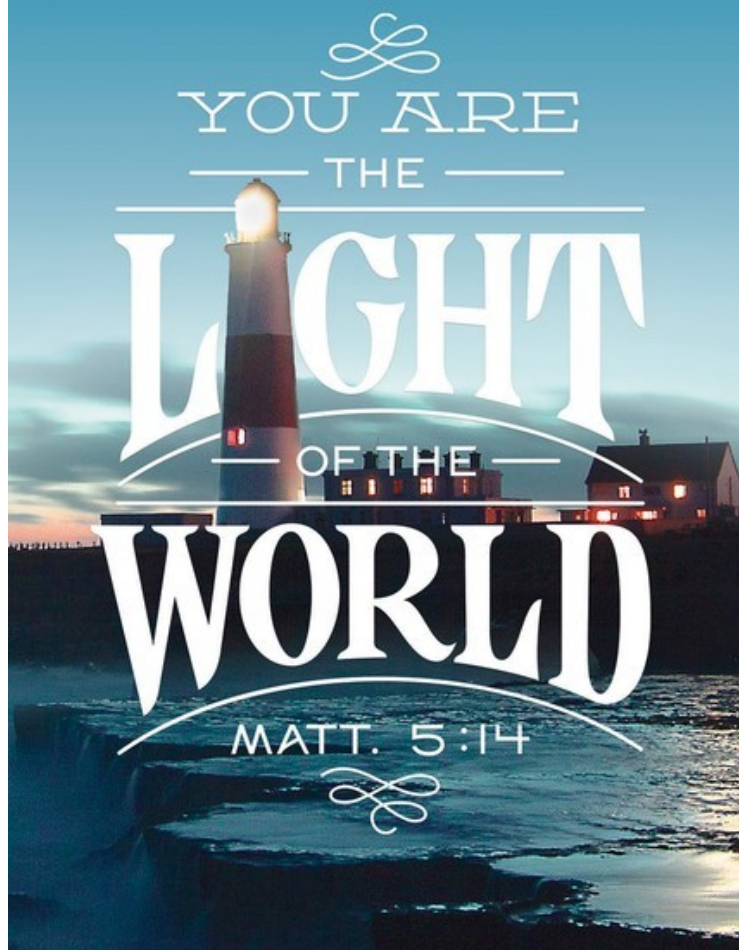


HOLY CROSS

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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February 5, 2023

Fifth 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

Bulletin Submissions

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

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Dear Parishioners,

I sure hope the remainder of 2023 does not go as quickly as the first month has gone. February is here whether we are ready or not. To bad it is not a leap year adding an extra day. I could use that this year so far. Nonetheless some things to look forward to this month. Next Saturday, February 11th is both the World Day of praying for the Sick and our Sweetheart Dance for all parishioners beginning at 6:30pm in the parish center great room.

February 11th is the World Day of the Sick due to it being the Feast day of Our Lady of Lourdes, the shrine in Lourdes, FRANCE where St. Bernadette Soubirous saw eighteen visions of Mary between February 11th and July 16th, 1858. On February 25th the Lady told Bernadette to drink the water of a spring that flowed under her rock. As there seemed to be no spring, Bernadette dug in the ground. Nothing happened, but a day or so afterwards the water started to flow. Bernadette drank it and washed in it and others did the same and the water acquired a reputation for healing properties. The spring is still flowing at the rate of 32,000 gallons a day, but analysis of the water has found nothing remarkable about it. On the feast of the Annunciation of the Virgin Mary on March 25th, the Lady at last proclaimed her identity. Speaking to Bernadette in the local Lourdes patois, she said 'I am the Immaculate Conception'. The doctrine of the Immaculate Conception had been proclaimed only a few years before, in 1854. Bernadette saw her last apparition on July 16th, the feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel (History Today: Volume 58, Issue 2, February 2008). This is the shrine after which the Grotto at Notre Dame is modeled; constructed in 1896 a seventh the size of the grotto in Lourdes. It is also the shrine that the Grotto at Stonehill is modeled; dedicated in December of 1953. All three places are places of pilgrimage and prayer. Think about visiting the Grotto at Stonehill during Lent for some prayer and quiet reflection.


Our second collection during the month of February takes place at Masses the weekend of February 11th & 12th supporting the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. Catholic University is a national research university with over 5,700 undergraduate and graduate students in more than 250 academic programs in the heart of Washington, D.C. By giving to the collection, you are supporting future Catholic leaders, both religious and lay, who are being formed by an exceptional, faith-rooted education and the University's various research and training initiatives that support dioceses and parishes in responding to the most pressing needs of their faithful. The Catholic Project - an initiative that aims to heal the breach of trust many have experienced as a result of the crisis in the Church, a master's program in Ecclesial Administration and Management, and a credentialing program that prepares recent graduates to serve as campus ministers are a few examples how the University is serving the Church and nation. Scan the QR code or visit: futurecatholicleaders.givecatholictogether.org to learn more.

February break for local schools begins President's Day weekend and goes through Friday, February 24th. Wednesday of that week is Ash Wednesday, February 22nd. Masses marking the beginning of our Lenten journey will be: 6:00am, 9:00am, 4:00pm, and 7:00pm.


If you are traveling with your family, I highly encourage you to teach them by example that traveling is a good opportunity to experience the one and catholic (universal) parts of our belief as Catholics by starting Lent on Ash Wednesday somewhere. The free Mass Time app, or free for a while Hallow app, are both great resources to find churches and mass times anywhere. While Ash Wednesday is not a holy day of obligation, it is a traditional and purposeful way to begin your Lenten journey to Easter. Both Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent are days of abstaining from meat out of reverence for Jesus sacrificing his flesh on the Cross for our sins. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting as well. Two smaller meals should not equal one regular meatless meal for the day. Check our website for more details about these and other Lenten guidelines and suggestions.

God Bless,
Fr. Brad


National Collection

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Parish Nurse Ministry



From the Health Ministry and Parish Nurses

Start the New Year off with some Spiritual Nourishment. Stop by the Health Ministry and Parish Nurse Resource Center (located in the right-wing vestibule near the elevator)

Take a book, including:

Daily Prayer book for Mothers

Devotionals for Dads

Prayers for Strength and Healing

When a Nurse Prays

Also see a variety of miscellaneous prayer cards.

Feedback is always welcomed by the ministry.

You may also take a Prayer Shawl Compliments of the Prayer Shawl Ministry when needed



Did you know... Abundant Hope Pregnancy Resource Center offers a mentoring program for new or expecting dads called "The Best Dads Challenge". Many men did not grow up with a father in the home, and may benefit from some extra education and encouragement. For further information, contact 508-455-0425.
Serving the community since 2011 -

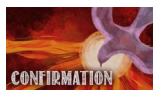
On behalf of the Old Colony YMCA, I would like to say **THANK YOU** so very much for Holy Cross's generous support of the YMCA's Holiday Giving Program! We truly cannot thank you, the Holy Cross Volunteers and congregation enough for donating to our Joyful Impact campaign and shopping for the children in our programs. This December, the Old Colony Y was able to provide more than 4,000 gifts to more than 800 children in our community through our Joyful Impact Campaign. Regardless of whether a family is experiencing homelessness or financial hardship, we believe that every child should be able to experience the joys of the holidays. Thanks to the generosity of donors like Holy Cross, each child was able to feel like every other 4, 8, and 12-year old this holiday season. Once again, thank you so very much for your support of our annual YMCA Holiday Giving program. I hope you and your family have a very happy and healthy 2023! Gratefully, Erica

Confirmation I 4:30-5:15,
Mass 5:30-6:30,

Confirmation II 6:30-7:20 Confirmation II Retreat
on Sundays 3/12

Remaining Classes
at HCC: 2/26

At ICC: 2/5 & 3/5



MASS INTENTIONS

✠Saturday, February 4

4:00 pm Stanley Sarama, requested by Ginny and Joe Croak

✠Sunday, February 5

8:30am Eleanor Cogliano, 10th anniversary,
requested Calisi & Cogliano Families

10:00am Dottie Burns, requested by the Holy Cross Choir

✠Monday, February 6

9:00 am

✠Tuesday, February 7

9:00 am Jack Couture, requested by his family

✠Wednesday, February 8

9:00 am

✠Thursday, February 9

9:00 am

✠Friday, February 10

9:00 am

✠Saturday, February 11

4:00 pm Bill Sullivan, 6 month anniversary
The Cheevers & Sullivan Families

✠Sunday, February 12

8:30am

10:00am Dottie Burns, requested by Janine Couture



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Outreach Sunday
February 5, 2023



**NEWS &
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Liturgical Ministers

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, 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 Bags - medium and large size birthday gift bags, cake mix, frosting, disposable pans, plates, napkins, decorations, table cloths, party hats, cake candle

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.

February 4 & 5

Lectors

4pm David Nelson
Linda Sullivan

8:30am Mike Farrell
Nancy Breef-Pilz

10:00am Roy Owens
Sean McFaul

Communion Ministers

Kevin Kinch
Teresa Connor
Marty Reynolds

Diane Jussaume
Mark Jussaume
John McLaughlin

Fran Long
Bob Wood
Suzanne Williams

February 11 & 12

Lectors

4pm Diane Cheevers
Penny Brennan

8:30am Joyce Isiminger
Diane Jussaume

10:30 Dick Pieciewicz
Nancy Andrie

Communion Ministers

Lori Dixon
Kevin Dixon
Michelle Hassan

Magela Justin
Bill Mulvey
Robin Durgin-King

Bob Cunha
Donna Cunha
Pat Brophy-Signori

SPONSOR A DAY

Donations received: \$19,590

Goal: \$47,450

Thank you to the following parishioners who sponsored a day in 2023.

Here are the donors for February

Bernice Morley
Mary Mulvey
Stephen Dellelo
Michael Donovan
Charles & Jacquelyn Deveau
Barbara Vogel
John & Mary Welch
Mary Minton
The Adams Family
Owen Shea
James & Beverly Capece
Richard Alfonso
Mark & Roula Lombardi
Jimmy Kempf
George Fosella
Barton Carlson
Jeffrey McLaughlin



You are invited to join the members of the **Spiritual Book Club** on Monday, February 13 at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center to discuss Lee Strobel's *The Case for Christ* with Virginia leading. Interested visitors and potential members can get info about previous readings and protocol from Virginia Polanski vpolanski@stonehill.edu and Deacon Gary Donahue GDonahue@holycrosseaston.org

Holy Cross Retreat House
2023 Calendar
Cursillo

February 2-5 MEN Frank Byrne
February 23-26 WOMEN Kathy McMakin
March 23-26 MEN Marty Reynolds
April 20-23 WOMEN Meghan Sullivan

Retreat House Ultreya

Each Wednesday prior to Cursillo—7:30pm

HolyCrossRetreatHouse@gmail.com
Retreathouse.org

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FALL RIVER DIOCESE 2023 WOMEN & MEN'S CONFERENCE

It's not too early to make your plans to attend the Women and Men's Conference sponsored by the Fall River Diocese, set for Saturday, March 11, at Stonehill College in Easton. Presenters will be Mari Pablo of The Evangelical Catholic and Ascension Presents and Father Roger Landry, a priest of the Diocese of Fall River who is serving as a National Eucharistic Preacher for the National Eucharistic Revival. The day includes prayer, music, time for reflection, multilingual breakout sessions, lunch, vendors and a 4 p.m. closing Mass celebrated by Bishop Edgar M. da Cunha, S.D.V. Join Catholics from throughout the Diocese for this day of spiritual renewal and enrichment during Lent. Register at <https://bit.ly/23WMC> by Jan. 23rd for an early bird discounted cost of \$35.

ASP '23 TRIP
JULY 22 - JULY 30th

\$375.00 per participant to cover ASP Registration Fee
Also looking for business sponsorships as we
fundraise to pay for transportation to Appalachia

LOVE STRONG

ASP 2023
LUKE 10:27

SPOTS are filling up! Deadline to register is Feb. 14th
Interested? Contact Margaret Dwyer Hogan
mmdmph1997@gmail.com/508-864-0516
Visit www.holycrosseaston.org to register
Adult volunteers needed as well!

2nd ANNUAL FAITH NIGHT SKATE NIGHT GROUP OUTING

With Holy Cross Church



Friday, February 24th
7:05pm vs Charlotte • Amica Mutual Pavilion

OFFER DETAILS:

All kids will receive a **Hat** & everyone will receive a **Team Poster** -
PLUS join us for an hour-long free-skate after the game on the ice!

ONLY \$20 PER PERSON

PURCHASE ONLINE NOW AT:

www.ProvidenceBruins.com/faith

INSTRUCTIONS: Please go directly to the link listed above to purchase your tickets. List your congregation name and town while ordering to sit with the rest of your group. Tickets will be emailed the week of the event to ensure that everyone will be seated together. If you have any questions or concerns please call Nick D'Amico with the Providence Bruins at (401) 680-4740 or email him at damico@pseagency.com

A portion of your ticket price will be donated back to Holy Cross. Funds will be used for the youth ASP mission trip.

Our next meeting will be at Holy Cross Church, on Wednesday, February 8th at 6:00pm. We will be having our Valentine Party; please bring in valentine cards. We will send these to nursing homes in our area. We will also have our Baby Shower; if you can, bring in a baby gift. We will donate these to local areas that need baby items. If you are looking to join a fabulous group of women who love to be involved in helping and donating to area charities, we are the group you want to be with. For more info about DOI, please contact Stephanie Coose at 508-944-2235.

**DAUGHTERS OF
ISABELLA**



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Preparation Process for Adult Confirmation

The diocesan preparation program for those adults (18+) seeking to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation is intended to provide catechetical instruction in the faith, as well as spiritual support to compliment the parish in the formation of candidates, who are completing their initiation in the Catholic Church.

Prior to registration, candidates must begin this process by meeting with the pastor to:

- Gather canonical documents
- Determine if there are any impediments to the reception of the Sacrament
- Ascertain desire and disposition of the inquirer requesting the Sacrament

At the conclusion of the preparation program, pastors should meet with the candidate to reflect on their experience and to verify the suitability of the sponsor before submitting the conferral form for the actual reception of the Sacrament.

This program consists of **seven sessions total**, with **both** virtual **and** in-person sessions.

Attendance at all sessions is mandatory. Participants who miss two or more sessions may be asked by their pastor to postpone the reception of the Sacrament to the following semester, if the content which has been missed cannot be made up in some way.

Participants are asked to share their screens during virtual sessions.

Spring Schedule 2023

Online Sessions: Thursday Evenings from 6:30pm to 8:00pm

In-person Sessions: Saturdays from 10am to 2pm

St Julie Billiart Church Hall,

494 Slocum Rd, North Dartmouth, MA 02747

Program dates: Saturday, March 4, Thursday, March 9, Thursday, March 16, Thursday, March 23, Saturday, April 1, Thursday, April 13

Saturday, April 22

Conferral of the Sacrament of Confirmation: Thursday, May 11, 2023

Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption,

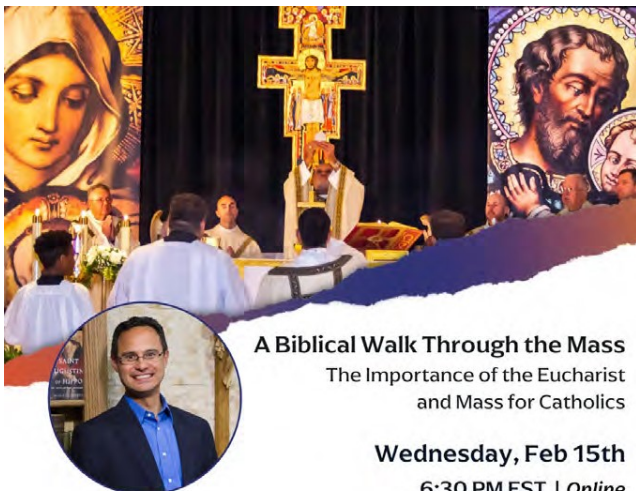
327 2nd St, Fall River, MA 02721

Mandatory rehearsal with Confirmation sponsors, at 6pm, Mass at 7pm

Registration Fee: \$75 – Payable to the Diocese of Fall River,

423 Highland Avenue, Fall River, MA 02720

Memo: Adult Confirmation



A Biblical Walk Through the Mass
The Importance of the Eucharist
and Mass for Catholics

Wednesday, Feb 15th

6:30 PM EST | Online

featuring
Edward Sri, Ph.D.
Theologian, Author, Media
Producer featured on Formed,
and Visiting Professor at
Augustine Institute

Register for Free at:
<https://bit.ly/ReviveMass>



Eucharistic Nights & Relic Tour

Monday, March 13 at 6pm
St. Anthony Church, East Falmouth

Tuesday, March 14 at 6:30pm
Holy Name Sacred Heart of Jesus, New Bedford

Wednesday, March 15 at 6pm
Cathedral of St. Mary, Fall River

with talk by
Fr. Roger Landry
National Eucharistic Preacher
Priest of the Diocese of Fall River

Each night will also include:
Eucharistic Adoration, Confession, opportunity for veneration
of the relics of Bl. Carlo Acutis and St. Manuel Garcia, and the
Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit

