





July 26, 2020



Seventeenth Sunday Ordinary Time

Pope Francis has reflected on the meaning of this Sunday's parables: the treasure found in a field accidentally and the discovery of the pearl of great price after a long search.

Look for Jesus, meet Jesus, this is the great treasure, Pope Francis exhorted.

The discovery of the kingdom of God can come suddenly as when the farmer discovered unexpected treasure in a field and sells

everything to buy it. The Kingdom of God can also come after a long search, like the case of a merchant who sought a precious pearl. They do not need to reason, to think, to reflect, they realize immediately the incomparable value of what they have found and are willing to lose everything to have it. To read the Gospel is to find Jesus and to have this Christian joy, which is a gift of the Holy Spirit.



If you had one wish, what would it be? Literature, fairy tales and cinema are filled with fanciful answers to this question, sometimes being modified to three wishes. Three wishes make plot lines more interesting. Often the wishes bring misfortune through unanticipated consequences. Occasionally the stipulation is made that no wish can be granted which asks for more wishes.

A famous one-wish story is the myth of Eos (a Greek goddess) and Tithonus, her human lover.

Eos asked Zeus that Tithonus be granted immortality, which was done. She failed to ask that he not age, so Tithonus was condemned to the ravages of old age forever. Solomon was given one wish by The Lord in today's parable. Solomon's request for wisdom was an already wise choice in the eyes of the Lord, so it was granted. God expected him to ask for long life, riches or the life of his enemies. If we take today's gospel seriously, perhaps our own wish should be to discover the Kingdom of God.

Holy Cross Church
 Monday - Friday
 8:30 AM until 4 PM
 Sunday
 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Weekday Mass
 In Church Live Streaming
 9:00 AM
 (attendance limit 50)

Saturday Vigil Mass
 In Church NO livestream
 5:00 PM
 (attendance limit 213)

Sunday Mass
 In Church Live Streaming
 10:30 AM Mass
 (attendance limit 213)

Adoration of the Blessed
 Sacrament
 Wednesday 9:30 AM - Noon

Confessions
 Friday 9:30 AM outdoors pergola

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The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field



From the Pastor



Pray for Our Seminarians

Thirteen seminarians, three of them new, will resume studies at St. Charles Borromeo in Emmitsburg, Maryland for the Diocese of Trenton. Please keep them in prayer.

Readers at Weekend Masses

As we slowly recover a sense of normalcy, or a least adjust to the new normal, we welcome Readers back to our Weekend Masses.

In order to minimize movement into and out of the sanctuary, only one reader will be used for the first and second readings and Fr. Manning will pray the petitions of the Universal prayer. A lectern will be used located in the sacristy only by the reader. Fr. Manning will proclaim the gospel and preach from the altar as we have been doing.

Readers should wear masks while seated with the congregation, but remove them during the readings.

Reminders About Simple Precautions

The Diocesan Director of Communications has asked us to remind parishioners of the need to wear masks, socially distance and sanitize hands during the COVID pandemic.

Please bring your own masks, though the parish has a supply on hand for those who forget. Having your own supply of hand sanitizer is also helpful.

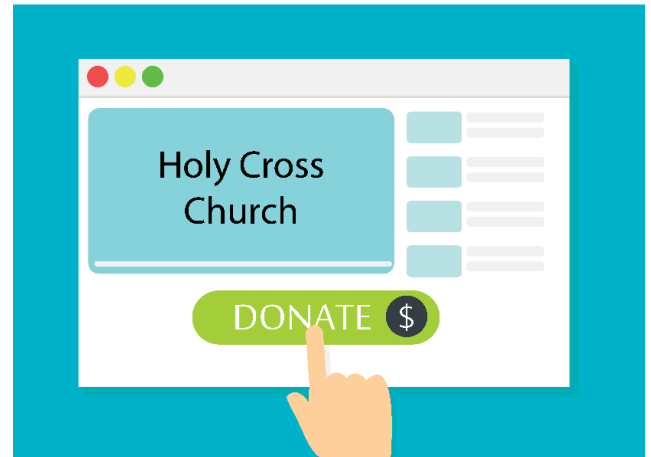
Saturday Evening Mass Begins Next Weekend

Beginning Saturday, August 2, we will resume the Saturday evening mass at 5:00 PM. We will continue to assess mass attendance and make a decision on or before the last weekend in September when to add additional masses.

Parish Offertory

Online Giving \$ 3, 517.75

Sunday Mass \$ 3, 221.00



Please remember to mail donation envelopes or enroll in Online Giving. Your support of Holy Cross Church is essential and is greatly appreciated.

Return to Mass?

The mass survey about Saturday evening mass has 86 responses and is now closed. A significant minority indicated that they do not feel comfortable attending mass yet - 16%.



Anthony Lubrano by Helen Maresca

Robert & James Leo and deceased members of the Leo Family by family

Mass Intentions

26-Jul Mr & Mrs Alfred Samaha
Kevin Conery
Carol Monforte

27-Jul Bruno Sama

28-Jul Thomas Powers

29-Jul Fr. John Higgins &
deceased members of the Higgins Family

30-Jul Madeline Frances Sheprou

31-Jul Muriel Mattone

Tony Gardella
The Kirkpatrick Family
The Velcamp Family

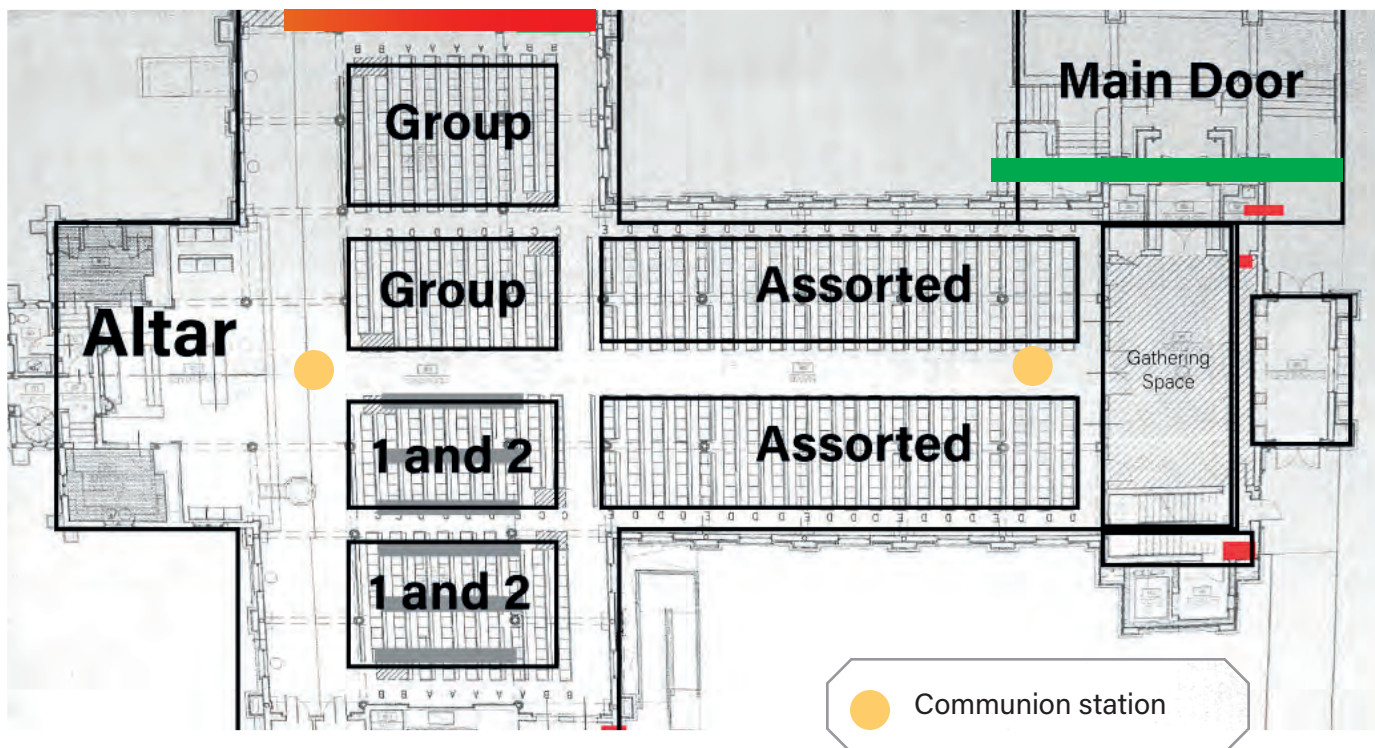
Vittoria Sama

Celine Mason

McKenna Family

Mr & Mrs Brian George

Barbara & Erin Mattone



Seating Arrangement in Church for Sunday Assembly: 213 person limit.

- Ushers will direct you to a seat. Please wait if they are already helping others.
- Rows indicated 1 and 2 and reserved for couples or individuals.
- Group pews are for households of 3 or more persons.
- The assorted rows in the nave will be adjusted according to the needs of the congregation.

All doors are exits. Only the door marked in green is an entrance. This is primarily for counting individuals and to ensure no one is seated without the assistance of an usher.

Please bring and wear a face mask, observe social distancing and use hand sanitizer.



New Diocesan Director of Security Has Sobering Words for Parish Communities

Catholic churches in at least four states have been vandalized by arson attacks over the past few weeks, California, New York, Massachusetts and Florida. Bryson Edgar, our newly appointed Director of Diocesan Security cautions parishioners to "remain vigilant to the activity occurring around each of your parishes, parish centers, religious gardens, rectories, convents and cemeteries....Do not hesitate to call the police department in your specific jurisdiction for assistance or advice if needed." Mr. Edgar recently retired after 25 years of service with the Lawrence Township Police Department in Mercer County. Holy Cross parish's campus, school, church and parking lot, is equipped with both outdoor and indoor security cameras.





Holy Cross Academy
will be fully open
for the 2020-2021 school year
and
offering 5 day in-person
instruction.

Now accepting applications – Space is limited!

For more information, please contact Holy Cross
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