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JULY 11, 2021

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

HOLY CROSS CHURCH



Dear Parishioners,

This 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time Jesus sends out the disciples two-by-two to spread the Good News and to do miraculous things through Jesus' name. Doing so takes great trust and a leap of faith in Jesus now as it did then. We are all blest in Christ, chosen by God and sealed in his Spirit to do the best we can in what we say and do to spread God's life and love to any and all whom we meet. I chuckle inside every time I hear someone say, "My faith is private, it is between God and me." This is not what Jesus taught and did. Jesus drew people out of themselves and into community with others precisely so that God is made known, loved, and served by those who believe and respond because of their faith. Yes, there is the Gospel from Matthew we hear on Ash Wednesday that speaks about praying to God in the secrecy of one's own room however that is read in the context of introspection during the Season of Lent. Most other scriptures are like the ones we hear today, calling us to go out into the world and to teach others to pray with us. Human beings are social creatures by nature. We are created to interact as the Holy Trinity interacts with each other and to share our love and life with the world as God shares God's life and love with each person and all peoples through our sacramental celebrations and simply living happy and holy lives with each other.

We welcome Fr. John Santone, C.S.C. back to Holy Cross Parish after a twenty-year journey serving others in different places. He will share more about himself and where he has been in next week's bulletin, and as he begins sharing the Good News and reflecting upon it in homilies here as well. Fr. John and I have known each other since we both began in the Congregation of Holy Cross in 1993, he as a candidate/postulant and me as a sophomore undergraduate seminarian. Our brotherhood and friendship have grown over the years and we both were very excited when the possibility of working and living together started becoming a reality for this summer. We are both back living in the rectory as well since he comes this time with his dog Watson. All three of us managed to get from Holy Cross Parish in South Bend, Indiana (where Fr. Jim Fenstermaker became pastor after leaving here – it was great to see him for a few days) to Holy Cross Parish in Easton, Massachusetts this week. I have enjoyed being closer to the garden out back and not hearing those Stonehill clock tower bells morning, noon, and night and the sirens on 138. Please keep us in your prayers as we keep all of you in our communal and individual prayers.

The 80th Annual Catholic Appeal serving the needs of the Diocese of Fall River's many important outreach ministries ended on June 30th. Your generosity to this year's "*Time to Gather, Time to Heal, Time to Love*" appeal is humbling. Our parish goal was \$37,149, and parishioners and a few others gave or pledged \$38,875 (105% of goal). Amazing teamwork supporting our brothers and sisters in need throughout the Diocese. Thank you for your donations and generous hearts.

Summer has definitely begun after the heat wave at the beginning of the month and now that the 4th of July has come and gone. I hope these summer days find you able to slow your pace back down after returning to work post-covid and schools being on summer break. I am grateful to have spent time relaxing in our backyard pool at my Mom's house and visiting family while back in South Bend. However, we never hopefully take a vacation from God. It is great seeing so many parishioners coming back to church. Mark your calendars for our Welcome Back Bash after Labor Day weekend on Sunday September 12th from 11:00am-1:00pm. You will shortly be receiving save-the-date postcards which will hopefully be a reminder to reach out to family and friends to invite them to join you back in the pews and around the parish center this fall. But for now, relax, pray well, and enjoy this much more open and engaging summer!

God Bless,
Fr. Brad



SPONSOR A DAY

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

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Thank You

MASS INTENTIONS

✠Saturday, July 10

4:00pm Elaine Shurtleff birthday remembrance
Requested by Mike & Janet Shurtleff

✠Sunday, July 11

8:30am Deacon George Zarella
Requested by Thomas & Dianne Kincaid
10:00am Janet and Ricard Coleman
Requested by Family

✠Monday, July 12

9:00am Keith Hancock
Requested by Gary and Catalina Angeles

✠Tuesday, July 13

9:00am Joseph Picanzi 3rd Anniversary
Requested by Michelle Hassan and Family

✠Wednesday, July 13

9:00am Jack Lombardo 1st Anniversary
Requested by his sister, Marian Whelton

✠Thursday, July 15

9:00am

✠Friday, July 16

9:00am

✠Saturday, July 17

4:00pm Rene A. Limoges Jr.
Requested by Claire and Harold Smith

✠Sunday, July 18

8:30am Philip Lippolis
Requested by Thomas & Dianne Kincaid
10:00am Joseph Picanzi 3rd Anniversary
Requested by Michelle Hassan and Family

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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 Am 7:12-15

Amaziah, priest of Bethel, said to Amos, "Off with you, visionary, flee to the land of Judah! There earn your bread by prophesying, but never again prophesy in Bethel; for it is the king's sanctuary and a royal temple." Amos answered Amaziah, "I was no prophet, nor have I belonged to a company of prophets; I was a shepherd and a dresser of sycamores. The LORD took me from following the flock, and said to me, Go, prophesy to my people Israel."

READING II Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavens, as he chose us in him, before the foundation of the world, to be holy and without blemish before him. In love he destined us for adoption to himself through Jesus Christ, in accord with the favor of his will, for the praise of the glory of God's grace that he granted us in the beloved. In him we have redemption by his blood, the forgiveness of transgressions, in accord with the riches of his grace that he lavished upon us. In all wisdom and insight, he has made known to us the mystery of his will in accord with his favor that he set forth in him as a plan for the fullness of times, to sum up all things in Christ, in heaven and on earth.

GOSPEL Mk 6:7-13

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over unclean spirits. He instructed them to take nothing for the journey but a walking stick—no food, no sack, no money in their belts. They were, however, to wear sandals but not a second tunic. He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave. Whatever place does not welcome you or listen to you, leave there and shake the dust off your feet in testimony against them." So they went off and preached repentance. The Twelve drove out many demons, and they anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

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.

→ ANNOUNCEMENTS

"We healed, built, and loved as a Church...together!"

As of 7/4 we have raised \$38,875 &
surpassed our \$37,148.79 goal
(Final total should be out next week)

Please stay tuned for a more detailed wrap-up showing results throughout the Diocese. And once again, a heart-felt THANK YOU. May God continue to bless everyone here in our parish community.



MY BROTHER'S KEEPER
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The Family Walk is back! Saturday August 7, 2021

After a year apart, we are so excited to see our friends at the Eleventh Annual My Brother's Keeper Family Walk, a beautiful 2.5-mile route through the Stonehill College Campus, followed by Amusement Activities, Food, Games, Live Music, and Much More! A fun day for all ages. All are welcome!

FREE on-line registration. FREE t-shirts for all who register on-line by July 30, 2021. Pledges are encouraged and gratefully accepted.

For registration and more information please visit:

www.MyBrothersKeeperFamilyWalk.org



Question
of the
Month



*** He (Jesus) said to them,
"Come away by yourselves to a deserted place
and rest a while." (Mark 6:31)
Why not plan a day away with Jesus in prayer
and reflection?**

MAINSRING SHELTER MEALS THIRD SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH

July 17, 2021

Let us know what you're bringing a few days ahead. This will help us prepare to serve about 130 guests.

Cathy Downes: 508-742-5957

cathy.downes@verizon.net or Trish Murphy: 508-813-1880
triciamurph@gmail.com

Deliver cooked food items to the lower kitchen behind the Parish Center from 1:00 to 2:45 PM.

Meal Suggestions:

Cooked, sliced chicken	Cooked, sliced ham
Potatoes	Fresh fruit
Pasta dishes w/meat & sauce	Macaroni and Cheese
Cooked vegetables	Stuffing & Gravy
Cranberry sauce	Tossed Salad & Dressing
Bread or Rolls	Desserts

Servers are not needed at this time

To Receive Flocknotes for Mainspring Meals or to sign up for Holy Cross Flocknotes at

holycrossparish.flocknote.com/everyone

Contact cathy.downes@verizon.net or triciamurph@gmail.com for more info

Catholic Youth Day on Martha's Vineyard August 14 @ 9:30 am - 10:00 pm



Bishop da Cunha is inviting youth of the Fall River Diocese to Martha's Vineyard for a celebration of their faith.

Catholic Youth Day 2021 will feature talks, music, activities, and Mass with the Bishop, plus lunch and some free time to visit some of the island shops.

The day is free for participants including the ferry ride and transportation from points in the diocese to the ferry terminal in Woods Hole.

To register, please contact your parish's Director of Religious Education.

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 11, 2021

- Sunday:** Am 7:12-15/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/
Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10/Mk 6:7-13
- Monday:** Ex 1:8-14, 22/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8 [8a]/Mt 10:34—11:1
- Tuesday:** Ex 2:1-15a/Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34 [cf. 33]/Mt 11:20-24
- Wednesday:** Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7 [8a]/Mt 11:25-27
- Thursday:** Ex 3:13-20/Ps 105:1 and 5, 8-9, 24-25, 26-27 [8a]/Mt 11:28-30
- Friday:** Ex 11:10—12:14/Ps 116:12-13, 15 and 16bc, 17-18 [13]/
Mt 12:1-8
- Saturday:** Ex 12:37-42/Ps 136:1 and 23-24, 10-12, 13-15/Mt 12:14-21
- Next Sunday:** Jer 23:1-6/Ps 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6 [1]/Eph 2:13-18/Mk 6:30-34

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 11, 2021

- Sunday:** 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Tuesday:** St. Henry
- Wednesday:** St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin
- Thursday:** St. Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Friday:** Our Lady of Mount Carmel
- Saturday:** BVM
- Next Sunday:** 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

God calls us to bring His Word to all corners of the earth. What does that mean for you and me? We are just simple and humble folks trying to find our way through the Gospel and our world. After all, we are not professional preachers but gentle servants. Jesus summons us to take his message on the road and bring it from the pew to the pavement. We cannot keep the joy of the Gospel to ourselves but must bring it into every aspect of our lives: our families, our schools, our work, our corporations, our politics, our social circles, and our philosophies. We cannot just accept the wisdom of the world as true and conduct our lives as if the Good News is a separate matter. They are one. Jesus never asked his friends to go and construct buildings where people could come to hear the truth. He asked them to go to their homes and meet them one on one, face to face. When the rubber meets the road and the message is challenging, rejection is quite possible. That's the litmus test for whether we're really doing what we have been asked.



**ST. KATERI
TEKAKWITHA**

JULY 14

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*Hear, O
Lord, have
mercy on me;
Lord be
my helper.*

— PSALM 30:11 —

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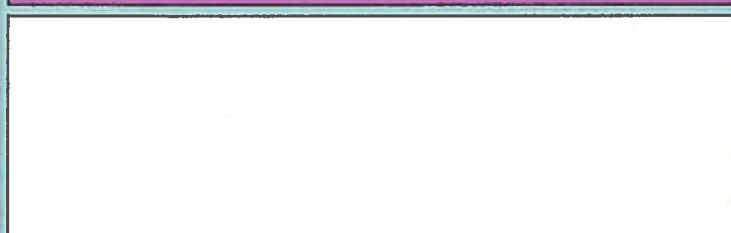
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