

# The Parish of the Holy Cross

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**LET ALL BE WELCOMED AS CHRIST!**

The **RIGHTEOUS ONE, MY SERVANT, ...**  
shall bear their iniquities.

ISAIAH 53:11



**Come and pray with us!**

**29th Sunday in Ordinary Time – October 21, 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 BAPTISM**

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

**WE CELEBRATE RECONCILIATION**

Saturday: 3:45 P.M.—4:30 P.M.

or call Father Michael for an appointment.

**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 27th/28th

5:00 PM	Fr. Frank Eisele
8:00 AM	Fr. Michael
9:30 AM	Fr. Kenan Peters
11:30 AM	Fr. Michael

## Mass Intentions Schedule



### Week of October 21st, 9AM Mass

**Mon.** Thomas Drey (living)  
**Tue.** Maria-Gloria Puertas (living)  
**Wed.** Suzanne Gaetjens  
**Thu.** Victor Lamarque

### Saturday, October 27th, 5 PM Mass

Patrick Keena Sr., Patrick Keena Jr., Marie Guarino,  
Robert Johnsen

### Sunday, Oct. 28th, 30th Sun. in Ordinary Time

**8:00 AM** People of the Parish  
**9:30 AM** Roger Dillon, Gerald Griffin, Fernando  
Duran, Ann Marie Regan, Sze Chin  
**11:30 AM** Sister Roseann McHale

## 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**  
**Annie Santamaria**

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 28, 2018



+ *Jeremiah 31:7-9*  
+ *Hebrews 5:1-6*  
+ *Mark 10:46-52*

# 'Tis the Season for Pumpkin Spice

*by Father Michael*

The autumn season brings with it a whole array of traditions and practices and even flavors. I don't know about you, but I think we have gone over the top with pumpkin spice being added to everything: coffee, beer, donuts, candles, air fresheners, etc. I would not be surprised if our liturgical supply company started offering pumpkin flavored hosts. For me, a little bit of pumpkin goes a long way; two slices of pumpkin pie will keep me going until next year.

Last Monday evening we had a beautiful presentation here at Holy Cross. The focus of the gathering was to recognize the canonization of Archbishop Oscar Romero. Our guest speaker for the evening was Sr. Margaret Smyth who, among other things, coordinates Hispanic Ministry on the North Fork. More than 40 years of her service has been devoted to this ministry. I think we broke the record for the number of people we were able to get in the Fr. Joe Room.

She reminded us of the terrible injustice and violations of human rights that have taken place in El Salvador and, in fact, continue to take place. Sadly, this is not the only corner of the world where such things occur. She spoke of the power of conversion as, at one point, Oscar Romero was a priest who primarily associated with the elite and powerful in his country. But, because of the assassination of a priest friend of his, he changed his focus to care for the poor and those deprived of justice. She identified that the Church can have a powerful role in bringing about change and justice. A presentation like this raises an important question. Is there more we could be doing in our individual lives or as a Church to bring the promise of God's justice to life? It was an inspiring meeting, and I am grateful to our Parish Outreach Office for organizing the night.

Last weekend a parishioner showed me several brochures for a political candidate that were left inside some of our missalettes. Needless to say, this is completely inappropriate. The Church does not allow advertisements or endorsements for any political party or person running for office. If you should encounter any materials on our property, please bring them to my attention and know that such practices are not permitted.

Every parish is also a legal corporation. Part of that legal structure is having two parishioners formally serve as Trustees. They have a few specific duties, such as signing our annual budget. We are in a time of transition with our Trustees. I thank Theresa Palagonia and Tom Volz whose terms are coming to an end. I am grateful to Arlene Pisapia and Paul Wangenstein for agreeing to serve in this capacity.

Next week I will report on our 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner Dance.

# MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

We invite all of our parishioners who have lost a loved one during the past year or who are still grieving a loss in their life, to join us for a special Mass of prayer and remembrance. This year our Liturgy will be celebrated on the:



*Feast of All Souls*  
**Friday, November 2nd**  
**7:30 PM in the Worship Center**

We hope as many people as possible are able to join us for this special Mass, which celebrates your loved one's place in the **Communion of Saints**. Light refreshments will be served after the Mass.

# ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED!

**Are you in fourth grade (or above) and interested in becoming an Altar Server?**

Girls and boys interested in serving are invited to come to trainings and find out all that is involved in being an Altar Server. At the end of the 3 training sessions, you will be able to assist at Mass as an Altar Server.



Training will be held from **4:30 to 5:30PM** on 3 consecutive **TUESDAY** afternoons on the following dates: **November 6th, 13th and 20th.**

This is a wonderful opportunity for students looking for community service for school. If interested, please call the Parish Office at 631-265-2200 x22. Thank you!

# 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!**

# ATTENTION PARISHIONERS!

## Help Write Our Prayer

We are familiar with the part of the Mass when petitions are offered. Today it is referred to as the Universal Prayer, although through the years it has also been called the General Intercessions or The Prayer of the Faithful. The prayers that we currently use come about through a variety of ways. Sometimes we write our own. We also have several on-line resources and books that we use in creating the prayers for each week. Additionally, there is a parishioner who assists in writing them.



We would like to offer the opportunity for parishioners to suggest needs or intentions that could be prayed for at our weekend Masses. Identify issues within our world, nation, community or Church. This would not be the place to mention individual people or private prayers such as “for my cousin, Daisy.” (Our Petition Book in the atrium is available for these special intentions.) Please suggest any prayers you would like to see included in our worship. Keep the following guidelines in mind:

- Be succinct; the prayer needs to be limited to one or two short sentences.
- Normally prayers begin with “For.” *For our nation, . . .*
- This is not the place for prayers of gratitude. *In Thanksgiving for . . .*
- Prayers should not include any particular agenda or personal opinion.

Depending on how many requests we receive, we will try to include at least one intention per week. It may be necessary to edit the prayer so that its format is consistent with the other prayers.

Please feel free to use the tear-off below to submit your prayer. These can be mailed back to us or placed in the offertory basket. You may also e-mail us your request to [pothc@optonline.net](mailto:pothc@optonline.net) .

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### My Suggestion for a Sunday Prayer Intention

Prayer Intention: “For \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.”

(If you wish you may include your name): \_\_\_\_\_

# PARISH NEWS

## We Can Reach Our CMA Goal!

This year Holy Cross has been given a unique opportunity to achieve our goal in the Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA). We are only about \$9,200 away from our goal. If we reach our goal the parish will receive back a rebate of approximately \$13,000.

One of our parishioners who strongly believes in the work of the CMA would like to assist Holy Cross in achieving our goal. He has generously offered to **match new donations dollar for dollar** up to a total of \$5,000. This means if you give \$25, your gift becomes \$50.

On the weekend of October 27/28 we will be collecting for the CMA at offertory time. For those of you who receive our mailings at home, you may use the pre-printed CMA envelope. There will be additional envelopes in the atrium for those who would like to assist us in this effort. Thank you for your consideration and support.

## 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!



## Praying the Rosary

Join us as we pray the Rosary in the Chapel at 10:30AM on the last Sunday of each month! The next date is October 28!

## Special Collections

*All Souls Mass Remembrance envelopes may be placed in the collection basket. Loved ones will be prayed for at the Feast of All Souls on Friday, November 2nd, at 7:30PM in the Worship Area.*

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

*Next weekend we will be collecting for the Catholic Ministries Appeal.*

*Thank you for your support of these collections!*



# PARISH OUTREACH

## “BEING CHRIST”

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

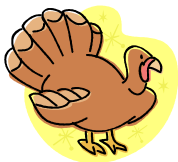
These comforting words greet all who enter the doors of Holy Cross Church. They are the foundation of the mission of Parish Outreach, which is to “Be Christ” to those who are burdened by serious illness, financial instability, loss of a job and other crisis situations. Our ability to do that is only 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 10<sup>th</sup> through December 2<sup>nd</sup>. 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!**



# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



## Catechism

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

- 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 are asked to come to a meeting which will outline the Level 8 year and where students and parents will receive books and an information packet. The two remaining dates to choose from are: October 22nd or 30th. The meetings will take place in the Church and will begin at 7:00pm.
- 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. You may choose between November 5th or 13th. The meetings will take place in the Church and will begin at 7:00pm.

We are still in need of Catechists for our Special Needs program which meets on Monday from 5 to 6pm in the Atrium. 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, then you **MUST** check out the **Holy Cross Youth Group!** You will be glad you did!



If you 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 Youth Group would like to thank everyone who supported us last week at our Youth Bake Sale! We hope you enjoyed all of our delicious baked goods! All of the funds raised will go directly to our upcoming events and retreat this fall!

The Youth Group took a trip to Our Lady of the Island Shrine in Manorville last week. On the next page there are some photos of the fun we had together. :-)

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:

- **Sunday, October 21:** The YG will be having a Youth Night from 6 to 8PM. The event will take place in the atrium. All are welcome! Also, we have a Parent Retreat Meeting from 6 to 6:30PM. All parents of confirmed teens in the program are invited to learn more about our upcoming Fall Retreat next month.
- **Sunday, October 28th:** We have our Youth Halloween Bash from 6 to 8PM. The event will take place in the atrium. All are welcome! :-)

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](mailto:hcyouthgroup15@gmail.com) or call the parish office. Thank you!

# YOUTH MINISTRY

## Photos from our trip to Our Lady of the Island Shrine



Calling all teenagers! Please join us on the Youth Group Fall Retreat for an exciting experience as we explore our personal faith with activities and friends!

**Who?** Any teenager who made their Confirmation (Grade 9 – 12)

**Where?** Sisters of Mercy Villa: 325 Rose Hill Road  
Water Mill, NY

**When?** The retreat will be held on the weekend of  
November 9 - 11!

If you are interested or have any questions, please contact our Coordinator of Youth Ministries,  
Sal Finocchiaro.

Please call the parish or e-mail him at:  
[HCYouthGroup15@gmail.com](mailto:HCYouthGroup15@gmail.com)





# THANK YOU TO OUR DONORS!

*We would like to extend our sincerest thanks to all who made donations to our Parish Dinner Dance! You helped make the evening wonderful! Thank you!*



**Orlando's Ital. Restaurant**  
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**1-800-Flowers**  
*Flowers*



**Macayla Michaels Desserts**  
*Cake*



**Il Trio Italian Restaurant**  
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**La Pizza**  
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**Corner Café**  
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**Villa Olivetti Restaurant**  
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**La Scala**  
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**Gino's Nesconset**  
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**LI Bagel Café**  
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**Paradise Diner**  
*Gift card*



**Brio Tuscan Grille**  
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**Miller's Ale House**  
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**Sundried Tomato**  
*Gift card*



**Akropolis Greek Rest.**  
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**Bldv. Bagels**  
*Gift cards*

**Little Vincent's Pizza**  
*Gift cards*



*Thank you!*



**2018**  
CATHOLIC MINISTRIES  
APPEAL

*Supporting Dramatic Missionary Growth  
on Long Island and Beyond*

## Hands of Christ's Mercy



### **WHAT IS THE CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL MONEY USED FOR?**

100% of all money raised supports the Appeal and its essential programs and services across Long Island, touching each of our 133 parishes and more than 600,000 people. Together, parishioners on Long Island reach many more people than one parish could ever do on its own. There is no organization or body on Long Island that provides the breadth and depth of spiritual and social services to so many individuals and families as the Catholic Church. Some of the areas include:

- Religious education for hundreds of thousands of students
- Affordable and safe housing for seniors, veterans and adults with mental and physical disabilities
- Food programs for seniors, low-income families and women and their children
- Youth, Campus and Young Adult Ministries
- Priests', Deacons' and lay leaders' education and formation
- Faith Formation, including Baptismal Preparation, Pre-Cana and RCIA programs
- Hospital ministry to those who are ill and their families
- Prison Ministry
- Substance abuse services and day treatment programs
- Catholic Diversity Initiatives

### **WHAT ARE SOME OF THE WAYS MY GIFT MAY BE USED?**

Gifts are used to live and share our faith, care for God's people and help to build God's Kingdom. For example, a gift of:

- \$25 may help pay the gas for a Meals-On-Wheels van to deliver food for a day.
- \$50 may help pay for teaching materials for a volunteer Catechist.
- \$100 may help care for a newborn in the Catholic Charities Regina Residence.
- \$250 may help subsidize housing for a developmentally disabled adult.
- \$1,000 may help support the formation of our Seminarians.

**Please support the Catholic Ministries Collection on October 27/28!**

# 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	<b>\$10 Per Chance ~ 31 Chances to Win \$50 Per Day ~ \$500 on October 14 (Canonization of Blessed Oscar Romero)</b>		

Cash Calendar, OCTOBER 2018

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# MEETINGS THIS WEEK

<b>Sunday, October 21st</b>	<b>6-8PM</b>
• <b>YOUTH NIGHT</b> (Parent Retreat Mtg. 6-6:30pm in the Chapel)	Atrium
<b>Monday, October 22nd</b>	<b>5-6 PM</b>
• <b>SPECIAL NEEDS CATECHISTS</b>	Fr. Joe Room
• <b>LEV. 8 PARENTS &amp; STUDENTS</b>	7PM Worship Area
<b>Tuesday, October 23rd</b>	<b>10 AM</b>
• <b>IN STITCHES</b>	Fr. Joe Room
<b>Wednesday, October 24th</b>	<b>7 PM</b>
• <b>PASTORAL COUNCIL</b>	Fr. Joe Room
<b>Thursday, October 25th</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
• <b>MOMS' GROUP</b>	Sacristy
<b>Sunday, October 28th</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>
• <b>PRAY THE ROSARY</b>	Chapel
• <b>BAPTISMS</b>	1PM Worship Area
• <b>YOUTH NIGHT</b>	6-8PM Atrium

# COMMUNITY NEWS

The following programs will take place October to December of 2018 at:

**St. Joseph Renewal Center  
at Montfort Spiritual Center  
26 S. Saxon Ave., Bay Shore, NY 11706**

Anyone interested in any of these programs please call **631-647-8683**.

Living with Alzheimer's & Dementia: 1-2:30pm  
Free will offering. Program is held the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month beginning September 5 until December 5, 2018.

Facilitators: Josephine Daspro, CSJ, D. Min. & James Morris

Men 2 Men Gathering: 8-9:30am

This program is offered the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of every month beginning September 8 until December 8, 2018. Offering \$20.00 incl. breakfast per person  
Facilitators: Michael Dunne & participants from the gathering

Women 2 Women: 10:30am-12 Noon

This program "Knitting into the Mystery" is offered the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month beginning September 11 until December 8, 2018. If you would like to learn to knit or crochet, this is the experience for you. Offering \$15.00 per session per person

Facilitators: Beth Barker, Judy Coste, Joan Vessio

Afternoon of Prayer for Married Couples "Marriage is like a Garden": Sunday, October 28, 2018 from 2-7 pm.  
Offering: \$100.00 per couple includes a light supper.

Presenters: Michael & Valerie Dunne

Men's Spirituality Retreat "Trust Your Sights": November 9 – 11, 2018

Presenters: Jim Barker, Doug Bauer, Deacon Pat Gerace and Fr. Rich Zuk

Offering: \$225.00 for the weekend

A Day of Reflection with Paula D'Arcy "Healing from Inside Out": Wednesday, Nov. 28, 2018 – 10 am-3 pm.

Offering: \$60.00 includes lunch

Retreat for Men and Women "Connecting the DOTS": November 30 – December 2, 2018

Presenters: Beth & Jim Barker, Paul Bergen and Ann Marie Dodd

Offering: \$200.00 for the weekend

Advent Day of Prayer "A Child brings JOY to a BROKEN WORLD": Wednesday, Dec. 12, 2018 -10am-3pm

Offering - \$60.00 includes lunch

Presenter: Josephine Daspro, CSJ



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