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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.*



Come and pray with us!

First Sunday of Lent - February 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

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Parish Office Hours: Monday - Friday, 9 AM - 4 PM (closed 12:15 - 1 PM)

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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
Dan Bryan	Ann Callari
Judy Carlson	Pattie Daly-Matonti
Jason DeLuca	Manuela Diaz
Ann Egan	Syl Evangelista
Ralph Farino	Sienna Fricke
Linda Heinrichs	Debbie Jablinowski
Diane Jones	Maureen Jost
Kristen Kennedy	Roberta Lamb
Dora Libretti	Gerald Losquadro
Charlotte Lynch	Viola Malek
Erin & baby Malley	Jeanne Marie Malley
Olivia Melia	Loretto Narducci
Cornelia Polik	Mary Polik-Gunther
Carina Ranieri	Liam Richards
Elaine Ruane	Barbara Sherry
Celeste Sichenze	Kyle Sweeney
Bill Tanner	Peter Warns
Danny Youngworth	

Mass Intentions Schedule

Week of Sunday, Feb. 26th, 9AM Masses

Mon. Bob DeFilippis
Tue. Jim Emerson
Wed. Dolly Boyles
Thu. Chris Dawson (living)



Saturday, March 4th, 5PM Mass

James Thompson, John Healy, Leonard DiGregorio,
Jack Schultz, Ana Suarez

Sunday, March 5th, Second Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM People of the Parish
9:30 AM Andréa Marie Vizzini
11:30 AM Joseph Santamaria, Anthony Fasano,
Adele Fasano, Melissa Clemente,
Catherine Tesoriero

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.

IN THE SHADOW OF DISNEYLAND

by Father Michael

This weekend you will find me in Anaheim, California. I am not alone, but traveling with three members of our Pastoral Team: Tricia, Kelley and Jude. We are attending the annual Religious Education Congress which takes place at the Anaheim Convention Center. Although Disneyland is right next door, there is no time to see Mickey Mouse. This conference first started sixty-seven years ago. It was a simple workshop for those involved in Religious Education in Los Angeles. It has been steadily growing through the decades and has now become a national event and beyond that draws upward of thirty thousand people. Since I have been at Holy Cross, this is the third time I am attending the Congress with Pastoral Team members.

This gathering has always been a font of inspiration, renewal, and new life for me. I try to attend about every three or so years. The keynote speakers and workshops often provide great insight and creativity into various aspects of ministry. The opening ceremony and liturgies are uplifting and inspiring. But perhaps the most energizing part is being surrounded by literally thousands of people who have dedicated themselves to ministry and service to the Church. There is a unique energy to this gathering.

While it is a great time of personal enrichment, Holy Cross has been the recipient of some of the fruits of this conference. Songs like "All are Welcome," "Hold on to Love," "Gracious God," and "Give Us Your Peace" all came to us through those who have been presenters at Congress. Some of my homilies have come from ideas that sprung to life from various presentations. Most recently, my homily on the dualistic mind that I offered on the gospel of the beatitudes was rooted in a talk given at Congress. But for me, the aspect I most want to bring back to Holy Cross is to make the Church alive, vibrant, and life-giving to the people who come here. My understanding of priesthood, ministry and service has, in part, been formed by the days I have spent at this gathering of good and holy people who are committed to our Church. While some may see this as an extravagant weekend away, I see it as an investment in our spiritual future.

I appreciate the expense to the parish in doing a trip like this. I discussed this idea with the Finance Committee in making this year's budget, and they supported the trip. Those who work for the Church are not doing so because of the enormous salaries we pay. I want to affirm the people who work here in their ministry. If what we do is important, if what we do is to make a difference, then it needs to be nurtured. This is a unique opportunity to renew our passion and enthusiasm for our work. And, yes, it is a fun time and a spirit-builder for us. Thank you for your support and understanding as we spend this time away. We'll be back on Monday, but no mouse ears, I promise.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Weekly Calendar

Monday, February 27th	4 - 6 PM
• SPECIAL NEEDS	Atr., FJ Room
Tuesday, February 28th	10 AM
• IN STITCHES	Fr. Joe Room
• RCIA	7PM Fr. Joe Room
• LEV. 2 RECONCILIATION	Worship Area
Thursday, March 2nd	10 AM
• SCRIPTURE STUDY	Fr. Joe Room
Saturday, March 4th	11 AM
• LEV. 2 RECONCILIATION	Worship Area
• HOLY HOUR	3:45-4:45PM Worship Area
Sunday, March 5th	9:30 AM Mass
• GIRL SCOUT SUNDAY	Worship Area
• ANOINTING OF THE SICK	10:30AM Worship Area

Scripture Readings for March 5, 2023



- + *Genesis 12:1-4*
- + *2 Timothy 1:8-10*
- + *Matthew 17:1-9*

Celebrants for Next Weekend's Masses, March 4th/5th



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

Holy Hour for Life

Our next Holy Hour will take place on **Saturday, March 4th at 3:45 PM**. Please come and spend some time before the Blessed Sacrament praying for God's gift of life to be recognized by all.

FUNDRAISING

What ever happened to . . .

- **Basket Raffle**
- **Plant Sales**
- **Christmas Wreath Sales**
- **Cash Calendar**



These were all events that were coordinated by the Fundraising Committee. For several years now it has been on hiatus. It is time to gather again and organize events that will be both a source of fun and funds. If you are interested, please join us for a meeting on:

Wednesday, March 8, @ 7:00PM
Fr. Joe Room

EVENING FOR LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Parish of the Holy Cross

*Evening of Reflection for
All Liturgical Ministers*

Guest Speaker: Sr. Mary Alice Piil, CSJ

**Thursday, March 16th, at 7 PM
in the Worship Area**

*“Liturgical Ministry: A Unique
Opportunity to Lead Others into
the Paschal Mystery”*

Easter Triduum



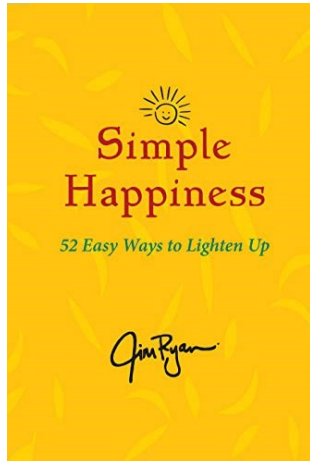
PARISH MISSION

Join us for our Parish Mission

**Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday
March 20, 21 & 22 at 7 PM**



With Motivational Speaker
Jim Ryan



Jim Ryan is the author of the book,
Simple Happiness: 52 Easy Ways to Lighten Up.
Thousands of people all over the United States have
been inspired and motivated to change and live more
joyful and fulfilled lives.

Topics for the Evenings

Monday, March 20

Simple Happiness - Eight Characteristics of Happy People

Tuesday, March 21

Managing Thought, the Key to Experiencing God's Love

Wednesday, March 22

Start to Live Heaven on Earth

*Treat yourself to three hours of graced listening
and spiritual refreshment. Allow the gifts of God
to pour over you as you open your heart to God's
love for you!*

*We look forward to welcoming you and sharing
in this week of reflection and prayer.*



PARISH OUTREACH

Eat Simply...So Others May Simply Eat

Lent offers us a unique period of time to evaluate our life journey as a follower of Christ. We are encouraged to assess if this journey has led us to an improved understanding and deepening of our relationship with our Lord, with our neighbors and with our brothers and sisters of the world community.



For the last 32 years we at Holy Cross have embraced our Lenten Project **Eat Simply So Others May Simply Eat** as a way to raise our consciousness to the significant needs of our struggling friends. We willingly sacrifice larger or better meals for simpler meals during Lent. Our joint effort to **EAT MORE SIMPLY SO OTHERS MAY SIMPLY EAT** unites us in a special way with one another and also with those who are struggling on Long Island.

We encourage you not only to participate in this program, but also to discuss it at the dinner table with your children and family members. Many of us are not consciously aware of the number of people that are struggling and hungry right here in our own area. **During 2022, our outreach pantry served an average of 96 people each month.**

The Lenten envelopes marked, **EAT SIMPLY...SO OTHERS MAY SIMPLY EAT**, will be available throughout the weekends of Lent. We suggest that you place the envelope in a prominent place in your kitchen as a reminder of how you and your family will be uniting yourselves with our struggling neighbors and with the starving of the world. *We encourage you to reflect, discuss and to decide how you will eat more basic meals during Lent.* Perhaps you have a favorite simple recipe to share. We'd be happy to put it in the bulletin for fellow parishioners to try.

Each weekend or whenever you choose during Lent, you may place your envelope in the basket on the pillar by the altar or in the collection basket. The monies donated will be used to help those who come to Parish Outreach for assistance. We are continually grateful for the very generous response of our parishioners of Holy Cross in donating money, food and supermarket gift cards, which enables us to meet their needs.



Outreach Food Pantry

Next Saturday and Sunday, **March 4th/5th**, will be our monthly Food Drive for our Parish Outreach Pantry. The following items would be most helpful:

- Hot & Cold Cereal
- Canned Fruit
- Canned Chicken
- Canned Tuna
- Rice
- Instant Potatoes
- Pasta & Pasta Sauce
- Snacks
- Tea
- Toothpaste
- Soap
- Shampoo



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

LITURGY BYTES

Reconciliation

Since Lent is commonly referred to as a penitential season, let us look at the Sacrament of Reconciliation or Penance or Confession—names that all refer to the same Sacrament. This Sacrament is one of the most unique and beautiful aspects of our Catholic Faith. The Sacrament “washes us clean” and renews us in Christ.



In this Sacrament we meet the loving Jesus who offers us forgiveness. We meet Christ who is eager to absolve and restore us to new life through the priest. The graces of Christ are conferred in the Sacrament by means of visible signs—signs that are acts of worship, symbols of the grace given, and recognizable gestures through which the Lord bestows his gifts. Also, through this Sacrament, the forgiveness of sins and the restoration of grace are the gifts received through the outward sign, that is, the extension of hands and words of absolution pronounced by the priest.

Perhaps this Lent, we could reflect on why we need this Sacrament. Actually, from time to time we need to recognize that we offend God and need to make things right. Like the prodigal son in the gospel, we long to know again the loving embrace of a forgiving father who patiently waits for each of us. We have a certain way available to us to access God’s mercy and to know that our sins are forgiven and that is the Sacrament of Reconciliation. There is more to come in future weeks on how this Sacrament evolved and how it is celebrated.

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

**The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick
will be offered after the 9:30 Mass on March 5th.**

ATTENTION CHOIR MEMBERS!

Easter Adult Choir

It's been a while since we've had the whole choir together, but we would like to call back former choir members as well as invite new members.

We will be singing on Holy Thursday and at the Easter Vigil with three rehearsals prior to Easter. Join us for the rehearsals on

**Thursday, March 23, and Tuesdays, March 28 and April 4
7:00 - 8:30 PM**

Please contact Brian Reich our Music Director at 631-949-9134 if you are interested.

GIRL SCOUT SUNDAY



Girl Scout Sunday

Tell your Scouting friends.....All Are Welcome

March 5th, 2023 9:30 Mass

Scouts should arrive 15 minutes early

Uniforms/Sashes for scouts & leaders

Contact Kim Loh Bodor

Akjl23@optonline.net or 516-996-2297

*Please let us know how many scouts & leaders will be attending by **February 28***

so we have enough reserved seating for your group.

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TAKE A CHANCE!

Winter Windfall

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 "Winter Windfall." This is a similar idea, however it will be offered initially on a quarterly basis.



- \$10 per ticket
- Tickets are available for purchase through December, January and February.
- Drawing will be held February 28.

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!

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