



# HOLY CROSS CHURCH

651 East Springfield Road • Springfield, Pennsylvania 19064

JUNE 24, 2018 • THE NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

#### IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Business Office / Rectory .... 610-626-3321 • 610-626-3322  
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#### MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Evening: 4:30 PM  
 Sunday, Upper Church: 8:30 and 11:00 AM  
 Holy Day: 8:30 AM and 7:00 PM  
 Weekday: 8:30 AM

#### CONFESSIONS

Saturday, Lower Church: 3:30 to 4:15 PM

#### MARRIAGE POLICY

Arrangements are made directly with the Parish Priests, within six months before the intended wedding date. Weddings are reserved for active parishioners. Pre-Cana Session is required. Please call Rectory for appointment with Parish Priests. Our next Pre-Cana day will be on April 7, 2018. To register, call Bill & Nicole @ 610-626-8486.

#### VISITATION TO SICK AND INFIRM

Please call the Rectory or Mrs. Judy Vacca, Pastoral Minister, when a parishioner is hospitalized or homebound.

#### REGISTRATIONS

By Appointment. All Catholics living in the parish should register at the Rectory. Please call Parish Office to make an appointment with one of the Parish Priests.

#### PARISH PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Eugene C. Wilson..... Pastor  
 Deacon Robert Frankenberger  
 Deacon Joseph N. Gousie  
 Deacon Kevin Harrington  
 Sr. Loretta Saudarg, RSM ..... Business Manager  
 Mrs. Judy Vacca ..... Pastoral Minister  
 Mrs. Maureen Ward ..... Principal  
 Mrs. Kelly Meliti ..... Director of Religious Education  
 Mr. Timothy Reilly ..... Music Director  
 Mr. Jeffrey P. Braconnier ..... Youth Minister

#### BAPTISM POLICY

Baptisms are celebrated every Sunday, except for the first Sunday of the month, at 12:00 PM. Please call the rectory at 610-626-3321 to set up an appointment with a Priest. First time parents and godparents are required to attend a Baptism Preparation Session. Only when Certificates of Eligibility from godparents are presented, then a date for the baptism can be set.

The Baptism Preparation Sessions are held the first Sunday of the month at 12:00 PM in the Upper Church, with registration required. To register, please call the parish secretary during regular business hours (Monday to Friday, 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM). Registration must be made prior to the last Friday of the month. If no registrations are received, a session may not be held.

#### BUSINESS OFFICE HOURS

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FROM THE PASTOR

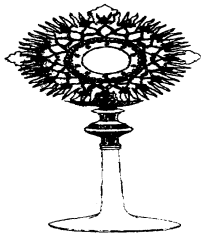
June is a time of graduation and vacation. For a priest or religious, it can also be a time of change. Holy Cross Parish Community is grateful to Father John Gabin for his nine years of dedicated service as Pastor and wishes him Godspeed as he begins his work as Chaplain at St. Francis Center.

I look forward to beginning my own new work here among you as Pastor. I ask first and foremost for your prayers and secondly, for your patience and support. New Pastors can be like incoming freshmen in high school. I remember having to ask an upper classman to help me open my locker and then point me in the right direction to find my first class. I am grateful that he was kind enough to do so – otherwise, I would still be fumbling with that locker!

You are as my upper classmen! Thank you in advance for helping me to unlock, open and find my way as I begin ministry here to you at Holy Cross Parish

Peace !  
Father Wilson

**ADORATION CHAPEL**



*HE calls us to steal away from the rush of the work-a-day world and find solitude in quiet places where we can be alone with HIM...enjoy HIS presence here in our Chapel any day, Monday through Friday, 6:00 AM to 9:00 PM. For any questions, please call 610-623-8412 or 610-328-2115.... we have room for you !!*

**CHURCH CLEANING**

**TUESDAY, JULY 10**

**9:15 AM**

**VOLUNTEERS WELCOME**

**CONTACT: DOLORES MORRONI**

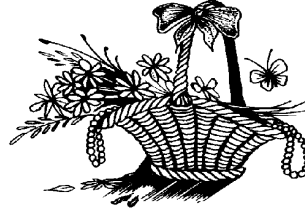
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**CASSEROLE  
DROP-OFF**



The next drop-off is Wednesday, June 27, between 6:00 and 7:00 PM at the Parish Hall Annex. Anyone wishing to join us can go to [saintjohnshospice.org](http://saintjohnshospice.org) for recipes or just make a casserole that you like. Please mark the casserole with the date prepared. Call Connie Labowitz at 610-328-599 with any questions. Thank you.

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**MONDAY                      JUNE 25**

**8:30 AM                      FORTUNATO AND  
ALBANESE FAMILIES**

**TUESDAY                     JUNE 26**

**8:30 AM                     PAUL TOMCZYK**

**WEDNESDAY                JUNE 27**  
**Saint Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop  
and Doctor of the Church**

**8:30 AM                     LORRI RUDOLPH**

**THURSDAY                 JUNE 28**  
**Saint Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr**

**8:30 AM                     DECEASED MEMBERS OF  
HOLY CROSS SCHOOL  
ALUMNI**

**FRIDAY                      JUNE 29**  
**Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles**

**8:30 AM                     MATTHEW LE TOURNEAU**

**SATURDAY                 JUNE 30**  
**The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church**

**8:30 AM                     JUDY AND TONY  
NIEWINSKI**

**NEXT WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS**

**SATURDAY                 JUNE 30**

**4:30 PM                     PEOPLE OF HOLY CROSS**

**SUNDAY                    JULY 1**

**8:30 AM                     JUDY AND TONY  
NIEWINSKI**

**11:00 AM                  LIVING AND DECEASED  
MEMBERS OF THE  
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Helen Lyons	Anthony Torelli
Patricia Lyons	George Vrettos
	Nadia Waltanski

*Thank You!*

<b>SUNDAY COLLECTION</b>	<b>JUNE 17</b>
<b>AMOUNT RECEIVED</b>	<b>\$8,908.</b>



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**THREE PARISH BOOK CLUB**

The Three Parish Book Club meets on the last Wednesday of the month from September through June. Our last meeting of the season will be on Wednesday, June 27, at 7:00 PM, in the Holy Cross Parish Center. At each meeting we not only discuss the month's selection, but also offer each other suggestions of books we have enjoyed. In June, we will be discussing The Way of the Heart by Henri Nouwen. You need not have read the month's selections to attend the meeting. We would love to have you join us for refreshments and conversation.

**JUNE**

The Way of the Heart by Henri Nouwen

**SUMMER READING**

The Prize Winner of Defiance, Ohio by Terry Ryan  
Grandma Gatewood's Walk by Ben Montgomery

Our first meeting in the fall will be on Wednesday, September 26. For more information, please contact Joy Van Berg at 610-328-2095 or at [joyvanberg@gmail.com](mailto:joyvanberg@gmail.com)



*Every Summer the weekly offerings drop when parishioners are out of town for vacation, and for most folks, if we aren't present at Mass, obviously, we aren't there to put our offering into the basket. In the meantime, the bills and necessary expenses to carry on the parish continue during the summer and must be paid.*

*The Solution - You plan ahead for your vacation and make reservations and send deposits for your hotel and other accommodations. In the same way, why not put the offerings for the weeks you will be away into the offertory basket before you leave? Then you can enjoy your vacation knowing that the mission and ministry of the parish can continue unhindered as you enjoy your time of relaxation.*



**Remember  
Those who  
Have Died**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY AND FOR THE COMFORT OF THEIR FAMILY AND FRIENDS.**

<i>Mary L. Brophy</i>	<i>05-03-2018</i>
<i>Ellen M. Ryan</i>	<i>05-08-2018</i>
<i>Dennis Savage</i>	<i>05-17-2018</i>
<i>Emily V. Hannigan</i>	<i>05-17-2018</i>
<i>Barbara D'Orazio</i>	<i>05-18-2018</i>
<i>Eleanor Riviello</i>	<i>05-21-2018</i>
<i>Patricia A. Ward</i>	<i>05-23-2018</i>
<i>Salvatore Nazionale</i>	<i>05-24-2018</i>
<i>William C. Ross</i>	<i>05-29-2018</i>



## BAPTISMS

**WE WELCOME TO THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY:**

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**WE CONGRATULATE OUR NEWLY MARRIED  
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### **HOW TO GET MORE OUT OF THE MASS**

#### **Part 1**

**What more could Jesus have done for us?**

**Truly, in the Eucharist, He shows us a love which goes "to the end" (cf. Jn 13:1), a love which knows no measure.**

**-Pope John Paul II**

Catholics believe that, on the night before He died, Jesus gave His Apostles an incredible gift - a way that He would continue to be present in His Church, through His Body and Blood, in the Eucharist. Every time we gather to celebrate Mass, we partake of that very same event. Are we getting as much as we can from our participation in the Eucharist? Or are we:

- \* Bored, waiting to be entertained?
- \* Sitting in judgment of those around us?
- \* Daydreaming about what we'll do later in the day?

#### **The Source and Summit of the Whole Christian Life**

The Second Vatican Council taught that, for Catholics, "Taking part in the Eucharistic Sacrifice, is the source and summit of the whole Christian life; they offer the divine victim to God, and offer themselves along with it."

#### **OUR S.A.C.R.I.F.I.C.E.**

**Serve** - Obey the command that Jesus gave at the first Eucharist.

**Adore** - Realize the great gift God is offering you!

**Confess** - Believe in God's power to make up for your weaknesses.

**Respond** - Function as a member of the Body of Christ.

**Incline** - Listen intently to the Word of God.

**Fast** - Bring a hearty appetite to the Eucharist.

**Invite** - Open yourself to a relationship with Jesus.

**Commune** - Become one with Christ.

**Evangelize** - Share the Lord with others.

## **JUNE 24 - THE NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST**

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

An old joke, ever ready for new audiences about a proud Jewish mother describing her twins to a friend she comes upon while pushing the double wide stroller. Responding to her friend's compliment about the boys, she says "Thanks so much. You know, Josh there will be the doctor and Jake will be the lawyer." Talk about predetermination!

Today's First Reading from Isaiah finds the mature prophet proudly declaring the fact that he was given his special role while still in the womb! We also read the same about St. John the Baptist. For not only does his very existence display God's miraculous power acting in Elizabeth long after her child-bearing years, but also in the conferring of a name and a life mission.

John the Baptist does indeed grow into the man who stands at the end of the long line of prophets of the Old Testament. But he also is at the start of the New Testament when he announces the arrival of the long-awaited Messiah. On that fateful day he will point to the adult Jesus walking on the Jordan riverbank and shout to the crowd gathered, "Behold the Lamb of God!" Six chapters later, Luke will record Jesus saying of John that, "Of all those born of women, none is greater than John the Baptist, but that he who is least in the Kingdom of God is greater than John." (7:28). A great compliment indeed, but tempered by a comparison that I believe John himself would welcome.

Meanwhile we can ponder this man John as we celebrate today his birthday, noting that the Church does this for only two other persons: Christ Himself and Our Blessed Mother. I admire John for what has always been so outstanding in his life: his humility. After all, the man had crowds of people following him and hanging onto his every word. All that could have inflated John's ego beyond help. But listen to him declare "There is one among you whose sandal strap I am unworthy to loosen." Not a shabby attitude of mind and heart for any of us to have.

This feast, coming precisely six months before Christmas, divides the calendar year. St. Augustine once seized upon that fact and stated that this feast, so close to the summer solstice, makes it possible for us to say that "after John's birth, the days slowly grow shorter, but after Christ's birth they grow longer."

More importantly, I think John's lifestyle divides the phonies from the faithful. He is the true blue man of God, someone we can all strive to be, man and woman. So much talk these days about the need for transparency, among individuals and groups, including the Church. But talk is not needed as much as action. St. John the Baptist could well be at the front line of saints that show us how it's done. Humility is truth. Transparency is truth exposed.

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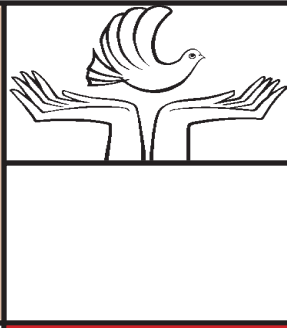
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