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**LET ALL BE WELCOMED AS CHRIST!**



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AS YOURSELF.

MATTHEW 22:39

**Come and pray with us!**

**30th Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 25, 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**

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## Remembering Our Sick

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

**Claire Becker**

**Patricia Becker**

**Ann Callari**

**Susan Ceely-Sack**

**Ann Egan**

**Jim Emerson**

**Sienna Fricke**

**Phil Graziose**

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If you would like to have the name of your loved one listed in our prayers for the sick, please contact the Parish Office at 631-265-2200 x122 or email to [pothc@optonline.net](mailto:pothc@optonline.net).

## Scripture Readings for November 1, 2020



+ Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14

+ 1 John 3:1-3

+ Matthew 5:1-12

## Mass Intentions Schedule



*New Life  
in Christ*

### Week of October 25, 9AM Mass

**Mon.** Anthony Milano

Oswaldo Perdomo (living)

**Tue.** Lucy Blass, Roseann Quintana

**Wed.** Roger Dillon, Gerald Griffin

**Thu.** Peter Marks

### Saturday, October 31st, 5 PM Mass

Margaret Maher, Warren Francis Sullivan Sr., Mary Stevenson, Trina Bozzo, John Armstrong, Joseph Parreno-Armstrong

### Sunday, November 1st, All Saints Day

9:30 AM John Vierling Jr.

11:30 AM Marie Schultz, Damien Pickel, Barbara Kobielski, Gloria Malley, Edward B. Fandrey III, Anthony Cahoon Rock



## Banns of Marriage

### Third Time

*Natassia Miller & Matthew Cotter*

# TRADITIONS NEW, TRADITIONS OLD

*by Father Michael*

This article was written a few weeks ago. I was away on retreat and once again we have an early deadline for the bulletin, so I was not able to write something containing any late breaking news.

I was recently speaking with my oldest sister, Catherine. For the first time in decades we are going to be able to spend Thanksgiving together. While she and her husband are always part of our Christmas celebration, she traditionally traveled to Maine to spend the holiday with her in-laws. Because of Covid-19 and other reasons, they will not be making the trek north this year. Happily, we will be able to spend Thanksgiving together. And meanwhile in Florida, my other sister, Carol, will be celebrating the day for the first time with their new granddaughter. My brother, William, in Pennsylvania will be staying on the home-front for the day. I suspect at some point during the day we will join together for a Zoom gathering. For my family, this Thanksgiving will look different than previous ones.

As we move closer to Thanksgiving and Christmas, I'm sure many families will be planning and calculating how the holidays will unfold this year. Travel restrictions, age and health conditions of family members, and how many people can stuff around the dining room table will now all become factors in how the day is celebrated. Many will try to keep great family traditions going, but in some instances, the circumstances we now deal with will impact what will happen on these festive days. These days will take on new dimensions and will be experienced in different ways.

Just think of all the new practices we have embraced in the past seven months. On March 1st, how many of us even heard of Zoom? Now it has become a common experience, for education, the workplace, and even family gatherings. For more than half our regular congregation, Sunday morning now means firing up Facebook in their living rooms to participate in the Sunday Eucharist. As much as we may have resisted such radical changes, we adapt and allow it to become a means for our lives to move forward.

Part of our human nature draws us to seek life. We want to embrace that which we know will sustain and strengthen us. There is a unique energy that comes from sharing in great traditions. This is true for the many circles of people and groups in our lives. But there is also life to be found in doing things in new and necessary ways. We all now find ourselves juggling and balancing these realities. In the midst of this new dance of life, God's Spirit is woven. We need to allow that gift to lead us through this unique time. We share in that same life source that is part of the great story of salvation.

# PARISH OUTREACH

## “BEING CHRIST”

*“COME TO ME ALL OF YOU WHO ARE BURDENED AND I WILL GIVE YOU REST...”*

These comforting words greet all who enter the doors of Holy Cross Church. They are the foundation of the mission of Parish Outreach, which is to “Be Christ” to those who are burdened by serious illness, financial instability, loss of a job and other crisis situations. Our ability to do that is only possible through the giving spirit of the parishioners of Holy Cross.

**We thank you so very much for your consistent support of Parish Outreach and its programs.**

As we draw near to the holiday season (the busiest time for Parish Outreach), we invite you to consider these suggestions on ways to join us in “Being Christ” for our neighbors who continue to struggle in their life journey.



Monetary donations (cash, check or supermarket gift cards) will be appreciated to help defray the expenses of our **Thanksgiving Program**. You can mark your envelope “Thanksgiving” and drop it in the collection basket. We anticipate 50-60 families will need our assistance this Thanksgiving.



During last year’s winter, Outreach was able to provide 100 gallons of emergency oil to some households as a direct result of your generosity. If you would like to help keep a family warm this winter by making a donation, please mark “**Fuel Assistance**” on your envelope.



Participate in our **Christmas “Be An Angel” program**. Again this year, we will provide gift cards to the families Outreach assists throughout the year and gifts for several other agencies. This program will run from November 14th through December 6th. Future bulletins will contain important information on this year’s Christmas Angel program.

If you have questions about any of the above, please call the Outreach office. We sincerely appreciate the support we continuously receive from our parishioners. **We are truly blessed with a loving and generous community!**

# PARISH NEWS

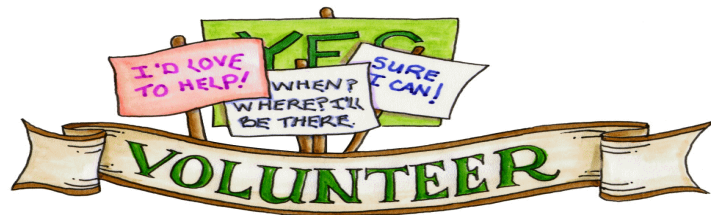


## THE NEW NORMAL MINISTRY

BE PART OF THE RESERVATION CREW  
FOR 5 PM MASS (SATURDAY)  
9:30 AM & 11:30 AM (SUNDAY)

At this time, here are the various duties for this new ministry:

1. Seating people
  2. Welcoming & Counting people at the Door
  3. Checking off names at the Table
- Qualifications?



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## 2021 Mass Book

Due to a high demand for Masses and a lack of availability in the 2020 Mass Book, we will be opening the 2021 Mass Book beginning November.

## Special Collections

*This weekend we will be collecting for our **Renovations and Major Repairs** fund. Thank you very much for your continued support!*

*Next weekend there will be envelopes in the atrium to support the **Diocese of Rockville Centre Mission Office**. As you recall, once a year we have a speaker from the Diocesan Mission Office speak at all of the Masses. Because of Covid-19, we are forgoing the speaker, but have continued in our commitment to support the Missions. Thank you for your prayerful consideration. Your generosity in supporting the work of the Missions is greatly appreciated. Please see pages 8-9 for more information on our Mission in the Dominican Republic.*

# LITURGY BYTES



In just over a week, we will turn over the calendar to the month of November. On the first two days of the month, we honor those who have gone before us as Saints with a capital “S” on the 1<sup>st</sup>, and our beloved family and friends in heaven on the 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Presently, the news is telling us that the annual Halloween celebration will be quite different this year because of COVID. The dressing up in costume might have a different look and might be virtual! However, the following day (All Saints) could provide a wonderful opportunity to teach our young people and even remind us all about some of those Saints with a capital “S,” the heroes and heroines of the Catholic Church, our very own Catholic Hall of Fame! For the young people, perhaps, some makeshift costumes could be put together with towels and old bed linens stored away—something different for grandparents to engage in with their grandchildren this year. The internet could provide a picture to use as the costume is put together. Here are a few ideas: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton wore a bonnet instead of a veil as a Sister of Charity; a make-shift shield would mark St. Joan of Arc; Kateri Tekakwitha, the young maiden Native American (an easy costume) we learn about if we ever visited the Shrine of the North American Martyrs located in Auriesville in

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# LITURGY BYTES *continued*

upstate New York. Of course, there is the ever-popular St. Patrick for those of Irish heritage and the cousin of Jesus, St. John the Baptist who we hear so much about during the Advent season to reflect and learn from. What Saint are you curious to know more about? There are some new ones that have been recently added. Now, there is an easy research project to do when there is nothing “new” to watch on TV!

On this November 1<sup>st</sup>, at Mass, you will notice that Father will be wearing white vestments. All Saints Day, when it falls on a Sunday, is a Solemnity and takes preference over Ordinary Time colors and Scripture readings. As we reflect on the lives of the Saints, we take comfort in knowing that they enjoy peace. We draw inspiration from their lives of faith and love, as we ourselves continue to live out our baptismal commitment as loving members of the family of God. Have fun learning about one of our Saints.

Have a blessed, safe, and healthy week! ~ ~ ~ *Michele Hahn*

P.S. If you have not read it already, a great book to read is:

*My Life with the Saints* by Fr. James Martin, SJ.



It is available on Amazon. Father talks about how his life has been shaped by the saints of the Catholic Church. His style of writing is warm, humorous, and witty. The reader is invited to discover how saints guide us throughout our earthly journeys and how they help each of us find holiness in our own lives.

# DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE —

Bishop Connors from the Diocese of San Juan de la Maguana in the Dominican Republic invited Bishop Emeritus John McGann to sponsor two parishes in the Dominican Republic: Saint Peter the Apostle in El Cercado and Our Lady of Fatima in Hondo Valle. These parishes, now the official foreign mission to the Diocese of Rockville Centre, have continued to flourish under the faithful support of Bishop John R. Barres and the generosity of our donors for over 35 years.

Although we currently do not have any Diocesan missionaries present in the DR, among the former leaders in this ministry were Monsignor John I. Cervini, ministering to the people of El Cercado for over 15 years, Sr. Jane Reilly, CSJ serving in the remote parish of Our Lady of Fatima in the mountainous region of Hondo Valle for over 30 years, and Sr. Beatrice "Babs" Barry, CSJ who cared for the sick and poor at the Inn of the Good Samaritan in the capital city of Santo Domingo for over 30 years (now the Sisters of Restoration serve there). Prior to Monsignor Cervini's arrival in the poverty-stricken frontier of the DR, Fathers Andy Connolly and Thomas Mallony served the Mission.

Our Brothers and Sisters in Christ provide help to those in need but also receive their assistance, therefore, creating a ministry for the poor aided by the poor. The people are a very hopeful and happy people. National disasters and setbacks never seem to affect their tremendous spirit. Former missionary Sr. Jane Reilly offered the following, "The palm tree is the best image to describe them. In tropical storms or during a hurricane, a palm tree can be stripped of its branches, but within a few weeks of the storm, one sees the new shoot emerging from the trunk - just like the spirit of our people!"

What is a day like in our Mission to the Dominican Republic? Well just imagine as you wake up, make coffee, shower, drive your car and get your kids to school, someone in our Mission is waking up too. In the Diocesan Mission in the Dominican Republic life is very primitive. The small homemade houses of two rooms have no flooring, no electricity or running water, no glass windows and no toilet facilities. A simple cookhouse a short distance from the home shelters the pit fire where the mother prepares the daily fare of rice and beans. There is little variation and little meat. A few proud owners of chickens have eggs and an occasional meal of rice and chicken. Rarely do they have money to buy such luxuries as clothing or shoes.

At the rivers' edges women squat by rocks where they wash clothes which they hang on nearby trees. Men work in the fields and take care of small farms on which they grow beans, rice, corn or coffee. They plant in rocky, sloping, dry fields using hand-held plows. There is never any guarantee that the plant will produce a harvest. Extremely heavy unexpected dry season can substantially reduce or destroy a crop.



# DOMINICAN REPUBLIC MISSION

The one event that often presents an almost insurmountable obstacle is serious sickness. There is so much suffering due to the lack of medical facilities and supplies. For the fortunate who have the strength to walk long distances to rural clinics, basic care can be obtained. But for anything more complicated, one must go to a specialty hospital in Santo Domingo, a trip of 5 or 6 hours from their homes.

Over the last 35 years, our local Church has donated over \$3.2 million to our Mission in the Dominican Republic. These monies have built countless aqueducts, necessary as a source of potable water, approximately 15 chapels and worship sites, regionally, and one Church in the campo of Derumbaderro. The construction of Church in San Juan Santiago in the Hondo Valle region is underway but still needs additional funding. The Fe y Alegria, K-8 elementary school and now a high school have been completed, staffed and are full of eager children who are excited to learn. Currently, the last phase of the vocational school building is underway. After high school, the opportunity for employment is practically non-existent, so the need for vocational training is evident.

In the height of the cholera epidemic, our donors raised over \$20,000 for the building of latrines where no facilities existed and literally provided water to homes where women used to walk 2 or 3 miles for water and carry in buckets on their heads back to their homes. A retreat center in El Cercado that can accommodate 64 persons overnight was built and serves as a meeting site for many of the faithful groups and visitors. The senior center and peanut factories were built with donor funds as well as the founding of the agricultural programs. The St. Vincent de Paul Society for the Mission is solely funded by our donors and provides monthly baskets of food to those who normally go without. In Hondo Valle, the NutriInfancia program has been established to identify women and children at high risk of malnourishment. The majority of the donor funds have been and continue to be used to help sustain the overhead expenses of the 2 parishes and the INN, which on average operate on approximately \$5,000 per month.

Your continued support of our Diocesan Mission to the Dominican Republic is greatly appreciated by the people we serve. It is vital to the everyday lives of so many. Please consider donating today.

*"What we imagine as the poorest of the poor pales in comparison to the reality that exists in our Mission. Yet, the JOY of Christ in the hearts of those who live there is greater than any I have ever encountered. I never wanted to "Go Forth" more in my life than when serving my brothers and sisters in Christ who had so little but offered all they had to this stranger: their homes, meals, love and greatest of all, sharing of faith." ~ Sarah McAteer, Associate Director, Pontifical Mission Societies*

# COMMUNITY NEWS

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### *St. John the Baptist DHS presents a "SALUTE to Service"*

St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School presents a "SALUTE to Service." and you are invited to join this special initiative. This "SALUTE to Service" will allow St. John's and the Long Island community to recognize and honor those who have served and continue to serve our country.

The Hardship and Incentive Scholarships at St. John's are subsidized from fundraising events held throughout the school year. This year, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all major fundraising events have been cancelled yet the requests for financial assistance have increased greatly. In this connection, we are hosting our First "SALUTE to Service" Fundraiser to supplement the financial shortfall. For further information please contact 631-587-8000 ext. 176.



As a special tribute, St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School will present our "SALUTE to Service." This special Fundraiser will recognize and honor those who have served and continue to serve our country.

Our "SALUTE to Service" campaign is an opportunity for you to purchase a 3' x 5' American Flag that will be displayed on the front lawn of St. John the Baptist DHS the week of November 9th through November 13th in honor of Veterans' Day.

3' x 5' Flag on a 10' pole - \$50.00

Flag with Personalized Ribbon - \$75.00

Flags are limited to the first 200 and will be given on a first come first serve basis.

To reserve your flag and ribbon please visit:

<https://stjohnthebaptistdhs.net/salute-to-service>

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# MEETINGS THIS WEEK

<b>Sunday, October 25th</b>	<b>1 PM</b>
• BAPTISMS	Worship Area
<b>Monday, October 26th</b>	<b>7 PM</b>
• LEVEL 8 PARENT/STUDENT MTG.	Worship Area
<b>Tuesday, October 27th</b>	<b>10 AM</b>
• IN STITCHES	Atrium
• BOOK CLUB	7PM Atrium

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Each year Molloy College hosts a **Fall Open House** for prospective students and their guests. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, they will be hosting the Open House virtually, via Zoom.

**Fall Open House**  
**Sunday, November 15, 2020 - 1:00 PM**  
To register: [www.molloy.edu/openhouse](http://www.molloy.edu/openhouse)

Once you register, you will receive a Zoom link.



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# CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL UPDATE

Here is an update on the status of the Appeal here at Holy Cross:

<u>Goal</u>	<u>Pledges</u>	<u>No. Donors</u>	<u>Payments</u>	<u>% of Goal</u>
\$74,900.00	\$42,497.00	182	\$38,598.25	56.74

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