

**Where is  
truth  
to be found?**





May 17, 2020

Lord,  
by the light of the Holy Spirit  
you have taught the hearts of your  
faithful.  
In the same Spirit  
help us to relish what is right  
and always rejoice in your  
consolation.



Holy Cross Church is open for  
private prayer.

Monday - Friday  
10 AM - 4 PM

Live Streaming  
Mass 9:00 AM weekdays

Sunday  
Streaming 10:30 AM Mass

## Sixth Sunday of Easter

The intimations of the coming of the Holy Spirit have been getting more numerous in the Sunday and daily readings as we approach the Solemnity of Pentecost.

All during his public ministry, Jesus has been preparing his disciples for events to come: first, his suffering and death; and then after his resurrection, His ascension and sending of the Holy Spirit.

All along, they misunderstood his message. Perhaps, more accurately, they heard it as they wanted to hear it. Their hearts were not open enough to understand its implications. Neither could

their imaginations dream of possibilities they had never seen.

Jesus' words made more sense in retrospect, than in real time. How frustrating it must have been!

Let us invite Jesus' promise of eternal life and divine accompaniment on earth to open our minds and stimulate our imaginations to see the divine possibilities the coming of the Holy Spirit can bring to our Church and those who receive the special graces of Confirmation.

It would be a tragedy to realize such graces too late.



## Church of the Holy Cross

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Very Rev. Michael Manning, STL  
Rev. John McGowan, CSsR, Assistant  
Tom Dooley, Business Administrator  
Mrs. Lori LaPlante, Pastoral Associate

Mrs. Sallie Kabash, CRE  
Jill Ramme, Music Director  
Ms. Susan Symington, Sacristan





## From the Pastor

## Parish Offertory

Online Giving

\$ 4,818.00

Thank you to our faithful givers!

### Thank You For Supporting Holy Cross

A sincere thank you to those who are continuing to support Holy Cross Church with online giving or by sending donations through the US mail.

### Church Visits

We've only had a few days to judge, but the church visiting hours seem to be going well. Please remember to take all your personal effects home with you, not to distribute brochures or novena pamphlets and not leave used tissues in the church.

The church restroom is closed.

### Next Sunday Ascension of the Lord

For this year only, the Bishop has transferred the celebration of Ascension from Thursday to Sunday. The obligation to attend mass for either day remains suspended, but the live streaming mass on Sunday will be the Solemnity of the Ascension.

### Baccalaureate Mass and Graduation

This year will take place live streamed without a congregation from the church. Details available on Holy Cross Academy website.

### Social Distancing Guidelines

The bishop has warned parishes that the faithful visiting churches must observe the social distancing guidelines in effect - i.e. six foot distance, masks, etc. How well these seem to be observed will help determine when masses will return.

### Memorial Masses

Mrs. LaPlante is in contact with families of the recently deceased who call us or about whom we are informed. We will work on scheduling masses of Christian Burial for those families who request it at a future time.

### Confirmations and Holy Communion

No specific plans to announce at this time.

Mrs. Kabash will work on scheduling the sacraments as soon as we have more details on what kind of gatherings are allowed and the number of congregants permitted.

Fr. Manning will be conferring the sacrament of Confirmation.

No visiting clergy are permitted this year.

### Sacrament of Matrimony

Wedding preparation can still be done online, but details about potential dates and kinds of ceremonies allowed are not available at this time. Online Pre-Cana classes are limited; interested couples may contact the parish office or the diocese for further information.

### Baptisms

Baptisms will resume as soon as we are able subject to restrictions imposed by civic and church leaders on size of gatherings.

### CDC Guidelines

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>



We live in a democracy.

Let government officials hear from us.

Let us speak up!

# Mass Intentions

17-May	McDermott & Gialanella Families	The Beekman Family
17-May	Bruno Sama	Vittoria Sama
18-May	Louise Lista	Mary Jane Gallo
19-May	Bob Scarrone	Family
20-May	Barbara "BJ" Thompson	Mr. & Mrs. Paul LaPlante
21-May	Wilfred C. Causing, MD	Mr. & Mrs. Michael Criscito
22-May	Rosemary Stark	Audrey Mulholland
24-May	Louise Lista	Debbie Kelly
24-May	Kevin Conery	Mr. & Mrs. Sam Skinner



## Bishop OK's Parking Lot Masses

Bishop O'Connell has allowed the praying of what we will for shorthand purposes call "parking lot masses."

There are many rules and guidelines which we will study and discuss over the next few days and then announce how we will implement this at Holy Cross Parish. Please take the survey on my blog to help us plan. You may also use the survey to make helpful suggestions.

The full set of diocesan guidelines are on the Diocese of Trenton page; you may read them there.

There are still no outdoor masses with congregations out of their cars. Perhaps when the beaches open, this may change. Holy Communion can be distributed, car by car as vehicles exit the parking lot.

One option is mass with an outside altar. I'm reluctant to use our outdoor sound system to announce the mass, but other solutions such as low power AM or FM radio broadcasts are a little complicated for now, and much of the equipment seems backordered or sold out on the internet. The challenges of an outdoor altar and the changeable shore weather are factors too.

Another available option is live streaming the mass on the web which people can watch online via cell phone from their cars and then reception of Holy Communion upon leaving the parking lot. Outdoor altar or indoor live streamed, the distribution of Holy Communion can only occur after mass.

My main concern, frankly, is to get Eucharist to people who want to receive it.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/M5R223Y>