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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.*



**"Zacchaeus,
come down
quickly,
for today I
must stay at
your house."**

Luke 19:5

Come and pray with us!

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 30, 2022

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

WE ARE HERE FOR YOU!

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

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Remembering Our Sick

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

Bob Alderdice	Theresa Arzillo
Jo Barry	Kathy Barry
Barbara Bombace	Dan Bryan
Ann Callari	Pattie Daly-Matonti
Manuela Diaz	Matthew DiPietro
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Jeanne Marie Malley	Olivia Melia
Loretto Narducci	Mary Polik-Gunther
Carina Ranieri	Liam Richards
Elaine Ruane	Joseph Santamaria
Barbara Sherry	Celeste Sichenze
Kyle Sweeney	Peter Warns
Danny Youngworth	

Mass Intentions Schedule

Week of October 30, 2022, 9AM Mass

Mon. Biagio J. Natoli

Thu. Thomas Rahilly

All Saints, Tuesday, November 1, 2022

9 AM Robert Casey

5 PM Maureen Vacharis (living)

All Souls, Wednesday, November 2, 2022

9 AM All Souls' Mass Remembrances

7 PM All Souls' Mass Remembrances

Saturday, November 5th, 5 PM Mass

Margaret Maher, Teresa Dragotta, Pietro Dragotta,
William John Kelly Jr., Henry G. Boyer, Michael
Maggor

Sunday, Nov. 6th, 32nd Sun. in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM People of the Parish

9:30 AM Gloria Posimato

11:30 AM John Schultz, Catherine Holzmann,
Vincenzo Baratta, Kathleen Stanley,
John E. Cook



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.

SHOULD I HAVE CLIMBED THAT TREE?

by Father Michael

One of the few endeavors I made into the sports world was running cross country. I was not particularly fast, but I could run forever. At one point in life I am sure I would have been able to complete a full marathon, but I never tried. Life presents opportunities; sometimes we seize them, sometimes we let them go. In Sunday's Gospel, Zacchaeus climbs a tree in the hopes of getting a glimpse of Jesus. In the end, that unusual action begins an encounter with Jesus that will forever change his life.

The message of this article is not simply to seize every opportunity that presents itself. As I look back at my life, I can identify moments when I am grateful for not having made certain choices. I'm sure I'm not alone. There are likely decisions you wish you had made differently and others for which you are grateful.

There may be times when we think there is one definitive plan for our lives, and if somehow we choose the wrong path, our life is forever derailed. We need to balance Zacchaeus' example of literally going out on a limb with staying put on the ground. Yes, Jesus worked amazing things in his life because he took that chance. But that does not mean this was the only way Zacchaeus' life would have been changed. Once in the presence of Jesus, he made bold promises of how he would repent. Is it possible he was already contemplating how his life needed to change? Was the Spirit already stirring in his heart when he climbed the tree? Maybe he only needed to know that Jesus passed by and he would have had a change of heart.

We need to balance the dramatic story in the gospel with what we heard in today's first reading from the Book of Wisdom. We are told, "your (God's) imperishable Spirit is in all things." If this is true, then God's grace was just as present at the end of a branch as it was on solid ground. We cannot lament or punish ourselves for what we think may have been a missed opportunity. Can't we trust God enough to believe that if we missed one way of encountering him, that he will find another way into our hearts and lives?

Would it be a neat thing if I had a ribbon, or whatever they give you when you complete a marathon, that affirmed that feat? Yes. Does it mean that I missed out on knowing what it means to have used well gifts God has given me? Not at all. In different ways God has allowed me to experience the blessings of pushing myself, perseverance, and satisfaction in my achievements.

Is God calling you to climb to a high branch? Perhaps. Will God still call to you if you are in the back of the crowd trying to see? Absolutely. Be open to all the wondrous ways God's imperishable Spirit is offered to you.

PARISH NEWS

Weekly Calendar

Saturday, October 29th 9 AM
 • BUILDINGS & GROUNDS COMM. Fr. Joe Room

Tuesday, November 1st 9 AM & 5PM
 • ALL SAINTS' DAY MASSES Worship Area
 (The Parish Office is closed for the Holy Day.)

Wednesday, November 2nd 1:30 - 3:30 PM
 • BEREAVEMENT Fr. Joe Room
 • ENCOUNTER 4PM Chapel/Atrium
 • MASS OF REMEMBRANCE 7PM Worship Area

Thursday, November 3rd 10 AM
 • SCRIPTURE STUDY Fr. Joe Room
 • SAFETY PRESENTATION 1-3PM Atrium
 • ENCOUNTER 7PM Chapel/Atrium

Sunday, November 6th 1 PM
 • BAPTISMS Worship Area

The Bread and Wine for the week Oct. 30th - Nov. 5th have been donated in loving memory of Patricia Becker by Claire & Siobhan.



Banns of Marriage

Second Time

Julianna Foertsch & Daniel Montesion

Third Time

Katelyn Connolly & Kevin Recuperero

Scripture Readings for November 6th, 2022



+ 2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14
 + 2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5
 + Luke 20:27-38

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

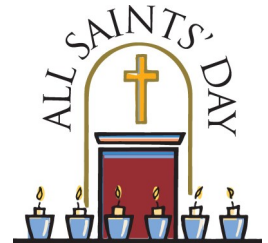


5:00 PM Fr. Mickey Bancroft
 8:00 AM Fr. Mickey
 9:30 AM Fr. Mickey
 11:30 AM Fr. Mickey

Next weekend at the offertory we will also be collecting for the **Archdiocese for the Military**. Thank you for your support of this collection!

All Saints' Day

All Saints' Day, a Holy Day of obligation, is Tuesday, November 1st. The Masses for All Saints will be on Tuesday at 9AM and 5PM. The Parish Office is closed for the Holy Day.



An Invitation from the Sisters of St. Joseph!

The Sisters of St. Joseph of Brentwood would like to invite you, women and men, to hear about their **Associate Program**, begun many years ago.

An Associate participates in the spiritual life and the mission of the Sisters of St. Joseph. Before making a commitment, there is a period of time and meetings to discern if this is a call from God in her/his life.

Sister Rosaleen and Sister Maura, together with CSJ Associate, Linda Olson, will be in the Atrium after each Mass (Sat. 5 PM, Sun. 8, 9:30 & 11:30 AM) this weekend — October 29 & 30 — with handouts and an opportunity to receive more information about the CSJ Associates.

PARISH NEWS



Come to the office to buy your Holy Cross sweatshirt or long-sleeved T-shirt! \$20 long-sleeved T-shirt, \$25 sweatshirt. Cash, check or credit card accepted. Thank you for supporting Holy Cross!

Rescheduled Events

Holy Hour and **Anointing of the Sick** will not take place next weekend. Due to scheduling conflicts, they will take place the following week.

Something to Ponder as Election Day Approaches

"We need to participate for the common good. Sometimes we hear: a good Catholic is not interested in politics. This is not true. Good Catholics immerse themselves in politics by offering the best of themselves so that the leader can govern."

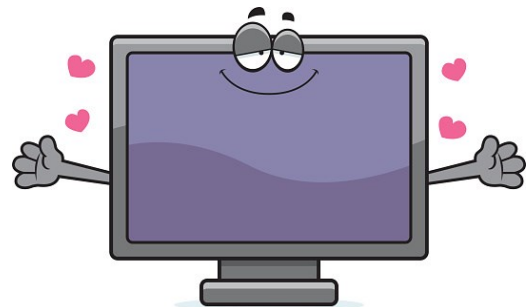
- Pope Francis, 9/16/13

Call for civil dialogue - Join Civilize It

Civilize It is about making room in your heart for those with whom you disagree. We are called to recognize that each person is a beloved child of God and should be treated with respect because of our inherent human dignity. Civilize It is a Catholic, non-partisan call to focus on the dignity of all people, even when we disagree, and to put faith in action by bearing witness to compassion and civility. Take the pledge and find helpful resources at CivilizeIt.org.

COMPUTER HELP NEEDED!

- Person needed to create "slides" with Scripture readings, prayers, and songs twice a month for weekend Masses (This is "behind the scenes" work, not actually running the slides at Mass.)
- Knowledge or ability to learn Power Point
- Work can be done at home
- Approximately 1-2 hours every other week
- Please contact Michele or Fr. Michael in the Parish Office



PARISH OUTREACH

Thanksgiving Baskets

WOULD YOU LIKE TO PUT TOGETHER A THANKSGIVING BASKET FOR AN OUTREACH FAMILY? SIGN UP THIS WEEKEND!

Any parishioner interested in participating in our Thanksgiving Basket program can sign up after all the Masses this weekend. **Please note that you must be able to bring in the Thanksgiving Basket on Sunday, November 20th, between 3PM-5PM in the Atrium.**

Each volunteer shopper will be responsible for **buying and packaging the food**, and will be given the menu, shopping list and supermarket gift cards to cover the cost.

The **completed baskets** will be brought to the Parish Center on **Sunday, November 20th, between 3PM-5PM.**



If you are unable to do a basket, but would still like to support this program, donations of money or supermarket gift cards will be greatly appreciated. **Envelopes marked "Thanksgiving" can be dropped in the collection basket or brought to the Outreach office.**

We are grateful for anything you can do to make this a real time for "Giving Thanks."



Outreach Food Pantry

Next Saturday and Sunday, **November 5th/6th**, will be our monthly Food Drive for our Parish Outreach Pantry. The following items would be most helpful:



- Paper Towels
- Toilet Paper
- Canned Corn
- Canned Peas
- Peanut Butter
- Jelly
- Pasta Sauce
- Snacks
- Tuna
- Ketchup
- Mustard

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

We are thankful to our dedicated Pantry Stocking teams that meet every month to stock the monthly food donations from our generous parishioners. This monthly sorting keeps our pantry shelves sorted and "in date" while restocking the shelves with donated food. We are grateful for their dedication and hard work month after month and year after year. We invite you to join the Pantry Stocking team as a new pantry team member or as an alternate. If interested, please call Outreach at 631-265-2200.

PARISH OUTREACH

October 2022

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

We are aware that during the past year you may have experienced the death of a loved family member or friend. Our parish community of Holy Cross wishes to be with you at a special Mass for the bereaved.

You, your family, and friends are cordially invited to celebrate a

*SPECIAL MASS OF REMEMBRANCE
ON THE FEAST OF ALL SOULS*

*Wednesday, November 2, 2022
at 7pm*

We hope as many people as possible are able to join us for this special Mass, which celebrates the Eternal Life of your deceased family member or friend. **A candle will be lit for your deceased family member during the Mass.**

We look forward to being with you and praying with you.

Peace,

Your Holy Cross Family

All parishioners who were buried from Holy Cross will have their names read during the Mass.

PARISH OUTREACH



Holiday Bereavement Support Group

If you are grieving a loss, the holidays can be a particularly difficult time. Grief is like taking the color out of your world any time of the year, yet during a holiday those grieving often experience a more intense sense of loss.

Please join us for this 3-week session focusing on:

“Ways to Handle Grief During the Holidays.”

This Bereavement Group is for anyone dealing with the loss of a loved one. We will meet Wednesdays from 1:30 to 3:30 PM.

The dates are as follows:

November 2nd, November 9th and November 16th

Please register by calling Holy Cross Outreach at 631-265-2200 ext. 113, leave your name and number, and you will be contacted by the Facilitator of the group. We welcome you to share, listen and find companionship with others who are encountering grief at this holiday time. Hopefully, together we will uncover ways to go through the holidays with a little joy.



PARISH OUTREACH

A Special Presentation for Women

Please join us on November 3rd at 1PM in the Atrium as we welcome C.O.P.E. Officer Sue of the 4th Precinct. Officer Sue will be hosting a presentation on women's personal safety. As a Suffolk County Police Officer, she will share her knowledge and expertise as she educates and enlightens us on positive, concrete ways to stay safe. Please RSVP by November 2nd by calling Outreach at 631-265-2200.

Date & Time: November 3rd at 1:00 PM
Place: Parish of the Holy Cross Atrium

Attention Seniors

Please join us on Thursday, November 10th, at 1:30 PM as we welcome Brian from the Suffolk County Office of the Aging. Brian will be presenting a detailed overview of the services provided for Seniors by Suffolk County. The services discussed are meant to enhance, enrich, and assist the life of Seniors. Please join us for this informative afternoon. Please RSVP by November 9th by calling Outreach at 631-265-2200.

Date & Time: November 10th at 1:30 PM
Place: Parish of the Holy Cross Atrium

COMMUNITY NEWS

St. Patrick's Church

280 East Main Street, Smithtown, NY 11787

Prayers for the Nation
Friday, November 4th, 7:30-8:30 PM

Join them in praying the Patriotic Rosary for our Country.

St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School

1170 Montauk Highway, West Islip, NY 11795

St. John the Baptist DHS presents "SALUTE TO SERVICE" to honor those men and women who have served our country. You may purchase a 3'x5' American Flag that will be displayed on the front lawn of the school on Veterans' Day, and you may include a Yellow Tribute Ribbon to give special recognition to someone special to you. <https://stjohnthebaptistdhs.net/salute-to-service>

COMMUNITY NEWS

Dominican Village

FALL FRENZY AUCTION & DINNER

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2022

6:00 PM- 10:00 PM

Dominican Village in Helen Butler O.P. Hall
565 Albany Avenue
Amityville, New York 11701

Save the Date

PREVIEW DAYS
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3rd
12:00 PM ~ 4:00 PM

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4th
12:00 PM ~ 4:00 PM

All are welcome to view and purchase basket tickets



Join us for the dinner/auction on November 4th at 6:00 p.m. Tickets are available, seating is limited

Take your chances on fabulous baskets!

Restaurant Gift Certificates

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BASKETS

25 tickets for \$20.00

GOLD PRIZES

6 tickets for \$20

CASH PRIZE RAFFLES

\$10.00 per ticket or 6 for \$50.00

1st Prize \$1,500 * 2nd Prize \$750 * 3rd Prize \$500

**WINNER NEED
NOT BE PRESENT**

Donor Opportunities Available & Wish List Items

Any theme baskets valued at \$75.00 and over

Gift certificate or gift cards, bicycles for any age, TV's, coffee makers, air fryers, mixers etc.

Large Wicker Baskets Needed!

Donate new items that can be used in or added to baskets created by us. All donations can be delivered to Dominican Village, or a representative will pick up. All donations are tax deductible as permissible by law. TAX ID# 11-3037708

For more information call Emily Monem (631) 842-6618 or email: emonem@dominicanvillage.org

TAKE A CHANCE!

Fall Cash Fling

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 present the "Fall Cash Fling." This is a similar idea, however it is offered on a quarterly basis.

- \$10 per ticket
- Tickets are available for purchase through September, October and November.
- Drawing will be held December 1.

Because we anticipate smaller participation, there is 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!

Fall Cash Fling

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