

# HOLY CROSS

## CATHOLIC CHURCH



FEAST OF THE

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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## December 4, 2022

### Second Sunday of Advent

### 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

#### Bulletin Submissions

To ensure your announcements and updates are included, please send them to [info@holycrosseaston.org](mailto:info@holycrosseaston.org) by Mondays at noon. The deadline is earlier when there is a holiday.

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Dear Parishioners,

Annually on the Second Sunday of Advent there is a special evening prayer service and conferral of the Marian Medal by Bishop da Cunha at St. Mary's Cathedral in Fall River on one parishioner nominated from each parish in the diocese. In 1968, then Bishop James Connolly, the 4th Bishop of the Diocese of Fall River, established the tradition of recognizing men and women in the diocese for their dedicated service to the Church. Since then over 2,200 people have been chosen as recipients of the Marian Medal Award. The parishioner must be at least 50 years of age to qualify and have shown particular devotion to the parish. Annually on the Second Sunday of Advent there is a special evening prayer service and conferral of the Marian Medal by Bishop da Cunha at St. Mary's Cathedral in Fall River on one parishioner from each parish in the diocese.



It is with great pleasure to share with you that **this year's 2022 Marian Medal recipient from Holy Cross Parish is parishioner Penny Brennan.** Penny and her late husband Kevin joined the Parish in 1969. She taught seventh grade CCD in 1970 and 1971. All four of their children were baptized here. They left for a few years in early 1990's so that the two youngest children could be confirmed at the parish in their Brockton neighborhood. However the family returned to Holy Cross in the mid 1990's. Penny has partici-



pated in the following parish ministries and activities since retirement: Holly Fair, Vacation Bible School, various other volunteer opportunities in the Parish, she has been a Lector since 2015, Faith Formation home school coordinator the past two years, Parish Council member since 2020, is currently serving as a RCIA sponsor, and 8:30am Sunday Mass Greeter. In learning she is this year's recipient, Penny commented: "I am very happy to be a parishioner at Holy Cross and grateful for the opportunity to participate in our Mission to make God known, loved, and served." Congratulations, Penny!

I hope this first week of Advent has challenged you to focus on the Light of Christ increasing not only on the Advent wreath this weekend but also around us in lights inside and out in homes, businesses, and around towns. All of these, whether secular society believes or not, are sign and symbol to us of God in Jesus' presence with us. Please take advantage of the various Advent resources offered to enhance your daily and weekly prayer. Join us this Thursday for the Immaculate Conception holyday Masses at 9am & 7pm. Remember that Giving Tree gifts are due back next weekend as we all look forward to another Holly Fair in-person bringing the joy and happiness of the season here for us. You remain in my thoughts and prayers for a blessed and holy Advent. God Bless, Fr. Brad

### 2022 Holly Fair

*Dec 10 from 3 - 7 pm & Dec 11 from 9 am - 1 pm*

- ✓ Santa
- ✓ 60+ raffle baskets
- ✓ Snow Flake Raffle (everyone wins!)
- ✓ Wine Pull
- ✓ Cookie Stroll

- ✓ Patriot's Game ticket raffle (New Year's Day!)
- ✓ Auction includes real Christmas tree & theater ticket package
- ✓ 4 vendors & more

**Holy Cross, 225 Purchase St, South Easton**



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## ANNUAL GIVING TREE

The giving tree will be held again this year using Eventgroove software. Our tree at the back of the church contains tags giving you the link to this site. There is also a button on the parish website that will take you directly to Eventgroove.



All gifts must be returned to the church by Sunday, December 11th. Anyone needing assistance with Eventgroove is welcome to call the Parish Center (508-238-2235) or drop by during regular Parish Center hours, Monday-Thursday, 9 am—4pm.



You are invited to join the members of the **Spiritual Book Club** on Monday, December 5 at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center to discuss *The Real Story* by Edward Siri, with Deacon Gary leading.

Interested potential members can get info about previous readings and protocol from Virginia Polanski [vpolanski@stonehill.edu](mailto:vpolanski@stonehill.edu) and Deacon Gary Donahue [GDonahue@holycrosseaston.org](mailto:GDonahue@holycrosseaston.org)

## Congrats to our Autumn Raffle Winners!



10/22 \$100: Kathleen Nardi  
10/23 \$200: Mary Calhoun  
10/24 \$50: Daniel Crane  
10/25 \$50: Donna Voltolini  
10/26 \$50: Desrae Lepro  
10/27 \$50: Dave & Joan Mendes  
10/28 \$50: Kerry Viera  
10/29 \$100: Carl LaCivita  
10/30 \$100: Karen Newman  
10/31 \$50: Martha Heckman  
11/1 \$200: Linda Sullivan  
11/2 \$50 Lori Ann Johnson

11/3 \$50 Deborah Brown  
11/4 \$50 Greg Connly  
11/5 \$100 Wayne & Theresa Evans  
11/6 \$100 John Creedon  
11/7 \$50 Daniel Crane  
11/8 \$50 Anthony B. Fontes  
11/9 \$50 Kathie Tully  
11/10 \$50 Steve Clarke  
11/11 \$50 Rosemary & John Heppler  
11/12 \$100 Debra Porter  
11/13 \$100 Debra Folan  
11/14 \$50 April McDermott  
11/15 \$50 Daniel Crane  
11/16 \$50 Wayne Brundige  
11/17 \$50 David Smiley  
11/18 \$50 Joanne Kelly  
11/19 \$100 Patti Boucher  
11/20 \$100 Jane Pieciewicz  
11/21 \$250 Charles & Carol Hurley

## MASS INTENTIONS

### ✠Saturday, December 3

4:00pm Mary Rose Domingos, requested by her family

### ✠Sunday, December 4

8:30am

10:00am Alicia Bachofner, requested by Maureen & Joe Goode

### ✠Monday, December 5

9:00 am Jeannie Heppler, requested by John & Rosemary Heppler

### ✠Tuesday, December 6

9:00 am Paola Manocchio, requested by Gary & Nancy Donahue

### ✠Wednesday, December 7

9:00 am Jack Couture, requested by his family

### ✠Thursday, December 8 9:00 am

### ✠Friday, December 9

9:00 am Lech Jakubowski, Birthday Remembrance, requested by Justyna Gatewood

### ✠Saturday, December 10

4:00pm Laurie Avitabile, Birthday Remembrance, requested by her mother

### ✠Sunday, December 11

8:30am

10:00 am Butch Venis, Anniversary Mass, Requested by the Venis Family

## Mainspring House Meal on December 17

Join Holy Cross in preparing a meal for our brothers and sisters at the Mainspring House on the third Saturday of every month. This month's meal is on December 17. Sign up on the Mainspring Meal Board which is available in the church vestibule for two weeks preceding each meal. Bring cooked food items to the lower kitchen behind the church between 1:00 and 2:45 PM.

**Meal Suggestions: Entrees** (cooked, sliced ham, turkey, chicken, sausages tray or casseroles); **Side Dishes** (mac & cheese, stuffing, rice, mashed or roasted potatoes, pasta salad, etc.); **Mixed Garden Salad; Bread or Rolls; Fruit or Desserts** (individual servings such as cookies, fruit cups, or cut brownies or pastries).

If you have any questions, please contact Cathy Downes, [cathy.downes@verizon.net](mailto:cathy.downes@verizon.net) (508)742-5957, or Trish Murphy, [triciamurph@gmail.com](mailto:triciamurph@gmail.com) (508)813-1880.

Thank you for helping our brothers and sisters at Mainspring!

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Holy Day, Advent,  
and Christmas Schedule



NEWS &  
ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

Thursday, December 8, 2022  
9am & 7pm Mass

### Advent Prayer & Penance Service

Wednesday, December 14 at 7:00 pm  
at Immaculate Conception Church

### Christmas Masses

December 24: (2) at 4:00 pm; in the Great  
Room and the Church  
8:00 pm

December 25: Midnight Christmas Eve  
10:00 am

### Movie Night/Parents' Night Out!

Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup> 5-9pm  
Movies: Scrooge: A Christmas Carol &  
The Christmas Chronicles

\$15/child, which includes 2 slices of pizza, 1 bottle of water,  
unlimited popcorn, and babysitting. Have kids wear their  
pajamas and bring a sleeping bag/blanket, and pillow.

Sign up on the parish website!

Schedule: 5-5:30pm: check in, coloring, various games  
5:30pm-6pm: Pizza  
6pm- 9pm: Movies

### Confirmation Candidates

Need community service hours? Please volunteer for this  
event by contacting Christy Solimine at  
[christy115@comcast.net](mailto:christy115@comcast.net) or text 781-690-0741

## SPONSOR A DAY

Goal: \$43,800

Donations received \$47,561.

Thank you to the following parishioners who  
sponsored a day in December. **Additional donors for  
2022 will be listed the first two weeks of January 2023.**

Ames Family	James Hoffman
John & Judy Foster	Carol Burton
William Brown	Anne Tarallo
Paula McCallum	Elizabeth McGinnis
Michelle Campbell	Christy Solimine
Michael Sabina	Sandra McMenimon
Lloyd & Gail Douglas	John Morley
Jeffrey McLaughlin	Ann Andrew
Ray & Ursula Lawson	
Bob & Donna Cunha	
Elizabeth Joseph	

## Liturgical Ministers

### December 3 & 4

#### Lectors

4 pm Mary Marsh  
David Nelson

8:30 Mike Farrell  
Nancy Breef-Pilz

10am Dennis Mizdail  
Dick Piecowicz

#### Communion Ministers

Diane Cheevers  
Lori Dixon  
Kevin Dixon

John McLaughlin  
Sid Smith  
Stephen Torgerson

Pat Brophy-Signori  
Fran Long  
Joe Kennedy

### December 10 & 11

#### Lectors

4 pm Linda Sullivan  
Doreene Gonick

8:30 Diane Jussaume  
Joyce Isiminger

10am Greg Connly  
Joe Kennedy

#### Communion Ministers

Teresa Connor  
Kevin Kinch  
Diane Cheevers

Mark Jussaume  
John McLaughlin  
Robin Durgin King

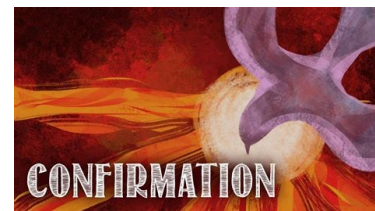
Denise Urquhart  
Bill Urquhart  
Bob Wood

Confirmation I 4:30-5:15, Mass 5:30-6:30,  
Confirmation II 6:30-7:20 on Sundays

11/20 @ HC  
12/18 @ HC  
1/22 @ HC  
2/26 @ HC

12/4 @ ICC  
1/8 @ ICC  
2/5 @ ICC  
3/5 @ ICC

3/12 Confirmation II Retreat @ Holy Cross 9am-2pm



The Respect Life Committee will  
meet on Monday, December 12 at  
7pm in the Parish Center. New  
Members always welcome.



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Senior's Dinner, Easton Knights of Columbus will host its annual Senior's Dinner on Sunday, December 18th at 2 pm at their hall located at Rt. 106 South Easton, 375 Foundry Street.

The Dinner is free to all Seniors, tickets are available at the Easton Council on Aging, (508) 230-0540. Tickets are also available at the door.

We will be accepting donations to the Easton Food Pantry.



**St. Andrew the Apostle Church** • Taunton  
Thursday, December 8th at 6:30pm

**St. Anne Shrine** • Fall River  
Thursday, December 15th at 6:30pm

*Holy Rosary* and *Confession* begins at 6:00pm

Come and experience the  
**HEALING POWER** of God's Love

**Gus Arns**  
*Memorial Annual*

# Reindog Parade

**SUNDAY DECEMBER 4TH**

WHERE CANINES MEET IN HOLIDAY STYLE...  
ALWAYS BEST IN SHOW!

2:00PM ● ARRIVAL TO NRT, 307 MAIN STREET  
2:30PM SHARP JUDGING BEGINS  
3:00PM ● PARADE STEPS OFF

ENTRY FEE: 1(+) can of pet food per entry to be donated to:

**FOR INFORMATION CONTACT**  
BobCunha@EastonRealEstate.com  
(508) 238-8600 or (781) 888-4434

*A very special thanks to...*

**Pets Dream Too**  
**ZESTY PET SERVICES**  
PET SITTING & DOG WALKING  
Your House. Your Pets. Your Way.

**EASTON POLICE**

**Easton Lions Club**  
www.eastonlionsclub.org/holidayfestival

# ASP

## Appalachia

### SERVICE PROJECT®

**RETURNS**  
**July 23 - 30, 2023**

We are pleased to announce that we have made a reservation to resume the ASP service project. Teens must be entering 9th - 12th grade fall 2023. Registration will go live on Monday, Nov. 28th. Limited number of spots (30 teen spots/12 adults)

Check out [www.asphome.org](http://www.asphome.org) to learn more about ASP.

We are thankful to have the opportunity to have the next group of teens from Easton experience our mission "To Make God Known, Loved and Served"!

Questions? Email Mrs. Hogan @ [mmdmph1997@gmail.com](mailto:mmdmph1997@gmail.com)

Bishop Connolly High School will hold the HSPT Placement Exam for Fall 2023 Grade 9 applicants on Saturday, December 3 and 10, 2022, at 8 a.m. at BCHS. This is the exam used for applicants for Catholic high schools in the Diocese of Fall River.

For exam registration or to apply online, please visit [BishopConnolly.com](http://BishopConnolly.com). Walk-ins are also welcome for both exam dates.

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### 2022 Boy Scout Troop 193 Breakfast

December 4 from 8:30 - 11 am @ Oakes Ames Memorial Hall @ The Rockery - \$8 individual/\$35 family



- Eggs, Sausage & Breakfast Potatoes, Bagels, Munchkins, Fruit & More
- Featured food from The Farmer's Daughter
- Music by Easton's Eddie Bishop
- Santa is joining us!



Tradition  
Adventure  
Excellence

Troop 193 thanks Holy Cross for all the support & meeting spaces.

### Annual First Grade Nativity Pageant on The Feast of the Epiphany

**Sunday, Jan. 8, 2023, during the 8:30 a.m. Mass**

If your child is interested in participating, please email Lindsay at [Lfranzoni@holycrosseaston.org](mailto:Lfranzoni@holycrosseaston.org)

#### IMPORTANT DATES & INFO:

Dress Rehearsal: Sunday, December 28 @ 6pm

PAGEANT: SUNDAY, January 8 @ 8:30 Mass, arrive to Holy Cross @7:45 dressed.

ROLES: Mary, Joseph, (3) Kings, Gabriel (only speaking part!), lots of angels, lots of shepherds

ALL CHILDREN WILL LEARN SILENT NIGHT IN SIGN LANGUAGE DURING FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

\*If they are at the Mass but not in the pageant, they are welcome to come up to sign it together at the end with their classmates.\*



The Easton Council, #238, Knights of Columbus, would like to thank you for your continued generosity and support in making our 5th Annual Thanksgiving Pie Drive an overwhelming success. Thanks to Mann Orchards in Methuen for partnering with us and baking the delicious pies. This was our best year ever; we sold 243 pies and donated 72 pies to MainSpring House in Brockton. Thanks to Claire Abate and the team at Keller Williams Realtors for their purchase of 64 pies, which were shared with their clients. We wish you and your families a very happy holiday season.

Thank You

### Outreach Sunday December 4, 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

**Birthingright**-wipes, diapers, clothing new and gently used up to 24 months

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

**Mainspring House**-toiletries, Men and Women NEW underwear

**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).**