

Dear Parishioners of Holy Cross and St. Luke's,

I have been here for just over 1 year, and I have been here long enough to finish my start in two important matters. When a new priest becomes responsible for a church, the members of the finance council are asked to continue service until the new priest is comfortable appointing members of his own choosing. I am grateful for the previous members helping provide a smooth transition, and now announce that our new finance council is headed by Rick Noyce, with Dr. Joseph Kubiak, Cynthia Kwietniewski, and Veronica Stein. I have decided to have only one finance council. (Significant expenses are shared between the two churches.) After a while, or if the situation changes, I will ask council members whether or not they suggest we continue this arrangement.

A few years ago Bishop Guglielmone began a department of "Parish Financial Services" to provide bookkeeping services at no cost for small parishes. I decided to take advantage of this offer for both Holy Cross and St. Luke's. Angie Villano is now my "Administrative Assistant". Among other things, I rely on her to work with the heads of parish organizations at Holy Cross and St. Luke's. Organization heads should work with her to formulate their budgets which the finance council will then review.

The Parish Finance Council is responsible to assist the priest in overseeing the handling of all parish funds -- including the funds of parish organizations. The diocese has requirements to assure that we document donations in such a way that we respect the wishes of the donors. Also, before we commit to spending money we must be sure that we have the money and document the spending according to all the rules.

Pastoral Councils are freely appointed by the priest by whatever method he decides. When that priest leaves, the Pastoral Council is dissolved until the next priest decides who he will appoint. I have appointed Bill Petrilla, Ginger Touzeau, John Villano, and Gloria Weidemann to this council. I am hoping that one other parishioner will soon accept the call to join. They represent a small but diverse cross section of Holy Cross and St. Luke's. The pastoral council is a consultative body through which the Christian faithful give their help in fostering pastoral activity. This is both the role and the purpose of the pastoral council.

Pastoral Activity includes the following:

- 1) proclamation of the Word of God and Catechetical Formation;
- 2) celebration of the Eucharist and the other Sacraments as well as the fostering of family and individual prayer;
- 3) and service of those in spiritual and bodily need.

The parish pastoral council is to meet at least quarterly, and never meets in the absence of the priest. Pastoral councils are to be discerning, so prayer and study must form a significant part of each meeting. Pastoral councils are to offer informed advice, so study and preparation should be a normal part of each agenda. When members are asked "What did you do at the meeting?" the answer should be: "We prayed, studied *this*, and discussed *this*." No member should be asked to give any more detail -- meetings are confidential so that members are truly free to share their thoughts. Discussion at meetings is to be marked by Christian courtesy, love and respect. Advice should be reached not by vote but by discussion, and where possible, by consensus. The council advises the priest as he requests on topics he requests. Having received the advice of the council, I will continue to lead Holy Cross and St. Luke's.

Various organizations will continue to work with the church staff to schedule events. Such scheduling is an administrative duty -- not a pastoral activity. Usually I delegate details to the staff, but from time to time I will want to speak directly with group leaders. During the past year, the leaders of parish organizations expressed the preference to work with the staff on a regular basis to schedule events, and to have large meetings only rarely. I have not heard a reason to disagree.

I am most grateful for the support of the parishioners of Holy Cross and St. Luke's during my first year. With your help, we have made a few changes -- most notably by revising the website, having the church calendars on-line, the use of "FlockNotes", starting online giving, and allowing parishioners to access their records with "My Own Church". I look forward to a second exciting and joyful year at Holy Cross and St. Luke's!

Fr. Jim Dubrouillet

This Week in our Parish

Sun., 17	9:00 AM	Mass
	10:00 AM	Eucharistic Adoration
Thu., 21	12:15 PM	Mass
Sat., 23	3:30 PM	Confession @ Holy Cross
	7:00 PM	Mass
Sun., 24	9:00 AM	Mass

Prayer Requests

Parishioners: Betty A., Anna B., Cathy C., David C., Lee C., Joan D., Jim. M., Phyllis M., Bess M., Richard P., Jim R., Debra S., Shirley T., Maria T., Anne Y. **Friends/Relatives:** Dale A., Kevin A., Bruce A., George C., Jr., David D., Susan D., Daniel D., Shirley D., Bobby E., Miguel F., John G., Emmett G. Jr., Helen H., Angela H., Edward K., Wayne K., David L., Lilly Grace M., Chris M., Bradley M., Maureen N., Tim & Maria N., Charles O., Louise O., Jessica P., Tom Q., Molly R., John R., Maria R., Glenn R., Tim S., Pat S., Jo T., Sarah T., Nury T., our homebound members, all current & former members of our military and those who have asked for our prayers.

Masses for the Week

Thu., 21	12:15 PM	Elsa Swire + <i>M/M Bryan Kelly</i>
Sat., 23	7:00 PM	For the People
Sun., 24	9:00 AM	Ed Dubrouillet +

Mass time changes effective August:

St. Luke: Saturday Mass @ 6 PM
Sunday Mass @ 9 AM
Holy Cross: Saturday Mass @ 4 PM
Sunday Mass @ 11:30 AM
Confessions on Saturdays at Holy Cross will be heard from 2:30-3:30 PM.

Readings for the Week

Sun	Gn 18:1-10a; Ps 15 Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 5; Col 1:24-28; Lk 10:38-42
Mon	Mi 6:1-4, 6-8; Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21, and 23; Mt 12:38-42
Tue	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 85:2-4, 5-6, 7-8; Mt 12:46-50
Wed	Jer 1:1, 4-10; Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15, and 17; Mt 13:1-9
Thu	Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Ps 36:6-7ab, 8-9, 10-11; Mt 13:10-17
Fri	Jer 3:14-17; Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Sat	Jer 7:1-11; Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a, and 8a, 11; Mt 13:24-30
Sun	Gn 18:20-32; Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8; Col 2:12-14; Lk 11:1-13

Stewardship Report

July 9-10, 2016

Weekly.....	\$2,970.00
YTD Collection.....	\$6,757.00
Surplus/ (Deficit).....	\$

Thank you for your generosity!

Liturgical Ministry Schedule

July 23-24, 2016

7 PM	Lector:	B. Kelly
	Servers:	M. Kline K. Kline
	Greeters:	B. Jacob D. Jacob
9 AM	Lector:	K. Borcherts
	Servers:	A. Borcherts J. McConnell G. Wash
	Greeters:	V. Giammalvo G. Pittman B. Polomski L. Stein