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33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - November 19, 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:

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|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| Bob Alderdice | Theresa Arzillo |
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| Celeste Sichenze | Kyle Sweeney |
| Bill Tanner | Grace Van Epps |
| Peter Warns | Danny Youngworth |

Upcoming Mass Intentions

Week of Sunday, November 19, 9AM Masses

Mon. Jaclyn Losquadro (living)

Tue. Mary Conlin

Wed. Maureen Savino (living)

Thu. People of the Parish



*New Life
in Christ*

Saturday, November 25, 5PM Mass

Allison Hall, Gloria Morello, Francis T. Hupfer,
Thomas Calleson, Cesario Salemi

Sunday, November 26, Christ the King

8:00 AM Mr. & Mrs. O. DeSanto

9:30 AM Adelaye Chersevani, Victor J.
Chersevani, Victor M. Chersevani,
Stephen Pino, Janet Columbia, Irene
Rodechko

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.

WARMING UP THE OVEN

by Father Michael

Life keeps rolling along, sometimes faster than we prefer. Thanksgiving is on Thursday. For many people the shopping and preparation have begun. This year I will once again be driving to my brother's house in Pennsylvania. He lives just a bit west of Allentown. As long as traffic cooperates, and it usually does in the morning, it is a relatively easy drive. Please remember we have a special Mass on Thanksgiving morning at 9:00. It is a beautiful way to begin the day. Normally Thanksgiving weekend is the beginning of Advent, but this year the calendar says it does not begin until the weekend of December 2nd/3rd.

I like fiddling around in the kitchen, but one thing I have never attempted to make is a Thanksgiving turkey. I could probably stumble my way through it. But the greater challenge for me would be the carving. I do not have that gift. It would look like the makings of turkey salad if I tried to do that. My brother will handle the turkey; I'll take care of saying grace.

This week we had a meeting of the Finance Committee. We finally reviewed the last fiscal year that ended on August 31st. When we hit the "total button" we came out with a surplus of a little over \$10,000. While that means we are operating on a thin line, we are in fact operating with a balanced budget. Not every parish is in this position. It comes about through your ongoing generosity and our efforts to be good stewards of what we have received. Unfortunately, some parishes continually face shortfalls in the operating budget which creates an ever-present financial cloud. We are blessed not to live in that shadow of financial uncertainty. However, we will once again return to publishing quarterly statements in the bulletin. This is one detail of life that got derailed with Covid, and we will return to the practice.

There is one significant on-going issue related to finances that has yet to be resolved, the bankruptcy of the Diocese. This has been going on for more than three years now. Aside from occasional references in Newsday, it has not gotten much attention. It seems we are now in the final steps of coming to some kind of resolution. Exactly how the settlement will unfold is not yet known. The one detail that has gotten some attention in the news is the question of parish participation. It seems most probable that all parishes will need to be contributing to the settlement fund. Of course, once the specific details are known I will share that information with you.

It looks like we will have five new altar servers joining the ranks. I am always happy to see the kids come along and want to help out in this way. That's how I began my Church career!

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Weekly Calendar

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| Sunday, November 19th | 1 PM |
| • BAPTISMS | Worship Area |
| • YOUTH GROUP TG | 3-5PM Atrium |
| Monday, November 20th | 4 - 6 PM |
| • SPECIAL NEEDS | Atrium |
| • MEN'S PRAYER GROUP | 7PM Chapel |
| Tuesday, November 21st | 10 AM |
| • IN STITCHES | Fr. Joe Room |
| • MOMS' GROUP | 7PM Fr. Joe Room |
| Wednesday, November 22nd | 9 AM |
| • DAILY MASS | Chapel |
| <i>(The Parish Office closes at 12 noon.)</i> | |
| Thursday, November 23rd | 9 AM |
| • THANKSGIVING MASS | Worship Area |
| <i>(The Parish Office is closed for the Thanksgiving holiday.)</i> | |
| Friday, November 24th | |
| <i>(The Parish Office is closed for the Thanksgiving holiday.)</i> | |
| Sunday, November 26th | All Masses |
| • LIT. MIN. RECOMMITMENT | Worship Area |

Scripture Readings for November 26, 2023



+ Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17
 + 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28
 + Matthew 25:31-46



Banns of Marriage

First Time

Amber Pyne & James McCloskey

Second Time

Samantha Errera & Brandon LaManna

Celebrants for Next Weekend's Masses, November 25th/26th



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

The Bread and Wine for the week November 19th - 25th have been donated in loving memory of Michelle Tomitz & Daniel M. Tortora by Louise & Michael Tortora & family.



This week we will also be collecting for the **Catholic Campaign for Human Development**. Next week we will also be collecting for the **Catholic Ministries Appeal**. The CMA helps over 600,000 people each year here on Long Island. For more information about the CMA, please see page 11 of this bulletin and pick up a brochure from the Atrium. Thank you!

Christmas Basket Raffle



Come join the fun! Our Christmas Basket Raffle will be held after all the Masses on December 2nd and 3rd. Winners will be drawn at the end of the 11:30 Mass. You do not have to be present to win.

Our baskets feature Christmas themed baskets, assorted toys, games, and gift certificates to local businesses. Tickets are 3 for \$5 or 7 for \$10.

Thank you!

LITURGY

Liturgy Bytes—Happy Thanksgiving

Do you realize that Thanksgiving and Eucharist mean the same thing? Even though it has been pointed out many times in the past, it does not hurt to reflect on it once again as we get ready to celebrate Thanksgiving Day on November 23rd.



The word “thanksgiving” is derived from the Greek word “eucharist,” which is the same word that refers to both the Mass and the Sacrament of Holy Communion. It is also wonderful to see and know that many Catholics start their Thanksgiving Day by attending Mass in their parishes. Here at Holy Cross, we will have Mass on Thanksgiving morning at 9:00. We encourage everyone who is available to join your parish family to offer thanks before you join your family members.

Returning to the meaning of Eucharist, we should realize that the whole liturgical life of the Church revolves around the Mass and the Sacraments. The Catechism of the Catholic Church explains it this way: “It is called Eucharist because it is an action of thanksgiving to God. The Greek words eucharistein and eulogein recall the Jewish blessings that proclaim, especially during a meal, God’s works of creation, redemption and sanctification.” This sacrament is called the Eucharist precisely because it is a thanksgiving offered to God for these gifts. The Sacrament of the Most Holy Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life and as such, it is the highest form of thanksgiving that we can offer. As we know, there is a meal aspect to the Eucharist that provides a connection to our secular holiday of Thanksgiving. The Eucharist is much more than a common meal. The Eucharist is a sacrifice of thanksgiving to the Father, a blessing by which the Church expresses her gratitude to God for everything He has given us, the things we know and those we do not know. Are we not so blessed to have the opportunity to receive Our Lord on many more occasions than just once a year each time we attend Mass? Make an effort to start your Thanksgiving Day celebration this year with Mass.

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

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

Begin the day with your parish family at 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.



COME JOIN US!

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 _____



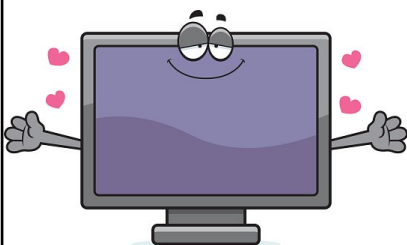
Re-Commissioning of all Liturgical Ministers

November 25 & 26, 2023
at all Parish Masses

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!**



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SCAN HERE
TO SIGN UP



YOU CAN ALSO SEND AN EMAIL OF INTEREST TO:

YOUTHGROUP@HOLYCROSSRC.ORG

**WE KINDLY ASK THAT YOU PLEASE BRING A NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEM
TO BE DONATED TO THE HOLY CROSS FOOD PANTRY**

IN THE HC ATRIUM, AFTER 5 PM MASS

PARISH OUTREACH

Christmas Angels

This weekend, Angels will be available in the baskets on the Altar pillars and throughout the Worship Center. In the Atrium, you will find colored baskets that will reflect the color of the Angel. This will help promote social distancing and let you choose an Angel easier. We ask that you do not congregate at the baskets. If you would like to help a needy family this Christmas, choose an Angel, purchase the item written on it, and return by Sunday, December 3rd.

We are requesting gift cards from these local stores (Kohl's, Target, Walmart) to enable our families to purchase for themselves and their children the items they need. We are also requesting supermarket gift cards to enable each household to have a special holiday meal.

(Reminder: gift cards need to be activated at the register)

Sometimes Angels get separated from the actual gift card when they are returned. We ask that you, in permanent marker, mark the amount of each gift card purchased, directly on the gift card. This can be done on the top right of the front or back of the card. This would be very helpful in eliminating the time-consuming job of calling for amounts on cards of unknown amounts. I thank you in advance for your help in this matter.

Some Angels are coded (orange, purple, green, red) for the agencies we reach out to each year (Mercy Haven, Talbot House, Pronto, Olsen's Rest Home). If you choose one of these Angels, attach the Angel on top of the item with tape and return to the Atrium by Sunday, December 3rd.

We ask that all gifts NOT be wrapped.

We thank you for the Spirit of Generosity you bring to our project each year.



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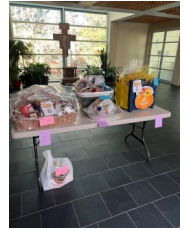
An Outreach Thanksgiving Thank You!



This year 43 beautiful baskets were distributed to our families in need. We are so grateful for the volunteers who shopped and created these one-of-a-kind baskets! The families who received baskets were overwhelmed by the generosity of our parish community.



We also appreciate the volunteers who worked on Basket Day, on sign-up weekend, and those who gave monetary donations and gift cards. Special thanks go to Susan Lampach, Donna Akuntius and Joellen May who organized the whole project. I am grateful.



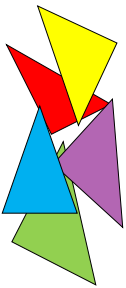
May the blessings of Thanksgiving remain with you and your families during the coming year.



Peace, Kelley

Dress a Girl Around the World

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



Our “Cut-Ups” will meet **Thursday, December 14, from 1-3 PM** 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)

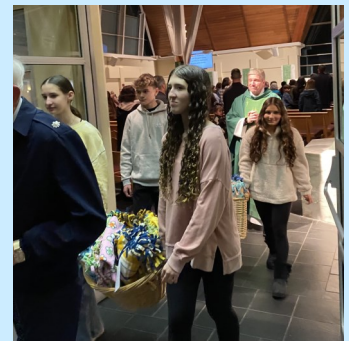
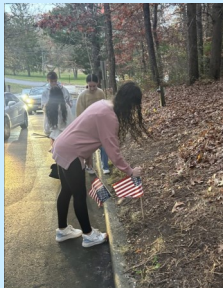


Our “Stitch-Ups” are welcome to pick up completed dress kits by calling the Outreach Office at 631-265-2200. Everything you need to complete a dress is included in a kit including instructions. Any questions—we are just a phone call away! Thank you!

HAPPENINGS AT THE 5 PM MASS!

Saturday, November 11th, was Veterans Day and a busy day at Holy Cross. Thank you to our Youth Group members who decorated Holy Cross with American flags and served hospitality afterwards in celebration of Veterans Day. A special thank you to Lisa Eger and Angela Wichtendahl, two of our Youth Group leaders who ran the event. Also, Prayer Blankets made by the Youth Group were blessed and distributed to those in need. Here are some pictures!

Thank you to our Veterans!



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As we all begin to prepare for Thanksgiving and we express our gratitude for God's blessings upon us, let us remember those who are struggling to put food on their family's table each day, let alone a special holiday meal.



Our local Parish Social Ministries work diligently, offering baskets of food and turkeys, to ensure that families who are in need can be nourished every day and can celebrate a special day, Thanksgiving. PSMs are also a source of comfort and spiritual strength.

Parish Social Ministry Outreach at Saint Catherine of Sienna Church encompasses a variety of ways in reaching out to those in need, the marginalized and so many others through different programs and services available throughout the year. In addition, this ministry provides information and guidance on issues of social justice guided by Catholic Teachings.

"What the Lord calls us to – is to reach out and help one another. It's something I learned as a child – it's something I taught my children and now my grandchildren." Shared Maureen Miedreich, Social Outreach Coordinator



PLEASE CONSIDER MAKING A GIFT TO THE 2023 Catholic Ministries Appeal! Every Gift Makes a Difference in the Lives of Others. Please make checks payable to **Catholic Ministries Appeal**.

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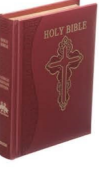
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