

# HOLY CROSS

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**3<sup>er</sup> DOMINGO DE PASCUA**

[Jesus] said to him, "Follow me." - Jn 21:19b

Después le dijo: "Sígueme". - Jn 21, 19

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**May 1, 2022**  
**Third Sunday of Easter**

### 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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Dear Parishioners,

Congratulations to the following confirmandi who are completing their sacraments of initiation into the Catholic Church. Let us pray they responsibly step into full membership by actively participating in their faith life through regular Mass attendance, serving as lectors and Eucharistic Ministers, volunteering for parish activities, and seeking to make God known, loved, and served wherever the Spirit takes them in life.

Angelique Alphonse	Bridget Duggan	Bryan Kearns	Daniel Nowakowski
Aidan Bissonette	Liam Dunlap	Samuel Keefe	Dominic Nowakowski
Owen Bourne	Katherine Farley	Ian Kelly	Callum Andrew O'Reilly
Cole Bulger	Anthony Federico	Alyssa Kenney	Samuel Pavao
Aidan Byers	Christina Fellone	Matthew Lawson	Bella Pennellatore
Emilia Cabellon	Genevieve Fulford	Andrew Livingstone	Olivia Polisenio
Patrick Cameron	Tyler Gallagher	Anna Madonna	Andrew Poulos
Daniel Casey	Charlotte Geaghan	Rowan Malenfant	Nolan Querzoli
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Megan Crabtree	Sarah Hartman	Maxx Monteiro	Marvin Semenard
Cecelia Cupples	Sarah Hilliard	Colin Murphy	Ryan Smith
Maeve Curtin	Isabella Hyman	Sophia Murphy	Katie Sobieraj
Sofia David	Evan Jaco	Shayla Nagle	Paige Taylor
Skylar Dearborn	Samantha Johnson	Logan Nathan	Joshua Ventura
Eric Dias	Brendan Keane	Megan Nolan	John "Jake" Willard
Sean Dilallo	Sean Kearns	Rory Noonan	

Let us all keep the faith alive and active at Holy Cross Parish and beyond through our regular Mass attendance and participation, getting involved, and embodying our Catholic values and morals in all that we say and do. You are in my thoughts and prayers as we journey into May here at Holy Cross Parish, getting ready to celebrate all of our mothers, both living and deceased, next weekend. Stay well, be well, and treat others well along the way this week.

God Bless,

Fr. Brad

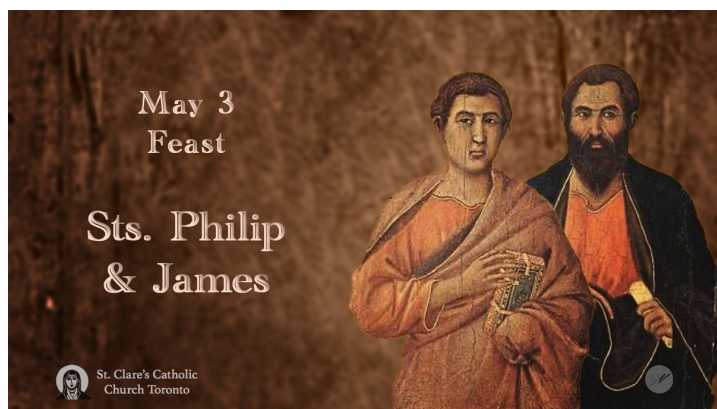


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It's been said that "if you want to make God laugh just tell Him your plans." When I asked my religious Superiors for a change in ministry the intention was to move home to New England for a long while and watch my niece and nephew grow up while being closer to family. About a month ago I was asked to return to the classroom and resume teaching the Canon Law courses at the University of Notre Dame that had been my ministry for the last four years. After getting over the initial surprise, I entered a conversation with the University and Vicar Provincial of the province. After prayer and reflection, I agreed to return to teaching. As many of you know, this is my second time here having been stationed at Holy Cross Parish from 1999-2002. I was ordained a transitional deacon and a priest in this very church and looked forward to being back. However, I enjoy teaching very much and have missed sharing my love for Canon Law with graduate students. So, I (and of course, Watson) will head back to Indiana in the next month or so to settle in, take a little time for a summer vacation, and prepare for the fall semester.

Fr. John

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St. Philip was one of the apostles whose name appears in the gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and the Acts of the Apostles. He was from Bethsaida in Galilee. Philip was invited by Jesus to be one of the Twelve and we hear in the gospel of John his exchange with Jesus on the occasion of the multiplication of the loaves. Of Philip's later life we know nothing.

St. James was the son of Alphaeus and is listed as an apostle. He's at times referred to as "James the less," or "James the younger." He was the bishop of Jerusalem and author of the Letter of James in the Bible.

The role of the apostles was to proclaim the faith. Their mission was to make disciples of all nations. As we celebrate the feast of these two men, may we ask God to give us the courage and zeal to follow in their footsteps and proclaim the Good News to every person

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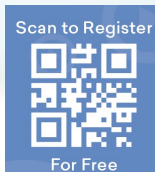


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## MASS INTENTIONS

### ✠Saturday, April 30

4:00pm Claire Martucelli 2nd Anniversary  
Requested by William Pezzella

### ✠Sunday, May 1

8:30am Jack Lombardo Birthday Remeberance  
John Lombardo 26th Anniversary  
Requested by Marian Whelton

10:00am \*Mark & Lindsay Franzoni 20th Wedding Anniv.\*  
Requested by Jackson, Bailey and Logan

### ✠Monday, May 2

9:00am Stephen Jablonski  
Requested by Julie and Phyllis

### ✠Tuesday, May 3

9:00am People of Ukraine  
Requested by Jim Gaurino

### ✠Wednesday, May 4

9:00am Mary Nathan 1st Anniversary  
Requested by Katherine Reynolds & Peg Malpiede

### ✠Thursday, May 5

9:00am Joseph Donovan  
Requested by Jerry and Rosemary Burke

### ✠Friday, May 6

9:00am Parishioners of Holy Cross Parish

### ✠Saturday, May 7

4:00pm Connie and Joe Ricci  
Pete Giammalvo  
Requested by Family

### ✠Sunday, May 8

8:30am Joseph Guarino  
Requested by Jim Guarino  
10:00am Thomas J. Hayes  
Christopher S. Hayes  
Requested by The Hayes Family

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

**Remember** to inform the parish office if a family member is in a hospital or a rehab. center, has become homebound, or has been moved to a nursing facility. One of the priests can make a pastoral visit and, if appropriate, a communion minister can regularly bring communion.



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## NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



You are invited to join the members of the **Spiritual Book Club** on Monday, May 2, to discuss *Into the Deep: An Unlikely Catholic Conversion* with Nancy Bref-Pilz leading. In this book, Abigail Favale, a college professor shares her gradual exodus from Christian orthodoxy and her discovery of the beauty of a sacramental cosmos, a vision of reality that upended her notions of gender, sexuality, identity, and authority. *Into the Deep* is a thoroughly twenty-first-century conversion to an ancient faith after a decade of doubt.

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### Say NO to Physician Assisted Suicide in Massachusetts

#### LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD NOW!

The Massachusetts State Legislature is considering passing into law two deeply troubling bills this session which would legalize Physician Assisted Suicide. The bills, House 2381 and Senate 1384, are identical in text and titled “An Act relative to end of life options”.

*“The Catholic Bishops of Massachusetts stand united in our strong opposition to Physician Assisted Suicide. It is an affront to life and a dangerous precedent for determining end of life issues. Physicians are trained to care for the ill, not to hasten death.”<sup>1</sup>*

Here are some troubling facts to consider before you act:

- 1) The bills would allow a physician to provide a deadly drug mixture to an individual diagnosed with less than 6 months to live that, when consumed, would cause death.  
NOTE- The diagnosis could be wrong. Countless individuals have outlived that 6-month diagnosis and enjoyed many more precious months and years with family and friends.
- 2) No Real Safeguards - A vulnerable individual who is physically disabled, depressed, or fears being a “burden” may be subject to undue influence by others to take the drug mixture, especially if there is a financial benefit as an incentive.
- 3) The primary focus of elected officials should be dedicated to legislation providing quality health care, mental health care and palliative care to the sick and dying – particularly in the underserved, poor and minority communities that suffer the most at the time of need.

#### How can your voice be heard?

Call or email your legislators, let them know you are a Massachusetts voter, and say NO to Physician Assisted Suicide! Log on to [www.macatholic.org](http://www.macatholic.org) and follow the links to find contact information for:

- Members of the legislative Joint Committee on Health Care Finance who will be considering these bills.
- Your individual State Senator and Representative via address and zip code link.

For individuals without internet access, please call the Massachusetts Catholic Conference at 617-746-5630 for legislative contact information.



<sup>1</sup> Boston Pilot - Statement of the four Roman Catholic Bishops of Boston, Fall River, Springfield, and Worcester (December 8, 2017)



May 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm **Daughters of Isabella** will be meeting at Immaculate Conception Church.

This will be for our Scholarship Tea. We will be presenting scholarships to High School students who have a mother or Grandmother who are members of the Daughters of Isabella 564.

We meet once a month on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday at either Holy Cross Church or Immaculate Conception Church. Some of our fun activities include Pajama night, bring a pair of pajamas that will be donated to My Brother's Keeper and wear Pajamas to our meeting. Valentine's Party, we make valentines for the shut-ins. Our Pound, Pair or Yard Auction is always a lot of laughs with some great items. We also have a Scholarship Tea for Graduating Students. We have other activities throughout the year with opportunities for new ideas to help our community. For more information contact Stephanie Coose at 508-944-2235 or [scoose5@verizon.net](mailto:scoose5@verizon.net)

## Outreach Sunday

May 1, 2022

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, canned: soup, fruit, pasta sauce, vegetables. Peanut butter, jelly, pasta, mac and cheese, snacks

**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

**Please leave your donations in the gathering area of the church on Outreach Sunday, the first Sunday of each month. Thank you for continuing to generously support our local community service agencies!**

**Please contact Claire Abate with any questions at [claire@claireabate.com](mailto:claire@claireabate.com).**

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## FILTRATION STATION

The Easton Water Division installed a self-service water filling station starting 6/9/21 to provide water with levels of PFAS6 below 20 ng/L to those in sensitive subgroups (pregnant or nursing women, infants, and people diagnosed by their health care provider to have a compromised immune system) and other concerned residents. The booth is located on the side of the Water Division building at 417 Bay Road, S. Easton. Residents can park in the spots by the grass adjacent to the water filling station. The station can fill a water container up to 5 gallons. It is not automated, so please use the START (green) and STOP (red) selection buttons to fill your CLEAN and sanitized container. Up to two containers can be filled at the same time.

For more information on PFAS, please visit [https://www.easton.ma.us/departments/dpw/water\\_division/pfas\\_information.php](https://www.easton.ma.us/departments/dpw/water_division/pfas_information.php).



## Liturgical Ministers

### April 30 & May 1

#### Lectors

4 pm David Nelson  
Kevin Kinch

8:30 Diane Jussaume  
Joyce Isiminger

10am Greg Connly  
Joe Kennedy

#### Communion Ministers

Michelle Hassan  
Marty Reynolds  
Joann Kelly

John McLaughlin  
Sid Smith  
Stephen Torgeson

Denise Urquhart  
Bill Urquhart  
Suzanne Williams

### May 7 & 8

#### Lectors

4 pm Doreen Gonick  
Diane Cheevers

8:30 John McLaughlin  
Kate O'Reilly

10am Nancy Donahue  
Roy Owens

#### Communion Ministers

Kevin Kinch  
Lori Dixon  
Marty Reynolds

Joyce Isiminger  
Magela Justin  
Robin Durgin-King

Donna Cunha  
Bob Cunha  
Janine Couture

## JOIN THE PARISH CHOIR

-- My Fellow Parishioners,

As your music director and fellow parishioner here at Holy Cross for the past 25 years, I have been blessed to be a part of a truly wonderful parish. Over the last two years we have all experienced a tough road of sickness, anxiety, and worry. The need to truly give it all to God and let him lead us one day at a time has never been more important.

While the worst of this pandemic seems to be over, we have plenty on our plate everyday to challenge us. Never has it been more important for all of us to share our gifts and talents with Holy Cross Parish. We need each other. We need to help those that are truly hurting.

I feel it is the acceptable time to reach out to all parishioners and ask you to get involved in the music here at our parish. You need to step up and out of your comfort zone and give it a try. If you can offer the gift of your voice or your talent as a musician, give it a try!

Our sung prayer lifts our hearts to heaven during our Liturgy! Combining our many talents focused on one united prayer will truly lift our spirits!

Please pray on this and consider joining. All are welcome!

Thank you, Chris



Goal: \$43,800

Donations received as of 4/18/22: \$44,941.

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

Gladys Matheson  
Suzanne and Thomas Boreino  
John & Linda McTernan  
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Richard and Linda Lawler  
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Karen and David Mekler

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## **READING I Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41**

When the captain and the court officers had brought the apostles in and made them stand before the Sanhedrin, the high priest questioned them, "We gave you strict orders, did we not, to stop teaching in that name? Yet you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and want to bring this man's blood upon us." But Peter and the apostles said in reply, "We must obey God rather than men. The God of our ancestors raised Jesus, though you had him killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as leader and savior to grant Israel repentance and forgiveness of sins. We are witnesses of these things, as is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him." The Sanhedrin ordered the apostles to stop speaking in the name of Jesus, and dismissed them. So they left the presence of the Sanhedrin, rejoicing that they had been found worthy to suffer dishonor for the sake of the name.

## **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.**

## **READING II Rev 5:11-14**

I, John, looked and heard the voices of many angels who surrounded the throne and the living creatures and the elders. They were countless in number, and they cried out in a loud voice: "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches, wisdom and strength, honor and glory and blessing." Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, everything in the universe, cry out: "To the one who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor, glory and might, forever and ever." The four living creatures answered, "Amen," and the elders fell down and worshiped.

## **GOSPEL Jn 21:1-19**

At that time, Jesus revealed himself again to his disciples at the Sea of Tiberias. He revealed himself in this way. Together were Simon Peter, Thomas called Didymus, Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, Zebedee's sons, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We also will come with you." So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. When it was already dawn, Jesus was standing on the shore; but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, have you caught anything to eat?" They answered him, "No." So he said to them, "Cast the net over the right side of the boat and you will find something." So they cast it, and were not able to pull it in because of the number of fish. So the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord." When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he tucked in his garment, for he was lightly clad, and jumped into the sea. The other disciples came in the boat, for they were not far from shore, only about a hundred yards, dragging the net with the fish. When they climbed out on shore, they saw a charcoal fire with fish on it and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish you just caught." So Simon Peter went over and dragged the net ashore full of one hundred fifty-three large fish. Even though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come, have breakfast." And none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they realized it was the Lord. Jesus came over and took the bread and gave it to them, and in like manner the fish.

This was now the third time Jesus was revealed to his disciples after being raised from the dead. When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" Simon Peter answered him, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." He then said to Simon Peter a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Simon Peter answered him, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." Jesus said to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter was distressed that Jesus had said to him a third time, "Do you love me?" and he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Amen, amen, I say to you, when you were younger, you used to dress yourself and go where you wanted; but when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go." He said this signifying by what kind of death he would glorify God. And when he had said this, he said to him, "Follow me."

## **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.