

Date	Time	Location	Intention	Requested By
Monday 2/20	7:30 AM	Blessed Sacrament	NO MASS	
	12:00 PM	Holy Cross	Deceased Members of the Dempsey & McDonough Families	Dempsey Family
Tuesday 2/21	7:30 AM	Blessed Sacrament	Stephen Orlevitch	Rosalie & Kathy Gallagher
	8:00 AM	Holy Cross	Louis Pociask	M/M John Kovalchik
Wednesday 2/22	7:30 AM	Blessed Sacrament	Clare & Mike Romanchik	Lucille Chezako
<i>Ash Wednesday</i>	8:00 AM	Holy Cross	Joseph Masko	Elizabeth Zarnowski
	12:00 PM	Holy Cross	Francis Krzan Jr.	Vince & Donna Shuta
	12:00 PM	Blessed Sacrament	Parishioners of Blessed Sacrament	
	4:00 PM	Holy Cross	Liturgy of the Word & Distribution of Ashes	
	6:00 PM	Holy Cross	Anna Parette	Karen Nagel
	7:00 PM	Blessed Sacrament	Bonnie Nosak	M/M Peter Kucharski
Thursday 2/23	7:30 AM	Blessed Sacrament	Anna Sheehan	James & Lynn Pochas
	8:00 AM	Holy Cross	Deceased Members of the Grayson Family	
Friday 2/24	7:30 AM	Blessed Sacrament	Chester Skutnik	Ash White
	8:00 AM	Holy Cross	Genett & DiPietro Families	Family
Saturday 2/25	4:00 PM	Blessed Sacrament	Dave Morrell & Deceased Family	Elaine
	4:00 PM	Holy Cross	Mary McCormick & Deceased Members of the McCormick & Rook Families	Family
Sunday 2/26	8:00 AM	Holy Cross	Joseph Heffron	Wife & Children
	9:30 AM	Blessed Sacrament	Karen Schrader	Family
	10:30 AM	Holy Cross	Deceased Members of Holy Cross & Blessed Sacrament	

Memorial / Honor Candles



The sanctuary candle burning before the tabernacle has been donated this week as follows:

Holy Cross Parish – in loving memory of Helen Karhut offered by John & Rose Mary Kovalchik.

Blessed Sacrament Parish – in loving memory of Maryanne & Salvatore Palumbo offered by Nellie Palumbo.

Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them, O Lord



Please remember in your prayers our parishioners and friends of the parish who have recently died: **Edward Kalinoski, Ann Peregrim, Pauline Wisneski, Helen Rugar and James Sean Brady**

Stewardship

*Your Gift of
Time, Talent & Treasure*

Sunday Collection for the weekend of
February 12, 2012

HOLY CROSS PARISH

\$ 7,125.00 \$7,076.00

Weekly Goal:

\$ 6,481.00

Difference:

+ \$644.00 + \$595.00

BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

\$ 2,145.00 \$2,792.00

Weekly Goal:

\$ 2,509.62

Difference:

-- \$ 364.32 +\$283.00

**May God bless you for your generosity
as we strive to meet our parish expenses!**



BAPTISMAL INSTRUCTION

Congratulations to those parents who have experienced the great gift of a new child or are expecting the birth of a newborn. As you prepare for your child's Baptism, just a reminder that parents should contact the Parish Office to register for Baptismal Instruction. **The next class will be held Sunday, March 4th.**

NEWLY BAPTIZED

Congratulations **Mason Zachary Kelly**, child of Jeffrey & Carena Kelly who will be baptized this weekend at Blessed Sacrament Parish. Congratulations **Cain Anthony Orzel** child of Anthony & Colleen Orzel and **Liliana Suzanne Luongo** child of Joseph & Melanie Luongo who will be baptized this weekend at Holy Cross Parish. May God bless you and your family and may Jesus, the Light of the world, always guide and protect you.

MASS CARD OR DONATION TO THE PARISH?

When a person dies, many people often request a Mass card as a way of praying for the deceased person and expressing their sympathy to the family. Because Canon Law requires that a Mass request be celebrated within a year of its request, parishes often have to send the Mass intention to the missions. Instead of requesting a Mass card, please consider making a donation to Holy Cross or Blessed Sacrament Parish in loving memory of the deceased. Your donation to the parish expresses your sympathy while helping to financially support the parish. Thank you for your consideration.

REQUEST FOR SPONSOR CARDS

Any parishioner who is asked to be a godparent for Baptism or sponsor for Confirmation should call the Parish Office **at least two weeks in advance** of the event and request to meet with Father Dougher to review his/her qualifications for being a godparent or sponsor.



DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Please note, daily Mass on **Monday, February 20th**, President's Day, will be celebrated at **12:00 noon** at Holy Cross. There will be no 7:30 a.m. Mass at Blessed Sacrament.

LENTEN DAY OF REFLECTION

The Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius will offer a Lenten Day of Reflection on **Sunday, March 18th** at the Villa Sacred Heart, Danville, beginning at 9:00 and concluding at 3:30 p.m. The cost is \$35 per person. To register or for more information, please call 275-3581 x110.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

During Lent, Stations of the Cross will be celebrated on Fridays at **5:30 p.m.** at Holy Cross Parish **followed by soup and fellowship** in Kelley Hall. Stations of the Cross will also be celebrated at Blessed Sacrament Parish on Fridays at **6:00 p.m.** Members of the following organizations have been asked to lead the stations on **Friday, February 24th**:

- 5:30 p.m. Holy Cross – **Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors**
- 6:00 p.m. Blessed Sacrament – **Holy Name Society**

COMMENTARY ON THE ROMAN MISSAL – “WE PROCLAIM YOUR DEATH, O LORD”

“Our response to the priest's proclamation is a meditation upon the meaning of the Eucharist as we go forth in the Christian life. When we partake of the Sacrament, we do not merely engage in a pious memorial. By our actions we profess the death and Resurrection of Christ, rejoicing that the body that was broken has been raised again, and praying that we too will be found worthy to be members of his mystical body, the Church.” Published in the *Magnificat: Roman Missal Companion*. Copyright 2011.



PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

The Parish Office will be **closed on Monday, February 20th** in observance of Presidents' Day. The office will reopen on Tuesday, February 21st at 12:00 p.m. In the event of a sacramental emergency, please call the Parish Office; one of the priests will return your call as soon as possible.

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR – WELCOME!

The Little Sisters of the Poor are a religious community of women founded by St. Jeanne Jugan who offer the needy and elderly a family-like home where they experience love and respect as they journey toward eternal life. The Little Sisters of the Poor operate Holy Family Residence in Scranton which provides 22 independent living facilities and 52 skilled nursing care rooms. Please join us in welcoming the Little Sisters next weekend. **The second collection next weekend will help support the Little Sisters in this important ministry to the elderly here in our area.** Thank you for your generosity!

ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

FEBRUARY 22nd 2012



7:30 a.m.	Blessed Sacrament Parish – Throop Mass & Distribution of Ashes
8:00 a.m.	Holy Cross Parish – Olyphant Mass & Distribution of Ashes
12:00 p.m.	Holy Cross Parish – Olyphant Mass & Distribution of Ashes
12:00 p.m.	Blessed Sacrament Parish – Throop Mass & Distribution of Ashes
4:00 p.m.	Liturgy of the Word & Distribution of Ashes Holy Cross Parish - Olyphant
6:00 p.m.	Holy Cross Parish – Olyphant Mass & Distribution of Ashes
7:00 p.m.	Mass & Distribution of Ashes Blessed Sacrament Parish





YOUTH GROUP MEETING

The Youth Group will meet **next Sunday, February 26th** from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. in Kelley Hall to begin planning for Living Stations. This year, the **Living Stations** will be presented at Blessed Sacrament on Friday, March 23rd at 7:00 p.m. and at Holy Cross on Friday, March 30th at 8:00 p.m. The Youth Group will also conduct an **Easter Egg Hunt** on Saturday, Marcy 24th. Watch the bulletin for more information on these events!

OUTREACH & SOCIAL JUSTICE

THE JOY & HOPE OF THE PEOPLE OF THIS AGE

“The joys and the hopes, the griefs and the anxieties of the [people] of this age, especially those who are poor or in any way afflicted, these are the joys and hopes, the griefs and anxieties of the followers of Christ. Indeed, nothing genuinely human fails to raise an echo in their hearts. For theirs is a community composed of men [and women]. United in Christ, they are led by the Holy Spirit in their journey to the kingdom of their father and they have welcomed the news of salvation which is meant for every [one].” Vatican II, *Constitution on the Church in the Modern World* (1965) 1.

SOCIAL JUSTICE PROJECTS SCHEDULED

The Social Justice Committee announces the following upcoming projects:

- **BABY SHOWER** – The Social Justice Committee will sponsor a Baby Shower on **Sunday, March 25th** to collect baby items in support of St. Joseph’s Center. The Baby Shower will be held at Blessed Sacrament Parish Hall. Watch the bulletin for more information.
- **BONE MARROW DONOR DRIVE** – The Social Justice Committee will sponsor a Bone Marrow Donor Drive to be held on **Sunday, April 29th**. The drive will be held at in Kelley Hall at Holy Cross Parish from 11:30 until 2:30 p.m. Watch the bulletin for more information on how you can participate in this drive.

SOCIAL JUSTICE MEETING SCHEDULED

The next meeting for the Social Justice Committee will be held on **Thursday, February 23rd** at 6:30 p.m. in Kelley Hall. All parishioners from Holy Cross and Blessed Sacrament are welcome to plan and coordinate the upcoming activities to reach out to the needy in our community.

MID VALLEY CATHOLIC GOLDEN AGE: Meetings will resume on Thursday, March 8th at 7 p.m. in Kelley Hall. Easter candy will be collected. New members are welcome.

RITE OF ELECTION

The Rite of Election will be celebrated next **Sunday, February 26th** by Bishop Bambera with those who are preparing for the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. Catechumens (those never baptized) and candidates (those already baptized in another faith tradition) from around the diocese will be welcomed formally into the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). Let us continue to pray for all who are preparing to receive the sacraments at Easter. We especially pray for **Thomas Pearce** from Holy Cross Parish and **Addie Rocco** from Blessed Sacrament Parish who will be Confirmed and receive the Eucharist at the Easter Vigil

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CALENDAR

- **February 19th**
 - **NO Classes** – Presidents’ Weekend
- **February 26th**
 - Classes resume
 - HC 2nd Grade Class Mass – 10:30 a.m.
- **March 3rd**
 - 1st Holy Communion Retreat at Blessed Sacrament
- **March 4th**
 - Classes continue
 - BS 6th Grade Class Mass – 9:30 a.m.
 - HC 4th Grade Class Mass – 10:30 a.m.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION RETREAT

Just a reminder to all parents/guardians from Holy Cross and Blessed Sacrament with children preparing for First Holy Communion that the First Holy Communion Retreat will be held **Saturday, March 3rd** at Blessed Sacrament Parish. The retreat is for both parents and children preparing for the sacrament. If you have questions about the retreat, please contact Mr. John Musyt or Mrs. Rosemarie Liesiefsky.

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HOLY CROSS PARISH

HAPPY 2nd ANNIVERSARY!

On **Tuesday, February 21st**, Holy Cross Parish celebrates its second anniversary as a parish! On this anniversary, let us pray for our parish, that through the intercession of St. Michael the Archangel, St. Patrick, and with the grace of the Holy Ghost, God may continue to build us up into a strong and vibrant community of faith.

**WINTER WEATHER & OVERNIGHT HOURS FOR ADORATION CHAPEL**

Anytime snow or icy weather conditions are forecast for overnight, the Blessed John Paul II Adoration Chapel will be closed at an appropriate time during the evening and reopen after the 8:00 a.m. Mass (or 12:00 noon), weather permitting. Anyone whose hour is affected will be notified by phone. The following is a list of open hours: **Thursday 4:00 p.m.;** and several overnight hours on **Friday**. If you can spend an hour in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, please call 489-8816.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

SLOVAK HERITAGE SOCIETY DINNER

The Slovak Heritage Society of NEPA will sponsor an Ethnic Dinner featuring holupky, pirohy, and kielbasa on **Sunday, March 4th** at St. Ignatius of Loyola Parish Kingston from 2:00 till 5:00 p.m. The cost is \$12. To purchase tickets, please call 779-1694.

**ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER**

Eureka Hose Company No. 4, Olyphant will sponsor its annual Spaghetti Dinner on **Saturday, March 3rd** at the fire station, 7171 East Grant Street. The dinner includes all you can eat pasta, dessert, and beverages. Take-outs are available from 3:00 until 5:00 p.m. with dine-in service from 5:00 until 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$8 and can be purchased at the door or by calling 489-4718.

**ROCK-A-THON 2012**

The Little Sisters of the Poor at Holy Family Residence will sponsor a Rock-A-Thon on **Sunday, March 4th** from 12:00 until 4:00 p.m. Individuals, youth groups, and other organization are invited to form teams and garner sponsors to join in the fun and rock the afternoon away with the residents. For more information on how you can participate, please call 343-4065.

ST MARY'S CHURCH, Waymart is having a Cash Bingo on Saturday, February 25 at 6 p.m. The Bingo will be held at 242 Carbondale Road, Waymart Admission is \$15.00 with many \$50 and \$150 prizes. Jackpot is \$500

BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

THANK YOU – SUCCESSFUL TEA!

Thank you to all who made last weekend's Valentine Tea such a huge success – almost 150 women enjoyed the afternoon of friendship, food, music, and tea. A special word of appreciation to those who coordinated the event, all those who helped in the kitchen, those who cooked and prepared the desserts, the many people who assisted with set-up and clean-up, and of course all those who supported the parish. Thank you!

HOLY NAME SOCIETY – UPCOMING EVENTS

The Holy Name Society of Blessed Sacrament Parish is planning several events in the upcoming months. Watch the bulletin for more information regarding each event!

- **Lenten Pagach & Pizza Take-Out Sale** – scheduled for Friday, March 30th;
- **Handcrafted Lamb Shaped Butter Sale** – Lambs will be available for pick-up prior to the Easter Basket Blessing.

CONGRATULATIONS – WINNERS' CLUB

Congratulations to the following people who recently won the Winners' Club drawing for **week #14**: \$50 – Joseph Arvay; \$25 – Adrian Prokarym and \$25 – Vince & Marlene Telesha. Winners club drawing for week #15: \$50 – Joseph Arvay; \$25 – Dennis & Marge Pabis and \$25 Ed Kolatis

**HALUSKI & CLAM CHOWDER SOUP SALE**

The Altar & Rosary Society will conduct a Haluski & Clam Chowder Soup Sale. Order sheets can be found at the entrance of the church. **Orders will be taken until April 1st**. Haluski can be purchased for \$4 per quart and Clam Chowder can be purchased for \$6/quart or \$4/pint. All orders can be picked up at the Parish Hall on **Good Friday, April 6th** from 12:00 until 5:00 p.m. For more information, please call 489-5125.

VFW POST #7251, Boulevard Avenue, Throop will hold a Lenten Food Sale, Ash Wednesday, February 23. Potato Pancakes 3 for \$2.00 Serving Noon to 6 :00 p.m. February 24th Noodles & Cabbage \$3.00, Pierogis with butter and onions. 3 for \$2.00, Serving noon to 6 p.m.