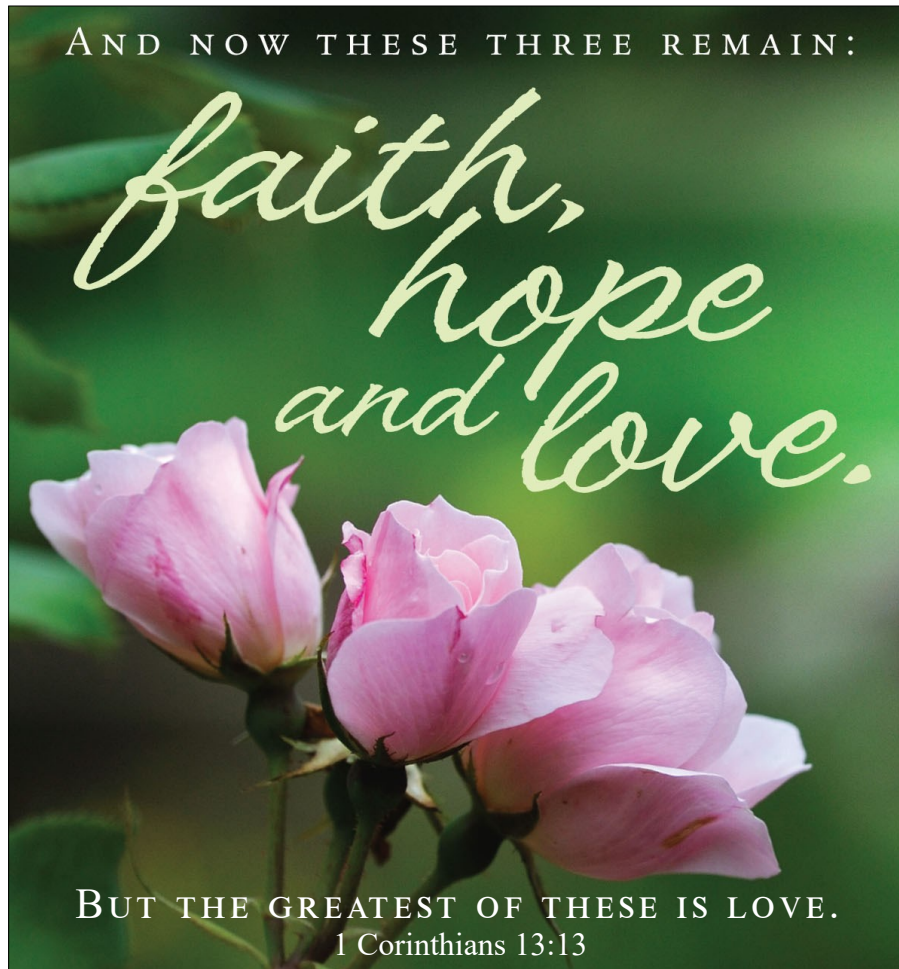


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**We celebrate Eucharist**

Monday-Thursday 9:00 AM; Saturday 5:00 PM; Sunday 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM & 11:30 AM  
(The 9:00 Weekday Mass & Sunday 11:30 Mass are livestreamed on Facebook.)

**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, their families and caregivers:

Marietta Alvarado	Theresa Arzillo
Jo Barry	Kathy Barry
Patricia Becker	Barbara Bombace
Ann Callari	Eleanor Daly
Manuela Diaz	Ann Egan
Jim Emerson	Ralph Farino
Sienna Fricke	Bob Grieco
Charles Haner	Debbie Jablinowski
Diane Jones	Roberta Lamb
Gerald Losquadro	Charlotte Lynch
Amanda Maddox	Viola Malek
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Olivia Melia	Freddie Meyers
David Reichbach	Henrietta Renken
Liam Richards	Elaine Ruane
Joseph Santamaria	Barbara Sherry
Kyle Sweeney	Chase Turano
David Velkas	Doreen Velkas
Judy Viskupic	Peter Warns
Danny Youngworth	

## Mass Intentions Schedule

### Week of January 30th, 9AM Mass

**Mon.** Sister Jeannine Toppin, RSM  
**Tue.** Scott Schneider  
**Wed.** Martin Levrant  
**Thu.** Connie Dirosse

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

Vincent Pelliccio, Philip Giudice, Frances DiPalma, Ruth Nolan

### Sunday, Feb. 6th, 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**8:00 AM** Marlene Starr  
**9:30 AM** Michael Corcoran, Dorothy Poleyn,  
Lorraine Olsen, Thomas Landisi Jr.,  
Judith Ann Daniello  
**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.

# CANDLES, CANDLES, AND A GROUNDHOG

*by Father Michael*

Thursday, February 3, is the Feast of St. Blaise. St Blaise lived in the 4<sup>th</sup> century. In addition to being a bishop, he was also a physician. He is credited with miraculously saving a young boy who was choking. Because of this holy event, he became the patron saint of the throat. Traditionally, on his feast day a special blessing of throats is offered to the faithful. This practice continues to this day. The blessing of throats will take place on Thursday after the 9:00 AM Mass.

Before we get to the Feast of St. Blaise, there is another day in which the Church uses candles. It takes place the day before, on Wednesday, February 2. The primary focus for this day is the Presentation of the Lord. This always takes place 40 days after Christmas. Its history is rooted in the traditional Jewish purification rites that would take place after the birth of a child. The scripture readings and the prayers at Mass focus on this moment in the life of Mary, Joseph and the child Jesus.

Somewhere along the line, another (lesser known) tradition blended itself into this day. It is sometimes called Candlemas Day. The history of this tradition is somewhat sketchy. Many attribute its birthplace to England and Scotland going back to the 7<sup>th</sup> century. The practice started when people brought all the candles they were to use in the coming year to Church so that the priest might bless them. The tradition began in farming communities, and the hope was that if enough people brought enough candles then their light would be able to “outshine the sun.” If there were enough candles, that would mean the winter would soon end and spring would come early. For farming communities an early spring was always a welcome gift. There is another detail of the day that I cannot explain, but crepes were the appropriate food to prepare for dinner. This year, I invite you to bring whatever candles you may use in your home, and they will be blessed. You are welcome to bring as many candles as you like to the 9:00 Mass on Wednesday, February 2. And you are invited to make crepes for dinner.

I’m not sure when and where Groundhog Day came along, but that certainly gets more attention than Candlemas Day. There is a similarity in terms of predicting an early spring or long winter, but I’m not sure how the groundhog was chosen as the celebrity of the day. Whether the groundhog fails to see his shadow, or there be an abundance of candles brought to Mass on Wednesday, I pray that we may enjoy the blessing of an early spring.

*The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be offered after the 9:30 Mass on February 6th.*

# PARISH NEWS

## Weekly Calendar

<b>Monday, January 31st</b>	<b>4 - 6 PM</b>
• GREATER NEEDS	Atr., Wor. Ar.
<b>Tuesday, February 1st</b>	<b>10 AM</b>
• IN STITCHES	Atrium
• DRESS A GIRL	1-3PM Atrium
<b>Wednesday, February 2nd</b>	<b>7 PM</b>
• THE CHOSEN	Chapel, Atrium
<b>Thursday, February 3rd</b>	<b>10 AM</b>
• SCRIPTURE STUDY	Atrium
• THE CHOSEN	1:30PM Chapel, Atrium
<b>Saturday, February 5th</b>	<b>3:45 - 4:45 PM</b>
• HOLY HOUR	Worship Area
<b>Sunday, February 6th</b>	<b>After 9:30 Mass</b>
• ANOINTING OF THE SICK	Worship Area
• YOUTH NIGHT	6-8PM Atrium

*The Bread and Wine  
for the week  
January 30-February 5  
have been donated in honor of  
Frank & Josephine DiFilippo.*



## Celebrants for Next Weekend's Masses, February 5th/6th



5:00 PM Fr. Michael  
8:00 AM Fr. Frank  
9:30 AM Msgr. Jim Vlaun  
11:30 AM Fr. Frank

## Scripture Readings for February 6, 2022



+ Isaiah 6:1-8  
+ 1 Corinthians 15:1-11  
+ Luke 5:1-11

## Help Needed!

We are looking for custodial help on Sundays from 10AM to 1PM. Must be 21 years or older. If interested, please contact Barbara DeStefano for salary and details at **631-265-2200 x110**.



## Holy Hour for Sanctity of all Human Life

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 5th**. Please come and spend some time before the Blessed Sacrament praying for God's gift of life to be recognized by all.



## Scripture Study Group

Are you free on Thursday mornings at 10 AM on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month? Would you like to deepen your understanding of the Sunday Scriptures? Come join a group of women who seek the same, and give Scripture Study a try! There is no commitment and no sign up. Just come at your own convenience to the meeting or meetings of your choice. Every meeting is independent. Our next meeting date is February 3rd.



# PARISH OUTREACH

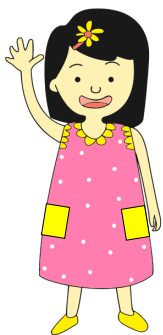
## Dress a Girl Around the World

Our next "Dress a Girl" gathering will be held on Tuesday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, from 1 PM to 3 PM in the Atrium.

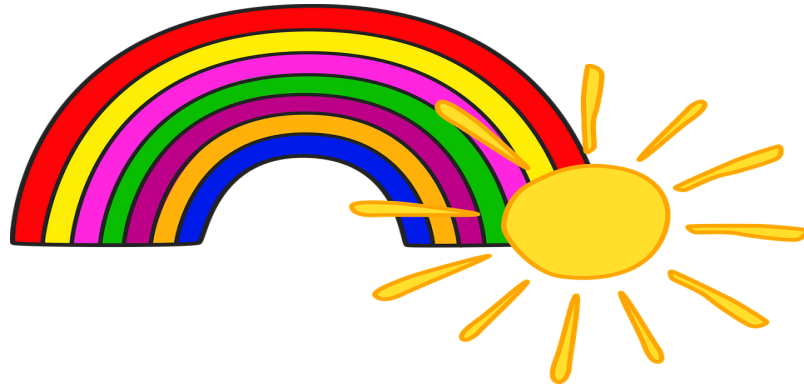
Due to the recent uptick in Covid cases, we will only be able to host 12 volunteers to cut fabric and assemble our dress kits. This number should allow us to accommodate everyone comfortably and safely. If you are interested in joining us for the day, please call Kelley at Outreach to RSVP. Once we have 12 volunteers, we will close the list for the day. We are planning more gatherings each month and look forward to welcoming more volunteers at that time.

Thank you all for your interest and support in this wonderful ministry. To RSVP or if you have questions, please contact Kelley in Outreach at 631-265-2200 Ext. 113. Thank you!

*If you have a few minutes this weekend, please stop by and see our "Dress a Girl Around the World" dress display. We are showcasing some of the beautiful dresses that were made possible due to your generous fabric donations. You may recognize the fabric you donated made into a girl's sundress or making up the pockets and binding on a few different dresses. It is amazing what 3 yards of fabric can be made into! Each dress is made with love and care to pass on to a young girl in need. We encourage you to stop and see the beautiful dresses, made possible by your support and the skill and kindness of all our sewers. Thank you! If you have any questions how to be part of this program, please call Kelley at Outreach at 631-265-2200.*



# PARISH OUTREACH



## Bereavement Support Group

Walking with grief after losing a loved one is as unique as our fingerprints! It can be as if all color in our world is gray.

Having time to listen to others dealing with grief can often give us new insights, thus allowing us to share our pathway and gain ways to move forward, putting some color back in our world!

This bereavement group is a Support Group for **anyone dealing with grief**. All are welcome.

We will meet for six Wednesdays from 4:00 to 6:00 PM beginning **February 16** and ending **March 30** with **no meeting on March 2**, as it is Ash Wednesday.

If interested, please register as soon as possible by calling Outreach at Holy Cross 631-265-2200 EXT. 113, and you will then be contacted by the Facilitator for this group.

“Come to me, all you who are weary and find life burdensome and I will refresh you.”  
Matt:11:28



# PARISH OUTREACH

## Online Support Groups



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### Tuesday

**Healing through Loss**

7-8pm

Many have been impacted by loss due to the pandemic; gain support and connect with others as you navigate grief in all of its forms.

### Thursday

**Wellness Workshops**

6:30-7:30pm

All things wellness; join us for yoga, nutrition, art and so much more!

### 2nd Saturday of Each Month

**Coping through the Arts**

10-11am

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# 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 of those questions above, and you have received the Sacrament of Confirmation, then you **MUST** check out the **Holy Cross Youth Group!** 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.

If you have any questions or are thinking about joining us and you would like more information, then please contact Allie Roecklein, Coordinator of Youth Ministries, at [youthgroup@holycrossrc.org](mailto:youthgroup@holycrossrc.org) or call the parish office.

**Our next meeting is February 13th from 6 to 8 PM in the Atrium!**

# HOLY CROSS WEBSITE

## WEBSITE SUBSCRIPTION EMAIL NOTICES

**VISITS & HITS TO THE HOLY CROSS PARISH WEBSITE HAVE NOW EXCEEDED 11,000 IN NUMBER.**

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**THE PARISH WILL NOW BEGIN UTILIZING SUBSCRIBER SUBSCRIPTIONS TO INFORM LISTED PARISHIONERS OF VARIOUS IMPORTANT MATTERS RELEVANT TO PARISH LIFE & ACTIVITIES THROUGH THE PARISH WEBSITE EMAIL SYSTEM.**

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**SINCE SOME OF THESE MATTERS MAY BE "IMMINENT" IN NATURE, SUCH AS WEATHER CLOSURES & IMMEDIATE CANCELLATIONS, WE ASK THAT YOU SUBSCRIBE TO THE PARISH SUBSCRIPTION LIST TO CONTINUE TO REMAIN INFORMED.**

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**IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO... PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT TO SUBSCRIBE TO THE HOLY CROSS PARISH SUBSCRIPTION LIST. REMEMBER... THE PARISH WILL NEVER SEND YOU ANY SPAM EMAIL.**

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**"THANK YOU" TO THOSE PARISHIONERS WHO HAVE ALREADY SUBSCRIBED!!!**

# HOLY CROSS WEBSITE

## JUST SOME WORDS FROM THE WEBMASTER!!! THE PARISH WEBSITE... AND "JUST A LITTLE BIT ABOUT IT"

May I Welcome all of you today along with a statement that many parishioners & staff members have often heard me say. *"A Website is a 'Living Entity'... It is never finished or completed... because it is constantly in the midst of updates, changes & growth."* Having reiterated this, I hope that you enjoy using this Website as much as I have enjoyed creating it and daily enjoy updating it. *With its future growth potential, this Website will excitedly offer to all of our Holy Cross Parish Parishioners as well as our welcomed new, Prospective Parishioners, many more possibilities in the sharing of parish information with all who navigate here.*

I have taken great care in creating a Website in which "getting lost" while navigating its pages should be a "thing of the past." At the bottom of each Page there is a Question which asks... *"Where Would You Like To Go Now?"*... showing direct links to frequently viewed Webpages and thereby making it easier to navigate through the Website without having to always return to the Top Menu Bar. Please be sure to "scroll down" to the bottom of each page and surf it in its entirety in order to not "miss out" on any information that may be "lurking" beyond your screen's viewing area. Some Pages are lengthy and filled with an abundance of information as well as with "links to click" which will direct you elsewhere on the Website for quicker navigating. The Home Page is an example of this type of page.

The Home Page is the "Heart" of the Website and contains much information and "links" to other sources of information. It is comprised of Six Basic Sections: [1] General Parish Information, [2] the "Fast-Track" Section to speed you to particular areas of the Website by asking you Questions, [3] "Church News," [4] "What's Happening" in the Parish, [5] "Parish & Seasonal Upcoming Events" of the Parish & [6] "Schedules" for various Parish Ministries. Should you take the time to routinely navigate this page from top to bottom... it would be like "reading" the weekly Bulletin from cover to cover. Doing this will keep you updated on the "pulse" of the Parish... give you "the scoop" on all the Parish news & activities... and will provide you with the "links" to the appropriate pages for more detailed information, all the while eliminating extensive searching. (Always remember that if you had inadvertently misplaced or already discarded your Bulletin, you can find all of the same information on the Website since the Bulletin and the Website are both always in "sync" with each other.) If you already know the specific location that you wish to visit on the Website, you can use the traditional Menu Bar at the top of each page or the "E-Z" Navigation Page, which I describe in the next paragraph.

The "E-Z" Navigation Page is a very useful "Find and Go-To" feature that I developed specifically for the Parish Website since all of the Website Pages on this page are sorted by Parish Usage & Departmental Categories. I strongly encourage you to try using this page... It truly makes it "E-Z" to navigate and to find your desired page and information quickly. I also encourage you to "Subscribe" with your EMail to Holy Cross on the Home Page in order for you to be able to receive important urgent announcements & information, in the form of "email blasts" (never spam) from the parish in the future. I reiterate that you will never receive any spam from the Holy Cross Website. But most importantly, this will be just another way for the parish & staff members to inform you of important and useful parish information & events more quickly and easily by "keeping you in the loop" of detailed Parish situations.

Should you have any suggestions or ideas about incorporating any other useful Parish Information into the Website, please do not hesitate contacting the Parish Office with those suggestions. If your suggestions are *within the capabilities of the Website Design Software*, we will consider them to be implemented in future updates & design changes. We always welcome your suggestions for a better "living" and vibrant Parish Website.

We look forward to all of the days ahead that God graces us as true "family members" in this, our community of the Parish of the Holy Cross!

*Blessings to all... Hope that you enjoy your "Surfing"... & Happy Navigating!!! ~~ Vince M. Mazurek*

# TAKE A CHANCE!

## Winter Windfall

For many years the Cash Calendar was a part of the Holy Cross routine. This fundraiser provided some additional financial support to the parish. In addition, many parishioners enjoyed participating in it. Unfortunately, it was one of the many parts of parish life that was lost to COVID. At this time, it is unlikely that we have enough parishioners attending Mass on a weekly basis to support a monthly drawing. And so, we introduce the "Winter Windfall." This is a similar idea, however it will be offered initially on a quarterly basis.



- \$10 per ticket
- Tickets are available for purchase through December, January and February.
- Drawing will be held February 28.

Because we anticipate smaller participation, there will be a different pay scale:

- \* 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. *(In the event the response is strong, we will resume a monthly drawing as soon as possible.)*
- Tickets will not be sold after Mass. 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!**

### Winter Windfall

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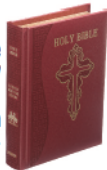
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