

Shine Mont Registration: The time is NOW!

Dear Holy Cross Family,

I'm thrilled to announce that our parish retreat registrations are exceeding expectations! We are looking at having at least 30, probably closer to 45, parishioners on the mountain for our parish retreat!

I need to let Shrine Mont know our actual numbers ASAP because we might need to ask for additional housing. We certainly don't want to delay that request and leave someone out! Please register ASAP.

Don't let confusion about how to register be a barrier to your participation. If you're having problems with Realm or you don't understand the pricing information, just email me at clarewbeam@gmail.com. I'm happy to help. I can even complete the registration for you.

As a reminder—we want to see you for any time you can make it. Have a kid's baseball game Saturday morning? Come in the afternoon and stay through Sunday. Have an event Saturday night? Come Friday and stay through Saturday afternoon. Any time with you at Shrine Mont is a blessing for all of us.

I plan to tell Shrine Mont our numbers reflected in Realm next Monday, April 29. Please either register on Realm or reach out to me before Sunday night to secure your spot!

Looking forward to a full—and fulfilling—weekend ahead!

Peace,

Clare Beam

P.S. If finances are a barrier to your participation, please reach out to Rev. Kelly Moughty.

Remember in your prayers this week—

For those in need of healing and support: We lift up Claire Sloyan, sister of Eileen Sloyan; Joanie Leist, friends of Emily Hoskins; Keith Harpster, uncle of Rebecca Stahl; Lydia Schaeffer; the Sanchez family, friends of Lee Bruner; Rocio Rojas, friend of Wendy Hoskins; Janie Cooksey, aunt of Kate Golden Hayes; Tom Dzeidek; Sophie Zager, Bill Repsher's wife; Ann; Rebecca Stahl; and Ben Foster, friend of Wendy Hoskins.

For those serving at home and abroad: Jacob Levit, nephew of John & Wendy Hoskins, and Andy & Megan Hoskins; Charles Matthews, friend of Eileen Foyle; Evan Brown, nephew of Lane Abernathy and Doug Gehley; Zachary March, friend of John and Wendy Hoskins; Evan Ferree, friend of John and Wendy Hoskins; Gavin Cody-Harpster, Nephew of Becky Stahl; Leonard Weschler.

For those who have died. Give to the departed eternal rest.

Formation Talks

Families for Children and Youth

Sunday, May 19, 9am at Church
During Shrine Mont Retreat (Time TBD)
Tuesday, June 4, 7pm on Zoom
Sunday, June 9, 9am at Church

Adult Formation

During Shrine Mont Retreat (Time TBD)
Sunday, June 23, 9am at Church
Tuesday, June 25, 7pm on Zoom

BABY BASKETS

We will once again be marking the time between Mother's Day and Father's Day by assembling Baby Baskets for Fairfax County Department of Family Services. Baby Baskets are for teen moms, babies in foster care, young mothers, and other families in need. They include essentials like diapers, baby shampoo, and wipes, as well as baby clothes, board books, and pacifiers.

You can fill a basket on your own, team up with a friend, or several friends. Large woven cloth baskets will be available for you to take home, fill, and return to church. If you prefer, you can donate individual items or make a financial donation. This is a great project to invite your friends and neighbors to join you in!

Celebrate your mom or dad by filling a basket in their honor, or ask your children to fill a basket as a gift for you!

Look for the display at church starting Sunday, May 12. Pick up a shopping list and start watching for sales! We ask that you return the baskets, individual items purchased, or financial donations by Father's Day, Sunday, June 16.

If you have questions, please contact Darlene Parker at darleneva@aol.com.

Church Office Hours Tuesday-Thursday 10am-2pm or email Garine Adams at garine.adams@holycrossepisopal.org

Clergy available by appointment

Have you ever thought about serving as a lector, acolyte, or chalice bearer? Please contact Rev. Kelly or Rev. Rich for the chance to serve God in any of these ways.



Announcements

May 5, 2024

Newcomer Class Today

Sundays: **May 5th from 11:30am -12:30pm** in the Parish Hall. You are invited to a three-part session on Sundays after the 10 am service to learn more about Holy Cross and the Episcopal tradition. This class will focus on how to get more deeply involved at Holy Cross. You'll have the opportunity to meet staff and lay leaders and ask questions about our community. Questions? Contact Rev. Rich Nelson. (rich.nelson@holycrossepisopal.org)

Being Disciples: Essentials of the Christian Life

On Sunday mornings at 9:00am we will continue our book study together in the season of Easter with Rowan Williams book 'Being Disciples.' Having covered baptism, Bible, Eucharist, and prayer in Being Christian, Williams turns his attention in this book to what is required for us to continue following Jesus and growing in faith.

May 5 - Faith in Society

May 12 - Life in the Spirit

Celebrate Rev. Rich Nelson!

Rich will be wrapping up his time at Holy Cross on **Sunday, May 12th**. Please join us for a reception to thank him for his ministry among us. If you would like to make a contribution to a thank you gift for him, you can do so by using the QR code and selecting "Gifts of Gratitude" from the dropdown menu. If you would like to assist with a reception, please email srwarden@holycrossepisopal.org.

