

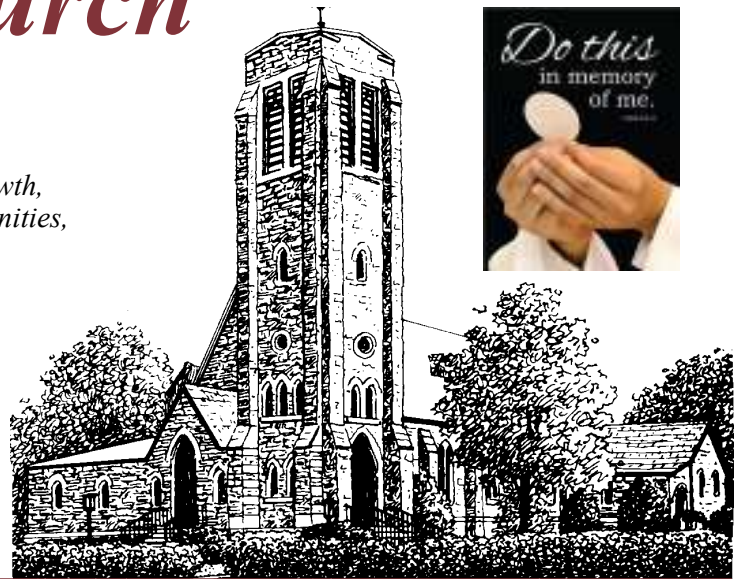
# Holy Cross Church of Charlotte

April 22, 2018

Our Eucharistic Community at Holy Cross Welcomes all to faith in Jesus Christ and nurtures their growth, Celebrates and demonstrates God's presence in our communities, And sends forth all to serve God and each other as guided by the Holy Spirit.



They will hear my voice, and there will be one flock, **one shepherd.**



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### Reconciliation by appointment or

Saturday Eves of First Fridays & Holydays  
3:30 PM—4:30 PM 4:45 PM—5:10 PM

### Anointing of the Sick and Communion

In an emergency, call the parish office (663-2244) at any time. Arrangements for Communion for the sick and infirm can be made by calling the parish office (663-2244).

**Marriage** Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance by calling Deacon Joe Placious for an appointment.

**Baptism** Baptism is usually celebrated at 1:00 PM on Sunday afternoon. Every family must be interviewed and have attended a recent PreBaptism program. Arrangements should be made at least two months prior.

**Welcome!** @holycrossroc

If you are new in the parish, please introduce yourself after Mass or at the Parish Office. We want to know and serve you! Know that your prayers, your presence, and support are appreciated. [www.holycrossrochester.org](http://www.holycrossrochester.org)

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## Celebration of the Eucharist

### Saturday

(Mass of Anticipation)  
5 PM

### Weekday

(M-F) 7:30 AM & 5:20 PM  
(Saturday) 8:00 AM

### Sunday

8 AM, 10 AM, & 12 Noon

### Holydays and Lent

Please see inside bulletin

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**Interested in registering as a parishioner?** Go on-line and download a registration form or contact the parish office at 663-2244 between 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM, Monday through Friday.

Items of parish interest for the bulletin must be submitted to the parish office in writing by Monday, noon. Articles on disk or as an e-mail attachment are preferred.

## FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

On Tuesday I will go to Rome to celebrate my 40th anniversary of ordination and will return on May 2.

Today, the Church all over the world prays for our young people to answer the call of God to priesthood and religious life.

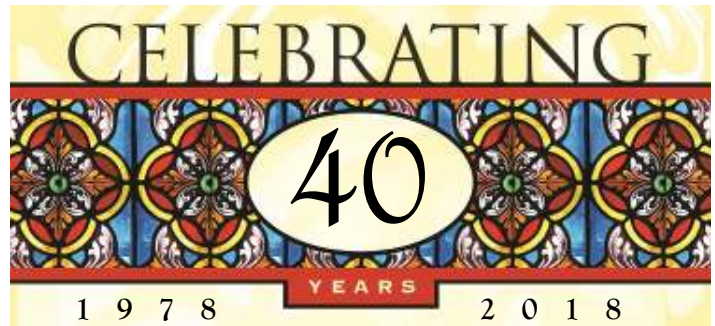
This is because today our readings will focus on the Good Shepherd. Jesus, as our Shepherd never leaves his flock untended.

Our Good Shepherd calls upon us all to act with adult responsibility in concern for the welfare of one another and our parish.

We have just received official word that Father George has been assigned as Parochial Vicar at Our Lady of the Lakes at Penn Yan effective this coming June. We wish him well in his new assignment.

I thank Father Wheeland and Father Reif and all of you for helping me in Father Jorge's formation as a priest. The first assignment of any priest will have a lasting effect on his entire ministry. It has been a privilege for all of us to be a part of this.

**Sincerely, Father Gagnier**



## Celebrating the 40th Anniversary of Fr Gagnier's Ordination

**Sunday, May 6 at the Noon Mass  
followed by Dinner Served at 2:00 PM  
in the School Gym**

**Tickets will be on sale after all Masses THIS weekend, April 21/22 and NEXT weekend, April 28/29, or pick them up in the Parish Office.**

Tickets: \$25     *Dinner Catered by:* Mr. Dominic's

*Menu includes:*

Sirloin Tips	Cash Bar
Potatoes	Beer and Wine
Green Beans	<i>(proceeds will</i>
Copper Penny Salad	<i>benefit the school)</i>
Soda, Coffee, Tea	Cake

*Please join Father Gagnier on this Festive Occasion!*



## Religious Education Year-End Ceremonies THIS Sunday, April 22, 10:00 AM Mass followed

**by a Reception in Beacon Place**

Thank you to all our wonderful Catechists (teachers, teacher-aides and office helpers) who share their faith and knowledge with the children of our parish. We have a successful and faith-filled program because our Catechists are committed to share their time and talents each week!

*Note: Sunday preschool classes continue until their closing ceremonies on Sunday, May 6.*

## Interested in Learning More about the Priesthood?

Contact one of our priests or visit the Diocesan website [www.roc priest.org](http://www.roc priest.org).

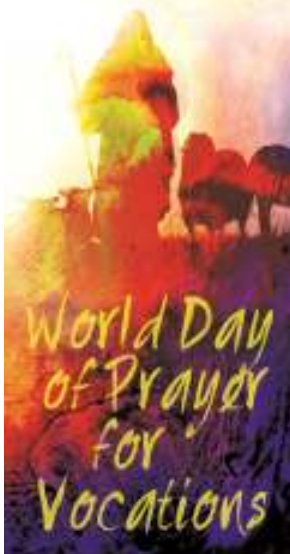


### Vocation Discernment Prayer

Lord, let me know clearly the work you are calling me to do. Grant me the grace and generosity I need to answer your call with courage and love, for to do your will is my joy and my peace. Amen.

**THIS Sunday, April 22, the Church throughout the world will pray for vocations.** Will you make a special effort to ask the Lord for more vocations to the priesthood and religious life?

- Pray for the priests who have ministered to you throughout your life, both living and dead.
- Keep our parish priests in your prayers throughout the week.
- Encourage your children, grandchildren, or other young people to consider a vocation as a priest or religious brother or sister.
- Pray a rosary for more young men and women in our diocese to respond to God's call.



## May Day Celebration also Honors our Holy Cross Parish 8th Graders

**NEXT Sunday April 29 at the 10 AM Mass**



In keeping with our tradition we will have a May Day Queen, Honor Court, and Honor Guard. We want to be sure to include all our parish eighth graders and we will need all of you. There are many roles to this honored tradition and your presence is needed very much.

### Our May Queen and those in the Court and Honor Guard should emulate the life of Mary.

Do you have, or do you know another eighth grade young lady or gentleman who has, these qualities of Mary: are they/you kind, forgiving, loving, caring, humble, obedient and faith-filled. If you would like to nominate someone or yourself, please just send us a short note of the way you see Mary in this person or how you try to follow Mary's example in your own life.

### IT'S A QUICK TURN AROUND TIME SO...

**Nominate either a girl or guy or both by THIS Monday, April 23, 2018 by calling Donna Jacobi at 621-8133 or emailing her at [donnajacobi@hotmail.com](mailto:donnajacobi@hotmail.com).**

We will have a rehearsal after our 5:20 PM Mass on Friday April 27, 2018. We will begin with 5:20 PM Mass where our May Queen will be chosen along with court and honor guard. This will be followed by a pot luck dinner and we will then proceed to rehearsal. Bring your friends and family.

On Sunday, April 29 we will meet with our May Court, Honor Guard and Queen at 9:15 AM in the parish center and will begin our wonderful celebration.

We invite all our parishioners and their friends and families to join all of us for this wonderful Holy Cross Tradition!



Thank you to all who came out to volunteer for our Day of Goodness and made it such a great success! These volunteers helped out at Foodlink.

## You're Invited!

### To Our Non Event Fundraiser

You should have received a letter from Fr Gagnier before Easter that spoke about our 2018 Non Event Fundraiser. Thanks to the 112 families that have so far contributed **\$15,945** to our Non Event Fundraiser!

Please consider making a contribution today to show your support of Holy Cross and its ministries to help us meet our \$50,000 goal.

*Thank you!*

SAVE THE DATE

**BARNES & NOBLE**  
**BOOKFAIRS**

**Holy Cross School**  
**Sunday, May 6 at 1:00 PM**  
330 Greece Ridge Center

Student Performances and a Visit from a Local Author

**Can't Attend our Bookfair at Barnes & Noble?**  
Visit [BN.Com/bookfairs](http://BN.Com/bookfairs) to support us online from May 6 to May 11 by entering Bookfair ID 12346821 at checkout.

[BN.COM/BOOKFAIRS](http://BN.COM/BOOKFAIRS) | [#BNBOOKFAIRS](https://twitter.com/BNBOOKFAIRS)

## *Time & Talent Stewardship*

### **Volunteer & Ministry Opportunities** **In Need of An Altar Server Coordinator**

Thank you to the Hoelperls for serving Holy Cross in this capacity. As they are moving on to other ministries, we need someone to take over this important ministry of training (we have a guide book) and scheduling servers for all Masses. Participating in the Creating a Safe Environment training is a pre-requisite. **Please call the parish office at 663-2244 if you are interested.**

## Stewardship

Like a shepherd Jesus leads us by his voice that echoes throughout the centuries and remains real and effective even in our modern world. To be his disciple means to risk rejection in a similar way as he experienced. The shepherd will not lead his lambs into danger, but there is danger all around us regardless.

Everyday Stewardship can be something we talk about in the abstract or a way of living we simply wish we could follow. It can be an imperfect reality that at times places us in direct conflict with the world. As we decrease and Jesus increases in us, many will be drawn to the love and

*Their conversion of heart begins with you and your example.*

compassion that flows through us. However, some will see us for fools and will suggest we are ridiculous. Cultivating our gifts for

God's sake and the total surrender of all we possess and have become to God is not wise in some eyes. Either they think we are crazy, or, just maybe at times, the example of our lives causes them to question their own values.

If you give a little, you will be admired. If you give a lot, you will be celebrated. If you give it all, you can be rejected. Not everyone will have this negative reaction. Some will see your example and will seek to do the same. They will then join you in following the shepherd. They will become a true sign of Jesus Christ to the world. But their conversion of heart begins with you and your example.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



### Fourth Sunday of Easter

Many of us name Psalm 23 as our favorite. It is sung at funerals, including at Blessed Mother Teresa's. It adorns many a home in framed needlepoint and refrigerator magnets. There is a reason for the

popularity of this psalm. The image it conveys to us is one of helpless little lambs that are so very loved by a Good Shepherd. We see ourselves as lambs being led by someone who cares so much for us. When we are hurt, he holds us. When we are lost, he finds us.

Some have said that, because most of us have never seen a real shepherd at work, the image does not have the same power. But the popularity of the image tells a different story. Add to the above images the reality that this Good Shepherd lays down his life for his sheep, and the image is pretty easy to understand. We hear his voice, and we follow; we follow him into eternal life.

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### Holy Cross Church - Parish Survey 2017-18

We can now begin to address some concerns brought up via our Parishioner Satisfaction Survey from December 2017.

Please share our responses with those who you know have decided to leave Holy Cross because of misinformation.

#### Comments:

1. I think the church should have much more robust programs for children (children's liturgy, school age groups, youth groups) because when you get the kids involved then the parents get more involved too.
2. You...do not communicate well with the volunteers... especially... when it come to your control over the volunteers when it comes to staffing these groups.

#### Response:

We have a part-time Religious Education Coordinator, a part-time Youth Ministry Facilitator, and an All Volunteer CYO and Children's Liturgy program. The suggestions above require volunteers to share their time and talents. We have many dedicated volunteers and welcome all to find a ministry that is a fit for you. However, as volunteers, we do not "staff" these groups, they are not paid, and can come and go as they need to, ie. work conflicts, family issues, health issues, etc.

Parents must be on the look out for what activities might interest their children, be willing to volunteer to help out and transport their children. Reading the bulletin or visiting our website weekly will give all a sense of how much is going on at Holy Cross that involves youth of all ages: Holy Cross School, Religious Ed, Sacrament Prep, Tween/Teen Meetings with many activities that get them involved in serving our community and beyond. CYO involves children, both boys and girls, from Grade 2 through High School and also includes service to the community. Children are welcome at the Sunday Children's Liturgy, Sunday Preschool, as Altar Servers (once they make their First Communion, and as Lectors (in their teen years.) If you are interested in having a specific program/activity that we don't currently provide, we welcome your ideas, time, and talent. All it takes is a person with an idea and the passion, skills, and time to make it a reality.

**NEXT week's topic:** Time & Talent Opportunities



Pope Francis has made a compelling statement on the environment by saying that we are truly the masters of the environment and that we are called by God to protect it.

**Masses for the Week, April 21—29**

**SATURDAY, April 21 Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**5:00** †Catherine Duffy *26th Anniversary* by Nancy

**SUNDAY, April 22 Fourth Sunday of Easter**

*World Day of Prayer for Vocations*

**8:00** †Angie Masters

by The Sunday Morning Breakfast Group

**10:00** †Rita & Erhard Geist by Their Daughter Heidi

**12:00** †George M. Yuna

by Tony & Karen & Gaetano Family

**MONDAY, April 23** *Sts George & Adalbert*

**7:30** Special Intention of Jean LoGiudice

**5:20** †Domonic Bonaccorsy by Joseph & Lois Amato

**TUESDAY, April 24** *St Fidelis of Sigmaringen*

**7:30** †John Wheeland by John & Joan Power

**5:20** †James Dougherty

by Fr Lou, staff, and all at St Alphonsus

**WEDNESDAY, April 25** *St Mark, Apostle*

**7:30** †Weekly Mass for the Living and Deceased Members of Holy Cross Parish

**2:00** Mass at Beatrice Place

**5:20** †Joseph Eckert by The Eckert Family

**THURSDAY, April 26** *Easter Weekday*

**7:30** †Carl Gianforte by Carol Rathbun

**5:20** †James Vasile by Charlie & Sue Norton

**FRIDAY, April 27** *Easter Weekday*

**7:30** †Rose Heyer

**5:20** †Joseph Barry by The Barry Family

**SAT, April 28** *Sts Peter Chanel & Louis Grignion de Monfort*

**8:00** †Jean Swartzwalder by The Duge Family

**SATURDAY, April 28 Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**5:00** †Jean Davison

by Maureen & Mike O'Connor & Family

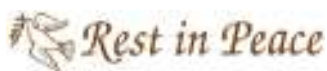
**SUNDAY, April 29 Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**8:00** †Madlyn Collichio by Her Family

**10:00** †William Gray by His Wife Ellen

**12:00** †Frank Caricchio by Cindy Davide & Family

**Wills/Bequests/Memorials—  
Please Remember Holy Cross Parish  
and Holy Cross School**



*Pray for the deceased, especially:  
Sharon Scantlin, Armond Gascon, John Colopietro,  
Salvatore Sofia, Susan M. Martin, and  
Terrance Abel*

**This Week at a Glance:**

**SUNDAY, April 22**

10:00 AM Religious Ed Year-End Mass – Church  
Followed by Reception in Parish Center

11:00 AM Coffee Hour – Parish Center

7:00 PM PreBaptism Class – Parish Center

**MONDAY, April 23**

**TUESDAY, April 24**

1:00 PM Bible Study – Parish Center

5:00 PM Eagle Scout Reception – Parish Center

6:30 PM Eagle Scout Ceremony – Church

7:30 PM RCIA Mystagogia – Rectory

**WEDNESDAY, April 25**

1:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration – Church

2:00 PM Mass at Beatrice Place

6:00 PM Cub Scouts – Beacon Place

6:30 PM Cub Scouts – Gym

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal – Church

**THURSDAY, April 26**

9:15 AM Rosary – Church

6:00 PM JV Basketball – Gym

7:00 PM Contemporary Music Ens Rehearsal – PC

7:00 PM Bible Study – Beacon Place

**FRIDAY, April 27**

**SATURDAY, April 28**

9:00 AM First Communion Retreat – School/Church

7:00 PM Movie Night – School

**SUNDAY, April 29**

10:00 AM May Crowning at Mass

followed by a Visit to the Grotto  
and a Reception in the Parish Center



**Sanctuary Gifts:  
Week of April 22—28**

*The Candle in Church will Burn in Memory of  
John R. Andrews by The Family*



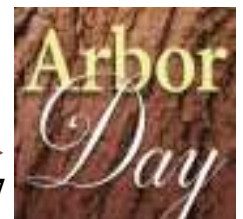
*Please welcome*

*Flora Lillian Schultz and Mario Alexander Camacho III  
who were recently baptized into our Catholic faith.*



**Wednesday,  
April 25**

**Friday, April 27**



# Blessings of Financial Stewardship

April Goal: \$ 67,647.10 . Total Collected: \$ 33,537.58

Please help by increasing your weekly Sacrificial Gift.

Mass Attendance.....	572
Loose Monies.....	\$ 778.03
Using Envelopes.....	\$ 6,763.00
Electronic Transfer*.....	\$ 2,897.42
<b>April 15.....</b>	<b>\$ 9,660.42</b>
<b>Collection Amt needed per week .....</b>	<b>\$ 13,529.42</b>
<b>Weekly Average since July 1, 2017.....</b>	<b>\$ 11,438.90</b>

Energy.....\$ 1,033.00

Running Shortfall in collections since July 1, 2017.(\$ 87,801.64)

Thank you for using your envelopes!

## Special Collections

THIS Week, April 22 School Fund

NEXT Week, April 29 Catholic Home Missions Appeal



## The Catholic Home Missions Appeal

NEXT Week, April 28/29

Next week, we will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Right now, over 40 percent of dioceses in the US are considered home missions because they are unable to fund essential pastoral work needed in their communities. Your support of this appeal helps ease the struggle of these dioceses. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. More information can be found at [www.usccb.org/home-missions](http://www.usccb.org/home-missions).



Last week we announced that we will be offering online giving. If you manage your bills online, why not give to your church online? It's safe and secure, and you decide exactly when your gift is made and where it goes. So if you forgot your envelope last week, [or if you missed our second collection], you can go online and make a gift to the [special collection] fund or our regular offertory.

Please visit [www.holycrossrochester.com](http://www.holycrossrochester.com) to find out how to give online.

Please help us keep our prayer list of those serving in our Armed Forces up to date. Let us know if any have safely returned home or have been deployed.



Let us keep in our prayers those who are serving our country in the Armed Forces;

Maj Paul B. Bock-USMC, E6 Dominick Caito USAF, Army, David Hendershott, Brandon Jackson, Ian Lindamood USAF, Pvt. Blake Manfredi, Chief Christopher Manfredi, SRA Jon McHugh, Jessica Meyer, U.S. Navy, Cody Miller, Steven Moll, Sgt. Irv Ogdenski, Tyler Owen, Maj Kevin J. Smith, Janine Swanson, and Charles Williams, U.S. Navy

## We Miss You!



We are concerned about the drop in the number of parishioners attending weekly Mass. When you are not here, we are missing an important part of our family.

Father Gagnier

## Celebrated Mass with Our Parish Family

Week	Apr'17	Apr'18
1	905	1,415
2	1,071	809
3	1,705	572
4		
5		



## 2018 Public Square Rosary Sunday, May 13 at 12:00 Noon

Corner of Latta and Long Pond Roads—on the Wegmans side

And continuing on the 13th of every month until the National Public Square Rosary Day on Saturday, October 13, there will be a Commemoration of the Apparitions of Our Blessed Mother to the Children at Fatima.

As we know all too well, the United States as well as the whole world is in extremely urgent need of public prayer, repentance, and conversion, and Our Blessed Mother has told us

repeatedly that we must ask God to save America through the Rosary.

Therefore, please join us in praying the Rosary for our Nation on the days and times listed below.

- Wednesday, June 13: 6:00 P.M.
- Friday, July 13: 6:00 P.M.
- Monday, August 13: 6:00 P.M.
- Thursday, September 13: 6:00 P.M.
- Saturday, October 13: 12:00 NOON

If you have any comments, questions, or would like more information, please call Nancy Weiland at 392-8037.

**Liturgical Ministers Week of April 28/29 (5th Sunday of the Month)**

	Coordinators	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Cantors	Altar Servers	Streamed Mass
5 PM	<b>NEED Someone</b>	Mario & Maria Ciminelli, Ed DiPonzio, <b>NEED Someone</b>	Patrick Miller	Contemporary Music Ens	Natalie Campbell, NEED SERVERS	
8 AM	<b>Ron Sauers</b>	Ron Sauers, Chris Schiano, Jim Cinelli	<b>NEED Someone</b>	Bev Empey	NEED SERVERS	
10 AM	<b>Lou D'Angelo</b>	Lou D'Angelo, Ron & Sue Ellsworth, Karen Marsh, Josie Baccolo, Mary Ann Pembroke	Charley Hannon	Bill Brown	Brooklyn Tortorice, Devan Lester	Ryan Butterworth
12 PM	<b>Joe DiVincenzo</b>	Joe, DiVincenzo, Margaretmary Zeh, Jerry Palermo, Iris Ioannone	Mary Lou George	Ray Lanzafame	Brennan Dornberger, NEED SERVER	

**Liturgical Ministers Week of April 28/29 (5th Sunday of the Month)**

**May 2**

Children's Liturgy	Coffee Hour	Small Altar Linens	Clean Church	Shore Winds
Santangelo	Cathy Tortorice	Pay Lynch	J St.George, R Raymond, P Mereau	<b>NEED Someone</b>

**Weekday Altar Servers**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7:30 AM	<i>Need Server</i>	<i>Need Server</i>	<i>Need Server</i>	<i>Need Server</i>	<i>Need Server</i>
5:20 PM	<i>Need Server</i>	<i>Need Server</i>	<i>Need Server</i>	<i>Need Server</i>	<i>Need Server</i>