The Parish of the Holy Cross

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LET ALL BE WELCOMED AS CHRIST!

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.



Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me. Matt. 25:40

Come and pray with us!

Christ the King - November 26, 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

WE ARE HERE FOR YOU!

631.265.2200 + Fax: 631.265.2229 + Email: parish@holycrossrc.org Parish Office Hours: Monday - Friday, 9 AM - 4 PM (closed 12:15 - 1 PM)

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Rev. Michael F. Holzmann Pastor, ext.115

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Ms. Karina D'Angelo Business Manager, ext.110 Mr. Roberto Maza Custodian

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Mrs. Mary Inghilterra Weekend Sacristan

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
Ann Callari	Judy Carlson
Jason DeLuca	Manuela Diaz
Ann Egan	Ralph Farino
Sienna Fricke	Linda Heinrichs
Debbie Jablinowski	Kristen Kennedy
🐁 Roberta Lamb	Dora Libretti
Gerald Losquadro	Charlotte Lynch
🐁 Viola Malek	Jeanne Marie Malley
Olivia Melia	Loretto Narducci
🐁 Carina Ranieri	Liam Richards
Elaine Ruane	Casey Schultz
🐁 Kathy Schwinn	Barbara Sherry
Celeste Sichenze	Kyle Sweeney
Bill Tanner	Grace Van Epps
Peter Warns	Danny Youngworth
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Upcoming Mass Intentions

Week of Sunday, November 26, 9AM Masses

Mon. Joseph Vernice (living)

Tue. DeLisio Family: Louis, Bena, Angelo

Wed. Anthony Brady

Thu. Karin Casson (living)

Saturday, December 2, 5PM Mass

Ann & Cecil Wirth, Ralph Ciccone, Catherine D. Smith

Sunday, December 3, First Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM People of the Parish

9:30 AM Ann Grove

11:30 AM Stephen Soviero, Frank Perrino, Alec Ross, Louis Italiano, Marie Tooker

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 END OF THE YEAR

by Father Michael

No, it's not December 31. But the Feast of Christ the King marks the end of the liturgical year. One of the things I look forward to at the end of the calendar year is when news broadcasts and other shows do a "year in review." It is common to see a summation of the notable news events and achievements of the last year. On this day, I'm not going to sing "Auld Lang Syne," but it is appropriate for us to review some of the liturgical highlights of the past year.

The Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ calls for a Eucharistic Procession. Aside from Holy Thursday, that was something that was not part of our routine here. But, on that day, at every Mass we had a procession that went through the courtyard and the Children's Garden. I was not sure how successful it would be. Much to my delight, most everyone at every Mass participated in that procession. It took on a life to itself.

On the weekend closest to the Exaltation of the Holy Cross we also had a grand entrance procession at some of our Masses that were led by children of the parish. There was a Call to Worship in the courtyard, followed by a beautiful procession of everyone entering the Worship Area together. Also, on that day, we utilized the large white cloth upon which people had written petitions and the names of loved ones. It was a beautiful way to start the Liturgy and to celebrate our parish community.

We had several liturgies in which specific grade levels in our Religious Education program were invited to attend. It is always good to see a full church and so many families. We also utilized colorful new banners and streamers for Pentecost. Again on those days, our youth participated in a special way. And, in this past year, the tabernacle found a new home in the sanctuary. It is in a prominent location and the lighting highlights it in a beautiful way.

The Church in America is in the midst of a Eucharistic Revival. There is great effort being made to bring people to a deeper appreciation of the gift and power of the Eucharist. Our efforts here at Holy Cross have helped to enhance our celebration of this sacred and precious gift. I am grateful to all those who help to bring our liturgy to life such as our Liturgy Committee and all our Liturgical Ministries. As many as are involved, there is always room for more. Let us know if you would like to be one of those helping hands. There is more to come. We are making great efforts to enhance our Sunday worship during the upcoming season of Lent.

We are a blessed people to be able share in the Eucharist. We are blessed to have a vibrant community in which we can pray together. May we continue to strive to become what we share in, the Body of Christ.

<u>Men's Prayer Group</u>

Upcoming Meetings - Wednesday, Nov. 29, @ 7PM & Monday, Dec. 11, @ 7 PM

WHAT'S HAPPENING

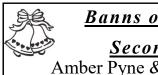
Weekly Calendar

Sunday, November 25th	5 PM
• LIT. MIN. RECOMMITMENT	Worship Area
Sunday, November 26th	All Masses
• LIT. MIN. RECOMMITMENT	Worship Area
Monday, November 27th • SPECIAL NEEDS • MYSTICISM 7PM	4 - 6 PM Atrium Chapel
Tuesday, November 28th	10 AM
• IN STITCHES	Fr. Joe Room
• LEV. 1 ADVENT WREATHS 5PM	Atrium
Wednesday, November 29th • SENIORS • LITURGY COMMITTEE 1:30PM • MEN'S PRAYER GROUP 7PM	
Thursday, November 30th	10 AM
• WOMEN'S BIBLE CIRCLE	Fr. Joe Room
• YOUTH PLANNING MTG. 7PM	Fr. Joe Room
Saturday, December 2nd • HOLY HOUR • BASKET RAFFLE SALES 5PM • WREATH/CENTERPIECE PICKUP	
Sunday, December 3rd • BASKET RAFFLE SALES • WREATH/CENTERPIECE PICKUH • ANOINTING OF THE SICK 9:30AN	

Scripture Readings for December 3, 2023



+ Isaiah 63:16-17, 19; 64:2-7 + 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 + Mark 13:33-37



<u>Banns of Marriage</u>

Second Time Amber Pyne & James McCloskey

<u>Third Time</u>

Samantha Errera & Brandon LaManna

<u>Celebrants for Next Weekend's</u> <u>Masses, December 2nd/3rd</u>



Fr. Frank Fr. Frank Fr. Michael/Dcn. Joe Fr. Michael/Dcn. Joe

The **Bread and Wine** for the week November 26 - December 2 have been donated in loving memory of **Larry Franzese** by Tom & Nancy Ciorciari



This week we will also be collecting for the **Catholic Ministries Appeal**. Please pick up a brochure in the Atrium. Thank you!

<u>Christmas Basket Raffle</u>



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 BYTES

<u>Christ the King</u>

This weekend the Church celebrates the feast of Christ the King and the end of the Liturgical year. This feast is fairly new to the Church calendar as it was established in the 20th century. The feast is designed to give special recognition to Christ, Our Lord.



Pope Pius XI instituted the feast in 1925 with his encyclical entitled Quas Primas (In the First), to respond to growing secularism and atheism. In that encyclical, the Pope noted that the continuing disorder of that era had long been festering and was the result of nations rejecting Christ. This solemnity reminds us that while governments come and go, Christ reigns as king forever.

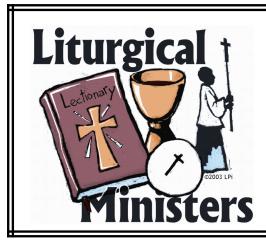
Later on, in 1969 Pope Paul VI took some steps to enhance the witness of the feast day. He changed the name of the celebration to the feast of "Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of All." He also changed the date to the last Sunday in the liturgical year, emphasizing even more strongly the connection between Christ's kingship and His second coming. He also raised the feast to the highest rank of celebration on the Church calendar, that of a "solemnity."

For Christians, when our faith is repeatedly marginalized in public life, we can fall into the habit of compartmentalizing our lives. We love Jesus in our private lives, but we shrink from acknowledging the kingship of Christ in social life. When we celebrate the solemnity of Christ the King, we declare to the world and to ourselves that Jesus is the Lord of the Church and the entire universe.

Have a blessed, and Christ-like week ahead! ~ Michele Hall

An Invitation to Advent Prayer		
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In the busyness of this Advent season, why not take some time away with God? Join us for a special prayer experience incorporating Dallas Jenkins' film,		
The Shepherd		
Wednesday, December 6, 7:00 – 8:00 PM or Thursday, December 7, 1:30 – 2:30 PM.		
All parishioners are invited.		
Please fill in the tear-off below and return to the Parish Office by December 4 th .		
I will attend Advent Prayer on Wed., Dec. 6, at 7:00 PM Thurs., Dec. 7, at 1:30 PM		
Name: Phone:		

COME JOIN US! Mystics and Mysticism Join us for our final mystic discussion of this season, Caryll Houselander (1901-1954). In spring 2024 we will journey with St. John of the Cross, Pierre Teilhard de Chardin SJ, and Thomas Merton, an American Trappist Monk. Come join us tomorrow night, November 27th, in the Chapel at 7PM. All are welcome! This is a great way to prepare for Advent. 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. Phone __ Name



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 Thank you! included.

Holy Cross Youth Group serving grades 7-12

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3 WAYS TO SIGN UP (CHOOSE ONE)

A Night of

LIVE MUSIC AND REFRESHMENTS We're Looking for Performers!

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9TH | 6 PM - 8 PM

MUSIC, POETRY, DANCE, MARTIAL ARTS (TO NAME A FEW)

(ALL ACTS MUST BE CONFIRMED BY 12/2) (SOUND SYSTEM, KEYBOARD AND MICROPHONES PROVIDED)

SIGN UP AT OUR NEXT YOUTH GROUP NIGHT ON NOVEMBER 19TH

SCAN HERE TO SIGN UP



YOU CAN ALSO SEND AN EMAIL OF INTEREST TO: YOUTHGROUP@HOLYCROSSRC.ORG

WE KINDLYASK 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

Important Reminder for All Our Shoppers

If you are participating in our "Be an Angel" Christmas program, next weekend, December 2nd-3rd, will be your LAST **OPPORTUNITY** to return your Angel gifts or gift cards. If you have not had an opportunity to participate, this will be the last week Angels will be available. Remember to indicate the amount of the gift card on the envelope or on the card itself with a marker.

Our Outreach committee will be sorting the gifts by Sunday, December 3rd. Unfortunately, gifts that come in after December 3rd may not go to the people in need of them. Thank you for understanding our need to have all Angel items returned by Sunday, December 3rd, so that they can be distributed during that week.



Reminder: The Angel tags are coded as follows:

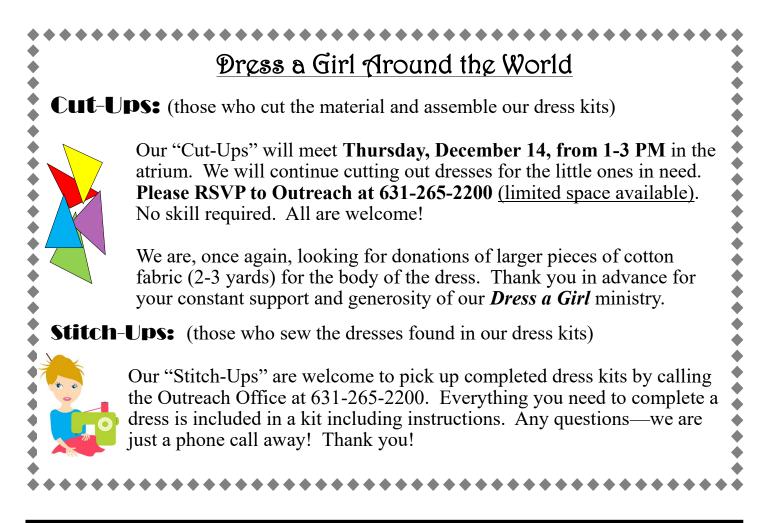
	inder: The Angel tags are coded as follows:
BLUE:	Families of the Holy Cross Outreach Program
RED:	Our friends at Olsen's Rest Home
PURPLE:	Talbot House, the Catholic Charities crisis center for those struggling with addiction
GREEN :	Gifts for those in the Brentwood area serviced by Pronto
DRANGE:	Mercy 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

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PARISH OUTREACH

Donations for Food Pantry—Not Next Weekend!

We will <u>not</u> be collecting food next weekend, December 2nd/3rd, because it's **Sorting Weekend**, when we sort all the Christmas gifts that come in. Instead, please bring in groceries, etc. the weekend of **December 9th/10th**. Thank you!



Holy Hour for the Sanctity of all Human Life

We offer our Holy Hour on the first Saturday of the month from 3:45 to 4:45 PM in the Worship Area. The next one will take place on **Saturday, December 2nd**. Please come and spend some time before the Blessed Sacrament praying for God's gift of life to be recognized by all.

Anointing of the Sick

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. The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be offered after the 9:30 AM Mass on **Sunday, December 3rd**.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



To Our Catechists, Co-Catechists, Volunteers & Helpers, In thanksgiving for all those who give their gifts to our parish, whose ministry is God's assurance that the Good News will be heard and that young people will be nurtured in the faith.

For your gracious hospitality in opening your hearts and homes to our children, for your faithfulness and joy, for your patience and understanding, for the lives you have touched...We Thank You!! The Parishioners of the Parish of the Holy Cross

Level 2 Kimberly Arbocus

Katie Bacigalupo Kerin Beedenbender Michelle Chorney Paula Cottone Rita Dychkowski Jessica Foley Meredith Formica Teresa Gandarillas Lisa Goncalves Laura Krummenacker Karen Militello Meredith Murolo Carrie Palmer Mary Pannone **Robin Rostron** Maria Wenstrom

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Level 4

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Level 5

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Level 6

Melanie Calefato Linda Creighton Jennifer Dranev Maria Falcone Anthony Greco Amber Lerner Josephine Matula Thomas Mayer Jennifer Miller **Raymond Muchow** Jenine Naples Vivian Oleksa Lorraine Pace **Ivelysse** Powers Katie Risolo **Beth Rivalsi**

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Sally Marselle Jaime McGrade Stephanie Portillo Tracy Reilly Monica Scali Barbara Schaff Jacqueline Siino Angela Wichtendahl

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Apostle of the Impossible: Tour of the Relics *of* Saint Jude the Apostle

IN DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE



All are invited to visit and venerate the relics.

2023 Tour Schedule & Locations

Monday, November 27, 2023

St. Jude Church

89 OVERLOOK DRIVE, MASTIC BEACH, N.Y. 11951 Veneration of Relic: 1:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. Special Mass in honor of Saint Jude at 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, November 28, 2023

St. Anthony of Padua Church 20 CHESHIRE PLACE, EAST NORTHPORT, N.Y. 11731 Veneration of Relic: 1:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. Special Mass in honor of Saint Jude at 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 29, 2023 St. Patrick Church

9 NORTH CLINTON AVENUE, BAY SHORE, N.Y. 11706 Veneration of Relic: 1:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. Special Mass in honor of Saint Jude at 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, November 30, 2023

Holy Family Church

17 FORDHAM AVENUE, HICKSVILLE, N.Y. 11801 Veneration of Relic: 1:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. Special Mass in honor of Saint Jude at 7:00 p.m.

Friday, December 1, 2023

Notre Dame Church 45 MAYFAIR ROAD, NEW HYDE PARK, N.Y. 11040 Veneration of Relic: 1:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. Special Mass in honor of Saint Jude at 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 2, 2023

St. Patrick Church 235 GLEN STREET, GLEN COVE, N.Y. 11542 Veneration of Relic: 1:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. Special Mass in honor of Saint Jude at 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 3, 2023

Holy Name of Jesus Church

690 WOODBURY ROAD, WOODBURY, N.Y. 11797 Special Mass in honor of Saint Jude: 2:30 p.m. Veneration immediately following Mass Veneration ends at 9:00 p.m.

Monday, December 4, 2023

St. Agnes Cathedral

29 QUEALY PLACE, ROCKVILLE CENTRE, N.Y. 11570 Veneration of Relic: 1:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. Special Mass in honor of Saint Jude at 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 5, 2023

St. Patrick Church

400 MAIN STREET, HUNTINGTON, N.Y. 11743 Veneration of Relic: 1:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. Special Mass in honor of Saint Jude at 7:00 p.m.



For more information on the visit of the relics of Saint Jude the Apostle, visit: www.ApostleOfTheImpossible.com



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