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28th Sunday in Ordinary Time – October 14, 2018

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.*

WE CELEBRATE EUCHARIST

Monday—Thursday: 9:00 A.M. (Chapel)

Saturday: 5:00 P.M.

Sunday: 8:00 A.M. + 9:30 A.M. + 11:30 A.M.

WE CELEBRATE RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 3:45 P.M.—4:30 P.M.

or call Father Michael for an appointment.

WE CELEBRATE BAPTISM

Baptisms are generally celebrated twice each month at 1 P.M. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

WE CELEBRATE WEDDINGS

Couples should contact the Parish Office at least six months in advance of the proposed wedding date.

We are here for you!

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 Parish Office Hours: Monday - Friday 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM (closed 12:15-1:00 PM)

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Celebrants for Next Weekend's Masses



October 20th/21st

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

Mass Intentions Schedule



Week of October 14th, 9AM Mass

Mon. Dominick Caliendo (living)
Tue. James Drey (living)
Wed. Robert Reed Schroeder
Thu. Henri-Robert Lamarque

Saturday, October 20th, 5 PM Mass

Aura Morales, Cecilio Morales, Elvia Arroyave

Sunday, Oct. 21st, 29th Sun. in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM People of the Parish
9:30 AM Stasia & Patrick Egan
11:30 AM Robert Noon, Margaret & Joseph Grecco, Karen & Logan Michael Ciliotta, Maria Orabona Lapreay

Remembering Our Sick

Almighty and Eternal God, You are the everlasting health of those who believe in You...

Please pray for the sick of our parish, their families and caregivers:

Maria Conte Maryann League

If you would like to have the name of your loved one listed for 4 weeks in our prayers for the sick, please contact the Parish Office at 631.265.2200.

Scripture Readings for October 21, 2018



+ Isaiah 53:10-11
 + Hebrews 4:14-16
 + Mark 10:35-45

Darn Yankees

by Father Michael

I am writing this article on Tuesday morning, which is the day after the disastrous 16-1 loss to Boston. Yikes! I can live with a defeat, but at least make it an exciting game. While I am not the biggest sports fan now, I was a great Yankee fan when I was a kid. (My sports heroes were Thurman Munson and Bobby Murcer.) It is great to see these two rival teams in the playoffs. Let's cheer on our hometown team to victory. Truth be known, I would be rooting for the Mets if they made it to the playoffs.

Last Sunday afternoon I had a fun little adventure after Mass. There is a large flea market that is held a few times a year in a little place called Stormville, NY. It is less than a 2-hour trip with clear traffic. My family used to make a trek there every other year or so, and we would make a day out of it. I was happy to be returning there after a number of years. It was not as big as I remembered it, but there were still some fun things to look at. I was not inspired to buy anything on this trip. I suppose if I had a stack of cash, I would like to buy back all the toys I played with as a kid that are now collectables. Why is it when you're looking to buy something, it is always a precious antique for which they charge top dollar, but when you're looking to sell something, it is worthless junk for which no one wants to offer anything? That is one of the great questions of life that shall remain unanswered.

This week Tackan Elementary School held their annual Evacuation Drill. If ever there was an emergency at the school that required an evacuation, all students and faculty would head out the back of the school, down the hill, across Nichols Road and gather in our parking lot. We are also the formal evacuation site for Olsen's Rest Home on Gibbs Pond Road. We pray neither place will ever need to utilize these plans, but it is best to be prepared. We are happy to be able to work with these institutions within our community.

Have you noticed the new electronic speed monitors installed on Nichols Road? Their intent is to alert drivers to their speeds in hopes of slowing them down. Indeed, there are many cars on Nichols Road that exceed the posted speed limit. Safe driving.

We are looking forward to our 30th Anniversary Dinner Dance on Friday, October 19th, at the Miller Place Inn. It is a sell-out event with 148 parishioners participating. Although I am not one to lead the conga line on the dance floor, I am still looking forward to another joyful celebration of our parish community.

Please remember to join us this Monday evening for the special presentation on Archbishop Oscar Romero. I am grateful to our Parish Outreach for organizing this evening.

PARISH OUTREACH

“BEING CHRIST”

“COME TO ME ALL OF YOU WHO ARE BURDENED AND I WILL GIVE YOU REST...”

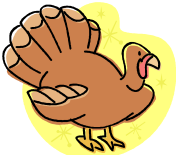
These comforting words greet all who enter the doors of Holy Cross Church. They are the foundation of the mission of Parish Outreach, which is to “Be Christ” to those who are burdened by serious illness, financial instability, loss of a job and other crisis situations. Our ability to do that is only possible through the giving spirit of the parishioners of Holy Cross. **We thank you so very much for your consistent support of Parish Outreach and its programs.**

As we draw near to the holiday season (the busiest time for Parish Outreach), we invite you to consider these suggestions on ways to join us in “Being Christ” for our neighbors who continue to struggle in their life journey.

1. Monetary “basket” donations (cash, check or supermarket gift cards) will be appreciated to help defray the expenses of our **Thanksgiving Basket Program**. You can mark your envelope “Thanksgiving” and drop it in the collection basket.



2. Volunteer shoppers are needed to purchase and package a Thanksgiving basket for a needy family. You will be given a menu/shopping list and gift cards to cover the cost. We anticipate about 70 baskets will be provided to families in our community this year. **If you would like to do a basket, you can sign up after any of the Masses on the weekend of Nov. 3/4 in the rear of the atrium.**



3. During last year’s winter, Outreach was able to provide 100 gallons of emergency oil to some households as a direct result of your generosity. If you would like to help keep a family warm this winter by making a donation, please mark “**Fuel Assistance**” on your envelope.



4. Participate in our **Christmas “Be An Angel” program**. Again this year, we will provide gift cards to the families Outreach assists throughout the year and gifts for several other agencies. This program will run from November 10th through December 2nd. Future bulletins will contain important information on this year’s Christmas Angel program.

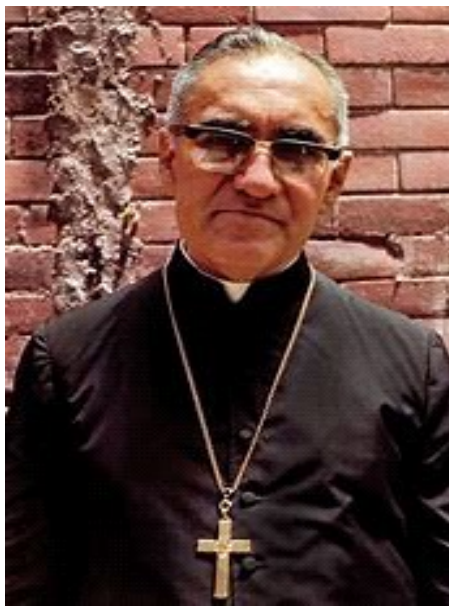


If you have questions about any of the above, please call the Outreach office. We sincerely appreciate the support we continuously receive from our parishioners. **We are truly blessed with a loving and generous community!**

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**INVITES YOU TO A PRESENTATION TO HONOR AND
CELEBRATE THE CANONIZATION OF ARCHBISHOP
OSCAR ROMERO**



Date: Monday, October 15th, 2018

Time: 7:00 PM

Place: Parish of the Holy Cross, Atrium

*Join us for prayer, a brief video about Oscar
Romero, along with a special presentation by
Sister Margaret Smyth, O.P., Director of the
North Fork Spanish Apostolate*

ATTENTION VETERANS!



**On Veterans Day, Sunday,
November 11, Holy Cross will honor
all Veterans at the 11:30 Mass.**

- If you are a Veteran, please consider attending this Mass.
- If you know someone who is a Veteran, please invite them to this Mass.
- If your loved one who has since passed on was a Veteran, we invite you to this Mass.
- We would like to have a display of photographs in the Atrium of all Veterans who are or were part of the Holy Cross family. We invite you to bring us a picture (with your name on the back) so that we can display the pictures for all the Masses that weekend. Please drop the picture off at the Parish Office by November 6.
- “All American” Hospitality to follow Mass: hot dogs and apple pie!

**Everyone is invited to join us as we celebrate
our nation’s Veterans!**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Thank you to all the families who have re-registered their children in our program. We still have families who have not signed up, and our deadline has passed. If you still need to register, please do so as soon as possible. We have started to put classes together. We cannot guarantee your child a placement if we do not have your registration form.

Catechism

- Levels 2 through 7 will begin classes the week of October 15th. Level 7 parents have already attended a meeting outlining the Two Year Confirmation Preparation. If you missed this meeting, please call the office ASAP.
- Level 8 will begin classes the week of November 5th. All Level 8 Catechists, parents and students will be invited to a meeting which will outline the Level 8 year and where students and parents will receive books and an information packet.
- Level 1 will begin the week of November 26th. Parents will be invited to a meeting to get an overview of the year and the books for their child.

Also, we are still in need of Catechists, especially for Levels 3 and 7. If you think God is calling you to the ministry of faith formation, please call the Religious Education Office ASAP! Thank you for considering sharing your faith with the children and young people of our parish.



YOUTH MINISTRY

Hello everyone! Are you in high school? Do you want to make new friends as you play fun games? Do you want to build more of an understanding about yourself and your faith?



If you answered "Yes!" to any one of those questions above, then you **MUST** check out the **Holy Cross Youth Group!** You will be glad you did!

If you just made your Confirmation, then come with a friend and check out the wonderful opportunities the Youth Group has for you! We would love to see you!

The Holy Cross Youth Group is the perfect opportunity for you to continue to grow in your faith and build relationships with others in the parish. Here are our upcoming youth events! Take a look:

- **This weekend, October 13-14: We are having our Youth Bake Sale! We will be selling delicious baked goods in support of our YG events and Fall Retreat at all of the weekend Masses. Please stop by the atrium and buy a tasty treat! We would truly appreciate it! There is a flyer on the next page with details!**
- **Also, on October 14, the YG will be having an 11:30AM Youth Mass with the Core Band. After Mass, we will take a trip to the Shine of Our Lady of the Island in Manorville!**
- **Next Sunday, October 21: The YG will be having a Youth Night from 6 to 8PM. We have another wonderful night, in the atrium, planned for all! Please mark your calendars! :-)**



So, if you are thinking about coming to the church to see what we are all about, do it! You will not regret it. Come with a friend or family member, and join us as we continue to grow in the endless love of Christ.

If you have any questions or concerns, or if you are thinking about joining us and you would like more information, then please do not hesitate to contact Sal Finocchiaro, Coordinator of Youth Ministries, at hcyouthgroup15@gmail.com or call the parish office. Thank you!

YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Group Fall Bake Sale!

What? The Youth Group will be selling delicious baked goods! Brownies, cookies and cakes. . oh my! :-)

When? This weekend! October 13 - 14th!
After all of the weekend masses

Where? The Atrium!

Why? Come buy a homemade baked good in support of the Holy Cross Youth Group in all of our upcoming events and Fall Retreat :-)

Also, we will have our Fall Retreat Donation Board. This is an opportunity to make a variety of donations, which will directly help our youth on their upcoming Fall retreat.

Leading our Youth closer to Christ!

30TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER DANCE!

The date for our Dinner Dance is approaching!

Friday, October 19th, from 7 to 11pm
Miller Place Inn
195 North Country Road, Miller Place

Cocktails will be served for 1/2 hour, promptly at 7pm, so please don't be "fashionably late" or you'll miss out!



PARISH NEWS

Choir Members Wanted!

The Holy Cross Choir is looking for new members, in particular, tenor and bass voices.

Please see Brian, our Music Director, after Mass if you are interested!



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

*Next weekend we will also be collecting for **World Missions**. Your donation will assist missions in places like Uganda, Philippines, Oceania, Latin America, etc.*

Thank you for your support of these important collections!

DID YOU MISS THIS?

Coffee & Conversation

Do you enjoy learning more about your faith, and sharing your questions and thoughts with others?

Would you like to grow in your relationship with God, and with one another?

Then, "**Coffee & Conversation**" on the **third Tuesday** of each month, from **7:00 – 8:30 PM** in the atrium is for you!

Our evening consists of 3 parts:

- coffee (or tea) and dessert,
- a short DVD on a topic of life and faith,
- small group discussion.



Come (and join 40 parishioners already enrolled!) on **October 16**, at **7:00 PM**. Please fill in the tear-off below and drop it in the collection basket or at the parish office. If you have any questions, please call Jude Pickel at 631-265-2200 extension 16.

I would like to participate in "**Coffee & Conversation**" on October 16:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

On Thursday, October 4th, we had the Blessing of the Animals in the Holy Cross courtyard to commemorate the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. There was a good turnout of animals as you can see from the pictures below!



LITURGICAL MINISTERS



Attention: Altar Servers, Lectors, Ushers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Let us know if you would like to continue in your ministry for the 2018-2019 Liturgical Year and, also, if you would like to serve on Holy Days. Your dedication to the ministry is most appreciated by the Parish. Please complete the form below and place in the Sunday collection basket or return to the Parish Office on or before October 14th. Also, please let us know if you are a "snow bird" and need to be taken off the schedule for a period of time. **If at any other time during the year you need to stop your service, please contact the Parish Office.**

RECOMMITMENT

I wish to continue in my ministry for the 2018-2019 year.

YES _____ NO _____ I understand I may return to my ministry at any time once I have informed the Parish Office.

I am an: **Altar Server, Lector, Usher, Extraordinary Minister**

Preferred Masses _____

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

Please ✓ if you are an EM and you would like to bring the Eucharist to the homebound.

&

Are you available to minister on Holy Days?

(Solemnity of Mary, Ascension Thursday, Assumption, All Saints' Day, Immaculate Conception)

YES _____ NO _____



Supporting Dramatic Missionary Growth
on Long Island and Beyond

Hands of Christ's Mercy



Dear Friends:

As the final months of the 2018 Catholic Ministries Appeal are upon us, I ask you to prayerfully consider making a gift to this year's Appeal. While more than 30,000 of our parishioners in all parishes across the Diocese have generously responded to the call to be the **Hands of Christ's Mercy** with their gift, there are still so many ministries that need our support as we pursue our vision for *dramatic missionary growth*.

In *Rejoice and Be Glad*, Pope Francis states: "The Father's plan is Christ and ourselves in Him. In the end, it is Christ who loves in us, for *holiness is nothing other than charity lived to the full*."

Here on Long Island, the Catholic Ministries Appeal is one of the best local vehicles we can use to reach out and show mercy, compassion and charity to others. Not only does your gift help some of our very own Parish Outreach Programs feed and serve the poor, it also sustains programs and services offered by Catholic Charities across the Diocese. Such active efforts ensure that the recipients are comforted with the knowledge that God loves them and is with them even during the difficult times in their lives.

Even more, the Catholic Ministries Appeal supports the ministries that provide religious education for our children, form our future priests and deacons, make available youth, young adult and campus ministry programs and so many other important works that form the bedrock of *dramatic missionary growth* in our Diocese.

In gratitude for your prayerful consideration of a gift to the 2018 Catholic Ministries Appeal, be assured of my conviction that together we can bring Christ's message of holiness to individuals, families and the wider community.

Thank you for embracing the mission of the Church. I will keep you and your family in my Masses and prayers.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads '+ John O. Barres'.

Most Reverend John O. Barres
Bishop of Rockville Centre

For an update on the Appeal at Holy Cross, please see page 15.

CASH CALENDAR



*Parish of the Holy Cross
October 2018 Cash Calendar*

October 14, 2018 - Canonization of Archbishop Oscar Romero

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 \$50	2 \$50	3 \$50	4 \$50	5 \$50	6 \$50
7 \$50	8 \$50	9 \$50	10 \$50	11 \$50	12 \$50	13 \$50
14 \$500	15 \$50	16 \$50	17 \$50	18 \$50	19 \$50	20 \$50
21 \$50	22 \$50	23 \$50	24 \$50	25 \$50	26 \$50	27 \$50
28 \$50	29 \$50	30 \$50	31 \$50	\$10 Per Chance ~ 31 Chances to Win \$50 Per Day ~ \$500 on October 14 (Canonization of Blessed Oscar Romero)		

Cash Calendar, OCTOBER 2018

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MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Saturday, October 13th	8-10 AM
• OUTREACH COMM. GDN. CLEANUP	Vegetable Gdn.
• PRE CANA CLOSING MASS	5 PM Worship Area
• YOUTH GROUP BAKE SALE	Atrium
Sunday, October 14th	All Masses
• YOUTH GROUP BAKE SALE	Atrium
• DANCE COMMITTEE	10:30AM Conference Rm.
• YOUTH GROUP DAY EVENT	12:30PM Off Site
• BAPTISMS	1PM Worship Area
Monday, October 15th	7 PM
• PRESENTATION ON OSCAR ROMERO	Wor. Ar./Atr.
Tuesday, October 16th	10 AM
• IN STITCHES	Fr. Joe Room
• COFFEE & CONVERSATION	7PM Atrium
Wednesday, October 17th	11:30AM-2:30PM
• SENIORS	Atrium
• LEV. 8 PARENTS & STUDENTS	7PM Worship Area
Thursday, October 18th	10 AM
• SCRIPTURE STUDY	Fr. Joe Room
Friday, October 19th	7 PM
• HOLY CROSS DINNER DANCE	Miller Place Inn
Sunday, October 21st	6-8PM
• YOUTH NIGHT	Atrium
<i>(Parent Retreat Mtg. 6-6:30pm in the Chapel)</i>	

REMINDERS

Gluten Free Hosts


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

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.

Remember "Kevin Bacon"

Don't forget to feed "Kevin Bacon" your quarters when you come to Mass on Sundays! Your donation benefits Heifer International.



2018
CATHOLIC MINISTRIES
APPEAL

Supporting Dramatic Missionary Growth
on Long Island and Beyond

Hands of Christ's Mercy



Here is an update on the status of the 2018 Appeal here at Holy Cross:

<u>Goal</u>	<u>Pledges</u>	<u>Over (Under)</u>	<u># of Donors</u>	<u>% of Goal</u>
\$65,000.00	\$55,710.00	(\$9,290.00)	269	85.7%

When payments reach 100% of our goal, we receive a rebate of 20% or \$13,000. You can donate by credit card or check in the Parish Office. Checks should be made payable to:

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