Director of Finance & Operations: Joan Kramzer

Religious Education Coordinator: Sylvia Smith

Music Ministry Director: Kathy Felong, 833-8548

Associate Music Director: Andrew Alesso

Finance Council Chair: Frank Hodas

Custodian: Paul Wilson

Maintenance Committee Chair: Dusty Rhoades

Prayer Chain Coordinators: Mary Czarnecki, 833-8625
Marie Scicchitano, 520-5017

Pastor: Fr. Scott P. Detisch, Ph.D.

OFFICE HOURS
Monday–Thursday: 8:30 a.m.–4:00 p.m.
Friday: 8:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Summer Hours (June - August)
Monday–Thursday: 8:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.
Friday: 8:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

CLOSED SATURDAYS & SUNDAYS

MASS SCHEDULE
Saturday (Vigil): 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 8:00 & 10:00 a.m.
Weekday: 8:00 a.m. & as announced
Holy Day: 8:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Saturday 4:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. or by appointment.

NEW PARISHIONERS
Welcome! Please call the office for information or register online www.holycrossfairview.org

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE
Eight month preparation and membership required of either Bride or Groom.
Contact Fr. Scott Detisch 474-2605

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM
We recommend that couples attend baptism class during the pregnancy.
Parish membership of four months required.
Contact Sylvia Smith at Parish office 474-2605.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS
Preparation to become a Catholic. Contact Sylvia Smith at Parish office 474-2605 for more information

THE MISSION OF OUR PARISH
Holy Cross is a Catholic community of diverse people, rooted in a heritage of faith, united by the Eucharist and the Word of God. Following Christ’s example, we seek through a variety of ministries, to know, love and serve God and one another.
A YEAR OF OPPORTUNITY

Today marks the opening of the special Holy Year of Faith that was announced by Pope Benedict XVI. As you know, this Holy Year has been called to mark the 50th anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council in 1962 and the 20th anniversary of the publication of the Catechism of the Catholic Church in 1992. However, the real intent of this Holy Year is to provide us with ample opportunities to grow in our Catholic faith, which means to grow:

- in our personal relationship with Christ,
- in our commitment to the Church;
- in our understanding of Catholic teachings about the person and legacy of Jesus.

I think it is important for each of us to see this Holy Year as a Year of Opportunity to try to learn and discover more about prayer, our Catholic faith, and our mission as Catholic disciples of Christ in the world today. To that end, here are some suggestions for growth in faith during this Holy Year:

1. If you like to read, there are plenty of books that have published to help the average Catholic learn more about what the Second Vatican Council has taught us about our faith. I would suggest *Keys to the Council: Unlocking the Teaching of Vatican II* by Richard Gaillardetz and Catherine Clifford [Collegeville, MN: Liturgical Press, 2012]. It is written in very accessible language and brief chapters. Also, if you do not own a copy of the new Catechism of the Catholic Church, order one. The US Bishops have published a particularly helpful version called *U.S Catholic Catechism for Adults (USCCA)*. Both of these texts can be ordered through most on-line book stores.

2. Make a resolution to pray more, especially in quiet. Start off slowly. Maybe early in the morning is the best time for quiet in your house. Or perhaps you could start driving to and from work in quiet and use those moments as prayer time.

You might begin with a memorized prayer or expressing some thoughts and feelings to God, but begin to allow time for listening “with the inner ear” to what God speaks deep inside. Be patient with this. It takes time to develop this capacity in ourselves, but it does happen and can happen in everyone who is open to it.

3. Come more prepared for Mass by prayerfully reading all week the scripture readings that will be proclaimed at Mass the following weekend. These readings are always listed in the bulletin. In addition, they can be read on-line by going to www.usccb.org then going to the calendar on the right side of the page and clicking on the date for the upcoming Sunday. Spend a few moments with any word or phrase or image that captures your attention. Ask God to reveal the significance of that word or phrase or image in your own life.

4. Get involved in some ministry or service to God’s People. Our Catholic faith is never just teachings to be learned and a secret, private relationship with Christ. Our faith needs to be lived; and an essential part of living the faith is service to God’s People. There are always plenty of opportunities here at Holy Cross and at the Fairview Community Food Pantry, which we participate in as a parish.

These are just a few suggestions that are “do-able” and not overwhelming.

I pray that all of us see this Holy Year of Faith as a Year of Opportunity to really grow in our faith, in our relationship with Christ, and in our understanding and living out of the Catholic faith.

God’s Peace,
Father Scott
The New Parishioner meeting will be **Tuesday, OCTOBER 9 at 7:00PM**

If you are not a registered member of Holy Cross Church, please contact the parish office at (814) 474-2605 or visit our website at www.holycrossfairview.org and click on the Membership link to register.

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**POLITICAL ACTIVITIES GUIDELINES**
For Catholic Institutions in Pennsylvania

Holy Cross never grants permission for the distribution of campaign literature anywhere on its property to any political candidates or advocacy groups. If you find any literature on your car, be advised that Holy Cross did not grant permission.

Holy Cross Church must always protect our tax exempt status by remaining politically neutral.

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**Holy Cross Parish Financial Summary**

In today’s bulletin, you will find a copy of the Financial Summary for Holy Cross Parish for Fiscal Year 2011-2012. This report gives you a picture of the revenues (income) and expenditures (operating expenses, capital expenses, and diocesan assessments) for July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012. The report also illustrates, with the use of pie charts, the percentage of our expenses for each area of our parish life and the breakdown between parish and diocesan expenses. Please do not hesitate to contact me or Frank Hodas if you have any questions regarding the report.

Joan M. Kramzer
Director of Finance and Operations

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**Jubilee Garden**

Several beautification projects are being undertaken in preparation for our 50th anniversary celebration next year. The most recent project, now finished, was painting the large cross in front of the church gold to reflect our golden jubilee theme. Our next project is to create a Jubilee Garden by turning the patio area outside the chapel into a beautiful and tranquil outdoor space for reflection and small gatherings.

One of the first steps in creating the garden is to replace the deteriorated wood wall behind the Pieta statue with a permanent retaining wall featuring bricks engraved with the names of parish family members, loved ones and friends. You could also memorialize a loved one or friend who died. The bricks will not only provide stability to the current landscaping but will also give us a unique forever-way to commemorate our 50th anniversary.

The retaining wall is planned to be finished by our Jubilee celebration next May. Bricks will go on sale beginning October 20th. For $50 each you can get two lines of engraving AND you can specify where on the wall you want your brick placed.

So, looking for an unusual Christmas, birthday or anniversary gift? How about something etched in stone?

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**Don't Forget**

Just a friendly reminder that all CSA pledges need to be paid in full by Dec. 31, 2012, and not Jan. 31, as it was in previous years.

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**SEPT.30, 2012 COLLECTION**

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**Mass Intentions for the Week**

**Monday October 8, 2012**
8:00 AM  
All the Deceased  
Req. by the Woods Family

**Tuesday October 9, 2012**
8:00 AM  
Donald Buseck  
Req. by Sally Rouch  
10:00 AM  
Mass at Fairview Manor  
Kathy Kramer  
Req. by Mike Bukovinsky

**Wednesday October 10, 2012**
8:00 AM  
Donald Buseck  
Req. by Jim & Mary Rutkowski

**Thursday October 11, 2012**
8:00 AM  
Communion Service

**Friday October 12, 2012**
8:00 AM  
Irma Smith  
Req. by Peg Mallin

**Saturday October 13, 2012**
5:00 PM  
Holy Cross Parish Family

**Sunday October 14, 2012**
8:00 AM  
Fred & Jeanne Ferraro  
Req. by Judy Liebentritt  
10:00 AM  
Amy Sachse  
Req. by Barb & Jenni Turner

Our sanctuary lamp will burn this week in memory of:

**IRMA & JIM SMITH**

Requested by

Mary Czamecki

(If you wish to request that the sanctuary candle burn in memory of a loved one or for some other special intention, please call the office. Donation $10.00).

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCT. 8, 2012**

- **Monday**: Gal 1:6-12/Lk 10:25-37
- **Tuesday**: Gal 1:13-24/Lk 10:38-42
- **Wednesday**: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14/Lk 11:1-4
- **Thursday**: Gal 3:1-5/Lk 11:5-13
- **Friday**: Gal 3:7-14/Lk 11:15-26
- **Saturday**: Gal 3:22-29/Lk 11:27-28
- **Sunday**: Wis 7:7-11/Heb 4:12-13/Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27

**QUESTION OF THE WEEK**

**27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**ADULT**: How fully do I support the vision of marriage that Jesus presented?

**CHILD**: What would you talk to Jesus if you had the chance to come to him?
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**Congratulations**

**to**

Holy Cross’s Good Samaritans who were named “Volunteer Group of the Year 2012” by the Manchester Presbyterian Lodge.

The Good Samaritans are: Fran Buseck, Ed & Kathy Malinowski, Peg Mallin, Jim Terry, Bebe Imboden, John & Pat Timon, Judy Gido, Marie Scicchitano.

Judy Gido accepted the award on behalf of the Good Samaritans.

**Child Protection & Creating Safe Environments**

**Diocesan Child Protection Policies**

The Diocese of Erie, along with all dioceses of the United States, has policies & procedures in place to address the national problem of child abuse & to aid in creating safe environments. The diocese is committed to on-going screening & training of paid or volunteer persons who have regular contact with our children & youth under the age of 18. It is also committed to the yearly inservicing & training of our children, youth & parents regarding touching-safety & safe environments. To see what the Diocese of Erie is doing to keep children & youth safe, check out:

http://www.eriercd.org/protectyouth.htm