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33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - November 13, 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

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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
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Dan Bryan	Ann Callari
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Liam Richards	Elaine Ruane
Barbara Sherry	Celeste Sichenze
Kyle Sweeney	Peter Warns
Danny Youngworth	

Mass Intentions Schedule

Week of November 13, 2022, 9AM Mass

Mon. Alfred Izzo
Tue. Anthony DiGiovanna
Wed. Regina Hickey
Thu. Mary & Gerard Sarosy

Saturday, November 19th, 5 PM Mass

Concetta Brady, Matteo Santulin, Freddie Meyers,
Warren Sulmasy, Honorable Patricia Grant Flynn,
Michael Maggor

Sunday, November 20th, Christ the King

8:00 AM People of the Parish
9:30 AM Gloria Posimato
11:30 AM Ginny Faller, Barbara Wells, Robert
Alderdice Jr., John Schof, Eleanor
Martin, 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.

THE DWELLING PLACE OF GOD

by Father Michael

There are many ways in which we can reflect upon and understand what it means when we refer to the dwelling place of God. For part of this reflection, I draw your attention to one aspect of life at Holy Cross which is undergoing a change. The location of our tabernacle will be moved. The guidelines of the Church allow the tabernacle to be located in a chapel as we have it, but it also allows it to be in the sanctuary near the altar. I raised the issue of moving the tabernacle in hopes of giving the reserved Blessed Sacrament a more prominent location in our Worship Area.

As Catholics, we firmly believe in the Real Presence of Jesus in the consecrated bread and wine. It is more than a symbol for us. The way in which we reverence and reserve the Eucharist mirrors our belief in the power of this great gift. (And, yes, we may need to have a “how to genuflect” lesson or two.) Outward signs and proper posture are all good and proper, but there is something much more foundational at work.

Primarily, our Worship Area will always be a place we see in numerous ways as the dwelling place of God. The presence of God is revealed when bread and wine are taken, blessed, broken and given. The presence of God is opened to us in the proclamation of the Word, the holy scriptures. The presence of the Lord remains in the reserved Blessed Sacrament. That can be a focus for private prayer and devotion as well as making Holy Communion available to the homebound and sick. But the aspect we can never overlook is the presence of God in all of us as we gather together to share in our common prayer. It becomes dangerous if we start thinking that God is found in one place, but not in another. We cannot localize and isolate the profound presence of God’s grace. If we cannot see the presence of God in the face of one another, then the location of the tabernacle becomes insignificant.

I’m happy about making the change in location of the tabernacle at this time. Our chapel will be enhanced with the new statue of the Holy Family, and the reserved Blessed Sacrament will be far more visible. But what is most important is that we remain a people committed to reflecting the presence of Christ in and to one another. We are known for being a community that exudes a spirit of welcome. If ever we lose that, it is far more problematic than where the tabernacle is installed. May we always see the face of God within ourselves, and in turn embrace that gift in one another. The Lord feeds us to give us strength to carry on his holy work. We become what we eat, the Body of Christ.

PARISH NEWS

Weekly Calendar

Saturday, November 12th	3:45 - 4:45 PM
• HOLY HOUR	Worship Area
Sunday, November 13th	After 9:30 Mass
• ANOINTING OF THE SICK	Worship Area
Monday, November 14th	4 - 6:30 PM
• SPECIAL NEEDS	Atrium/FJ Room
• MEN'S PRAYER GROUP	7PM Chapel
Tuesday, November 15th	10 AM
• IN STITCHES	Fr. Joe Room
• MOMS' GROUP	7PM Fr. Joe Room
• LEVEL 2 PARENT MTG.	Worship Area
Wednesday, November 16th	1:30 - 3:30 PM
• BEREAVEMENT	Fr. Joe Room
• FALL FESTIVAL MTG.	7PM Fr. Joe Room
Thursday, November 17th	10 AM
• SCRIPTURE STUDY	Fr. Joe Room
• DRESS A GIRL	1-3PM Atrium
Friday, November 18th	6:45 PM
• PRE-CANA WEEKEND	Atr./Worship Area
Saturday, November 19th	9 AM - 6 PM
• PRE-CANA WEEKEND	Atr./Worship Area
Sunday, November 20th	1 PM
• BAPTISMS	Worship Area
• TG. BASKET DROPOFF	3-5PM Atrium

The Bread and Wine for the week November 13th-19th have been donated in loving memory of Alfred Izzo by his daughter Celeste and grandson Peter and his family.



Scripture Readings for November 20th, 2022



+ 2 Samuel 5:1-3
+ Colossians 1:12-20
+ Luke 23:35-43

Celebrants for Next Weekend's Masses, November 19th/20th



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

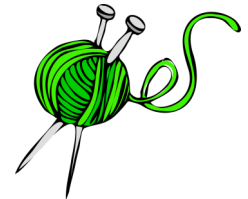
Special Collections

This weekend we will also be collecting for our **Renovations and Major Repairs** fund.

Next week our special collection will support the **Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD)**. More than thirty-eight million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face as they work to bring permanent and positive change to their communities. Pick up a flyer in the atrium, and learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at www.usccb.org/cchd.

Prayer Blanket Ministry

As Thanksgiving draws near, we offer thanks for the wonderful



parishioners who have been sewing, knitting, and crocheting Prayer Blankets for the past 16 years. To date, over 1,300 people have been comforted by a Prayer Blanket received from Holy Cross.

If you sew, knit, or crochet, please consider joining this special ministry. There are no meetings to attend; work is done at home. Interested? Call Jude at ext. 116

PARISH NEWS



Attention - Lectors, EMs & Ushers!

SIGN UP FOR CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S MASSES

the weekend of November 19th and 20th in the large Sacristy after all the Masses.

Attention Liturgical Ministers!

The Annual Recommitment of Liturgical Ministers will take place the weekend of **November 26th and 27th** at all the Masses.



We ask that all Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors, Ushers, Music Ministers and Altar Servers participate.

MALE SPIRITUALITY

Men's Evening of Prayer Monday, November 14, 7:00 PM

Son, Brother, Father . . .

In different settings and different circumstances a man can take on different roles and energies.

Come together with fellow parishioners and explore these aspects of a man's journey.



Parish of the Holy Cross
Invites You and Your Family
to celebrate
THANKSGIVING



Begin the day with your parish family
November 24th at the 9 AM Mass.



Please bring a food item from your table for a blessing.
Each family will receive bread that will be blessed
to take home.

Assist Parish Outreach to replenish the pantry with any of the
following items:

***coffee, tea, cookies, canned chicken, mayo, jelly,
and shelf stable milk.***

LITURGY BYTES

November Saints



November is the month dedicated to our beloved family and friends who have passed. We remember them in a special way by praying for them or visiting their graves. It is that in between time when we also spend time being thankful and grateful for all we have and for those special people in our lives. This is the bridge that leads to the season of Advent which begins this year directly after Thanksgiving. There are some saints whose lives might be helpful to reflect on as we welcome the Advent season.

Let's begin with **St. Charles Borromeo** – November 4th is his feast day. He is known as the patron saint of seminarians and bishops. He's famous for his leadership during a bad plague in the city of Milan. He led the priests in taking care of the sick and administering the sacraments during this frightful time. None of the priests who were caring for the sick ever got sick themselves. Here is a prayer St. Charles wrote himself: *"The candle that gives light to others must itself be consumed. Thus, we also have to act. We ourselves are consumed to give a good example to others."*

Next on the calendar is **St. Martin of Tours** – November 11th is his feast day. He was the son of pagans but became a Christian at the age of 10, all on his own. He became a Roman soldier and was known to be kind and generous. He divided his cloak in half and gave it to a beggar to keep him warm. It was in a dream that he saw Jesus who was wearing his cloak. This caused him to resign from the army and decide to be a soldier for God. In later years, he became a Bishop. Here is a quote from him: *"Lord, if your people need me, I will not refuse the work. Your will be done."*

Another well known November saint is **St. Albert the Great** whose feast is celebrated on November 15th. He was considered a medieval scholar, one of the greatest minds of all times and a leading scientist. He actually was a theology teacher of St. Thomas Aquinas. Even after he became a bishop, he still remained a humble Dominican in spirit. He greatly loved God and neighbor. Here is a prayer in his own words: *"It is by the path of love, which is charity, that God draws near to man, and man to God, but where charity is not found, God cannot dwell. If then, we possess charity, we possess God, for God is charity."*

Have a blessed, safe, healthy, and saintly week ahead!!~~~Michele Hall

PARISH OUTREACH

Monetary Donations in Support of the Outreach Thanksgiving Project

Cash, Check or Supermarket Gift Cards are greatly appreciated to help defray the expenses of our Thanksgiving Basket Program. You can mark your envelope "**Thanksgiving**" and drop it in the collection basket or bring it to the Outreach office. We thank you for your continuing support of our Outreach ministry.

Thank you to everyone who signed up to create a Thanksgiving basket for one of our Outreach families. Once again, our volunteers outnumbered our need. Thank you!! We hope you will give us a chance next year to assign you a basket.

If you were assigned a basket for our Thanksgiving Basket Project, **please pick up your supermarket gift cards after all Masses this weekend.** Please look for the Outreach table in the atrium where you can pick up your shopping list and your gift cards.

REMINDER: Completed baskets are due **Sunday, November 20th**, from 3 PM - 5 PM. Our families will be picking up baskets on Monday in the morning and throughout the day. Please make every effort to have your basket here on the 20th. Thank you!



With your help, in the month of October, Outreach provided 262 services to 164 people, consisting of 38 children, 88 adults and 38 seniors. Thank you for all your generous support of Outreach and the families we service.

Also, our next *Dress a Girl* meeting will be November 17th from 1 to 3 PM.

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 an envelope and place 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:** Toys for children 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

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.

If you would like to donate wrapping paper or a gift bag, please look for our **Gift-Wrapping collection bin in the Atrium.**

Gifts and gift cards can be returned for the next 3 weekends at Mass or dropped off during the week at the Parish Office.

PLEASE NOTE: Sunday, Dec. 4th, 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!!

PARISH NEWS



Holy Cross Sweatshirts and T-shirts

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!

Hearing Devices

For parishioners who have difficulty hearing, Holy Cross has individual devices which can amplify sound. They are simple to use and work for those who wear hearing aids and those who do not. If you are interested in using one of these devices, please see the Sacristan or an Usher prior to Mass.

Low-Gluten Hosts

For parishioners who have Celiac Disease or a gluten sensitivity, Holy Cross has low-gluten hosts. If you would like to receive a low-gluten host during Communion, please inform the Sacristan prior to Mass.

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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!

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