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"There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me." - Mk 9:39b

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## **SEPTEMBER 26, 2021**

TWENTY-SIXTH 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**

# FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

#### Dear Parishioners,

Happy Autumn! The fall season is underway since this past Wednesday. The energy and enthusiasm of a new school year is underway at Holy Cross even though the trees and other plants are beginning to die back as winter approaches. Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLW) and Children's Choir both began last weekend. Faith Formation classes begin this weekend. It is even more joyous because children and families are back in church and the parish center after two school years interrupted and severely truncated as we weathered the worst of the covid pandemic. Children and catechists will have to wear masks while together as students and teachers do in their respective schools. It still is strongly recommended we all do while together at Mass, but it is no longer mandated in church. I am grateful we can gather for prayer and passing on the faith in person rather than another year of solitary streaming and zoom even with these continued protocol for masks.

The primary place the faith is passed on and nourished is in the communal celebration of the Eucharist. Hearing and reflecting upon God's word and being nourished by Jesus receiving his very real Body and Blood, fully present in both the host and chalice, are the strongest expressions of God's real presence in our lives today as when Jesus walked amid the crowds with his apostles. In presenting children for baptism, parents agree to being the first and best teachers of the faith to their children. It is a simple question and answer during baptism but can be a very profound and life changing commission for them, their children, and the entire family if they live into this promise. Full, active, and conscious participation at Sunday and Holyday Masses is expected of all Catholics from baptism on. I do not say this to make anyone feel overly guilty, but to reaffirm our understanding and belief that the Eucharist is the center of our lives as followers of Jesus Christ, and that we seek to keep God's commandment of remembering to keep the Lord's Day holy. A small weekly sacrifice to make and offer to God knowing that we freely give over our time, talents, and treasure to many other passing things of this life. Our faith, hope, and love are the only things that remain into eternal life.

Fr. John and I look forward to visiting classrooms while the other is offering the 10:00am Mass in church. We both know from experience how beneficial it is for the students, who are the future of the Church, to get to know the priests. My vocation ultimately sprung from learning from my parents and catechists at St. Patrick and St. John the Baptist parishes in South Bend, Indiana. It was also nourished beyond the Sunday morning classroom by grace before family meals at home and at my grandparents, aunts, and uncles' homes. I learned how to pray the rosary at family wakes and at church on Wednesday evenings with Grandma and Grandpa Metz during the Living Rosary. I was really nervous to stand when it was my turn and recite a Hail Mary, Glory Be, or Our Father in front of a lot of people in church, but then I got to remain standing and hold a battery-operated lit rose added to those of parishioners before and after me, until the church lights were turned off at the end and the entire church was lit by our roses held high to Mary as we all sang *Immaculate Mary*. I have to laugh now as a pastor and 21st century citizen thinking how many batteries we must have gone through in a year, and they were not recycled back then. Little did my grandparents and parents know or maybe realize that what they were doing would help this future priest pray with other families leading wakes and Masses. If they never planted and tended the seeds of faith within me, I likely wouldn't be here today serving and teaching you and your family. I will ever be grateful for their simple faith lived out through example week in and week out. I know Fr. John feels the same about his grandparents and family.

In this ongoing Year of St. Joseph, let us entrust this new school year to Jesus' earthly parents and grandparents: Mary and Joseph, Ann and Joachim, knowing that God our Father and Jesus his Son watch over all of us in heaven and on earth through their Holy Spirit ever present and always guiding us if we open our hearts and follow God's call in our lives each day. We still need a few catechists. Anyone confirmed can help pass on the faith. Don't forget you will always know more than most of the children and teens (there are a few that keep us on our toes and running for the Catechism!). Very often the catechists say they continue learning right along with the kids. You won't regret it, and will feel much better about your parish and the Church next summer when you know you did your part in building up the Kingdom of God on earth and making saints for heaven. Please contact Margaret Dwyer-Hogan, the Director of Faith Formation, <a href="mailto:mdhogan@holycrosseaston.org">mdhogan@holycrosseaston.org</a> or call the parish office 508-238-2235 if you are willing to help.

God Bless, Fr. Brad

#### SPONSOR A DAY

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

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Thank You



### **MASS INTENTIONS**

**†Saturday, September 25** 

4:00pm

**†**Sunday, September 26

8:30am

10:00am Frances Kos

Requested by Kathleen Nardi

**†Monday, September 27** 

9:00am \*Happy 15th Birthday to Bailey Franzoni\*

Requested by The Franzoni Family

**†**Tuesday, September 28

9:00am Christine Muchowski

Requested by Kathleen Nardi

**†Wednesday, September 29** 

9:00am David Jenkins

Requested by Penny Brennan

**†Thursday, September 30** 

9:00am John Nardi

Requested by Kathleen Nardi

**†Friday, October 1** 

9:00am Juliette Letourneau

Requested by Claire and Harold Smith

**†Saturday**, October 2

4:00pm Rose and Joe Kennedy

Requested by Martha Campbell Family

**†Sunday, October 3** 

8:30am

10:00am Frances Kos

Requested by Kathleen Nardi

If you are a family member whose loved one is being remembered in the Mass and would like to bring the gifts to the altar, please see one of the priests or ushers prior to the start of Mass.

#### **Bereavement Support**

The Diocese continues to offer online support groups and hopes to begin offering live sessions in the Fall.

These online virtual programs are being offered through Catholic Social Services on Tuesdays.

The links to register for either of the one-hour sessions are as follow: 4:30 PM - https://bit.ly/SupportGroup4 or 7 PM - https://bit.ly/SupportGroup7.

In addition to the online sessions, one-on-one sessions are also offered via phone.

For more information, contact Rose Mary Saraiva at 508-674-4681 Ext. 1111 or 774-253-4097, or by email at rsaraiva@cssdioc.org

#### **SEPTEMBER 26, 2021**

#### **READING I** Nm 11:25-29

The LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to Moses. Taking some of the spirit that was on Moses, the LORD bestowed it on the seventy elders; and as the spirit came to rest on them, they prophesied. Now two men, one named Eldad and the other Medad, were not in the gathering but had been left in the camp. They too had been on the list, but had not gone out to the tent; yet the spirit came to rest on them also, and they prophesied in the camp. So, when a young man quickly told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp, " Joshua, son of Nun, who from his youth had been Moses' aide, said, "Moses, my lord, stop them." But Moses answered him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the people of the LORD were prophets! Would that the LORD might bestow his spirit on them all!"

#### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM** Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14

R. (9a) The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

#### **READING II** Jas 5:1-6

Come now, you rich, weep and wail over your impending miseries. Your wealth has rotted away, your clothes have become moth-eaten, your gold and silver have corroded, and that corrosion will be a testimony against you; it will devour your flesh like a fire. You have stored up treasure for the last days. Behold, the wages you withheld from the workers who harvested your fields are crying aloud; and the cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. You have lived on earth in luxury and pleasure; you have fattened your hearts for the day of slaughter. You have condemned; you have murdered the righteous one; he offers you no resistance.

#### GOSPEL Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

At that time, John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone driving out demons in your name, and we tried to prevent him because he does not follow us." Jesus replied, "Do not prevent him. There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me. For whoever is not against us is for us. Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, amen, I say to you, will surely not lose his reward. "Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were put around his neck and he were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life maimed than with two hands to go into Gehenna, into the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to sin, cut if off. It is better for you to enter into life crippled than with two feet to be thrown into Gehenna. And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out. Better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into Gehenna, where 'their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched."

#### 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.



## NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CATECHISTS NEEDED FOR MOST GRADE LEVELS!!

"Calling all single individuals, couples, parents, emptynesters, and grandparents....

Please pray, discern, remain calm, and notify Mrs. Hogan or Mrs. Franzoni in saying, "YES" to become a part of our wonderful catechist team! All volunteers must complete a CORI, Safe Environment Training and Code of Conduct.

#### **Faith Formation Registration Is Open!**

Classes for the first session begin THIS WEEKEND!

Check our website, www.holycrosseaston.org for details and registration links.

#### **Media & Communications Volunteer**

Are you fluent in "insta" and meme's? **Holy Cross** parish is looking for someone interested in donating a few hours a week to help us reach more of our families on the platforms they use the most!

We have some major events coming up - like our "Welcome Home" celebration September 12 – and need a point person to keep our Facebook page current, provide content on Instagram and work with the parish staff to publicize events in real time (right now we post pictures AFTER the events!)

Interested? Reach out to Father Brad, Margaret or Lindsay! This is a great volunteer opportunity for a stay at home parent looking to be on a team doing fun work – or a student looking to beef up their marketing creds!



Your **Saint Vincent de Paul Society** would like to thank our parishioners for their continued support. Cold weather and the holidays will be here shortly and we will be able to help those in need because of your generous donations.

If you or someone you know is in need of help with food for their Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners will you please let Fr Brad, Fr. John or a member of the Society know and we will make sure they have all the fixings needed for their family meal for the holidays. We can also arrange for them to get food at our Taunton Food Pantry on a regular basis.

#### From the Holy Cross Health Ministry & Parish Nurses

Mass of the Anointing of the Sick All are welcome to come and be renewed in Body, Mind and Spirit

Sunday, October 3, 2021, 11:30 AM

Due to the ongoing Covid concerns we will not have a reception after this year.

#### **Holly Fair Coordinator Needed**

We are in need of a new Coordinator for our Holiday Holly Fair. Thank you to Claire Smith for your years of work with the Holy Cross Holly Fair. Please contact the Parish Office or Fr Brad if you are interested in keeping this important social event and Parish Fundraiser going.

#### Outreach Sunday October 3

Some of the requests from the community agencies we serve have changed to reflect their current needs.

**My Brother's Keeper**-diapers, household cleaning products, sponges, pantry staples: flour, sugar, cooking oil, brown sugar, baking mixes

Birthright-diapers, wipes

**Family & Community Resources-**canned: soup, fruit, pasta sauce, vegetables. Peanut butter, jelly, pasta, mac and cheese, snacks

**Mainspring House-**toiletries

We Do Care-support local widows and widowers and their families by donating grocery store gift cards Louison Family Shelter-birthday bag items: cake mixes, frosting, cake pans, birthday party supplies: plates, napkins, banners, plasticware, tablecloths and decorations

Please leave your donations in the vestibule of the church during any of the Masses. Please contact Amy Goffredo with any questions at 508-207-2979.

Thank you for continuing to generously support the needs of our local community!

#### **Golf Committee Members Needed**

We are in need of a new Golf Committee for our annual Brother Jim Madigan Memorial Golf Tournament. Please contact the Parish Office or Fr Brad if you are interested in keeping this important social event and Parish Fundraiser going.



## NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



- 1. **The Adult Choir** sings weekly at the 10 AM Sunday Liturgy. We rehearse on Thursdays 6 to 7pm.
- 2. **The Children's Choir** sings weekly at the 8 30 Am Sunday Liturgy. We rehearse on Wednesday 6 to 7PM.
  3. We will be providing music for the Sunday 5 30 PM liturgy with our **teens Grade 7 thru 12**. Singers and instrumentalists are encouraged to join. We will rehearse Sunday afternoons at 4 30pm before the 5 30 Mass.

Please consider joining any of these groups to help us enhance our liturgies to the glory of God. Contact Chris Iannitelli at Ciannitelli@holycrosseaston.org

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The Social Action Commission will meet in the parish center on September 27th at 7 pm. The Commission coordinates all of the parish outreach programs in Easton & the greater Easton communities including Birthright of Taunton, Mainspring House and My Brother's Keeper. For more information please contact Claire Smith: 508 238-1899;claire.smith@comcast.net. Thank you.



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\$75 per person.

For registration and more information please visit:

www.MyBrothersKeeper.org/SouthCoastSoiree

## From the Parish Nurses and Health Ministry FLU SHOT CLINIC

Parish Center Great Room Tuesday, September 28, 2021, 9:30-11:30 AM Sponsored by Walgreens

Flu Shots and High Dose Flu Shots for ages 65 and over Please call Katherine Reynolds, Parish Nurse by September 23rd @ 774-266-0670 to register and with any questions regarding flu shot

#### Join Bishop Feehan High School

on Friday, October 1 and Saturday, October 2 for two days of family fun at its annual Homecoming celebration.

Enjoy BFHS varsity sports games and local food trucks both days. Festivities run October 1 from 4-7 p.m. and October 2 from 10:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Saturday \$5 admission fee includes athletic games, Family Fun Zone activities and music. Food trucks, concessions and Shamrock Shop items are additional.

Visit <u>bishopfeehan.com/homecoming</u> or contact <u>advancement@bishopfeehan.com</u> for more information.

#### **Bible Study**

The Tuesday evening Bible Study Group will begin on October 5 at 7pm and the Friday morning Bible Study Group will begin on October 8 at 9:30am. The meetings are held in the Parish center.

Both groups will study <u>Angels in the Bible.</u> We will examine some of the Bible's most fascinating passages about angels and their service to God as mediators of His presence and action in the world. Everyone is welcome. Join either group. For more information: Call Fran Long 508-238-2255or email franlong313@gmail.com

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY will begin meeting on Tuesday, September 28th at 9:30am in the Parish Center. If you knit or crochet, please consider joining this active ministry. If you cannot make the meeting, but still want to take part, please don't hesitate to email me at mimibro15@comcast.net or call Pat at 508 238 2194. We are very grateful to Tom Murray and Pepperell Braiding Company for keeping us supplied with yarn.

**Becoming Catholic/RCIA** is starting after the 10:00 Mass on October 3, 2021 Please contact Deacon Gary Donahue at gdonahue@holycrosseaston.org for more information

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