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Come and pray with us!

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - November 12, 2023

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:

Bob Alderdice	Theresa Arzillo
Jo Barry	Kathy Barry
Barbara Bombace	Cole Brennan
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Jason DeLuca	Manuela Diaz
Ann Egan	Ralph Farino
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Kristen Kennedy	Robert Lamb
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Loretto Narducci	Carina Ranieri
Liam Richards	Elaine Ruane
Casey Schultz	Barbara Sherry
Celeste Sichenze	Kyle Sweeney
Bill Tanner	Grace Van Epps
Peter Warns	Danny Youngworth

Upcoming Mass Intentions

Week of Sunday, November 12, 9AM Masses

Mon. Nicholas Svercel, Joseph Svercel

Tue. Alfred Izzo

Wed. Anthony DiGiovanna

Thu. Michele Alderdice (living)



*New Life
in Christ*

Saturday, November 18, 5PM Mass

Tom Kearnes, Steven J. Bannon, Sabino Carrieri,
Vincenza Cracchiolo, Gloria Morello

Sunday, November 19, 33rd Sunday Ordinary Time

8:00 AM People of the Parish

9:30 AM Concetta Brady

11:30 AM Mickae Ciampi, Iolanda Aufiero,
Vincenzo Baratta, Laura Romano, Luis
G. Pelaez

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.

I COULD HAVE FINISHED THE RACE

by Father Michael

Watching reports of last weekend's New York City Marathon inspired this week's column. It is a great achievement for anyone to complete the 26+ mile course. Anyone who even rises to the challenge of running the race deserves tremendous credit. At one point in life, I could have run a marathon. My only sporting endeavor in high school was that I ran cross country. I was never fast, but I had endurance. I could run forever. With proper training, I'm certain I could have completed a marathon while I was in my 20s.

The first reading at Monday's Mass was from Paul's letter to the Romans. He says "God's gifts and God's call are irrevocable." God gives us many opportunities and challenges, and God will never take any of them back. But sometimes gifts have a limited "shelf life." At this point, if I tried running a marathon I would probably make it across the Verrazzano Bridge, but I would then have to take the subway to the finish line. My gift and ability to run a marathon are no longer viable. I don't think that not using that opportunity has dramatically changed my life. But it raises the question, have I missed other opportunities that would have been blessings and moments of grace?

This weekend's readings also speak of using the gifts God has given to us. Do we live in a state of readiness to respond to the Lord when opportunities come along? Or, do we take for granted the blessings we have received and assume they will always be there to use at our discretion? God's graciousness is bountiful, our response may not always reflect that same generosity.

We can look at this question in terms of our own life, but also in terms of who we are as a parish community. One issue that we and virtually every parish is dealing with is a decline in those willing or able to participate in ministry. Some parishioners have moved, others are facing health issues that restrict their participation, and some have family and other commitments that limit their ability to assist. As those involved in ministry become fewer, even less are coming forward.

This is not meant to be a proclamation of doom. The nature of how the Spirit works in the Church is ever changing. What worked at one moment in time may no longer be viable today. The more pertinent question is whether there are any opportunities the Lord is offering at this time that could be a rich source of life and joy, not just for yourself but for the wider community. Most people probably have some regrets, "I should have . . ." Living life by looking only in the rearview mirror just adds to a litany of missed opportunities. Remaining open to the wonder of God's grace before us will always be a source of abundant life. Use well what the Lord offers.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, November 12th 9:30 AM
 • BAPTISM GATHERING Wor. Ar., FJ Room
 • TG BASKET DROP-OFF 3-5PM Atrium

Monday, November 13th 7 PM
 • FINANCE COMMITTEE MTG. Fr. Joe Room

Tuesday, November 14th 10 AM
 • IN STITCHES Fr. Joe Room
 • LECTOR MEETING 7PM Worship Area

Wednesday, November 15th 1:30 PM
 • BEREAVEMENT Fr. Joe Room
 • BE ATTITUDES 7PM Chapel, Atrium

Thursday, November 16th 10 AM
 • SCRIPTURE STUDY Fr. Joe Room
 • DRESS A GIRL 10AM-12PM Atrium
 • BE ATTITUDES 1:30PM Chapel, Atrium
 • ALTAR SERVER TRNG. 4PM Worship Area

Sunday, November 19th 1 PM
 • BAPTISMS Worship Area
 • YOUTH GROUP TG 3-5PM Atrium

Scripture Readings for November 19, 2023



+ Proverbs 31:10-13,19-20,30-31
 + 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6
 + Matthew 25:14-30



Banns of Marriage *First Time*

Samantha Errera & Brandon LaManna

Third Time

Tunde Csibi & Richard Russo

Celebrants for Next Weekend's Masses, November 18th/19th

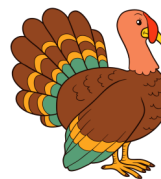


5:00 PM	Fr. Frank
8:00 AM	Fr. Frank
9:30 AM	Fr. Michael
11:30 AM	Fr. Michael

This week at the offertory we will also be collecting for our **Repairs and Major Renovations** fund. Thank you for your support!

Next week we will be collecting for the **Catholic Campaign for Human Development**. More than 37 million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face in bringing permanent and positive change to their communities. For more information, please see page 10. Learn more about the CCHD at www.usccb.org/cchd.

The Bread and Wine for the week November 12th - 18th have been donated in loving memory of
Douglas Sternberg
by Jennifer & Charles Miller



We are looking for people to donate or provide a meal item for our Youth Group's Thanksgiving dinner. Please email tclarke@holycrossrc.org if you can help!



Basket Raffle - Help Needed!

We will be hosting a **Christmas Basket Raffle** after all the Masses on December 2nd and 3rd. Winners will be drawn at the end of the 11:30 Mass. **If you are interested in helping with set-up, raffle ticket sales, and clean-up, please contact the Outreach Office at 631-265-2200 x113. Thank you!**

REMINDER....

Parish Lectors' Meeting

Tuesday, November 14th, at 7 PM in Church

Mystics and Mysticism



Come and join us Monday, November 27, in the Chapel from 7-9 PM. This month our presentation will be on **Caryll Houselander**, a British Mystic (1901-1954). **All are welcome! Bring a friend!** If you are a new member to the group, please register below.

Given by Kathleen Reid, MA

I am interested in attending the discussion on November 27 from 7-9 PM on the female mystic, **Caryll Houselander**.

Name _____ Phone _____

PARISH OUTREACH

For all those who were assigned a basket for our Thanksgiving Basket Program:

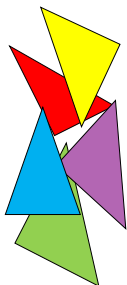
We ask that you drop off your completed Thanksgiving Basket on Sunday, November 12th, from 3pm-5pm in the Parish Center. We thank you in advance for your help in making the Thanksgiving Basket Program a huge success.



Dress a Girl Around the World

Cut-Ups: (those who cut the material and assemble our dress kits)

Please take note of the time!



Our “Cut-Ups” will meet **Thursday, November 16, from 10AM to 12PM** in the atrium. We will continue cutting out dresses for the little ones in need. **Please RSVP to Outreach at 631-265-2200 (limited space available).** No skill required. All are welcome!

We are, once again, looking for donations of larger pieces of cotton fabric (2-3 yards) for the body of the dress. Thank you in advance for your constant support and generosity of our *Dress a Girl* ministry.

Stitch-Ups: (those who sew the dresses found in our dress kits)



Our “Stitch-Ups” are welcome to pick up completed dress kits by calling the Outreach Office at 631-265-2200. Everything you need to complete a dress is included in a kit including instructions. Any questions—we are just a phone call away! Thank you!

PARISH OUTREACH

Be an Angel this Christmas!

ANGEL TAGS are available this weekend in the baskets on the marble pillars on the Altar and in the Atrium. We have placed extra baskets in the Atrium with Angels to allow for social distancing.

Once again, we are requesting gift cards for both clothing and toys for the households in our area that Outreach assists.

Therefore, the **BLUE** angel tags have requests for a store gift card on them. We encourage you to consider providing a holiday gift card so that our neighbors are able to purchase the items that best fulfill their family's needs. When you purchase a gift card, please put it in the **Gift Box** on the table near our **Angel signs**.

Gift cards do not need to be wrapped.

****PLEASE BE SURE THE AMOUNT IS NOTED ON THE GIFT CARD OR ENVELOPE. THIS INFORMATION IS NEEDED SO PARISH OUTREACH CAN DISTRIBUTE THE CARDS EQUALLY.**



The Angel tags are coded as follows:

- BLUE:** Families of the Holy Cross Outreach Program
- RED:** Our friends at Olsen's Rest Home
- PURPLE:** Talbot House, the Catholic Charities crisis center for those struggling with addiction
- GREEN:** Gifts for those in the Brentwood area serviced by Pronto
- ORANGE:** Mercy Haven, an organization that provides community residence housing for those living with mental illness
- PINK:** Supermarket cards to enable a family to have a special meal, gas cards to allow for a family to visit doctors, and drugstore cards to allow a family to buy medicine

If you choose a tag listing a gift item for Olsen's (red), please **DO NOT wrap** but please attach angel to top of package. Items for Pronto and Talbot (green or purple) also **DO NOT** need to be wrapped. This makes it easier on sorting day to count and distribute to the agencies. Thank you in advance for your understanding.

Gifts and gift cards can be returned for the next three weekends at Mass or dropped off during the week at the Parish Office.

PLEASE NOTE: Sunday, Dec. 3rd, is the last day to return gifts and gift cards.

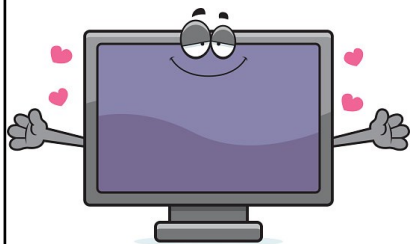
Many thanks to our Holy Cross Angels who give so generously each year to make our Angel program successful!

PREPARING FOR CHRISTMAS

Help Needed!



The **HCTV Ministry** that runs the slides at the weekend Masses, is looking ahead to **Christmastime**. Because December 24th lands on the Fourth Sunday in Advent this year, they are going to need a lot of extra help running the slides at the Masses.



From Saturday, December 23rd, to Monday, Christmas Day, there will be **ten Masses to cover**. If you are a regular parishioner, high school student, or even a college student home for the holidays, please consider helping.

Please call **Wendy at 631-724-0930** if interested. Training included. *Thank you!*



Holiday Wreath & Centerpiece Fundraiser



Pre Order by November 12th \$35.00 Each

Pick up December 2nd and 3rd at Masses

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

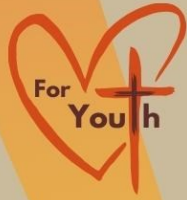
of Wreaths: _____ x 35.00 = _____

of Centerpieces: _____ x 35.00 = _____

Total Due: _____

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Holy Cross Youth Group
serving grades 7-12

Thanksgiving

DINNER

KICKBALL-FOOD-FUN

RSVP Required by November 13th

RSVP that you are joining us, to:
youthgroup@holycrossrc.org

If you would like to donate or provide
a meal item for our dinner,
please visit the
parish website
and click the link



SUNDAY, November 19, 2023

3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Meet in the Holy Cross Atrium

Wear sneakers for a Pre-Dinner Kickball Game!



HALLOWEEN PARTY

A tremendous thank you to all who participated in our Trunk or Treat Halloween party! The children loved the creativity and hard work put into your decorated trunks! It was truly "Spooktacular"!





CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT WORKING ON THE MARGINS

LEARN about those living in poverty who are working to improve their communities. • **ACT** and spread the word about poverty by sharing this flier. • **CONNECT** with the work of CCHD by supporting the collection. • **PRAY** for those who benefit from this collection.

For more than 50 years, the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) has supported organizations that combat poverty and improve the lives of people in communities across the United States. Not only do CCHD-funded organizations advocate with civic, business, and community religious leaders to improve access to affordable housing, job and educational opportunities, and rights for immigrants—they also respond quickly to urgent needs when communities experience emergencies.

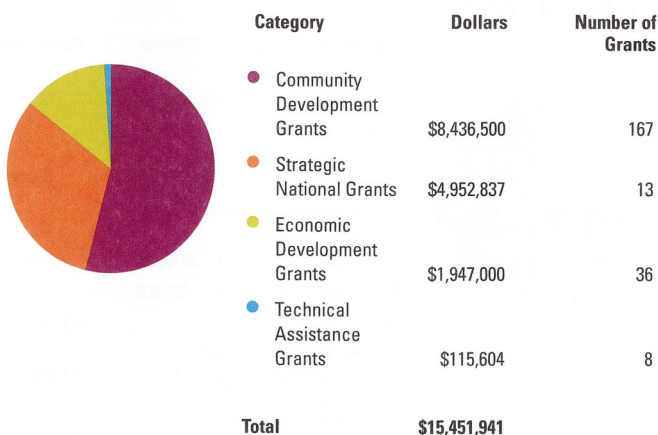
An effective response to natural disasters begins with effective planning before disasters occur. In New Orleans and surrounding areas in southern Louisiana, CCHD is helping Together New Orleans develop a project called Community Lighthouse, which will equip 85 congregations and community organizations with commercial-scale solar power and backup battery storage. This effort will form a network of response centers ready to serve

communities in a hurricane or other natural disaster once the solar power equipment is completely installed. By using solar power and backup batteries, the response centers can continue operating in the event of power loss—but they will also be using clean, renewable energy rather than fossil fuels that contribute to climate change and pollution.

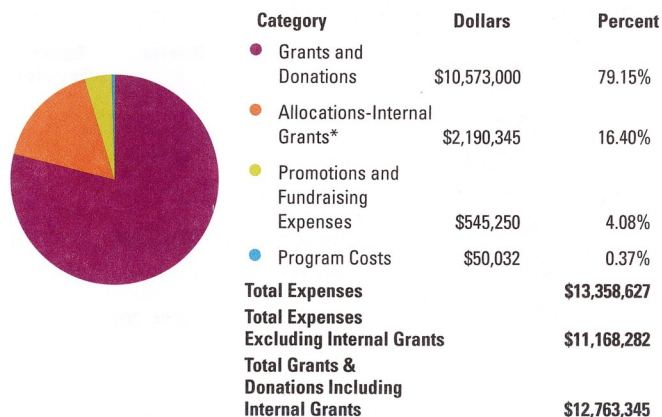
When you support CCHD, you help local communities across the country innovate and work together to solve their own unique challenges. Twenty-five percent of your contribution stays in your diocese to support the organizations addressing your community's needs for housing, jobs, and educational opportunities—and for keeping the lights on during a storm.

To learn more about the collection for the CCHD and the way CCHD upholds the moral and social teachings of the Catholic Church, visit www.usccb.org/cchd/collection.

2021-2022 GRANTS



2021 EXPENSES



*Internal grants include a distribution from the CCHD collection for CCHD operations expenses and for the USCCB Justice, Peace, and Human Development's education and outreach program, which includes engaging Catholics in our faith-filled call to address the root causes of poverty.



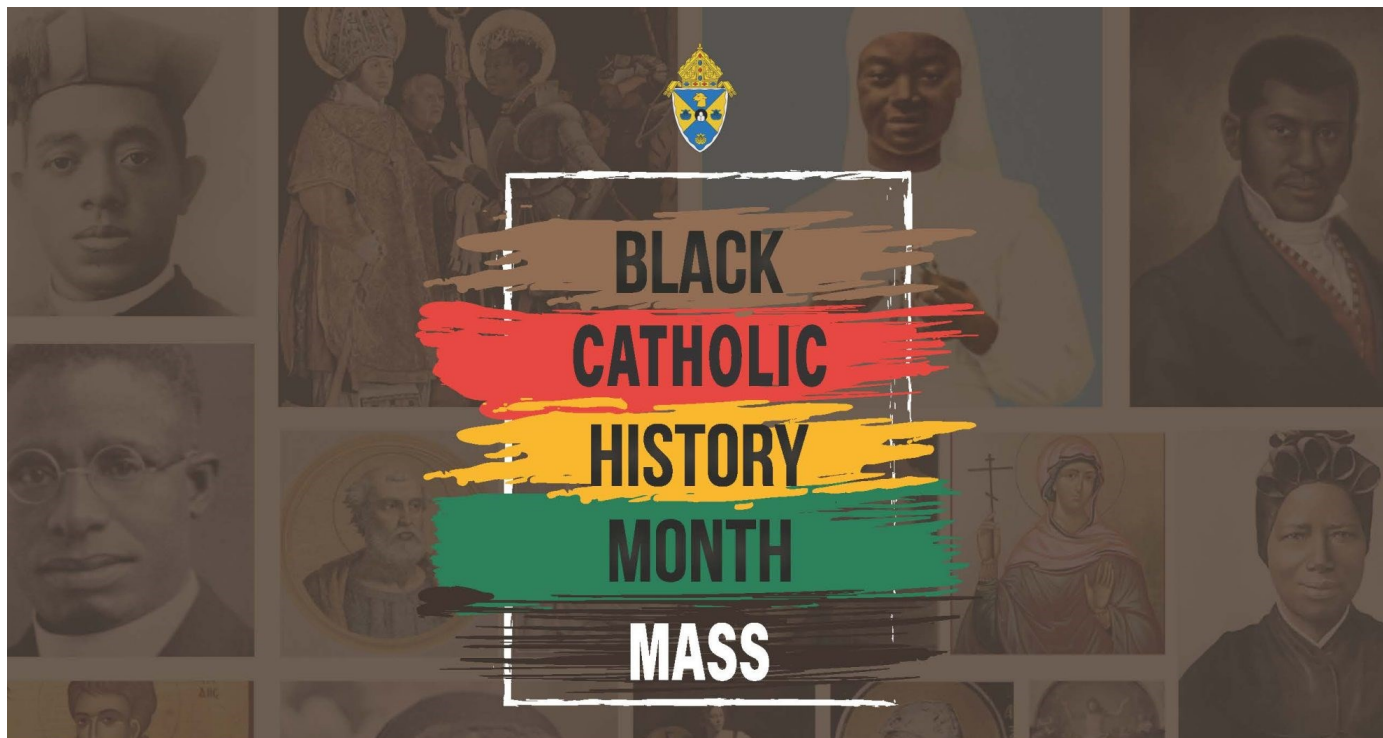
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12:30 p.m. November 19, 2023



Most Reverend Bishop John O. Barres, Celebrant
Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers, Homilist

at the Cathedral of St. Agnes in Rockville Centre

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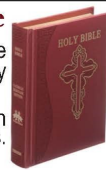
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