

Dear Parishioners,

Last Sunday was a big day for Holy Cross parish and for John Villano. John received the ministry of Acolyte in preparation for being ordained a deacon in 2017. He has been studying for over 3 years, an indication of how much preparation is required for the ministry of Acolyte. Acolytes do the same things that extra-ordinary ministers of Communion do — but Acolytes are “installed” by the bishop, for life, for service in the diocese. Extra-ordinary ministers of Communion are “commissioned” by the parish priest for a temporary term in the particular parish. When John is serving as Acolyte at Mass he will wear an alb but not yet a stole. We will need 1 less extraordinary minister on these days, and our scheduling will soon reflect this change.

“Acolyte” is a restoration of the minor-order of “sub-deacon”. In those days, seminarians entered the clerical state — became clergymen — when they started studying theology. They were then “ordained” in each of the four minor orders, sub-deacon being the highest and the only ones allowed to distribute the Eucharist. Sub-deacons were free to marry, but they would leave the clerical state and their liturgical service in the Church would end. Within the Catholic Church, Deacons, Priests, and Bishops have never been permitted to marry and continue serving as ordained ministers.

Please continue to pray for John Villano and Dale Hanna, Candidate, who is two years behind John in the Diaconate program. Also, join me in praying for Jimmy Touzeau as he is in his first of four years studying theology in preparation for ordination as a priest in our diocese. If any men in the parish sense a call to service as a deacon or priest, talk with Dale, John, Deacon Tony, or me.

Fr Jim Dubrouillet

***This Week in our Parish***

Sun., 27 9:00 AM Mass  
 10:15 AM Sr. High Youth Mtg.  
 Jr. High Youth Mtg.  
 Garden Club Mtg.  
 1:00 PM Heart Camp Mtg. @ HC  
 Tue., 29 7:00 PM RCIA  
 Wed., 30 6:30 PM Religious Ed. (K-6)  
 Adult Bible Study  
 Thu., 1 12:15 PM Mass  
 Sat., 3 3:30 PM Confessions @ HC  
 7:00 PM Mass  
 Sun., 4 9:00 AM Mass  
 10:15 AM Sr. High Youth Mtg.  
 Confirmation Class  
 2:30 PM Life Chain @ Woodruff Rd.

***Readings for the Week***

Sun Nm 11:25-29; Ps 19; Jas 5:1-6;  
 Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48  
 Mon Zec 8:1-8; Ps 102; Lk 9:46-50  
 Tue Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a;  
 Ps 138; Jn 1:47-51  
 Wed Neh 2:1-8; Ps 137; Lk 9:57-62  
 Thu Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Ps 19; Lk 10:1-12  
 Fri Bar 1:15-22; Ps 79; Mt 18:1-5, 10  
 Sat Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Ps 69; Lk 10:17-24  
 Sun Gn 2:18-24; Ps 128; Heb 2:9-11;  
 Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

***Celebrating birthdays this week:***

September 28 Bob Dworak  
 September 29 Michael Pliauplis  
 September 30 Gary Pittman, Ryan Powers  
 October 1 Pat Borm, Anita DeWeese, Janis Parsons,  
 October 2 Avery Baker, Tony Tocco  
 October 3 Joe Weidemann  
 October 4 Drew Cassandra, Jessie Fisher,  
 Jacqueline Taillard, Debbie Travan

**May God bless you on your special day!**

***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, 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, J. Pavlick, T. Quatrini, M. Reddy, J. Richeda, M. Rizzo, G. Roberts, 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.

***Mass Intentions***

Sat., 26 7:00 PM For the People  
 Sun., 27 9:00 AM Gladys & Joseph Egan † by *Charlene Hirsch*  
 Thu., 1 12:15 PM Priest Intention  
 Sat., 3 7:00 PM For the People  
 Sun., 4 9:00 AM Charlotte Hirsch † by *Charlene Hirsch*

# Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## FAITH FORMATION

**Junior High Youth Meetings** start on Sunday, September 27 immediately after Mass. This class is for children in **grades 7-8**.

**Catholic Heart Work Camp 2016:** An important meeting for all Youth and their parents, along with the adults that are interested in attending HEART Work camp in 2016 will be held on Sunday, September 27 at Holy Cross at 1 PM. We have reserved 20 spots for the coming year. Questions/info, contact Bob Schintzius @ 505-4804 or [bthas61@yahoo.com](mailto:bthas61@yahoo.com).

## PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

**Respect Life:** 40 Days for Life Fall Campaign – Life Chain will take place on Sunday, Oct 4<sup>th</sup> from 2:30–3:30 PM on Woodruff Road, Greenville. Please join others across the country for this peaceful, prayerful, public witness for the sanctity of human life. Call Valerie, 297-8838, for signs and to find out where your church is assigned on the route.

**The Master's Garden** - *"The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into the harvest field."* Matthew 9: 37-38 Can you work with us for a few hours in St. Luke's gardens during our Fall Garden Work Morning Saturday ,October 10? Kick-off with coffee at 8:30 a.m. to organize & assign workers. Work plan: move 8 shrubs from signage at entrance & replant; plant three 10' crepe myrtles; dig up 20'x3' bed of irises; trim rose bush; plant striped liriopie (needed) @ sidewalks & green liriopie@ entrance; rake/move mulch; plant daffodils (need 100 donated). Wheel barrows, long-handled shovels, and water buckets needed.

**Save the date!** On Sunday, October 18, St. Luke will host its annual Feastival! This year will feature international food and games for kids as always. Tickets are required this year, \$7/person or \$20/family and will be on sale after Mass on the weekends before the event.

**The Vocations Office of the Diocese of Charleston** is hosting a discernment retreat for men (Ages 18-49), October 30-November 1 at White Oak Conference Center, SC. If you're interested in learning more about Christian discipleship, discernment, and the priesthood, please consider this retreat. Registration is now open! Visit [www.CharlestonVocations.com](http://www.CharlestonVocations.com) for information and to sign up online, or contact the Office of Vocations at 843-261-0532.

**Craft Bazaar sign ups have begun!** Sign up on the church website to reserve your spot for the St. Luke Craft Bazaar on November 14-15. Please be sure to read through the guidelines as there have been some changes. Space is limited, so reserve your spot now. Last year was awesome. This year will be even better!!!

## Stewardship Report September 19-20, 2015

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| Weekly .....            | \$4,036.28   |
| YTD Collection.....     | \$45,303.57  |
| Surplus/ (Deficit)..... | (\$3,647.63) |

## Capital Campaign Report September 19-20, 2015

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| Pledged .....      | \$1,087,802.13 |
| Pledges paid ..... | \$960,651.51   |
| Pledges due .....  | \$127,150.62   |

*Thank you for your generosity!*

## Liturgical Ministry Schedule October 3-4, 2015

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| 7:00 PM | Lector: B. Kelly<br>EMHC: A. King<br>P. Smith<br>Servers: M. Quittenton<br>J. McDaniel<br>A. Bissonnette<br>Greeters: B. Jacob<br>D. Jacob   |
| 9:00 AM | Lector: J. Thompson<br>EMHC: C. Huffstetler<br>G. Pittman<br>C. Roberson<br>J. Roberson<br>Servers: G. Brons<br>K. Franek<br>J. Neuburger<br>Greeters: R. DeWeese<br>D. Ewing<br>J. Powers<br>D. Wikle |

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

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