





May 31, 2020



Holy Cross Church is open for private prayer.  
Monday - Friday  
10 AM - 4 PM

Outdoor Live Streaming  
Weekday Mass  
9:00 AM

Sunday  
Outdoor Live Streaming  
10:30 AM Mass

In case of rain, mass will be private, indoor live streamed.  
Communion outdoors 30 minutes later.

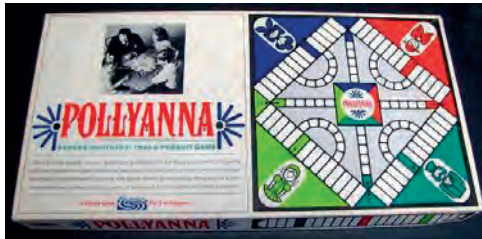
# Pentecost Sunday

This Pentecost more than ever we need the Holy Spirit to revitalize our spirit and refresh our soul. Enthusiasm comes from two Greek words meaning "filled with God." We shouldn't confuse enthusiasm with optimism, or even worse, a kind of blind loyalty called upon by cheerleaders for the losing team at the last second in a hopeless game. There are plenty of YouTube videos of Family Feud which show family members cheering loudly for really idiotic answers!

Pollyanna was a fictional character by Eleanor Porter who tries to find something positive in every situation. She called this the "Glad Game." She might interpret a devastating defeat as an opportunity to learn humility, to make changes to a team's coach, or to yield some other long term positive outcome. Parker Brothers manufactured the Glad Game from the early 1900's until 1967. It apparently resembled Parcheesi, for those who remember that game instead. It's telling that the game was discontinued in 1967, along perhaps with the disappearance of naive optimism from American public life.

An immediate "look on the bright side of life" answer fails to take seriously the pain of someone's

circumstance and risks placing too much optimism in human ingenuity or a positive outcome for a particular individual. Quick consolation of mourners with phrases like "she's in a better place" or "God has a plan," while perfectly true, can be misplaced in the midst of someone's desperate tears. The consolation that God is with us in such times and will help us through them is the true peace Christ gives us through the



Eucharist and the sending of the Holy Spirit. There has been too much tragedy for us to accept a spirit of false optimism: leaders have not been gifted

with wisdom, even true facts; some persons have become personally enriched by human suffering; the lives of vulnerable people have been lost; economic hardship has hit most, some quite disproportionately; democratic freedoms have been curtailed or suspended; even our Churches were closed and sacraments have been curbed. Everyone is struggling for answers; those who won't admit it, probably shouldn't be trusted. This isn't a time for false optimism, it's a time for hope and an infusion of enthusiasm from the Holy Spirit.

## 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

\$ 5,495.75

Sunday Mass

\$ 4,310.00

### 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. The cards and notes are very encouraging and much appreciated.

### Church Visits

Holy Cross Church is open for private prayer weekdays from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Votive candles are available.

### 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 at any of the sacraments 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.

### Social Distancing and Holy Communion

As the stay-home orders and social distancing guidelines wear on, many have apparently started to disregard them. I haven't been out shopping very much, but from the groups walking, jogging, biking and driving by the rectory, it certainly seems so.

I'm particularly struck by the numbers of young people in groups without any effort at social distancing or masks and drivers dropping off young people to gather together. If such is the case in your household, please refrain from taking Holy Communion by car, either at Sunday masses or particularly at the Graduation Mass next week. It isn't fair to others if your children have been making play dates, recreating in neighborhood groups, partying, etc. to expose the pastor or other mass goers to unanticipated risks. We're not being asked whether we agree with the guidelines at this time, simply observing them is a common courtesy to others. Not only the governor, but our bishop is asking us to comply. Thanks for your cooperation and understanding. We all look forward to the time we can worship in the church!



Special Intention  
Anthony Lubrano

Mary Cavalieri  
Helen Maresca

## Mass Intentions

31-May	8:00 AM	Louise Lista	The Donlon Family
31-May	10:30 AM	Antonio Perez	The Peake Family
1-Jun	9:00 AM	Harold Boyle	Maryjane Gallo
2-Jun	9:00 AM	Maureen Henderson	Mr. & Mrs. James Parent
7-Jun	8:00 AM	Kevin Conery	The Dengler Family
7-Jun	10:30 AM	Maureen Henderson	Mr. & Mrs. Ross Millhiser

Bishop O'Connell has allowed churches to be open for mass beginning June 8th for daily mass and June 14th for Sunday masses. Check the newest updates on the pastor's blog and the parish webpage.