

HOLY CROSS PARISH COMMUNITY

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33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Mission Statement

Holy Cross Parish, a community centered in the Eucharist, is committed in faith and love of Jesus Christ to fulfill the profoundly human and spiritual needs of its parishioners and the larger community it serves. We seek to inspire all, through deeds and by example, to do the work of Christ: to make God known, loved, and served.

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Please submit bulletin notices to the office in writing by 9 a.m. on Tuesdays

Office Hours

Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Mass Schedule

Saturday: 4:00 p.m. - Sunday: 8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m.

Monday through Friday - 9:00 a.m.

Holy Days of Obligation - 9:00 a.m. & 7 p.m.

Sacraments

Baptism: Contact a member of the pastoral team to schedule a baptism for your child or for preparation for adult baptism.

Sacrament of Christian Marriage: Please contact one of the priests eight months to a year in advance to schedule your wedding and begin preparations.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday from 3:15 - 3:45 p.m. or anytime by appointment.

Sacrament of the Sick: This sacrament is available to anyone who is ill. Please let us know if you or anyone you know is hospitalized or homebound.

Welcome

Please introduce yourselves and register in order to become a member of this community of believers.

We welcome your gifted presence in the life of our parish.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners,

It is mid-November so what better time to be thinking about mid-December! I recently met with a small team of **Holly Fair** volunteers brainstorming what to do during this unusual year when spreading festive good cheer is an ongoing challenge. It is an evolving plan, but one that we tested, and is working. Instead of poster boards with taped cards in the back of church soliciting donations for gift baskets, the snowflake bags, and wine pull, we will be using an online platform called Eventgroove Ticketing. You can access the list through the parish homepage or the Flocknote I sent this week.

“Tickets” equal requested items. Simply peruse through the list and select the quantity of an item you would like to shop for and donate to the Holly Fair. Once you have made your selections, click “Get Tickets” (remember it is really the items you chose) and a summary of your choices will appear at the top of the list. The program keeps a running tabulation of things you and others are simultaneously choosing; therefore, the summary of a particular item may appear less than the quantity you chose because another person already chose it. The program will allow you the largest quantity of “tickets” (items) that is available. When the total quantity of an item is spoken for by one or more parishioners it will say *SOLD OUT*. Keep adjusting your choices until the top section reflects what you want to shop for and then check out.

Enter your Name and Email for confirmation and click “Get Tickets.” It will show you your order summary and give you the option to print out a shopping list (Print Tickets). I am working on adding a field to make a direct monetary donation (debit or credit card) to the Holly Fair if you rather not shop and/or simply support this important parish fundraiser. This all might sound more complicated than it is and if you need assistance please do not hesitate to contact us in the parish office.

The platform went live for us to practice last Friday, November 6th and that is why that date shows. However, **the date to remember is Monday, November 30th – the final day all donations need to be received** so volunteers can start putting things together. Feel free to bring your items to church with you or drop them by the parish center before November 30th. Please also let us know if you would like to volunteer to help get ready and/or work this year’s Holly Fair 2020.

We are still trying to figure out the hybrid nature for how the Holly Fair itself will take place. **Everything will be available online: Raffle Baskets, Lottery Trees, Snowflake Raffle, Wine Pull, 50/50, and Pat’s Jams along with other vendors’ items.** Unfortunately, we will not be able to have the Cookie Stroll, Silent Auction, or Breakfast with Santa this year. I am very sensitive to the challenges most businesses have faced these past two fiscal quarters of 2020. While we will graciously accept and use charitable donations from businesses, I will not be sending out letters soliciting such donations this year. I leave it to your discretion if you feel your business is in a position to give, or asking a friend or establishment you patron to donate something is an ask you are willing to make on behalf of the parish. Please let me know of any donations made from businesses so I can thank them for their thoughtful and appreciated generosity to Holy Cross during the ongoing pandemic.

There are more details to work through, but with the help of Eventgroove Fundraising software we can envision Holly Fair 2020 happening with cheer! We are also continuing to brainstorm a possible limited in-person experience managed through reservations on a particular day. We will be abiding and following all guidelines and protocols in place as the weekend of December 12-13 approaches. That 3rd weekend of Advent we be Guadete, something to Rejoice about for sure this year!

Thank you for your adaption to trying something new. This software makes the list assessable to all registered parishioners encouraged to support the parish through their time, talent, and treasure. More to come in the weeks ahead via Flocknote messages, Mass announcements, and bulletin highlights. It might not be the biggest Holly Fair we’ve ever had but every little bit helps this year.

God Bless,
Fr. Brad



Congratulation to all of our AUTUMN RAFFLE WINNERS 10/16/2020-11/15/2020

Table listing raffle winners with dates, amounts, and names (e.g., 10/16 \$50 Michelle Campbell)

- Prayer intentions for Saturday, November 14 through Sunday, November 22, including names and requested by individuals.

THANK YOU

To parishioners Tom Murray who thoughtfully planned ahead and donated the knit compass bracelets to honor and raise awareness for Veterans. The Veterans' Crisis Line is 800-273-8255 or text 838255 or Visit: VeteransCrisisLine.net



To all of our parishioners that celebrated their First Communion or Confirmation this fall, your picture orders are in.

Please pick them up in the Parish Center anytime M-F 9AM-4PM

or

Call the office to make other arrangements 508-238-2235

Advent Begins November 29, 2020



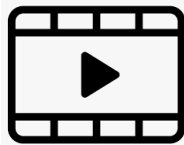
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Bishop Feehan High School, Attleboro

Please join us for our
Virtual Open House Week
November 16-19

Chat with our Administrative Team, learn more about classes,
clubs, Campus Ministry and meet our athletic coaches.

Visit our website for details:
BishopFeehan.com/VirtualOpenHouse

ENTRANCE EXAM– will be held **Virtually on December
5th and December 12th. You must pre-register at our web-**
site:

BishopFeehan.com/Admissions



**The next Mainspring Meal is
next Saturday, November 21.**

Please drop off your donation between 1:00 to
2:45 PM at the kitchen around the back of the
church.

If possible, let us know what you are donating by
contacting cathy.downes@verizon.net or call/text
Cathy at [508-742-5957](tel:508-742-5957).

Meal suggestions: Cooked chicken pieces, sliced
ham, macaroni and cheese, casseroles, side dishes,
mixed salad and dressing, desserts, fruit or bread/
rolls.



Saint Vincent de Paul Society is looking to see if there
are any families in the parish that are in need of a
Thanksgiving meal.

If you or someone you know is in need of help for this,
please contact Fr Brad or a member of the Society.

We could provide all the necessary items to prepare a
wonderful dinner.



**Question
of the
Month**

Did you know that “Eucharist” means to give thanks?

**For what do you wish to “Give Thanks” this year
(as an individual, family member, parishioner, or simply as
a child beloved of God)?**

HOLY CROSS CHURCH

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks; we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you take away the sin of the world: receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

READING 1 PRV 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

When one finds a worthy wife, her value is far beyond pearls. Her husband, entrusting his heart to her, has an unfailing prize. She brings him good, and not evil, all the days of her life. She obtains wool and flax and works with loving hands. She puts her hands to the distaff, and her fingers ply the spindle. She reaches out her hands to the poor, and extends her arms to the needy. Charm is deceptive and beauty fleeting; the woman who fears the LORD is to be praised. Give her a reward for her labors, and let her works praise her at the city gates.

READING 2 1 THES 5:1-6

Concerning times and seasons, brothers and sisters, you have no need for anything to be written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief at night. When people are saying, "Peace and security," then sudden disaster comes upon them, like labor pains upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness, for that day to overtake you like a thief. For all of you are children of the light and children of the day. We are not of the night or of darkness. Therefore, let us not sleep as the rest do, but let us stay alert and sober.

GOSPEL MT 25:14-30

Jesus told his disciples this parable:

"A man going on a journey called in his servants and entrusted his possessions to them. To one he gave five talents; to another, two; to a third, one-- to each according to his ability. Then he went away. Immediately the one who received five talents went and traded with them, and made another five. Likewise, the one who received two made another two.

But the man who received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and buried his master's money. "After a long time the master of those servants came back and settled accounts with them. The one who had received five talents came forward bringing the additional five. He said, 'Master, you gave me five talents. See, I have made five more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy.' Then the one who had received two talents also came forward and said, 'Master, you gave me two talents. See, I have made two more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy.' Then the one who had received the one talent came forward and said, 'Master, I knew you were a demanding person, harvesting where you did not plant and gathering where you did not scatter; so out of fear I went off and buried your talent in the ground. Here it is back.' His master said to him in reply, 'You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I did not plant and gather where I did not scatter? Should you not then have put my money in the bank so that I could have got it back with interest on my return? Now then! Take the talent from him and give it to the one with ten. For to everyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich; but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And throw this useless servant into the darkness outside, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.'"

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I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages.

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

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Donate-A-Pie to Easton Food Pantry, Easton First Responders or Main Spring House, for their Thanksgiving table.

Order your pies by Tuesday, November 17th

**Pickup at Knights Hall, 375 Foundry Street on Tuesday, November 24th,
3:00-6:00 PM**

Proceeds to support the ongoing charitable efforts of the Knights of Columbus.

Contact: Phil D'Allesandro - 781.408.0165 - davisroad2@verizon.net

Contact : Mark Franzoni - 508.208.0175 - thegreatfranzoni@yahoo.com

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