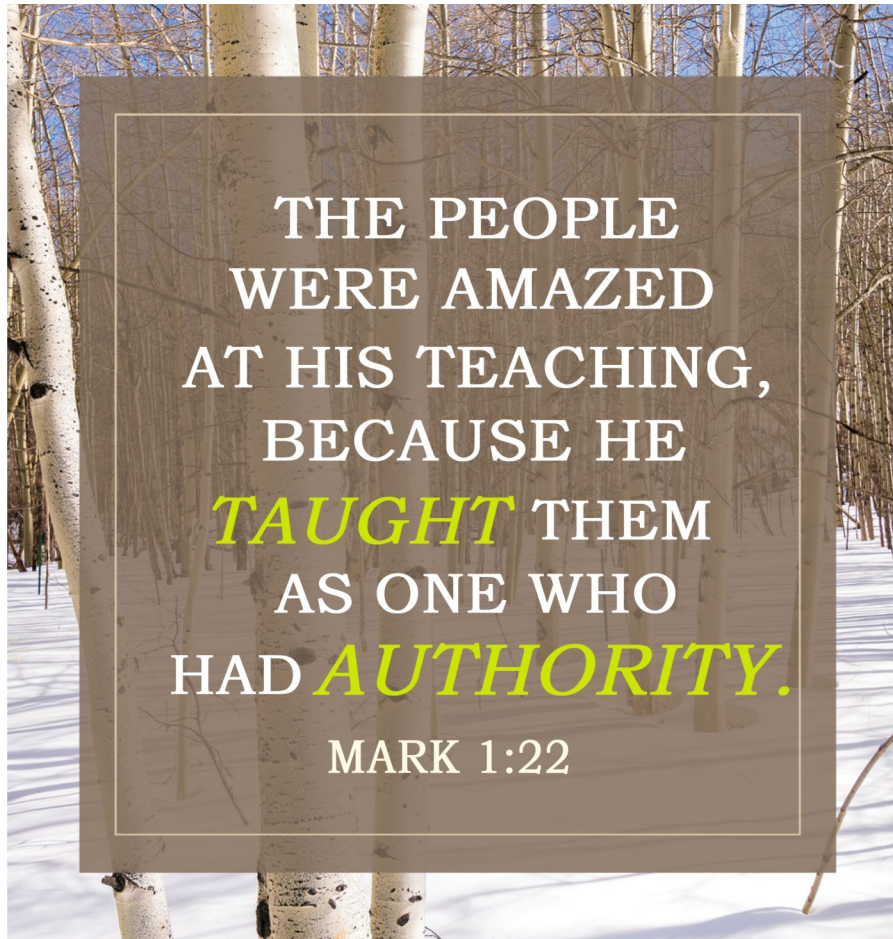


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We celebrate Reconciliation

Saturday 3:30 PM - 4:15 PM; Wednesday after 9:00 AM Mass

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Remembering Our Sick

Please pray for those in our parish who are sick,
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Judy Carlson
Manuela Diaz
Ralph Farino
Sienna Fricke
Debbie Jablinowski
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Elaine Ruane
Kathy Schwinn
Barbara Sherry
Bill Tanner
Peter Warns

Upcoming Mass Intentions



Week of Sunday, January 28, 9AM Masses

Mon. Joann Galgano
Tue. Barbara Sherry (living)
Wed. Maron Brady
Thu. Maureen O'Malley (living)

Saturday, February 3, 5PM Mass

Carmela Gallaro

Sunday, February 4, 5th Sun. in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Ellen Brady
9:30 AM Michael Corcoran, Josephine Posimato,
Nicholas Posimato
11:30 AM People of the Parish

If you would like to have the name of your loved
one listed in our prayers for the sick,
please call 631-265-2200 x122.

JUMPING JANUARY

by Father Michael

Thank you to all those who brought us empty cereal boxes. We used those boxes last week at our Youth Group meeting. The kids used them as dominos in one of the group activities. It was quite impressive seeing a string of over 150 cereal boxes fall in sequence like dominos. (The underlying theme of the evening was “the domino effect.” Whether it be good or bad actions, what we do and say impacts the lives of others.) In case you were wondering, by a significant margin, the most popular cereal at Holy Cross is Cheerios. Sunday afternoon the Youth Group is off ice skating at the Rinx. I will try to get there for the festivities. I don’t know about renting skates; I would prefer to drive the Zamboni, but it is doubtful that will happen.

In addition to my retreat being a wonderfully prayerful and affirming few days, I also had a happy travel adventure. One of my Southwest flights was oversold and they were looking for volunteers to give up their seats. When I heard the incentive was almost \$1,000 in credit for future flights, I was first in line to volunteer. For the sake of taking a flight three hours later, I now have my next few flights paid for. In addition, I got to detour through El Paso, Texas, on the way. All I got to see was the airport, but it was still a fun and profitable little detour.

This week I began making my annual visits to our Level 7 Religious Education classes which take place in the homes of our catechists. The students are asked to prepare questions prior to my arrival. The questions really are great. They range from “Why do you wear a white collar?” to “If there is only one God, why are there so many religions?” I enjoy spending the time with our young people and shedding whatever light I can on our faith, priesthood, and my own life.

We are blessed to have so many good catechists who are willing to do a difficult thing—sharing their faith with children. In many instances it is the same catechist who journeys with the same group of children from First Holy Communion through Confirmation. It is a beautiful thing to witness when the adults lead the children into different mysteries and gifts of our faith.

One final note, and this falls under the category of a public service announcement. In traveling to the homes of the catechists or when making a Communion Call to the homebound, it is sometimes difficult finding the right house because the house number is hidden or non-existent. The next time you drive up to your house at night, check if you would be able to quickly identify it if you were a first responder going to an emergency at your home. Reflective numbers are a very helpful thing.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Weekly Calendar

Monday, January 29th	4 - 6 PM
• SPECIAL NEEDS	Atrium
Tuesday, January 30th	10 AM
• IN STITCHES	Fr. Joe Room
• LEVEL 4 WALK THRU	4:30PM Worship Area
Wednesday, January 31st	4:30 PM
• LEVEL 4 WALK THRU	Worship Area
• HOMEBOUND EM MTG.	7PM Fr. Joe Room
Thursday, February 1st	10 AM
• SCRIPTURE STUDY	Atrium
• WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP	7PM Chapel, Atrium
Saturday, February 3rd	3:45 - 4:45 PM
• HOLY HOUR	Worship Area
Sunday, February 4th	After 9:30 Mass
• ANOINTING OF THE SICK	Worship Area
• CHILDREN'S LITURGY	11:30AM Fr. Joe Room
• BAPTISMS	1PM Worship Area

Scripture Readings for February 4, 2024



- + Job 7:1-4, 6-7
- + 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23
- + Mark 1:29-39

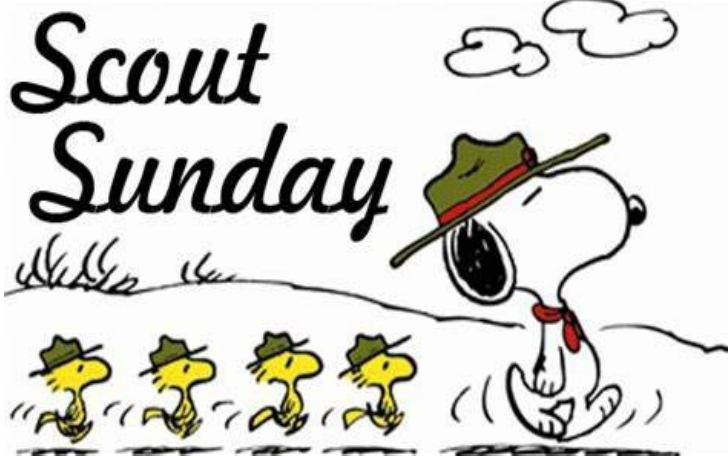
Celebrants for Next Weekend's Masses, February 3rd/4th



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

Special Collections

This weekend at the offertory we will also be collecting for the **Church in Need** which assists churches in Central and Eastern Europe, Latin America, and Africa. Thank you for your support!



Boy Scout Sunday

February 11, 2024 9:30 Mass
All Scouts are Welcome

Scouts should arrive 15 minutes early
 Class "A" uniforms scouts & leaders

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 Andy Bodor and Kim Loh Bodor
Akjl23@optonline.net or 516-996-2295

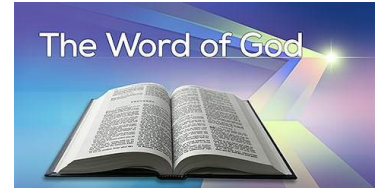
Bring your Troop/Pack Flag & stand

*Please let us know how many scouts & leaders will be attending by **February 4th** so we can have enough reserved seating for your group.*

Save the Date: Girl Scout Sunday - March 10th

LITURGY BYTES

The Word of the Lord



As a follow up to last week's column about the Word of God Sunday, I thought it might be helpful and interesting to elaborate more on the fact that when we hear the Scriptures spoken aloud at Mass, it is Christ himself who speaks to us. Our own words before the proclamation of the Gospel remind us of this. We say, "Glory to you, O Lord." The word "you" reminds us that Jesus is present with us right then and there! Jesus, Our Lord, speaks through the one proclaiming the Gospel, telling us Jesus' words and actions while he was preaching on earth. I guess you could say that we really do sit at the feet of Jesus Christ while he teaches!

The words of Jesus have the power to open our hearts to see the world as Jesus himself did, and to love the world and the people around us as Jesus himself did. We are changed by truly hearing and taking into our hearts what Jesus has to say to us in the Scriptures.

Throughout human history, God has used human beings to tell God's story both in the Old and New Testaments. God worked through people to tell God's story of loving the world so much that God sent Jesus into the world to redeem the world, to invite all peoples into the covenant relationship that God had built with the people of Israel. God continues to work through human beings to tell God's story. The readers, the cantors, the deacons, and priests all have their own stories, their own backgrounds, their own voices, gifts, and skills. God speaks through all of them in different ways and to different degrees. The grace of the Holy Spirit guarantees that we will hear Jesus when the Scriptures are read aloud. Jesus is truly present when the Word of God is proclaimed at Mass. Let us ask God for the grace to hear Jesus when the Scriptures are proclaimed at Mass next week. St. Paul says: "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one another, singing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God."

Have a prayerful, blessed, and healthy week ahead! ~ *Michele Hall*

Holy Hour

We offer our Holy Hour on the first Saturday of the month from 3:45 to 4:45 PM in the Worship Area. The next one will take place on **Saturday, February 3rd**. Please come and spend some time before the Blessed Sacrament praying for God's gift of life to be recognized by all.

Anointing of the Sick

On the first Sunday of each month, the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is offered after the 9:30 AM Mass. **Sunday, February 4th, is the next date the Anointing will be offered.**

PARISH OUTREACH

If you need assistance with your heating oil this winter, here are resources that you may find helpful.

HEAP

Home Energy Assistance Program. The 2023-2024 Regular HEAP benefit opened on November 1, 2023. If you are eligible, you may receive one regular HEAP benefit per program year and could also be eligible for emergency HEAP benefits if you are in danger of running out of fuel or having your utility service shut off. Eligibility and benefits are based on income, household size, the primary heating source, and the presence of a household member who is under age 6, age 60 or older, or permanently disabled. Please see <https://otda.ny.gov/programs/heap> for more details.

Emergency HEAP benefits and eligibility are based on income, available resources, and the type of emergency. The 2023-2024 Emergency benefit opened on January 2, 2024. For more information and to apply to HEAP, please visit the following website: <https://otda.ny.gov/programs/heap>.

Project Warmth

Project Warmth is Long Island's only non-governmental, island-wide emergency fuel fund. This program provides a one-time grant for fuel and/or fuel-related electricity. Payments are made directly to oil and utility companies on behalf of eligible residents facing heating emergencies. To receive funds from Project Warmth, you must meet the following criteria:

- Be a resident of Nassau or Suffolk Counties, or the Rockaways
- Show financial need, provide an acceptable explanation for any unpaid energy bills
- Applicants must have first exhausted or been denied emergency HEAP assistance and have not topped off your oil tank in any previous year

Get heat assistance through Project Warmth for yourself or a loved one. Dial 211 or call the United Way at 888-774-7633. Project Warmth is available until funds are exhausted and is open now.

PARISH NEWS

Outreach Food Pantry

Next Saturday and Sunday, **February 3rd/4th**, will be our monthly Food Drive for our Parish Outreach Pantry. The following items would be most helpful:

- Grape Jelly
- Strawberry Jelly
- Mayo
- Coffee
- Tea
- Oatmeal/Hot cereal
- Pancake mix
- Syrup



Please don't forget to check expiration dates! It will greatly assist the volunteers who stack the pantry with your donated goods. Thank you!

Thank You!



Thank you to everyone who contributed cereal boxes for our Youth Group night! Our theme for the night was the "Domino Effect," and the boxes came in handy for making domino formations in the Atrium. The teens learned that their actions (good or bad) can cause a Domino Effect in the world around them. And our breakfast for dinner was a great success!!

Tricia Clarke and the For YOUTH Team





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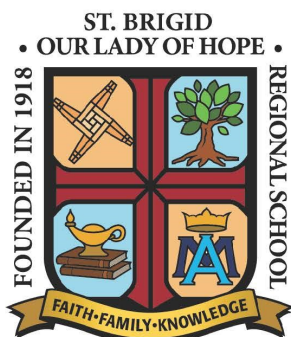
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Winter Windfall

For many years the Cash Calendar was a part of the Holy Cross routine, and this fundraiser provided some additional financial support to the parish. At this time, it is unlikely that we have enough parishioners attending Mass on a weekly basis to support a monthly drawing, so we will continue as we have done for the past few years with our quarterly drawing.



- \$10 per ticket
- Tickets are available for purchase through December, January and February.
- Drawing will be held **February 29**.

This is the pay scale which will be offered:

- * 1 Prize @ \$250
- * 2 Prizes @ \$100
- * 10 Prizes @ \$50
- * 15 Prizes @ \$25



- This formula was based upon selling 250 tickets @ \$10 each. If more than 250 tickets are sold, the number of prizes will be increased.
- Please use the tear-off tickets below. You may return your entries by placing them in an envelope and depositing it in the basket on weekends, or returning them to the Parish Office.

Thank you for your support!

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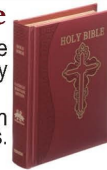
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