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31st Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 31, 2021

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:

Jo Barry
Patricia Becker
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Sienna Fricke
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Gerald Losquadro
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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.

Mass Intentions Schedule

Week of October 31st, 9AM Mass

Mon. Stephen Reidy (living)
Tue. All Souls' Mass Remembrances
Wed. Blanca Forero
Thu. Thomas Rahilly



Tuesday, November 2nd, All Souls' Day

7:00 PM All Souls' Mass Remembrances

Saturday, November 6th, 5PM Mass

Catherine Holzmann, Margaret Mahar, Justin Morris, Katie Griffin, M/M Joseph Grecco, M/M Eugene Decristoforo

Sunday, Nov. 7th, 32nd Sun. in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM People of the Parish
9:30 AM Lorretta Grebe, Vincenzo Baratta, Doris Stimanger, Eileen McCartin-Love, Lucy Blass
11:30 AM Tammy Sayres

Scripture Readings for November 7, 2021



+ 1 Kings 17:10-16
+ Hebrews 9:24-28
+ Mark 12:38-44

BOO

by Father Michael

Happy Halloween! This year Halloween falls on a Sunday. We hope our children have a fun and safe day. Of course, the origin of Halloween is rooted in our Holy Day of All Saints, which takes place on November 1. The Church remembers and recognizes the many holy men and women who have gone before us giving profound examples of living the faith. All Saints will be celebrated at the Monday morning Mass. Whenever a holy day falls on a Monday or Saturday, the obligation to attend Mass is suspended. Because of that, there will be no special Masses this year for All Saints' Day.

All Saints is followed by a day that is meaningful to many people, All Souls' Day. In addition to the regular morning Mass, we will have our annual special celebration on Tuesday evening at 7:00 PM. This is a time for all of us to remember our loved ones who have gone before us. In a particular way at this Mass we remember all those whose funerals took place at Holy Cross. This year was a significantly busier year than most for funerals. We will be reading the names of almost 60 parishioners who died since last All Souls' Day. This year many of our young people will be assisting in the lighting of candles for this Mass. It is a beautiful time in prayer. Please join us. Pray for your loved ones who have died, and be with other parishioners who share in this holy time of remembrance.

This past week we had a fruitful meeting with the Ministry of Ushers. About 30 parishioners attended. Many were our tried and true, faithful ushers who have been part of this ministry for years. But we also had a number of new faces that would like to join the ministry. There will be some changes coming down the road regarding this ministry. Beginning in Advent, we will return to passing the collection basket at offertory time. We will also resume having an offertory procession. Initially, it will be ushers who bring up the gifts of bread and wine along with the collection. In time, we will welcome families to volunteer to be the offertory family. I am also happy to report we have six new Altar Servers in training. They should begin serving within the next few weeks.

I ventured into New York City last week for the first time in almost two years. Some things have returned to normal, some things have changed. Here are a few random observations. St Francis on 31st Street remains a holy sanctuary in the midst of the bustling city. The new part of Penn Station is beautiful; the Moynihan Train Hall mirrors the grand old train stations of years gone by. The old part of Penn Station is like a demolition area obstacle course. I had to show ID and proof of vaccination to go into a restaurant for a hamburger. Times Square is booming. I was one of five people in the car of my "rush hour" LIRR train home.

Happy Trick or Treating.

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PARISH NEWS

Celebrants for Next Weekend's Masses, November 6th/7th



5:00 PM Fr. Michael/Dcn. Joe
8:00 AM Fr. Michael/Dcn. Joe
9:30 AM Fr. Frank
11:30 AM Fr. Frank

Banns of Marriage Second Time

Niki Marie Pelliccio & Francesco Vescio

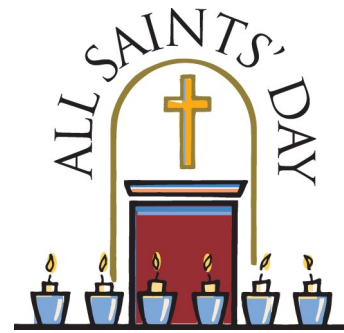
Third Time

Lauren Gravagna & William Forte



All Saints' Day

All Saints' Day is Monday, November 1st, however it is not a Holy Day of obligation this year. The Mass for All Saints will be on Monday at 9AM.



ALL SOULS' MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

We invite all of our parishioners who have lost a loved one during the past year or who are still grieving a loss in their life, to join us for a special Mass of prayer and remembrance. This year our Liturgy will be celebrated on the:

Feast of All Souls

Tuesday, November 2nd,

7:00 PM in the

Worship Center



All are welcome to join us for this special Mass which celebrates your loved one's place in the **Communion of Saints**.

LITURGY BYTES

November 2, 2021



All Souls' Day is celebrated every year on November 2nd when we remember those who have gone before us, not only in the past year but in our lifetime. This day is observed principally in the Catholic Church, although some Anglican churches celebrate it. The Eastern Orthodox churches observe several All Souls' Days during the year.

Our tradition, as Roman Catholics, associates this day by praying for all our dead that they reach their eternal reward in heaven. Many have Masses said for the same purpose for their family members and friends throughout the year marking special days like anniversaries and birthdays.

The Church has always taught us to pray for those who have gone into eternity. Even in the Old Testament prayers and alms were offered for the souls of the dead. It was believed that "they who had fallen asleep with godliness had great grace laid upon them" and that "it is therefore a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from sins." Purgatory is what we are told is necessary for souls to be cleansed before entering heaven. There is scriptural basis for this belief. The primary reference appears in 2 Maccabees (12:26 and 12:32) which reads: "Turning to supplication, they prayed that the sinful deed might be fully blotted out... Thus made atonement for the dead that they might be free from sin." Additional references appear in Zechariah, Sirach and in the Gospel of Matthew. Jewish tradition also reinforces this belief as well as the tradition and teaching of the Church, which has been affirmed throughout history. Consistent with these teachings and traditions, Catholics believe that through the prayers of the faithful on earth, the dead are cleansed of their sins so they may enter heaven.

Many cultures also mark the day differently. In North America, Americans may say extra prayers or light candles for the departed. In parts of Latin America, families visit the graves of their family members. Here at our parish, we have a Remembrance Mass in the evening on this day for those who have died during the past year.

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

PARISH OUTREACH

THANKSGIVING BASKETS

“O God, grant that whatever good things I have, I may share generously with those who have not, and whatever good things I do not have, I may request humbly from those who do.”

— St. Thomas Aquinas

We invite you and your families to consider participating in helping a family this Thanksgiving season.

Last year, due to Covid, we provided 51 Outreach families with gift cards to purchase their Thanksgiving meal. This year, we are asking our parishioners to join us in our **Thanksgiving Basket Program**. We are asking for help in providing each family with all the items for their holiday meal (except the turkey). If you are interested in helping a family through our **Thanksgiving Basket Program**, signup sheets will be available after the Masses on the weekend of November 6th and 7th. As always, we look to our parish community to help make this possible.

We hope this program will offer those in our parish the opportunity to share with our struggling neighbors, making **Thanksgiving** a time of **joy and blessings**. Our Outreach families are always touched by the caring of the community of Holy Cross.

Donations of money or supermarket gift cards will also be greatly appreciated and very necessary to help defray the expenses of this program. Envelopes marked **“Thanksgiving”** can be dropped in the collection basket or mailed to Parish Outreach at 95 Old Nichols Road, Nesconset, NY 11767.



We are grateful for anything you can do to help make this a day of “Giving Thanks” for everyone in our community.

PARISH OUTREACH

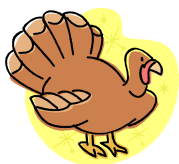
“BEING CHRIST”

“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.



1. 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.



2. Some winters, Outreach is asked to provide 100 gallons of emergency oil to households in need. We are able to do so 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.



3. 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 5th. 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 OUTREACH

Outreach Food Pantry

Next Saturday and Sunday, **November 6th/7th**, will be our monthly Food Drive for our Parish Outreach Pantry. The following items would be most helpful:



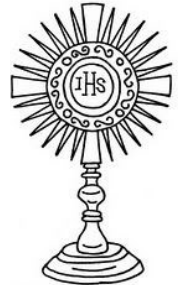
- Canned Peas
- Mixed Vegetables
- Canned Fruit
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Mayonnaise
- Syrup

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

PARISH NEWS

Holy Hour for Peace

We offer our Holy Hour on the first Saturday of the month from **3:45-4:45 PM** in the Worship Area. The next one will take place on **Saturday, November 6th**. Please come and spend some time before the Blessed Sacrament praying for God's gift of peace to touch our wounded world.



Anointing of the Sick

In the past, people received the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick only when they were gravely ill. However, the Church believes that the Anointing of the Sick should be experienced while we are still able to be aware of God's peaceful presence within us.



You are strongly encouraged to receive this Sacrament if you are having upcoming surgery, are dealing with a chronic or debilitating illness, are suffering from addiction, mental health issues or frailty.

On the first Sunday of each month, the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is offered after the 9:30 AM Mass. **Sunday, November 7th, is the next date the Anointing will be offered.**

PARISH NEWS

Special Collections

Next weekend is the collection for the **Catholic Ministries Appeal**. The CMA helps fund programs that service people in need, affordable housing for senior citizens, people with disabilities and our veterans, respect life initiatives, and formation of our priests, deacons, lay leaders and young people. We have collected 64.16% toward our parish CMA goal. Thank you for your support of this important collection!

Youth Ministry

Join us for our next Youth Night on Sunday, November 7th, from 6 to 8PM! All new 9th graders who have received the Sacrament of Confirmation this October are invited to attend. Hope to see you there!

For more information, contact our Youth Minister, Allie Roecklein, at youthgroup@holycrossrc.org.



Meetings this Week

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| Saturday, October 30th | 5 PM Mass |
| • CAR WASH PRESALE | Atrium |
| Sunday, October 31st | All Masses |
| • CAR WASH PRESALE | Atrium |
| • CHILDREN'S LITURGY 11:30AM | Fr. Joe Room |
| Monday, November 1st | 4 - 6 PM |
| • GREATER NEEDS | Atrium |
| • LITURGY TEAM | 7PM Chapel |
| • KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS | Fr. Joe Room |
| Tuesday, November 2nd | 10 AM |
| • IN STITCHES | Fr. Joe Room |
| • MASS OF REMEMBRANCE 7PM | Worship Area |
| Wednesday, November 3rd | 4:30 PM |
| • ALTAR SERVER TRAINING | Worship Area |
| • THE CHOSEN | 7PM Wor. Ar./Atr. |
| Thursday, November 4th | 10 AM |
| • SCRIPTURE STUDY | Atrium |
| • BEREAVEMENT | 1-3:30PM Fr. Joe Room |
| Saturday, November 6th | 3:45 - 4:45 PM |
| • HOLY HOUR | Worship Area |
| Sunday, November 7th | After 9:30 Mass |
| • ANOINTING OF THE SICK | Worship Area |
| • CHILDREN'S LITURGY 11:30AM | Fr. Joe Room |
| • BAPTISMS | 1PM Worship Area |
| • YOUTH NIGHT | 6-8PM Atrium |

John Gemmell's Eagle Scout Car Wash Fundraiser

Saturday, November 6th, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM
The Nesconset Fire Department, 25 Gibbs Pond Road, Nesconset

Please bring: *Dirty Cars and Scout Spirit*

John is raising funds to refurbish the outdoor Stations of the Cross at Parish of the Holy Cross. Pre-sale tickets available this weekend!

Thank you!



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 introduce the "Fall Cash Fling." This is a similar idea, however it will be offered initially on a quarterly basis.

- \$10 per ticket
- Tickets are available for purchase through September, October and November.
- Drawing will be held November 30.

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!

Fall Cash Fling

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