



Holy Cross Connections

Our Sorrowful Mother Alcove

By Jack Kustron

An almost hidden gem in our historic church is an alcove, housing the Pieta of Our Sorrowful Mother.

According to a wonderful History of Holy Cross written by deceased parishioner, Sophia Powell, this alcove was once the north vestibule, which was replaced following an 1877 fire that greatly damaged the church.

During the rebuilding of the church, a new roof and ceiling was erected. The sanctuary was enlarged and four rooms were added on the second and third floors above the sacristies. During the years 1882 to 1884 under the direction of Pastor Fr. Clement R. Rhode our newly repaired church was decorated. Fr. Rhode continued making improvements and in February 1892 the statue of the Pieta was purchased for \$80.00.

Jumping ahead to the 20th century, Rev. Linus Dury was appointed Pastor in 1946 and inaugurated the Sorrowful Mother Novena, which attracted over 700 people each Friday. That may sound like a staggering number, but not in the context of the Civil War years, when Holy Cross had 4,000 parishioners.

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Fr. Jerry's Tips for the Summer

I think it is significant that there is only one letter difference between PLAY and PRAY. As we welcome the beautiful season of summer, may I offer some suggestions for ways we might pray and play before the Lord:

EAT! Share your favorite covered dish at the annual parish pot luck picnic, Thursday evening, June 27th at 5:30p.m.

RECREATE: Do one or two things that will bring new life to others and to ourselves. Take a walk in the park with family or friends. Spend a holy hour before the Blessed Sacrament. Pray with the daily scripture readings that are in the parish bulletin.

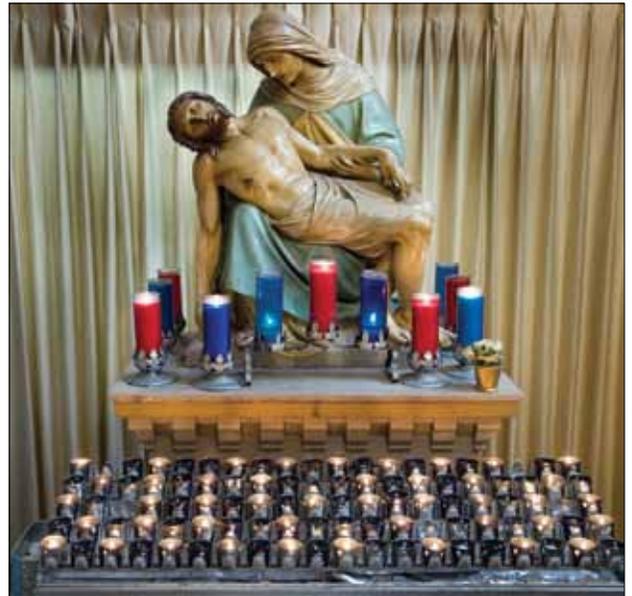
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The Novena is a meditation on the role that Mary played in our salvation and a prayer for her intercession so that we may follow her Son. We will explore this beautiful meditation in a future issue.

This Sorrowful Mother Novena continues to this day, on the 1st Friday of each month, following the 11:30 Mass.

Although you may not be able to attend the Novena, a prayerful visit to the Pieta shrine may enrich your spiritual life.

Addendum – We hope to post Sophia Powell’s complete History of Holy Cross to our website’s history page in the near future.



Newsnotes

By Sr. Anne Keenan

Happy Anniversary – Best wishes and CONGRATULATIONS to all these remarkable couples!

William & Marjorie Moore	60th anniversary
Warren & Carolyn Roberts	55th anniversary
Jack & Irene Probasco	45th anniversary
John & Anne Medert	45th anniversary
Francis & Judith Lageman	45th anniversary
Patrick & Ann Sheridan	40th anniversary
James & Mary Strickland	30th anniversary
Mark & Jane Federer	25th anniversary

Recently Married –

Kudos and blessings to **Kurt Hassink** and **Chelsea Bulle** who were married on May 18, 2013.

First Communion –

Prayerful best wishes to **Isabella DeGuzman** who received her First Holy Communion at Holy Cross on May 11, 2013.

Graduation –

Congratulations to **Kevin Davis** who graduated from Bishop Watterson High School on June 1st. He will attend Capital University where he has been recruited to play baseball. Way to go, Kevin!

Baptism –

Best Wishes and blessings to **Michael Manley** and **Karla Stass Manley**, the parents of **Beatrice Manley** who was baptized on March 2, 2013.

See you at the
Potluck
Thurs. June 27th
5:30p.m.



Congratulations to our summer *Wedding* couples of 2013!

Vanessa Roberts & Michael Krimmel	June 1
Samantha McKnight & Adam Devine	June 8
Ashley Bergert & Jonathan Mitchell	June 15
Allison Hanley & Shawn Papp	June 22
Naradia (Tasha) Sembring & Jeffrey Conn	June 29
Katie Hying & Greg Schwehm	August 3
Nicole Mulvany & Kevin Ratching	August 10
Jamie Rea & Austin Bland	August 24
Karri Kessler & Ethom Robertson	August 31

In Gratitude

By Debi Matthews, Coordinator of Religious Education



Each week in the Sunday School, the children prepare their own prayer service. They choose the prayers, the readings, and the songs. Given a variety of choice, they never fail to include Prayers of Thanksgiving.

This year in the Atrium, we are grateful to God for our families, our friends, and our Holy Cross Family. We are grateful to those who have helped form us in praying the Our Father in sign language, in understanding the structure of the Mass, in looking together at parables, and in reading and studying the account of the Flood. For our benefactors and those who help make the materials necessary for our growth in God, we give thanks.

We are also grateful for the opportunity to participate in the choir on Christmas and Palm Sunday, leading the May Procession and becoming Altar Servers. We pray for the sick and those who have died, that God will be near to them and their families. One of the greatest gifts of God we share is this oasis of time in Sunday School and the unity it brings to our lives.



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Spend some time enjoying life with children or grand children, parents or grandparents. Enjoy a weekly “date night” with your spouse, fiancé or significant other.

TRAVEL: Take a day, a week or a weekend to make a pilgrimage to a shrine or holy place (for example, Carey Ohio where there is the Basilica and National Shrine for Our Lady of Consolation) or to a state or national park.

RECONNECT: Phone, visit or email a lonely relative or friend. Invite a neighbor over for lunch or a cook-out.

CATCH UP: Get a good start on – or finish that project we’ve been putting off.

GO FISHIN: Join the Apostles in their favorite pastime!

HAVE FUN: Play your favorite card, or board game.

KICK BACK, RELAX AND ENJOY: Play before the Lord who loves to see us enjoying the gifts He has given us!

Summer is only thirteen weeks long – not enough time to do all of the above – but to start with one or two...and maybe save one or two for the fall! Have a **WONDERFUL** summer and remember the source and center of our life is the **SUNDAY EUCHARIST**. See you in church!

Palm Sunday





Holy Thursday



Good Friday



Easter Vigil





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Liturgy Schedule

Sunday: 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.
 11:30 a.m. Tuesday - Saturday

Reconciliation

Every Friday: 1:00 a.m.
 Every Sunday: 8:30 and 10:30 a.m.