

# HOLY CROSS

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**May 29, 2022**  
**Seventh 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,

Memorial Day Weekend, the unofficial start to the summer season (officially June 20<sup>th</sup>), and last weekend's high temperatures felt like it! It is a holiday weekend, an extended time to relax, but let us never forget why we have this extra day off on Monday. It is "Decoration Day," a time to visit the graves and remember and give thanks for the millions of American men and women of all colors and ancestral ethnicities, sexual orientations, and ages, who served this country and made the ultimate sacrifice defending our life, liberties, and pursuits of happiness. I am always moved by the thousands of flags on the Boston Common and the many waving silently at Immaculate Conception Cemetery, Furnace Village, Southeast, Melrose, Calvary, and countless other places where our dead are buried, where we pause, we mourn, and we give thanks. I am humbled at so many veteran's funerals when taps echoes through the air while families and friends softly put a hand over their hearts and feel tears well up within recalling the gratitude we all share for their loved one's devotion and dedication. Relax and celebrate this weekend, but also remember to pause and give thanks. We will have our regular 9:00am Mass on Monday in church to pray for our fallen heroes and their families.



On Thursday we welcome one of our over fifty Holy Cross seminarians and religious brothers, Alex White, CSC, who will join us for his summer ministry placement from June 2<sup>nd</sup> through the first week of August before returning to Moreau Seminary at Notre Dame, Indiana to continue his formation and studies on the way to becoming a Holy Cross priest. He will minister here but live amid three additional seminarians with our CSC Community at Stonehill. Aaron is working on the Farm at Stonehill and Jack and Liam will be at My Brother's Keeper. I'll get the other three over here sometime over the summer. I asked Alex to share with us a bit about himself. He will be around Masses next weekend.

"Peace in Christ to everyone at Holy Cross Parish in Easton! My name is Alex White, C.S.C. I'm the fourth of five children hailing from Fayetteville, West Virginia (the coolest small town in the U.S). I encountered Holy Cross as an undergraduate at the University of Notre Dame, and I entered seminary following my time teaching high school theology in Indianapolis through the Notre Dame Echo program. While in college, I studied theology and Italian. *Mi piace il gelato*. I'm finishing my second year of temporary vows. Unless God invites me elsewhere, I'll be ordained a deacon in the fall of 2024 and a priest in the spring of 2025.

I really look forward to being in New England, especially ministering among the poor. I've helped out at Andre House in Phoenix, AZ, St. Andre Bessette Parish in Portland, OR, and Our Lady of the Road in South Bend, IN. I've also helped with youth and young adult ministry at St. Ignatius Martyr Parish in Austin, TX, so I'm eager to help out. Some of my hobbies include playing sports, doing improv comedy, playing the piano, and playing board games. I wouldn't say no to throwing a frisbee along the shores of the Cape if you twisted my arm!

It will be all grace to meet you all this summer. Please pray for me! I promise to do the same for you. See you soon!"

Fr. John shared that his last weekend at this Holy Cross Parish will be the last weekend of next month, June 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> before his car points west the morning of Tuesday, June 28<sup>th</sup> as he and Watson head back to Indiana to take up residence again with Fr. Jim Fenstermaker, C.S.C. at Holy Cross Parish in South Bend, Indiana and Fr. John returns to the classroom teaching canon law at Notre Dame in the fall. We will have a *Bon voyage* social (figured with our Community's French roots and all) after the 10:00am Mass on the 26<sup>th</sup> in the great room to wish him well.

Lastly, we are heading into the last week of Paying-Off-the-Debt 2022. We have \$10,000 to go to reach our \$180,000 goal to be debt free! If you have not already helped relieve this debt, please consider doing so this week. Extra donation/pledge cards are by the doors of the church, parish center, and you can access online giving through the parish homepage. Thank you for your support of Holy Cross Parish.

God Bless – Fr. Brad



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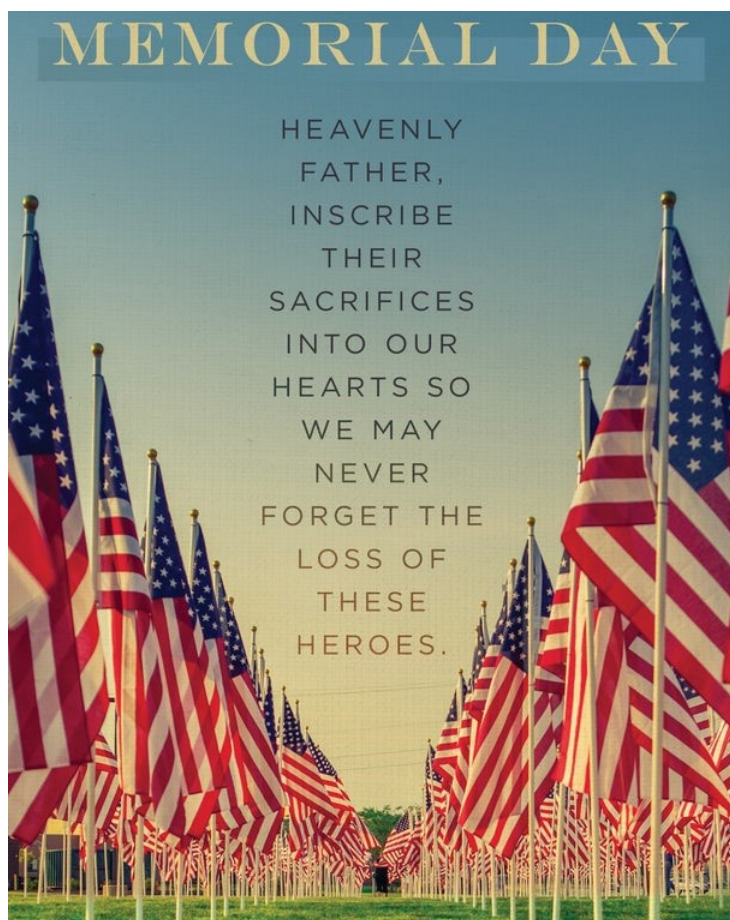


**St. Charles Lwanga & Companions**  
03 June

Charles Lwanga was a page in the royal court of King Mwanga. He along with twenty-two other martyrs suffered greatly while remaining staunch in their faith. Among the martyrs were pages, judges, a catechist, and a chief.

In their Mass of Canonization on 18 October 1964, Pope Paul VI referred to them as Africa's gifts to the Church and said: "These African martyrs herald the dawn of a new age ... Africa has been washed by the blood of these latest martyrs, the first of this new age."

These holy martyrs invite us to live our Christian faith. They are an inspiration to us as we strive for holiness, and their witness of courage remind us to proclaim God's Good News by word and the witness of our lives.



### MASS INTENTIONS

#### ✠Saturday, May 28

4:00pm William Finnerty 4th Anniversary  
Requested by Family

#### ✠Sunday, May 29

8:30am  
10:00am Marlene Owens  
Requested by Roy Owens

#### ✠Monday, May 30

9:00am In Honor of All Fallen Military & their families

#### ✠Tuesday, May 31

9:00am

#### ✠Wednesday, June 1

9:00am

#### ✠Thursday, June 2

9:00am

#### ✠Friday, June 3

9:00am

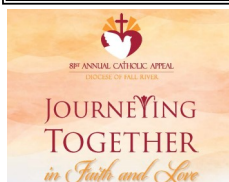
#### ✠Saturday, June 4

4:00pm Joseph William Smid 25th Anniversary  
Requested by Margaret Dwyer, Mike Hogan & Family

#### ✠Sunday, June 5

8:30am  
10:00am John Boylan  
Requested by 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.



"Journeying Together in Faith and Love" - The 81st Annual Catholic Appeal continues. Your support sustains the numerous agencies, programs, and ministries providing food and shelter, educating children and adults, and meeting the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of thousands. We encourage you to support the Appeal as generously as you can. You can give by mail, use a contribution card located in church, or make your gift or pledge online at:

**[www.GiveFRDiocese.org](http://www.GiveFRDiocese.org)**

**Holy Cross 2022 Goal \$37,800**

**Holy Cross Pledged to Date \$15,269.79**

# May 29, 2022- Seventh Sunday of Easter



NEWS &  
ANNOUNCEMENTS



Diocese of Fall River  
Office of Vocations

## The Diocese of Fall River Vocation Office is running Quo Vadis Days from July 11th - 15th, 2022 at Betania II Retreat Center in Medway, MA.

This retreat/camp is a great time for boys ages 14 - 19 (those entering high school to those entering college) to seek to grow in their faith and fraternity, learning how to discern what is one of the most important things in their life: their vocation. Throughout the week there are times of prayer and sports, talks on living the faith and understanding the different vocations, Mass and Adoration, mountain hiking, and fraternity. If any young man is interested please fill out the Quo Vadis brochure in the church or you can email Fr. Kevin Cook, Director of Vocations @: [frcook@fallrivervocations.org](mailto:frcook@fallrivervocations.org) for a brochure.



## YOU'RE INVITED CLASS OF 2022



All high school graduates and their families are invited to attend the Baccalaureate Mass, a Mass of Thanksgiving for God's many blessings on June 12, 2022 @10am.

Graduates who wish to process will meet at 9:45am outside of the church in their cap and gown. Designated pews will be reserved for students. There will be a reception with refreshments after in the Great Room.

Please RSVP by emailing or calling the office at [info@holycrosseaston.org](mailto:info@holycrosseaston.org) or 508-238-2235  
By June 6, 2022



MY BROTHER'S KEEPER  
A Christian ministry of loving service and education

## 12th Annual Family Walk



Saturday, June 11th  
9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Please join us for a day of community fun. Walk a beautiful 1.5 mile route through the Stonehill College campus, followed by family fun activities, food, games, music and much more!

NO registration fee. Free T-shirts for all who register on-line by May 31st.

Registration and event details:

[www.MyBrothersKeeper.org/FamilyWalk](http://www.MyBrothersKeeper.org/FamilyWalk)

## Liturgical Ministers

### May 28 & 29

#### Lectors

4 pm Kevin Kinch  
Diane Cheevers

8:30 Joyce Isiminger  
Diane Jussaume

10am Joe Kennedy  
Nancy Donahue

#### Communion Ministers

Teresa Connor  
Marty Reynolds  
Michelle Hassan

Magela Justin  
John McLaughlin  
Stephen Torgeson

Suzanne Williams  
Bob Cunha  
Donna Cunha

### June 4 & 5

#### Lectors

4 pm Penny Brennan  
Doreen Gonick

8:30 John McLaughlin  
Kate O'Reilly

10am Roy Owens  
Tom Murray

#### Communion Ministers

Diane Cheevers  
Lori Dixon  
Joann Kelly

Stephanie Coose  
Sid Smith  
Joyce Isiminger

Janine Couture  
Joe Kennedy  
Pat Brophy-Signori

## STEUBENVILLE EAST

## FEARLESS 2022

"TAKE COURAGE, I HAVE CONQUERED THE WORLD."  
-John 16:33

**JULY 29-31, 2022**

**MASSMUTUAL CENTER  
SPRINGFIELD, MA**

All HIGH SCHOOL TEENS! Join us for a weekend of JOY AND HOPE! Steubenville East is a crazy energetic fun weekend full of great music, speakers and so much more! Be FEARLESS! Join us! We leave Friday, July 29, cost is \$200.00 per teen, but scholarships are available if cost is an issue!

Please contact Mrs. Hogan or Mrs. Vidoni (who will be leading this fearless group) if you would like further information at [mdhogan@holycrosseaston.org](mailto:mdhogan@holycrosseaston.org) or [rgvidoni72@gmail.com](mailto:rgvidoni72@gmail.com)

Teens entering 9<sup>th</sup> grade - 12<sup>th</sup> are eligible to go! Teens will return Sunday afternoon around 3!



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## NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



The Social Action Commission will meet in the parish center on Tuesday, May 31, at 7 pm. The Commission coordinates all of the parish outreach programs in Easton and the greater Easton communities including My Brother's Keeper, Louison Shelter and Abundant Hope Pregnancy Resource Center. For more information please contact Claire Smith: 508 238-1899; [claire.smith@comcast.net](mailto:claire.smith@comcast.net). Thank you.



## Holiday Office Hours

**We will be closed  
Monday May 30, 2022  
in honor of  
Memorial Day**

You are invited to join the members of the **Spiritual Book Club** on Monday, June 6, to discuss *Francis: A Pope for Our Time* by Luis Rosales and Daniel Olivera with Penny and Virginia leading. Contact persons: Virginia Polanski [vpolan-ski@stonehill.edu](mailto:vpolan-ski@stonehill.edu) and Deacon Gary Donahue [GDonohue@holycrosseaston.org](mailto:GDonohue@holycrosseaston.org)



St. John Neumann Parish  
Cordially invites you to our  
Pentecost Sunday Taize' Service  
Sunday, June 5th at 7 pm  
"Enkindle in us the fire of your love...  
every flame, every color, a gift"  
A reception will follow afterwards in Neumann Hall  
St. John Neumann Church  
Rt. 18 - 157 Middleboro Rd.  
East Freetown, Mass 02717

## Outreach Sunday June 5, 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

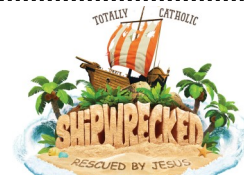
Mainspring House-toiletries

We Do Care-support local widows and widowers and their families by donating grocery store gift cards

Louisan 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 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).



## Vacation Bible School | August 1 - 5, 2022

Holy Cross & Immaculate Conception Catholic Churches  
MONDAY AUGUST 1st - FRIDAY AUGUST 5 @ Holy Cross  
Church 225 Purchase Street, Easton  
CAMP RUNS 9 a.m. - 12:00 (Drop off anytime after 8:30)  
CAMPERS WELCOME GRADES 1 - 5

## Campers: \$35.00 for the week! \$70 Family Max!

If you have a teen who would like to volunteer, please email Margaret at [mdhogan@holycrosseaston.org](mailto:mdhogan@holycrosseaston.org)! All teens welcome to help! Middle School will be "junior" camp counselors! High School Students lead counselors! We will begin building sets and planning crafts after May 18th before school gets out for those interested in planning and painting! Adult Volunteers also needed!



**Goal: \$43,800**

**Donations received \$46,695**

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

Gladys Matheson	Susanne Smith
Suzanne and Thomas Botelho	Stephen Dellelo
John & Linda McTernan	Candace & Brian Shockley
Judy Heffernan	Stephen White
Mary Jane Brophy	Robert A. Wood, Jr.
Karen Roche	Leon and Sara Lombardi
Joanne Hatfield Kelly	June and Richard Chin
Judith Petrucci	Richard and Linda Lawler
Owen T. Shea	Kathie Tully
Claire and James Abate	Karen and David Mekler
Jean Amichetti	

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## **READING I Acts 7:55-60**

Stephen, filled with the Holy Spirit, looked up intently to heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God, and Stephen said, "Behold, I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God." But they cried out in a loud voice, covered their ears, and rushed upon him together. They threw him out of the city, and began to stone him. The witnesses laid down their cloaks at the feet of a young man named Saul. As they were stoning Stephen, he called out, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he fell to his knees and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them;" and when he said this, he fell asleep.

## **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth.**

## **READING II Rev 22:12-14, 16-17, 20**

I, John, heard a voice saying to me: "Behold, I am coming soon. I bring with me the recompense I will give to each according to his deeds. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." Blessed are they who wash their robes so as to have the right to the tree of life and enter the city through its gates. "I, Jesus, sent my angel to give you this testimony for the churches. I am the root and offspring of David, the bright morning star." The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." Let the hearer say, "Come." Let the one who thirsts come forward, and the one who wants it receive the gift of life-giving water. The one who gives this testimony says, "Yes, I am coming soon." Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!

## **GOSPEL In 14:23-29**

Lifting up his eyes to heaven, Jesus prayed saying: "Holy Father, I pray not only for them, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, so that they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you, that they also may be in us, that the world may believe that you sent me. And I have given them the glory you gave me, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may be brought to perfection as one, that the world may know that you sent me, and that you loved them even as you loved me. Father, they are your gift to me. I wish that where I am they also may be with me, that they may see my glory that you gave me, because you loved me before the foundation of the world. Righteous Father, the world also does not know you, but I know you, and they know that you sent me. I made known to them your name and I will make it known, that the love with which you loved me may be in them and I in 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.

