundraising Committee

PARISH OUTREACH

<u>Caring for the Caregiver</u>

ARE YOU CARING FOR A FRAIL ELDERLY PARENT OR DISABLED FAMILY MEMBER?

ARE YOU A MEMBER OF THE SANDWICH GENERATION - CARING FOR PARENTS AND CHILDREN AT THE SAME TIME?

We invite you to consider coming to the first meeting of our Caregiver Support Group on Wednesday, April 24th, at 7pm in the Fr. Joe Room.

Sharing our struggles with fellow caretakers helps to lighten the burden. Often we learn from each other better ways of dealing with issues arising out of our caregiving responsibilities.

To register for the group, call the Parish Outreach Office at 631-265-2200 ext. 13 or drop off the form below in the collection basket or parish office.

I am interested in attending the	caregiver support	group:
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Name	
Phone #_	_
	-
Email	_



PARISH OUTREACH

Eat Simply

Next Sunday is the beautiful celebration of Easter. Our Lenten journey is coming to an end as we anticipate the joy of Christ's Resurrection! If you haven't already done so, we ask that you return your "Eat Simply" envelopes by next weekend.

On behalf of the hungry we serve each day, we thank you for participating in this special Lenten activity. Your prayerful sacrifices will help feed our brothers and sisters in Christ.



Remember "Kevin Bacon"

Below is a "Thank You" note from Heifer International to the parishioners of Holy Cross thanking us for our support. The quarters you donate to "Kevin Bacon" help so many people around the world. Who said your quarters couldn't make a difference!



Heifer International

I wanted to take a moment and personally thank you, our friends at the Roman Catholic Church of the Holy Cross, for your recent and very generous contribution of \$890.00 to Heifer International. It is truly a joy to know that we have partners like you involved in our mission to end global hunger and poverty. And to think that you have been with us since 2004 for a total of \$42,711.50 in giving... amazing! When you factor in our *Passing on the Gift* approach which multiplies the impact of each dollar given by 9-fold on average, that's a lot of hope, dignity and opportunity that you are spreading to those most in need around the world and here in the US!

Because of contributions like yours, over 34 million families have experienced the richness of God's bounty since Heifer began 75 years ago. Even as your sacrificial giving will bless those in need with the means of generating a living income out of their own labor, they will in turn become a blessing to someone else once they have become more stable. That's the beauty of the Heifer model, your gift will absolutely keep on giving.

Eric Smith Community Engagement Coordinator



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



The Parish of the Holy Cross VBS Registration Form



-July 8 - 12, 2019

Please print clearly/ one per child

Child's Name:	Age:	Date	e of birth:	
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MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Saturday, April 13th 8 AM

• VEGETABLE GDN. CLEANUP Vegetable Gdn.

• LENT. RETREAT CLOSING PRAYER 1PM WA, Chapel

• CONFESSION 3:30-4:30PM Chapel

Sunday, April 14th 8AM, 9:30AM,11:30AM,1PM

• PALM SUNDAY MASSES Worship Area

Monday, April 15th 3-5PM & 5:30-8PM

• CONFESSION Chapel

Tuesday, April 16th **7 PM**

• AWAKENING FAITH Atrium, Chapel

Thursday, April 18th 9 AM • MORNING PRAYER Chapel

• CHILDREN'S SERVICE 5PM Worship Area

• MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER 8PM Worship Area

(with Adoration in Chapel until 10PM)

Friday, April 19th 9 AM • MORNING PRAYER Chapel

• CONFESSION 9:30-10AM Chapel

• CHILDREN'S SERVICE 12PM Worship Area

• LORD'S PASSION & VENERATION 3PM Worship Area

Saturday, April 20th 9 AM • MORNING PRAYER Chapel • CONFESSION

• EASTER VIGIL 8PM Worship Area

9:30-10AM Chapel

Sunday, April 21st 8AM, 9:30AM,11:30AM,1PM

• EASTER SUNDAY MASSES Worship Area

REMINDERS

Special Collection

This weekend, April 13th/14th, at the offertory we will also be collecting for our **Renovations and Major**

Repairs fund. Thank you for your support of this important collection.



Easter Flowers

Easter Flower Offering envelopes may be placed in the collection basket. Names of loved ones will appear in the Easter bulletin.



Gluten Free Hosts

For parishioners who have Celiac Disease or a gluten sensitivity, Holy Cross has gluten free hosts. If you would like to receive a gluten free host during Communion, please inform the Sacristan prior to Mass

Hearing Devices

For parishioners who have difficulty hearing, Holy Cross has individual devices which can amplify sound. They are simple to use and work for those who wear hearing aids and those who do not. If you are interested in using one of these devices, please see the Sacristan or an Usher prior to Mass.

BAKERS NEEDED!



Bakers are needed to make baked goods for the Easter Vigil celebration which will take place on Holy Saturday, April 20th, at 8PM. If you are interested in baking, please contact Nick and Diane Lombardo at **631-698-5930**. Thank you!

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