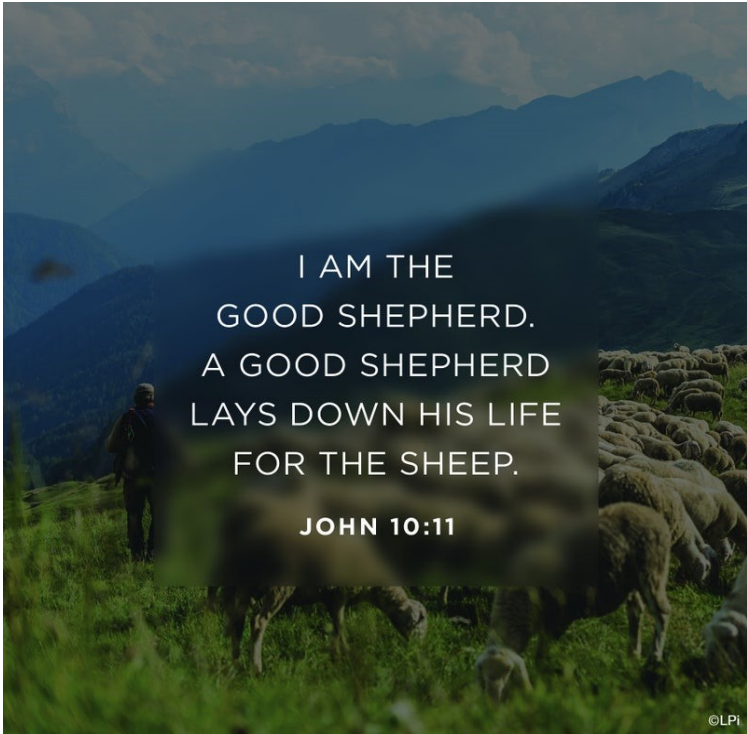


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**APRIL 25, 2021**  
**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**



I AM THE  
GOOD SHEPHERD.  
A GOOD SHEPHERD  
LAYS DOWN HIS LIFE  
FOR THE SHEEP.

JOHN 10:11

### 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.

### OUR MISSION

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.

### MASS SCHEDULE

#### Weekday Mass

Monday - Friday 9:00am

#### Weekend Mass

Saturday Vigil 4:00pm

Sunday 8:30am, 10:00am

#### Holy Days of Obligation

9:00am, 7pm

#### Confession

Saturday 3:15 - 3:45pm

Other by Appointment

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Fr. Brad Metz, C.S.C., Pastor

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## HOLY CROSS CHURCH



Dear Parishioners,

We are making our way through the Easter Season as we come to this Fourth of Seven Sundays of Easter. I enjoyed getting away for a few days down to Fort Lauderdale in Florida with Fr. John Santone, C.S.C. We were celebrating both being fully vaccinated, getting through Holy Week and Easter weekend, and knowing he will be moving here the first full week of July. Many parish families have been enjoying April Vacation this week. Always good to take a break now and then. Thank you to all who donated and gave of their time and talents to make the church so beautiful this Easter.

The recent news of Deacon George's death has spurred questions about reaching out to his wife Nancy and funeral plans. Nancy did say I could share her address: 6363 Leslie Ln, Venice FL 34285. Kane Funeral Home is assisting with arrangements. When I spoke with Nancy last Sunday she said his wake/viewing would be Thursday, May 6th and funeral on Friday, May 7th both here in church. The funeral is planned for 10am and the visiting hours are being worked out. May he rest in the peace of the Risen Christ.

God Bless,  
Fr. Brad



**Thank you to the following parishioners for your generous donations that paid for the beautiful decorations in the Church this Lenten and Easter season.**

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Eileen and Lois LaCivita, Frances and William Finnerty  
Mr. and Mrs. George Richards, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Conboy  
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Peg and Mike Cunnane  
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**APRIL 25, 2021**



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Norah and Michael Connor, Mary Sullivan  
Laurie Avitabile, George and Kaye Flaherty, Daly Family  
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## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**Sponsor-A-Day is our final fundraiser of the fiscal year. \$120 will cover a day of utility bills for the parish.**

**Original goal: \$43,800  
Donations received: \$50,940**

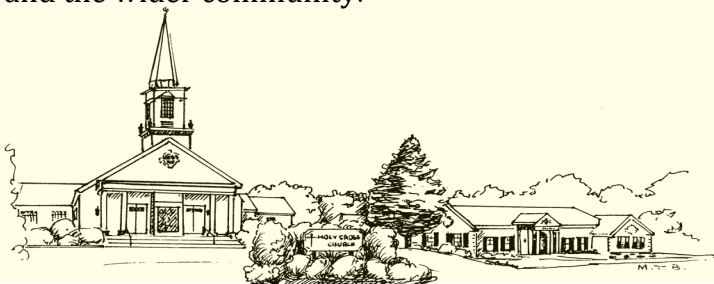
Additional donations will be used for ongoing boiler repairs and for the cost of streaming our Masses

**Thank you to the following parishioners who sponsored a day in April:**

Karen Smith	Martha Cogan
Marianne & Bob Dyke	Barbara Musselman
Sidney Smith	The O'Reilly family
John McLaughlin	Donald & Christine Sierra
Jim & Terry Orcutt	Pauline Gilbride
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*Thank You*

At times, the families of Holy Cross parishioners who have passed away request that gifts in their memories be made to Holy Cross Parish. These gifts are then used for special projects in the parish. This is a wonderful way to honor someone active in our parish at their passing. We invite you to consider remembering Holy Cross in this way in your funeral arrangements or at the death of a loved one who is a parishioner of Holy Cross. Your generosity and thoughtfulness will help us continue to minister to the needs of our parishioners and the wider community.



## MASS INTENTIONS

### ✠Saturday, April 24

4:00pm Edward Girdvainis

Requested Marianne and Don Klok

### ✠Sunday, April 25

8:30am Marilyn Bettencourt

Requested by Alan and Ginny Huffenus

10:00am Maura Kane

Requested by Family

### ✠Monday, April 26

9:00am Paul Flaherty

Requested by Bosse Family

### ✠Tuesday, April 27

9:00am

### ✠Wednesday, April 28

9:00am Michael E. Curtin

Requested by Amy Curtin

### ✠Thursday, April 29

9:00am

### ✠Friday, April 30

9:00am

### ✠Saturday, May 1

4:00pm Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lariviere

Requested Claire and Harrold Smith

### ✠Sunday, May 2

8:30am Jarrod Tracey 1st Anniversary

Requested by Family

10:00am Veronica Lamb

Requested by Lamb Family

### Bereavement Support

The Office of Faith Formation offers a bereavement support group for the diocese, which also serves as the principal support group in the Fall River area. This is a support group to help people cope with the loss of a loved one.

This bereavement support group allows individuals to express their experiences, feelings, and emotions with others on the same journey. It is a blessing to have available this safe place in our diocese for anyone who is grieving to share and discover helpful ways to cope and begin to find new strength and hope.

Due to COVID-19, 2021 live sessions are not allowed. Currently, online sessions are offered on Tuesdays. For your convenience – two sessions are offered, one at 4:30 p.m. and another at 7 p.m.

Anyone interested in joining the group or learning more is asked to call 508-678-2828 ext. 27 or 508-642-0583, or email: [rsaraiva@dfrcs.org](mailto:rsaraiva@dfrcs.org).



## **HOLY CROSS CHURCH**

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### **THE CONFITEOR**

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done, and in what I have failed to do; through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

### **READING I Acts 4:8-12**

Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said:

“Leaders of the people and elders: If we are being examined today about a good deed done to a cripple, namely, by what means he was saved, then all of you and all the people of Israel should know that it was in the name of Jesus Christ the Nazorean whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead; in his name this man stands before you healed. He is the stone rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. There is no salvation through anyone else, nor is there any other name under heaven given to the human race by which we are to be saved.”

### **READING II 1 Jn 3:1-2**

Beloved:

See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. Yet so we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

### **GOSPEL Jn 10:11-18**

Jesus said:

“I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. A hired man, who is not a shepherd and whose sheep are not his own, sees a wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away, and the wolf catches and scatters them. This is because he works for pay and has no concern for the sheep. I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. These also I must lead, and they will hear my voice, and there will be one flock, one shepherd. This is why the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down on my own. I have power to lay it down, and power to take it up again. This command I have received from my Father.”

### **THE NICENE CREED**

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.

### **HOLY CROSS PARISH PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**

Jesus you know and call each one of us by name in baptism and ask us to follow you. Bless your church in the Congregation of Holy Cross and in the Diocese of Fall River by stirring into service generous people young and older from our families and friends who will serve and lead your people as Priests, Brothers, Sisters, Deacons and Lay Ministers. Bless all those who live in sacramental married life and those who serve others as single people. May we like Mary, your Mother and ours, be given the grace, wisdom and understanding to hear your voice and the courage to answer your call. We ask this with the Father and the Holy Spirit, and in your Holy Name we pray, Amen.

THIS WEEK'S  
*Announcements*



Thank you to all who made our Church so beautiful for the Easter season, especially to this team of talented decorators:

**Claire Abate**  
**Tony Calisi**  
**Anthony Calisi**  
**Joseph Calisi**  
**Ella Calisi**  
**Terry Edwards**  
**Clare Leitzmann**  
**Chris Iannitelli**  
**Annie Iannitelli**



This month we are asking all families in Faith Formation to complete the ***Circle of Grace*** curriculum with their children at home.

Normally, this material is covered in person. As classes this year at Holy Cross have been remote for all grades, the Diocese has requested us to have parents either cover the lessons or “opt out”. Please see the parish website for further information under “***CIRCLE OF GRACE***”.

The Diocese and our parish are audited on our compliance with this requirement, so please be sure to return the appropriate form. We are asking that the forms be returned by May 12<sup>th</sup>.

**“The Baby Bottle Drive” has started!**

Please fill your baby bottles with loose change and return them Mother’s Day Weekend, May 8th and 9th.

There is an option to **Donate Online** on our website. Proceeds will go to Mothers in need from Abundant Hope in Attleboro and Birthright of Taunton.



Thank you,  
Respect Life Committee



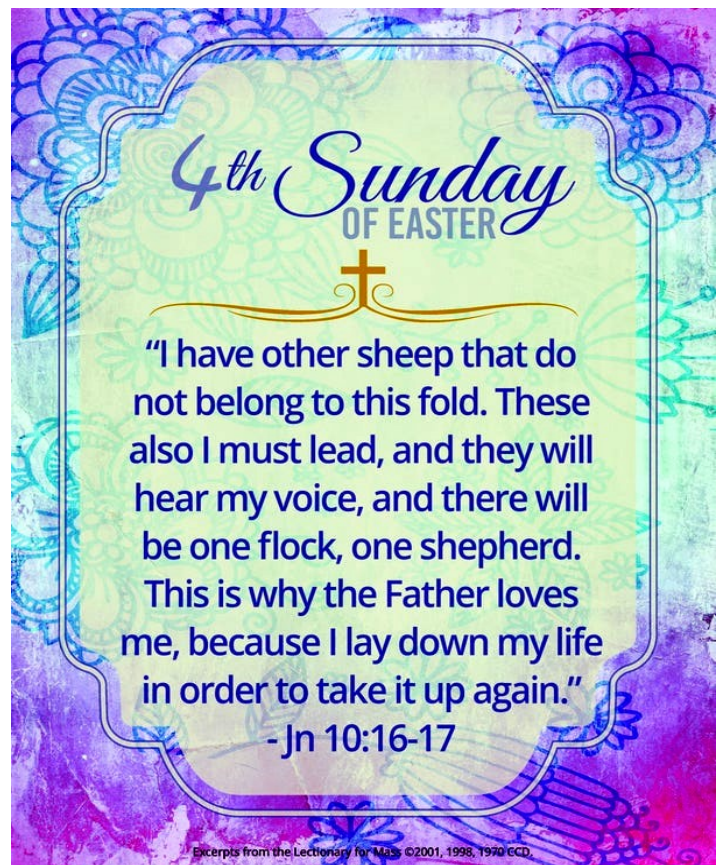
**QUESTION**  
OF THE MONTH



Easter Time  
40 Days of Joy  
10 Days of Anticipation (Ascension/Pentecost)

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**How is my faith being challenged and strengthened during these days of Easter?**





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