

# The Parish of the Holy Cross

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## LET ALL BE WELCOMED AS CHRIST!



If you give food  
to the hungry  
and satisfy those  
who are in need,  
then the  
darkness around  
you will turn to  
the brightness  
of noon.

Isaiah 58:10

## Come and pray with us!

### 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time - February 9, 2020

**VISION STATEMENT:** *Holy Cross is a vibrant Catholic community striving to maintain a spirit of welcome to all, serving as a guiding beacon to nourish and sustain prayer, work and play.*

#### WE CELEBRATE EUCHARIST

Monday—Thursday: 9:00 A.M. (Chapel)

Saturday: 5:00 P.M.

Sunday: 8:00 A.M. + 9:30 A.M. + 11:30 A.M.

#### WE CELEBRATE RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 3:45 P.M.—4:30 P.M.

or call Father Michael for an appointment.

#### WE CELEBRATE BAPTISM

Baptisms are generally celebrated twice each month at 1 P.M. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

#### WE CELEBRATE WEDDINGS

Couples should contact the Parish Office at least six months in advance of the proposed wedding date.

# We are here for you!

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 Parish Office Hours: Monday - Friday 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM (closed 12:15-1:00 PM)

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### Celebrants for Next Weekend's Masses



#### February 15th/16th

5:00 PM	Fr. Michael
8:00 AM	Fr. Kenan Peters
9:30 AM	Fr. Michael
11:30 AM	Fr. Michael

### Mass Intentions Schedule



#### Week of February 9th, 9AM Mass

**Mon.** Maureen O'Malley (living)  
**Tue.** Charlotte Wangenstein  
**Wed.** Denise Lamarque  
**Thu.** Manuela Diaz (living)

#### Saturday, February 15th, 5 PM Mass

Lucy Follo, Steven E. Cherry, Joseph Pellechi, Alex Coleman, Carmen Vazquez Sanchez

#### Sunday, Feb. 16th, 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**8:00 AM** Ginny Gunn, Pauline Multari,  
 Ellen Brady, Ruth McKenzie,  
 Blanca Rodriguez  
**9:30 AM** Richard P. Canalini  
**11:30 AM** People of the Parish

### Remembering Our Sick

*Almighty and Eternal God, You are the everlasting health of those who believe in You...*

Please pray for those in our parish who are sick, their families and caregivers:

**Kelly Cirino   George V. Daly   Manuela Diaz**  
**Ann Egan   Jeanne Gallo   Phil Graziose**  
**Bob Grieco   Monica Ilie   Matthew Parrella**  
**Angela Scalisi   Marlene Starr**

If you would like to have the name of your loved one listed in our prayers for the sick for 4 weeks, please contact the Parish Office at 631-265-2200 or email to pothc@optonline.net .

### Scripture Readings for February 16, 2020



+ Sirach 15:15-20  
 + 1 Corinthians 2:6-10  
 + Matthew 5:17-37

# Welcome Bishop Barres

*by Father Michael*

We received a call this week that Bishop Barres will celebrate the 9:30 Mass today. Bishop Barres enjoys traveling throughout the Diocese sharing in the life of parishes, in particular on Sunday, which is the most important day of the week. Sometimes his visits are planned well in advance, and sometimes they are more spontaneous like today. This is the second time Bishop Barres has visited Holy Cross. Welcome!

Bishop Barres is wise in visiting parishes on a Sunday. There really is a spirit and energy that takes place on the weekends that is abundantly life-giving. I have to say that last weekend, in particular, was very uplifting. It seemed like all the pieces of the liturgies came together in a beautiful way. By the time I got back to the house, I crashed into my recliner with sore feet but a tremendous sense of joy and satisfaction. I hope and pray that our efforts here create moments of grace for people to be strengthened by God. We do our best to get things right, but in the end it is the Spirit that accomplishes this holy work.

Related to that, there is an abundance of assorted activities in the planning stages that I want to bring to your attention. More details will be forthcoming when these events get nearer, but at the very least mark your calendars.

- Knights of Columbus St. Patrick's Day Dance: Saturday, March 21, to be held at St. Joseph's Church in Ronkonkoma.
- Opportunity for 5 weeks of personal Spiritual Direction to be offered during Lent. (Please respond by Wednesday as there is an abundance of prep work that needs to be done to accommodate all who want to participate.)
- Youth Ministry Retreat: March 20-22.
- Parish Lenten Mission to be held four Monday evenings in Lent beginning on March 2.
- Parish Appreciation Barbeque for our ministers and volunteers: Sunday, May 31.

Catholic Faith Network (CFN) is our local Catholic TV network. But, in reality it is not just local but quickly becoming more national in its coverage. This weekend they are having their annual telethon. CFN provides a valuable service in terms of providing information and perspectives of life within the Church. Perhaps most importantly, it offers a prayerful connection with the homebound and elderly. If you are bored on Sunday afternoon from 5:00-5:30, tune in and you will see Yours Truly on air chitchatting with Msgr. Vlaun and reading a few pledges. CFN can be found on channel 29 on cable and channel 296 on Fios.

And, by the way, that was a humdinger of a Super Bowl game even though I barely knew who was playing.

# PARISH NEWS

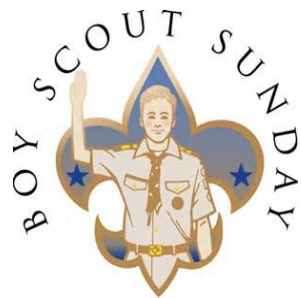


**Banns of Marriage**  
**First Time**  
Dina Lamanna & Pete Murawski  
**Second Time**  
Jaime Travers & Gregory Gilroy

*The Bread and Wine for the week February 8th-15th have been donated in loving memory of **Stephen Mattera** by the Emerson family.*



## **Boy Scout Sunday**



**February 9, 2020**  
**9:30 Mass**  
Today we celebrate  
Scouting's  
110th anniversary!

## **Save the Date!**

*The **Knights of Columbus** are sponsoring a dinner dance on **March 21st!** Look for more information in upcoming bulletins!*

## **SAVE THE DATES**



## **PARISH LENTEN MISSION 2020**



**(4 MONDAYS @ 7:30 PM)**

**MARCH 2, MARCH 9, MARCH 16 & MARCH 23**

**GIVE YOURSELF A GIFT THIS LENT AND SPEND TIME IN PRAYER, SONG AND REFLECTION WITH YOUR PARISH FAMILY!**

# ASH WEDNESDAY

**Ash Wednesday is February 26th. Ashes will be distributed at:  
7 AM, 9 AM Mass, 12 Noon, 4:00 PM, 5:30 PM & 7:00 PM.**

## Children and Ashes...



Our 4:00 and 5:30 PM services will be more “child friendly.” These services will be shorter, with a homily geared to a child’s understanding. This will enable the children to enter into the spirit of Lent in a manner appropriate for their age.

# LENTEN ACTIVITY

## Too Soon to Think about Lent?

While we know it is only February, the Pastoral Team has some exciting news about Lent to share with you. This Lent, in cooperation with St. Joseph’s Renewal Center, we will again be offering the opportunity for parishioners to make a directed retreat - a five-week period of personal prayer, guided by a Spiritual Director, beginning the week of March 2. During the retreat, each participant will pray with suggested Scripture passages at home and meet with a director, once a week, at a mutually agreed upon time at Holy Cross. Because there is planning and scheduling to be done, and some financial commitments to be made by Holy Cross, we need to know soon who would be interested. Space is limited. No experience is required – just a commitment to prayer and a desire to deepen your relationship with God. Make this Lent a little different – spend some special time with the God who loves you. If you have any questions, please call Jude Pickel at ext. 116.

Some reactions to last year’s retreat:

*“Amazing” “Grace-filled” “Enlightening” “Comforting”*

Please fill in the tear-off below and return it to the Parish Office by February 12:

I would like to participate in the Lenten Directed Retreat: *(Please print)*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_



# YOUTH MINISTRY

Hello everyone! Are you in high school? Do you want to make new friends as you play fun games? Do you want to build more of an understanding about yourself and your faith?



If you answered "Yes!" to any one of those questions, then you **MUST** check out the **Holy Cross Youth Group**. You will be glad you did!

The Holy Cross Youth Group is the perfect opportunity for you to continue to grow in your faith and build relationships with others in the parish.

**Here are our upcoming events:**

- **February 9th: We will have a Youth Night from 6 to 8PM. Come join us for a fun night!**
- **February 16th & 23rd: NO Youth Group Meeting - February break**
- **March 1st: We will attend the 11:30 Mass and then visit the residents at the local Nursing Home!**

So, if you are thinking about coming to the church to see what we are all about, do it! You will not regret it. Come with a friend or family member, and join us as we continue to grow in the endless love of Christ.

If you have any questions or concerns, or if you are thinking about joining us and you would like more information, then please do not hesitate to contact Allie Roecklein, Coordinator of Youth Ministries, at [hcyouthgroup15@gmail.com](mailto:hcyouthgroup15@gmail.com) or call the parish office. Thank you!



# COME JOIN US FOR

## Mardi Gras!



**Date:** February 23, 2020

**Time:** 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM

**Place:** Holy Cross Atrium

**Free Will Donation Suggested**

Enjoy food, music and crafts for the kids! We will end our celebration with prayer at 4:30pm. Please bring in your old palms and we will burn them at the Mardi Gras celebration during the prayer service.

Please RSVP to 631-265-2200 ext. 111 or 112 by February 17<sup>th</sup>.

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### MARDI GRAS CELEBRATION!

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

# of adults \_\_\_\_\_ # of children \_\_\_\_\_

Ages of children \_\_\_\_\_

# DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

## Office of Faith Formation

### Upcoming Workshop

#### **Building Intercultural Competence in Ministry -**

*A workshop addressing the changing cultural landscape in our Faith Formation Programs.*

#### **Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, Roosevelt**

Mondays, February 10, 24; March 2, 9, and 16, 2020  
6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

#### **Desarrollando Competencias Interculturales para el Ministerio -**

*Se ofrecerá un Taller para abordar el panorama multicultural en los programas de Formación de la Fe.*

#### **Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, Roosevelt**

Lunes, 10, 24 de febrero; 2, 9, y 16 de marzo, 2020  
6:30 p.m. a 8:30 p.m.

#### **Special Needs: Mardi Gras Prayer Service and Brunch**

#### **St. Frances de Chantal, Wantagh**

Saturday, February 22, 2020  
12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

#### **Basic Religious Studies Course Series**

#### **St. Mary's Elementary School Building, Manhasset**

3:15 p.m. to 5:15 p.m.

#### **Old Testament**

Mondays, February 24; March 2, 9, 16, and 23, 2020

#### **New Testament**

Mondays, March 30; April 6, 20, 27; and May 4, 2020

#### **Christology**

Mondays, May 11, 18; June 1, 8, and 15, 2020

#### **Divorce & Beyond Support Group**

#### **St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Melville**

Wednesdays, March 4, 11, 18, 25, April 1, 15, 22, 29, May 6, 13, 2020  
7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

#### **School of Missionary Disciples – Lenten Experience**

#### **Seminary of Immaculate Conception, Huntington**

Sunday, March 8, 2020

1:45 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

#### **Escuela de Discipulos Misioneros – Experiencia de Cuaresma**

#### **Seminario de la Inmaculada Concepción, Huntington**

Domingo 8 de marzo, 2020

1:45 p.m. a 4:30 p.m.

#### **Retreat Day for the Elect of 2020**

#### **Seminary of the Immaculate Conception, Huntington**

Sunday, March 8, 2020

2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

#### **Un Día de Retiro para los Electos de 2020**

#### **Seminario de la Inmaculada Concepción, Huntington**

Domingo, 8 de marzo, 2020

2:00 p.m. a 6:00 p.m.

#### **Catechist Training Level II**

#### **St. James, Setauket**

Tuesdays, March 10, 17, 24, and 31, 2020

6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

#### **Bereavement Conference –**

*For the Bereaved and those Ministering to them.*

#### **St. Frances de Chantal, Wantagh**

Saturday, March 21, 2020

8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

#### **Wonderfully Made Mother and Daughter Tea**

#### **Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, Roosevelt**

Sunday, March 22, 2020

1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Or

#### **St. James, Setauket- East Setauket**

Sunday, March 29, 2020

1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Or

#### **St. Rosalie, Hampton Bays**

Sunday, April 19, 2020

1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

continued



## Golden Wedding Anniversary Liturgy Honoring Couples Married Fifty Years



This spring, couples who have been married fifty years will be honored at a Mass on Sunday, May 3, 2020 at St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church in Smithtown.

Mass will begin at 2 PM, and Bishop Robert J. Coyle will preside.

Registration forms and complete instructions can be obtained at your parish office. Space is limited, so registration will be accepted on a first come, first served basis.

If you have any questions, please call 516-678-5800 ext. 223.

## Office of Faith Formation continued

#### **Bereavement Ministry Facilitator Training Level I & II**

#### **St. Bernard, Levittown**

Saturdays, March 28; April 4, 18, 25;  
May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; and June 6, 2020  
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

#### **Golden Wedding Anniversary Liturgy**

#### **Saint Patrick's, Smithtown**

Sunday, May 3, 2020  
2:00 p.m.

#### **Annual Afternoon of Prayer & Enrichment - Ministry of Consolation**

#### **St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Melville**

Thursday, May 14, 2020  
1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

For more information, workshops, or to register online, please visit [drvc-faith.org/event/](http://drvc-faith.org/event/)





*"...life does not have a mission, but is a mission... it is for that mission that each of us is alive." - Pope Francis*

**THANK YOU!**

**Your support helps our Church to encourage and provide the opportunity for tomorrow's priests to discern their vocation.**

Fr. Roger Valesquez grew up in El Salvador right next to a Church that his family took care of. *"I remember playing and praying there. That's how I was first introduced to the life of the Church."*



The priest only came once a year for the feast of St. John the Baptist - and the town would have a huge celebration. *"It was a very joyful event and I remember looking to the priest as a role model and I would dream - I could be that one day."*

*"My goal is to be an instrument of God's presence to the People of God on Long Island. All of us are called to holiness and we do that when we evangelize others - to take what God has given us to others."*

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# CASH CALENDAR

*Happy Valentine's Day*

*Parish of the Holy Cross  
February 2020*



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23 \$50	24 \$50	25 \$50	26 \$50	27 \$50	28 \$50	29 \$50

*Cash Calendar, FEBRUARY 2020*

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# MEETINGS THIS WEEK

<b>Saturday, February 8th</b>	<b>5 PM Mass</b>
• LEVEL 5 BIBLE BLESSING	Worship Area
<b>Sunday, February 9th</b>	<b>All Masses</b>
• LEVEL 5 BIBLE BLESSING	Worship Area
• BOY SCOUT SUNDAY	9:30AM Worship Area
• REL. ED. FAMILY PROGRAM	10-11AM Fr. Joe Room
• BAPTISMS	1PM Worship Area
<b>Monday, February 10th</b>	<b>4 - 6 PM</b>
• SPECIAL NEEDS CLASSES	Atrium
• FUN COMMITTEE	7PM Fr. Joe Room
<b>Tuesday, February 11th</b>	<b>10 AM</b>
• IN STITCHES	Fr. Joe Room
• LEVEL 1 TOURS	5PM All Areas
<b>Wednesday, February 12th</b>	<b>6 PM</b>
• LEVEL 1 TOURS	All Areas

# REMINDERS

## Gluten Free Hosts


For parishioners who have Celiac Disease or a gluten sensitivity, Holy Cross has gluten free hosts. If you would like to receive a gluten free host during Communion, please inform the Sacristan prior to Mass.

## Hearing Devices

For parishioners who have difficulty hearing, Holy Cross has individual devices which can amplify sound. They are simple to use and work for those who wear hearing aids and those who do not. If you are interested in using one of these devices, please see the Sacristan or an Usher prior to Mass.

## “Kevin Bacon”

Don't forget to feed “Kevin Bacon” your quarters when you come to Mass on Sundays! Your donation benefits Heifer International.



# SPECIAL COLLECTION

This weekend, at the offertory, we will also be collecting for our **Renovations and Major Repairs** fund.



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