

Dear Parishioners,

I hope you will join our "self-guided" parish retreat "33 Days to Morning Glory". All you need for this retreat is access to the book -- and the commitment to read, pray, and ponder for 33 days. Books and prayer cards are available this weekend. An introductory video may be helpful. This will be shown Wednesday, December 30 at 10:00 am at Holy Cross, and at 7:00 pm at St. Luke's in the new Fr. Travis Conference Room in Annunciation Hall.

33 days of short readings start December 31, and last until February 1. Then, you will be prepared to choose whether or not you want to consecrate yourself to Jesus following the example of Mary: a Marian Consecration. Other videos will be offered thru February 4 at 10 am on Wednesdays at Holy Cross and at 7 pm on Thursdays at St. Luke's. I suggest joining a prayer partner or small group to encourage each other to complete the simple retreat. I trust you will find the retreat to be a great surprise of blessings.

Fr. Jim Dubrouillet

Mass Intentions

Fri., 1 9:00 AM For the People
 Sat., 2 7:00 PM For the People
 Sun., 3 9:00 AM Priest Intention

This Week in our Parish

Sun., 27 9:00 AM Mass
 Wed., 30 7:00 PM Intro to 33 Days Retreat
 Thu., 31 7:00 PM Vigil Mass @ Holy Cross
 Fri., 1 9:00 AM Mass
 11:15 AM Mass @ Holy Cross
 Sat., 2 3:30 PM Confession @ Holy Cross
 7:00 PM Mass
 Sun., 3 9:00 AM Mass
 10:00 AM Tour Annunciation Hall



Happy birthday to all those celebrating birthdays this week! May God bless you on your special day!

Readings for the Week

Sun Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10; Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17; Lk 2:41-52
 Mon 1 Jn 1:5—2:2; Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8; Mt 2:13-18
 Tue 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35
 Wed 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Lk 2:36-40
 Thu 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13; Jn 1:1-18
 Fri Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
 Sat 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 1:19-28
 Sun Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Parishioners: B.Ahearn, G. Amorosia, E. Bouchard, C. Carpenter, D. Clements, L. Currens, J. Dunn, I. Maziarz, J. Maziarz, P. Mitchell, B. Moll, R. Pavlick, J. Russell, J. Sewell, D. Sheridan, M. Tobon, A. Young
Friends and Relatives: D. Amorosia, K. Armstrong, B. Authement, Bolt Family, George Cohen, Jr., D. DeLise, S. DeLise, D. Doria, S. Drake, B. Elliott, M. Fernandez, J. Gniewek, Mr. & Mrs. E. Guderian, Jr., H. Hanahoe, A. Heredia, E. Kiesznoski, W. Kuell, D. Lovett, C. Maziarz, J. Merck, B. Metts, M. Nash, V. Navasnik, T. & M. Nicholson, C. O'Quinn, L. O'Quinn, L. Paradis, J. Pavlick, T. Quatrini, M. Reddy, J. Richeda, M. Rizzo, G. Roberts, C. Robinson, M. Sanchez, T. Shayne, J. Sheridan, P. Shoemaker, E. Swire, J. Taylor, S. Taylor, our homebound members, all current and former members of our military and those who have asked for our prayers.

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

CHRISTIAN FORMATION NEWS

Elementary Grades 1-6 will resume classes on Wednesday, January 6.

Junior High Youth group will have their next meeting on Sunday, January 10 after the 9 AM Mass.

Senior High Youth group will resume meetings after the holidays on Sunday, January 10 after the 9 AM Mass.

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

33 Days to Morning Glory: In case you missed the first presentation, there will be a second introductory video presentation of the retreat on Wednesday, December 30 at 7 PM in the new Annunciation Hall. This is a chance for you to understand the overall plan of the retreat and to pick up a book. If you have any questions, please contact Dave Young at dgyoung3@charter.net or 864-633-8578.

Respect Life: Heavenly Father, thank you for the precious gift of life. Help us to cherish and protect this gift, even in the midst of fear, pain, and suffering. Give us love for all people, especially the most vulnerable, and help us bear witness to the truth that every life is worth living. Grant us the humility to accept help when we are in need, and teach us to be merciful to all. Through our words and actions, may others encounter the outstretched hands of your mercy. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen. — USCCB 2015-16 Respect Life Program Prayer Card: "Every Life is Worth Living"

Worldwide Marriage Encounter: May your marriage experience the blessings and joy that Christmas promises. Strengthen, renew, and rekindle your marriage sacrament by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on February 26-28th in Myrtle Beach, SC or February 5-7th in Asheville, NC. If you would like more information, please visit www.scmarragematters.org or call 803-810-9602.

Capital Campaign Report December 19-20, 2015

Cost to Date	\$1,174,692	From Growth/Dev	\$550,000
Balance Due	\$69,334	Donations & Int.	\$429,366
Loan Interest (5 yr)	\$29,645	Pledges Expected	\$115,272
Total Cost	\$1,273,671	Total Funding	\$1,094,638
		Funds Needed	\$179,033

Stewardship Report

December 19-20, 2015

Weekly.....	\$8653.28
YTD Collection.....	\$108,545.43
Surplus/ (Deficit).....	\$5,967.93

Thank you for your generosity!

Liturgical Ministry Schedule

January 1, 2016

9:00 AM	Lector: B. Kelly Servers: J. LiBrizzi A. LiBrizzi M. Quittenton Greeters: B. Jacob D. Thurlow
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January 2-3, 2016

7:00 PM	Lector: J. Thompson Servers: E. Swire-Clark J. Swire-Clark J. McDaniel Greeters: B. Jacob D. Jacob
9:00 AM	Lector: R. DeWeese Servers: G. Brons R. Hundsrucker J. Neuburger Greeters: B. Brennan D. Ewing G. Pittman J. Weidemann

Holy Cross Catholic Church
558 Hampton Ave Pickens, SC
Mass Schedule*

Saturday.....	5:00 PM
Sunday.....	11:15 AM
Monday.....	8:15 AM
Wednesday.....	12:15 PM
Friday.....	12:15 PM

**Check the website to confirm.*