

2017 - 2018 Parish Bios



Rosemary Burke

I am married to Jerry Burke and we have five children and seventeen grandchildren. Three have been married at Holy Cross and fourteen of them have been baptized at Holy Cross. Deacon George is referred to in my family as the "honorary godfather."

We have been members of the Holy Cross parish since 1961. We lived in Easton and then moved to Norton when all the children left home but never changed our parish!

We have always been active in Holy Cross. It's been an extension of our family. We have been blessed with the priests who have come into our lives.

I have been active in many ministries in the parish: parish council, choir, holly fair, social justice, Newcomer's Dinner, our parish 25th anniversary celebration as well as the 50th.



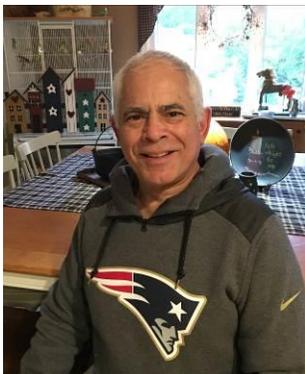
Diane Cheevers

I am married to my husband Jim and we have two children. We live here in Easton. I work as an administrative assistant for a financial advisor at the Bank of Canton.

My family and I have been members of Holy Cross Parish since 1995 and we attend the Saturday 4:00pm mass.

I am involved in Cursillo and the *Seeking God* discussion group. I am one of two Wedding Coordinators, as well as a Lector, Communion Minister & Parish Council member.

It's wonderful to be a part of such a faith-filled community here at Holy Cross. There are so many opportunities in our parish to know, love & serve God.



Bob Cunha

My wife Donna and I have been married for 45 years. We have two children and three grandchildren. I am a realtor by profession at Easton Real Estate and a resident since 1980.

I've been an active member of Holy Cross Parish as well as local community and civic organizations since residency.

I have been honored and humbled to serve the parish community for two terms on our parish council. I regularly participate in the current ministries offered as Eucharistic Minister for the parishioners as well as the home-bound and the sick. I also serve as both a Committee and team member for our Landings program, and as an alternate for the God's Squad.



Phil D'Alessandro

I am married to my wife Debbie and we have 1 "son," Lucca....a German shepherd, lab mix. He is a rescue dog whom we adopted on May 15, 2016.

We live in Stoughton.

I am a Senior Quality Assurance Analyst for Trizetto Corporation in Boston.

My wife and I recently joined Holy Cross Parish in March of 2016 and typically go to either the 10:00 am or 5:30 pm Mass.

I have been involved with the Golf Tournament and various fund raising committees.

I like Holy Cross Parish as there are so many community outreach programs which are so important to get involved with. It is nice to give back to the community and to those who are in need.



Jennifer Fleming

I am a senior at Oliver Ames High School. I live in Easton with my parents, Jim and Becky, and two younger sisters.

I have attended Holy Cross my entire life and was baptized here. My family & I typically attend the 5:30 mass where I am a communion minister.

Since seventh grade, I have been involved with the Vacation Bible School during the summer.

Holy Cross is an extension of my home where I am free to practice my faith alongside my family and friends.



Lindsay Franzoni

I have been married to my husband Mark since 2002. We live here in Easton and have three children.

I work part time at The Village Toy Shop in Easton and I am also a sales consultant for Rodan & Fields.

We have been members of Holy Cross Parish since 2002 and attend either the Sunday 10:00 am or 5:30 pm mass.

My father and I donated the church bells to Holy Cross in my mother's memory in 2015. I hope you enjoy their addition to our beautiful church as much as I do.



Chris Goffredo

I am married to my wife Amy and we have one child. I am an electronic medical record integration consultant and have been in the healthcare IT industry for over 20 years.

We have been members of Holy Cross Parish since 2000 and attend the 8:30 mass.

I have been a chair and co-chair of the fall festival for the past 6 years, a member of the Pastoral Council and a member of the newly formed Vocation Committee. I also assist my wife Amy with Outreach Sunday.

I love that Holy Cross is welcoming and inviting to everyone. There is a strong focus on the Eucharist being at the center of our lives. The weekly Mass and music at Holy Cross helps connect us together in faith.



Isabella Hoffman

My name is Isabella Hoffman, and I am a junior at Taunton High School. My family moved here to Easton in 2013 from Colorado. I am proud to be a soprano with the Premier Choir of the Boston Children's Chorus, traveling throughout the country and abroad singing to promote social justice and equality.

I also have been riding horses since I was 3 years old, and am a member of my high school Key Club. In addition, I am an Ambassador Girl Scout and have been active in scouting since Kindergarten.

I have been an altar server since third grade and am happy to continue serving at Holy Cross. I joined Holy Cross Parish because I liked the welcoming atmosphere I felt when I first visited, and the message that the parish carries. I instantly felt at home in the parish, and since I have joined, feel like I have made many new acquaintances that are there for me whenever I may need the help. I am honored to have been chosen this year as a member of the Parish Council, and hope to help make a difference within the parish and change it for the better.



Margaret Hogan

I have been married to my husband Michael for 20 years, and we moved to Easton five years ago with our four children, ages 10 – 19, to shorten my husband’s commute.

We settled on Easton for the schools - and for Holy Cross Parish! We attended a Mass before we purchased our home and were impressed with the youth ministry, music and charism of the Congregation of Holy Cross so evident at the Mass.

My husband and I both volunteer teaching CCD or helping with confirmation, our older kids have gone on the ASP service trip, and Fr. Jim Fenstemaker was receptive when we asked and helped to organize the first group from Holy Cross to attend the Steubenville Catholic Youth Conference.

I have run Vacation Bible School the past three years, and this is my first year on the parish council. I recently returned to work writing for Holy Cross Family Ministries in Easton, writing e-books and content for familyrosary.org, and Catholicmom.com. This ministry is the fruit of Holy Cross father Patrick Peyton - who was recently declared Venerable by Pope Francis!



Mark Jussaume

I have been a member of Holy Cross parish for 8 years and this is my second year on the parish council. I serve as a Eucharistic minister and regularly attend the 8:30am Mass with my wife, Diane. We have two sons.

I have lived in southeastern Massachusetts my entire life and previously was an active member of St. Andrew the Apostle in Taunton. In addition to my position as CEO of an architectural engineering firm, I am an executive coach, Bruins fan and all around handyman.

Being part of an active, faith filled parish like Holy Cross is essential to Diane and me. We cherish this community of faith and our common mission to make God known, loved and served.



Matthias Leitzmann

I was born in Bavaria and came to the US when I was 18 – after studying modern languages at high school in Munich.

I work as an Executive Recruiter in the high tech industry in the Boston area.

My wife Clare & I have been married for 25 years and we have two daughters.

We have been members of Holy Cross Parish since 1996 and attend the Saturday 4PM mass.

I am a Eucharistic Minister and member of the “God Squad”.

The staff, parishioners, location & history of our parish are true gifts.



Liz McGinnis

My husband Lee McGinnis and I have been married since 2003 and have 2 children.

I was born in NJ and spent most of my formative years growing up in Dallas, TX.

I am a CRNA - Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist by profession so I guess you could say I “pass gas” for a living! I have been a Catholic all my life and been to 49 of the 50 States.

We joined Holy Cross Parish in 2009 when we moved here from Idaho.

My husband is an assistant professor at Stonehill College and the Program Director for the Integrated Marketing Communications

Master’s Program. I teach the baptism class at Holy Cross and volunteer teach in the Faith Formation program. We love golf, college football, traveling and Cubs Baseball! I am a Beachbody coach, love working out and helping people meet their health and fitness goals.



Sid Smith

I have lived in Easton resident for forty years. I am a widower with two daughters and seven grandchildren and retired after 35 years with John Hancock Financial Services/Investments.

I joined Holy Cross Parish in 2010.

I am a member of Pastoral Council, the RCIA Committee (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) and a Eucharistic Minister. I lived my Cursillo in 2017.

I have always been attracted to the Parish by its many opportunities to enhance one's Spiritual Life and by the generosity and kindness of its staff and members.