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**Pastor**

*Rev Pius Wekesa*

**Deacon**

*Deacon Phil Rzewnicki, OFS*

**Parish Office Hours**

*Mondays... Closed*

*Tuesday — Friday*

*8:30 AM — 3:30 PM*

**Liturgy Schedule:**

**Daily**

**Tuesday—Friday— 8 AM Mass/  
Communion Service  
In person**

**Saturday Vigil—4 PM**

*In person and via live  
stream to our YouTube  
and Facebook pages*

**Sunday—10 AM**

*In person and via live  
stream to our YouTube  
and Facebook pages.*

**Holy Days**

*8 AM/7 PM*

**(Exceptions will be noted)**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

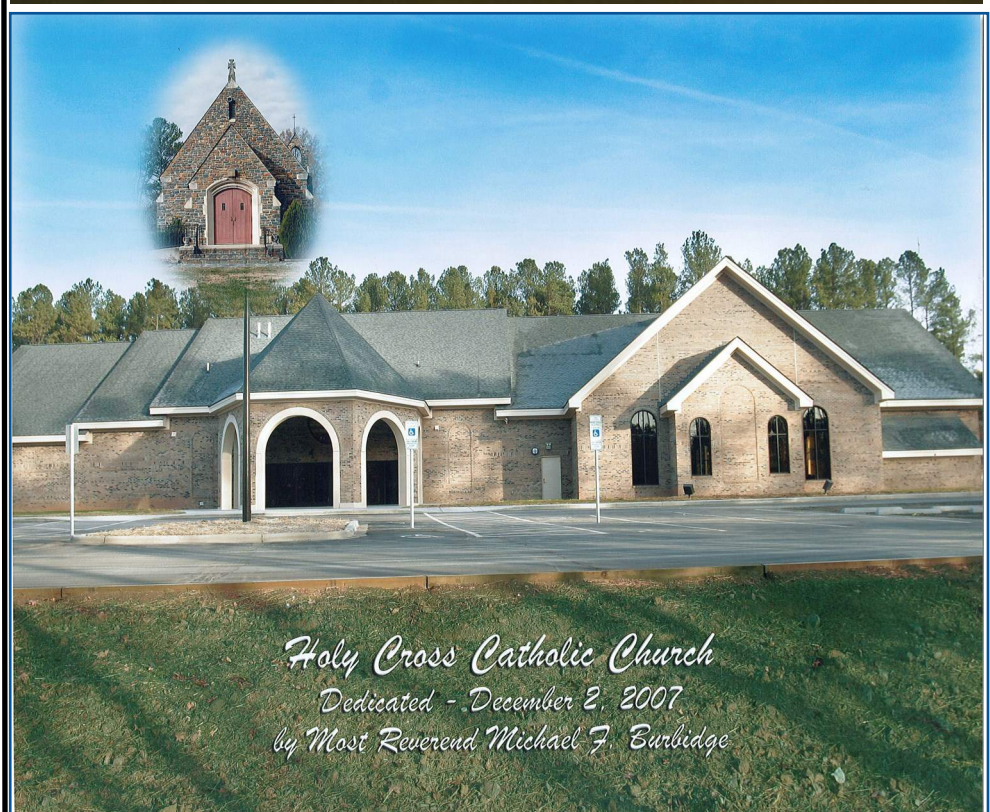
**Saturday—3-3:45 PM**

**Or by appointment.**

**Welcome to the Faith  
Community at Holy Cross!**

**The pastor, deacon, and our  
sisters and brothers of this  
vibrant Faith Community  
welcome you to celebrate  
with us today.**

**May the Lord give you peace!**



*Holy Cross Catholic Church  
Dedicated - December 2, 2007  
by Most Reverend Michael J. Burbidge*

## ***WEEKLY SERVICES***

<b>Saturday</b> <b>4 PM</b>	<b>April 13, 2024</b> <b>MASS</b>
<b>Sunday</b> <b>10 AM</b>	<b>April 14, 2024</b> <b>MASS</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>April 15, 2024</b> <b>PARISH CLOSED</b>
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>8 AM</b>	<b>April 16, 2024</b> <b>Communion Service</b>
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>8 AM</b>	<b>April 17, 2024</b> <b>MASS</b>



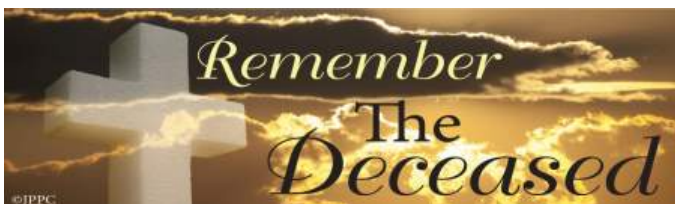
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>April 18, 2024</b>
<b>8 AM</b>	<b>Communion Service</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>April 19, 2024</b>
<b>8 AM</b>	<b>MASS</b>



***Remember In your Prayers***

*Parishioners or family of parishioners who are ill, homebound or recovering from surgery:*

Drea Andalcio, Cristina Atwater, Jean Baird,  
Daniel Barboriak, Ramiro Better, Elda Black,  
Juanita Bynum, Keith Canty, Brenda Childress,  
Tristan Cruell, Violet Duport, Gene Harvey,  
Helen Hudson, Rosie Hylton, Barbara Lane, Art  
LaPerre, Alphonso Logan, Sarah Mooney-ham,  
Kathleen Ross, James Sansom, Ivy Williams,  
Michele Wilson



IN LOVING REMEMBRANCE

*In your prayers, please remember  
those who recently died:*

“Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon them.”  
(Please send notices of deaths to the church office,  
so that we may offer prayers and support as a  
Community)

***There are two collections this weekend.  
The second is for Catholic Relief Services.***

***Thank you for your generosity!***

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## 85th Anniversary

### *Pledge Summary/Payments-March*

*Pledges Received: 60—Goal: \$85,000*

Amount Pledged: \$33,621\*\*40% of goal

Pledges Paid: \$12,871\*\*15% of goal

Amount needed to reach the goal: \$72,129

Please do your part to help reach the goal!

*Thank you for supporting our fundraiser.*

The *85th Anniversary Committee's Inaugural "Noon Day Prayer event"* is scheduled for



So mark your calendars. Come to the sanctuary at noon on April 20th, and let us pray.



***APRIL 14***

## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; Ps 4:2, 4, 7-9;  
1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48

## STEWARDSHIP AND SPIRITUALITY

**April 14—3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

*“Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’ But they were startled and frightened...” - LUKE 24:36-37*

Throughout the day we have many opportunities to “see the face of Jesus” in others and to “be the face of Jesus” to others. Do we take that opportunity to provide “peace” to those we encounter or are we afraid of what others will think of us and do nothing? Pray for the strength and courage to live a “God-centered” life and not a “self-centered” life.



**NOTE:** Deadline for submitting bulletin content is 12 Noon Thursday, 10 days prior to the Sunday edition in which content is to appear. This bulletin is online at [holycrossdurham.org](http://holycrossdurham.org).

**APRIL**

- 14** Carla Wright-Jukes  
Joan Nelson  
John Jameyson  
Jessica Tomkoski
- 15** Leon Woolford
- 16** Charles Watts
- 17** Christian Fonebi
- 18** Dorothy Yeung  
Laura Haszko
- 19** Samantha Austin  
Brandon Harris  
Zoey Feliciano
- 20** Winston Parris

**HEADS UP\*\*BEWARE OF "PHISHING"**

Be cautious if you receive communication from Fr. Pius that doesn't come from his Diocesan email account. Also emails received from the church will either be from [holycrossdurham.org](http://holycrossdurham.org) or [hcdnc.org](http://hcdnc.org).

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~Please check with the office before placing items in the Gathering Space.

~Ministry mailboxes are on the wall across from the pastor's office. Please check.

~Lost and Found bin is located in the Multi-Purpose Room to the left of the entrance. Unclaimed items will be discarded monthly.

~FYI: Overflow parking is available across the street from the church.

~If you have moved and/or changed your contact or family information please let the parish office know at [office@hcdnc.org](mailto:office@hcdnc.org). Let us know of any additions to your family and Sacraments that were performed outside of Holy Cross.

# NEWS & events

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**Holy Cross Family...***If your little one needs more space to move and vocalize, you'll be glad to know that the cry room is open and available; to the left of the sanctuary entrance. The ushers will direct you.*

**St. Thomas More Academy Theater** presents Rock of Ages! Performances will be on April 19-20 and 26-27 at 7 pm. Come hang out with us at Dupree's Bourbon Room. It's the 1980s, rock 'n' roll rules, and L.A.'s Sunset Strip is a hotbed for big time rock stars. Oh, and don't forget, the bigger the hair the better! Join us on April 17-19 and 26-27 at 7 pm as a group of rad rockers pull together to save rock and roll from getting razed to the ground. Tickets can be bought at [stmatheater.ticketleap.com](http://stmatheater.ticketleap.com)

**Project Rachel Post Abortion Healing Retreat June 14-16.**

You are invited to experience the love of Jesus Christ at a Project Rachel weekend retreat June 14-16, in the Raleigh area. The retreat is strictly **confidential**, for both women and men and includes discussions, spiritual exercises, the sacrament of reconciliation, a Memorial Service, and a Mass of the Resurrection. For information and to register for the retreat, contact Project Rachel at: [project.rachel@raldioc.org](mailto:project.rachel@raldioc.org) or call 919 852-1021 or [rachelnc.org](http://rachelnc.org). Cost is \$200 for lodging, meals, and all retreat materials. Discount of \$50 if you register before May 10. Spanish and English speakers are welcome. Financial assistance is always available.

**HANDICAPPED ENCOUNTER CHRIST****(HEC)**

"We all have disabilities -  
some just show more than others."

**"YOU ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD"**

Matthew 5: 14-15

**RETREAT**

Saturday, May 4, 2024

9:30 am ~ 3:30 pm

Jaycee Park Community Center

2405 Wade Ave.

Raleigh, NC

**RSVP by April 20 to**Michael Citrini / [mcitrini@gmail.com](mailto:mcitrini@gmail.com)

## DEACON CORNER

## April 16, St. Bernadette Soubirous, Visionary of Lourdes (1844-1879)

St. Bernadette came from a very poor family in France and was the oldest of nine children. St. Bernadette Soubirous was born in Lourdes, a small town on the northern slopes of the Pyrenees. France, on January 7, 1844. Our Lady appeared to Bernadette, 14 years old at the time, beginning on February 11, 1858. At the Grotto of Massabielle, Bernadette saw “a small lady in white” who asked her to return each day, to receive a series of 18 visions. Her family and townspeople were divided over what was happening: some believed that it was a miraculous vision of the Virgin Mary while others demanded that Bernadette be institutionalized. She was arrested at one point and interrogated, but Bernadette remained calm and was consistent in her telling of what was happening.

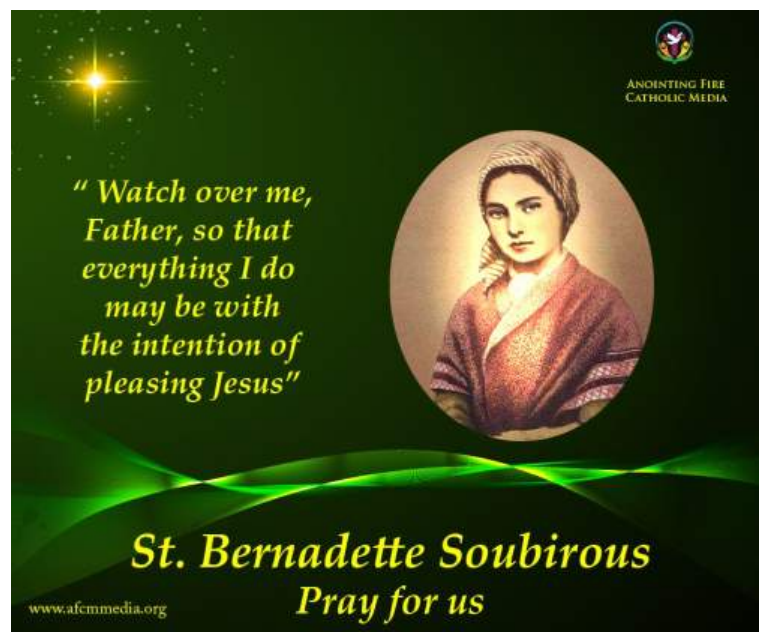
On February 24th, Saint Bernadette received a message from the Lady: “Penance, penance, penance...” During the following few days, she was commanded to dig at the grotto and then a spring of clear water began to flow. During the next few visions, the Lady told Bernadette to go to the parish priest and ask that he build her a chapel at the Grotto. The priest in turn commanded Bernadette to ask the Lady her name and also to ask for a sign. Finally, on March 25th, the Lady declared to Saint Bernadette: “I am the Immaculate Conception.” Four years earlier, Pope Pius IX had declared the infallible dogma of the Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary. Bernadette’s family, the priest, and friends all later testified that she would never have heard the term before in her life.

After the conclusion of the visions, Saint Bernadette joined the Sisters of Charity at the age of 22. She disliked the attention that she received because of the visions and lived the simple life of a consecrated religious until she died from tuberculosis at the age of 35 on April 16, 1879. When her body was exhumed as part of the usual requirements for the investigation of sainthood, it was found to be incorrupt. She was canonized as a saint of the Church by Pope Pius XI on December 8, 1933, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception.

In her messages to Saint Bernadette, Our Lady emphasized prayer and penance for the sins of mankind. The visions also call to mind the love that Our Lady has for God’s people. May we always cherish the gift of God’s own Mother and call upon her when we are in trouble or in need. O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee!

**Patron:** of illness, people ridiculed for their piety, poverty, shepherds, shepherdesses, and Lourdes, France

*(Source: Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, New Holland, PA)*



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**Mission Statement**

Holy Cross Church was founded by the Society of Jesus to serve the African American Catholics of Durham. We are a people baptized in Christ. We gather to worship the Lord in joy, to proclaim the Gospel, and to serve the Durham community, as well as, the needs of the whole people of God. Our special character as an African American parish continues to shape our worship, our ministries, and our contribution to the wider church.

***“We have been called to heal wounds, to unite what has fallen apart, and to bring home those who have lost their way.”***



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