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Tuesday (Grades 1-8) 4:15pm-5:45pm
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OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday -9am -5pm
Friday: 9am -3pm

PARISH WEBSITE

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MARRIAGES: Parishioners should call the rectory office at least six months in advance to schedule an appointment to meet with a priest to schedule their wedding.

BAPTISMS: Baptisms are celebrated on Saturdays, outside of the Lenten season. To schedule a Baptism, please contact the rectory office.

ANOIDING OF THE SICK: Please call the rectory for those who are gravely ill and need the sacrament of the sick. For those preparing for surgery, see Father after Mass to be anointed.

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF

Easter

MAY 16, 2021



As you sent me into the world,
so I sent them into the world.

John 17:18

CELEBRATE WITH US...

Saturday Evening: 6:00

Sunday Morning: 8:00 & 11:00

Weekdays: Tues. & Wed. 9:00am

Confessions: Saturdays
8:30 to 9:30am

Holy Days: Check Bulletin

Mass Intentions for the week

Monday 5/17/21 @Holy Name of Jesus
9:00 AM

Tuesday 5/18/21 Holy Cross
9:00 AM Vincent Mc Donnell
Requested by himself

Wednesday 5/19/21 Holy Cross
9:00AM Kathryn Garzetta
Requested by Fr. Mike

Thursday 5/20/21 No Mass

Friday 5/21/21 @Holy Name of Jesus
9:00AM

Saturday 5/22/21 Roberta Sheehan
6:00PM Requested by Fr. Mike

Sunday 5/23/21 Fred Slanovec
8:00 AM Requested by The Manzie Family

11:00 AM Parish Family

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — May another take his office
(Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26).

Psalm — The Lord has set his throne in heaven
(Psalm 103).

Second Reading — If we love one another, God remains in us (1 John 4:11-16).

Gospel — As you sent me into the world, so I sent them into the world (John 17:11b-19).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab;
Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21;
Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-36ab;
Jn 17:11b-19

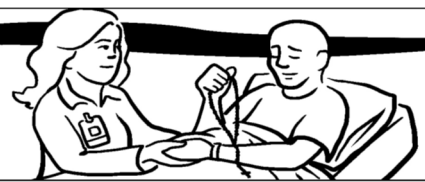
Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11;
Jn 17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab;

Saturday: Jn 21:15-19
Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5, 7;
Jn 21:20-25

Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5; Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39
Day: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25; Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

Pray for the Sick



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PRAYER LIST

Pray for those who are ill or in need of prayers:

Bernadette Alston
Melissa Giovine
Ken Boersema, Jr.
Jenn Cocco
Jeannette Ehrenborg
Tom Gayzer
Georgia Tauber
Nanette Meurer
Christina Seewald
Joe Garvey
Frances Shingler
Anne Ruscher

Coley Comparetta
Nathan Gray
Kelly Banach
Danielle Alexander
Chuck Harrington
Marie Procopchak
Susan Abruscato
Daniel Rafferty
Daphne Fynn
Maryann Montes
Jack Ryan Brooks

We are currently in the process of updating our Prayer List. If any names are to be added or removed, please contact the Parish Office at (845) 355-4439.

PRAYERS FOR THOSE DEFENDING OUR NATION



Let us pray for all those fighting in the war, and their families. The candle by the tabernacle reminds us that these brave people continue to fight for our freedom & safety.

Please remember especially:

Sean Fitzgerald
Peter Fitzgerald
Ryan P. Hopkins
Christopher M. Hopkins
Andrew Pitt
Alexandrea Enderes
Joseph Carey
Michael Carey
Erick Christerer
Joseph Howard
Daniel Howard
Matthew Montessi

Phillip Mazany
Ralph Cocco
Francis Hernandez
Luis Batista
Michael Giannini
Brian Legrow
Karrissa Lazzari
Gerald John Hopkins
Keith Eckerson
Andrew Sicina
Alex Prezioso

And let us pray for peace.

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THANKFUL~GRATEFUL~BLESSED

Church Support

In the gratitude of the Lord's blessings, the people of the parish, friends and visitors have sacrificially donated the following to the Church:

Weekend of 5/9/2021

Sunday Collection ~ \$3,203.00

Second Collection ~ Poor Box ~\$1,006.00

ADULT FAITH FORMATION/RCIA

Holy Cross Church welcomes anyone who seeks to enrich their faith life and/or receive any of the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Communion, Confirmation. We offer RCIA (The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) through a series of "get togethers" held throughout the year. Anyone and everyone is invited to join the gatherings whether you are just inquiring or need a sacrament or just want to learn more about your faith. We get together in a casual, easy going setting. If interested or if you have any questions at all please contact Nancy Mazany in the parish office: (845) 355-4439 or email: nancymazany@gmail.com

Most Holy Rosary

Please join us in praying the Most Holy Rosary 1/2 hour before each Mass.

Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Lectors 10am: May 19th—Mary and the Holy Spirit. Reservations needed!

First Saturday 10am Masses begin with 9:15am Scriptural Rosary followed by 11am confessions. Contact information: cbezak@carmelites.com/845-343-1879.

Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

Thursday, May 13— Holy Day of Obligation for all who can make Mass this year.

Wednesday, May 12

4:00PM at Holy Cross

7:00PM at Holy Name of Jesus

Thursday, May 13

9:00AM at Holy Cross

7:00PM at Holy Name of Jesus

Knights of Columbus Men's Bible Study

Calling all men!! A men's group of fellowship and bible study. The men's bible study, led by the Knights of Columbus is open to all men who received their confirmation. We meet Wednesday's from 7:30—8:30PM. You may contact us at kofc16365@outlook.com. Thank you!!

Usher's Needed

Holy Cross is looking for Ushers to help out during Mass. Some requirements would include:

***Before Mass:** Unlock doors, turn on lights, sound system, set up altar table, greet people*

***During Mass:** Help with collection*

***After Mass:** Hand out bulletins, put items away from altar, extinguish candles*

There will be a meeting with Fr. Mike on May 19, 2021 @6:30pm in the rectory. If interested, please contact the rectory and leave your name and number.

THE LOAN

We didn't inherit the earth from our parents.
We're borrowing it from our children
—Chief Seattle

Outreach Ministry

The Pantry continues to restock its shelves in preparation of our next "open" Pantry on Saturday, June 5th. We accept and use all unexpired can and dry foods, any household cleansers & detergents, personal hygiene items and toilet paper & towels. Currently we are short on peanut butter, cereal, shampoos, rice, deodorants and beans. Items may be left in the donation box in the rear of the Church. We sincerely thank you for your continued generosity and support.

MESSAGE FROM THE LAPTOP

ALLELUIA, HE IS RISEN AS HE SAID, ALLELUIA!

Sunday Greetings Parish Families of HNOJ & HC:

I would like to take a few moments to clarify something I shared with you through this column a few weeks back. I was a bit miffed from having left a Mass at which only 20 people were present and passing within eye shot of the local ball fields and catching a glimpse of a pretty crowded parking field. I realize that my train of thought, and expression of that, may have been a bit abrupt. I want to set it straight that it is great that the youngsters are once again able to get out onto the fields and enjoy the aspects of the game of baseball. The fact that high school sports programs have been allowed to happen is a great thing. Things are beginning to open up once again and that is great. It looks as if we are coming toward the end of the tunnel and life can, once again, take upon itself the full meaning it is meant to express. What I guess came out in my column was the frustration I felt at such a low attendance at Mass and the weak attendance, the following morning at HNOJ, of youth. With the new configuration between the two parishes of adjusted Mass schedules, I have been deeply concerned about the number of faces that I have been seeing at HNOJ since church has opened up again.

Thinking through this experience, I have come to realize both parishes have been thrust through some difficult times. Both parishes have experienced death in a different way: HC with the death of Fr Michael; HNOJ with the death of liturgical life as it was. For a while, life was normal when we had the priestly assistance that allowed both parishes to operate at status quo. But, with the present set of circumstances of the dwindling number of priests, and the abrupt departure of Fr. Chris, life as a parish has abruptly changed for HNOJ more so. I feel the loss deeply by the faces that I am not seeing at our amended Mass schedules. I want to stress that we did not lose the availability of Mass at either parish. Both parishes had almost identical schedules. The only adjustment is location of Mass at a given time. I pray that we can begin to view this scenario as the future of the Catholic presence in our area and make the effort to support and make it work.

I want to continue highlighting the Annual Cardinal's Stewardship Appeal as we journey into the Easter season. As of Friday, May 7, the reports for HNOJ & HC stood at: HNOJ was \$22,031.00 pledged by 62 families while HC was \$19,400.00 from 54 families. HNOJ is so close to its \$22,500.00 goal while HC has been making up ground toward its goal of \$30,500.00. I would greatly encourage those who still have the mailings from the Archdiocese to take some time this week to prayerfully consider a pledge, a significant offering that may be the suggested gift recommended or a comparable gift that can be paid over a period of time. All families of HNOJ & HC join me in supporting this year's Appeal. I would like to get a little personal right now with the most recent notification from our Appeal rep. HNOJ is so close to our goal. I urge more than just the 62 we have now to respond to the mailings this week. HC is doing better than last year's Appeal at this point; but, from a parish of roughly 1,500 families, last week saw 3 GIFTS RECEIVED. I beg our family base at HC to join with me in reaching out to this year's Appeal request with a generous pledge that will assist HC toward the stated goal.

That is all for now. **GO FORTH AND ANNOUNCE THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD. MANY BLESSINGS FOR THE WEEK!!!!**

Fr. Mike

BREAKFAST TIME

SUNDAY, JUNE 20, 2021

8am - 12:30pm

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Adults: \$8 Seniors: \$6 Children (2-10): \$5

Hosted By: Holy Cross Religious Education program



Jesus said to his disciples, “Come, have breakfast.” John 21:14

MAY 16, 2021

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

God is love,
and whoever
remains in love
remains in God
and God in them.
1 JOHN 4:16

A black and white photograph of a stained glass window. The central panel depicts Jesus Christ with a beard and long hair, wearing a robe, and holding a book. The window is composed of several panes with leaded glass designs.

As we near the end of the Easter season, the readings lead us to keep the big picture of Christ's Paschal Mystery—Jesus' life and ministry, passion, death, and resurrection—and the impact it is to have in our lives at the center of all that we are and do. We who have been drawn to Christ through baptism are called to take on the mind, heart, and life of our Lord. Jesus, who is God's love incarnate, shows us the extent of God's love and calls us to live this love in the world. We live in the world but do not belong to it. Ultimately, we belong to God. When we show love, especially when we sacrifice for the sake of another, we share in Christ's saving love, building a bridge between God and humanity in Christ's name.

MADE SACRED IN TRUTH

Jesus prayed to God the Father about his disciples, "Consecrate them in the truth." To consecrate is to make holy. Jesus asks God to make us holy in the truth of

God's love which is poured upon us through the Holy Spirit. Think about this: we call the moment in which the bread and wine at Mass become the Body and Blood of Christ the consecration. The bread and wine are transformed and made sacred, holy. Remember, too, that as the gifts are brought forward for consecration, we join our lives, gifts, and resources in prayer, asking God to bless us, to consecrate us as well. In baptism, we are consecrated—we are set apart in Christ's love. Knowing this should make a difference in the way we live our lives. Our consecration should be the benchmark for our attitudes and actions, the choices and decisions we make each day. What does it mean to you to be consecrated, to be called to holiness? How does this affect the way you live?

Today's Readings: Acts 1:15–17, 20a, 20c–26;
Ps 103:1–2, 11–12, 19–20; 1 Jn 4:11–16; Jn 17:11b–19

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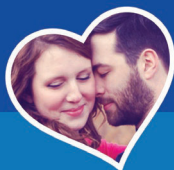
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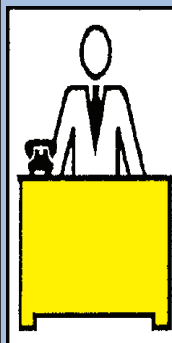
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