

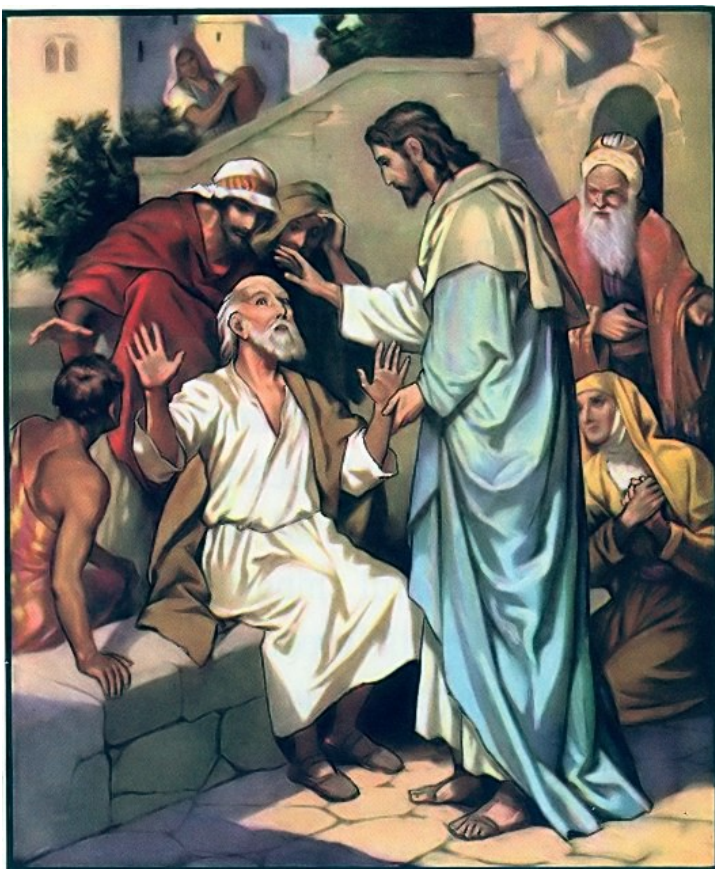
# The Parish of the Holy Cross

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**LET ALL BE WELCOMED AS CHRIST!**

## Jesus Heals Bartimaeus, a Blind Man



*“Jesus,  
son of  
David,  
have pity  
on me.”*

Mark 10:47

**Come and pray with us!**

**30th Sunday in Ordinary Time – October 28, 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)

## PASTORAL TEAM

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 Director of Religious Education

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 Ms. Patricia Gyscek  
 Co-Coordinators of Parish Outreach

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 Weekend Sacristan

### Celebrants for Next Weekend's Masses



#### November 3rd/4th

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

### Remembering Our Sick

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

<b>Maria Conte</b>	<b>Maryann League</b>
<b>Louise Martinelli</b>	<b>Annie Santamaria</b>

### *Scripture Readings for November 4, 2018*



+ *Deuteronomy 6:2-6*  
 + *Hebrews 7:23-28*  
 + *Mark 12:28-34*

### Mass Intentions Schedule



#### Week of October 28th, 9AM Mass

**Mon.** Suzanne Gaetjens  
**Tue.** Antoinette Pico (living)  
**Wed.** David Drey (living)

#### Thursday, November 1st, All Saints' Day

**7 AM** Patricia Daversa  
**9 AM** Phil Pulitano  
**7 PM** Antonia Minerva

#### Friday, November 2nd, Mass of Remembrance

**7:30 PM** All Souls' Mass Remembrances

#### Saturday, November 3rd, 5 PM Mass

Blanca Forero, Margaret Maher, Sze Chin, Victor Chersevani, Stephen Pino

#### Sunday, Nov. 4th, 31st Sun. in Ordinary Time

**8:00 AM** Ernest Teto  
**9:30 AM** People of the Parish  
**11:30 AM** Frank Mancuso, Margaret Mary Fitzpatrick, Tom Rahilly, Dorinda Gomez, Karen & Logan Michael Ciliotta

# Closing Ceremony?

*by Father Michael*

We are not planning any formal closing ceremony for our 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year. (It is not as though we need to extinguish the Olympic flame.) But, the dinner dance that was held on October 19 was the last of our scheduled activities for the year. It was a busy calendar of events and celebrations: the Alpha program, 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass, Mardi Gras, Parish Concert, Family Picnic, "Sister Act," Sr. Pat Duffy, and the dinner dance.

The dinner dance was four hours of music, food and fun. In spite of an unfortunate fire at our original venue, the evening came off without a hitch at the Miller Place Inn. It was a beautiful gathering to share memories and simply to enjoy time with fellow parishioners. Although I did not spend much time on the dance floor, I had a great time. I am so grateful to the dance committee who worked hard to take care of every detail.

Many of the activities that were planned for our 30<sup>th</sup> came out of the Town Hall meetings we held in 2016. At that time, there were many requests for an increase in spiritual and social offerings. We tried our best to come up with creative ways to offer opportunities for our parish to gather together. Aside from the dinner dance and a free will donation for "Sister Act," all of these offerings were made without any cost to parishioners. We are pleased that through generous donations from sponsors for some of the events and wise Stewardship, we were able to do all that we did. There was a large array of parishioners that helped organize these events and made them possible. It is important to mark milestone moments like this and to not take for granted our community. This anniversary afforded us the opportunity to celebrate the good people and life-giving spirit that is part of Holy Cross. Onward we go with more to come.

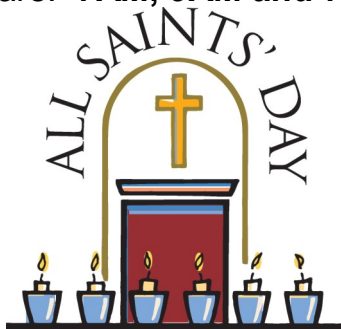
This Thursday is the Feast of All Saints. Please see the special schedule on page 4 of Masses for the day. Friday, November 2, at 7:30 PM is the annual All Souls' Day Mass. It is a beautiful time to gather together and pray for our loved ones who have died. Please join us for Mass.

If you did not see in last week's bulletin, we have a unique opportunity to reach our Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA) goal for the year. A parishioner made a generous offer to match any donations or gifts in this week's special CMA collection up to a total of \$5,000. There is still time to participate and help us with this undertaking. There are special CMA envelopes in the atrium which can be returned next week. Thank you for your support and generosity.

# PARISH NEWS

## All Saints' Day

The Parish Office is closed on Thursday, November 1st, for All Saints' Day, a Holy Day of obligation. Mass times on Thursday are: **7AM, 9AM and 7PM.**



## Holy Hour for Peace

We offer our Holy Hour on the first Saturday of the month from 3:45-4:45PM in the Worship Area. The next one will take place on Saturday, November 3rd. Please come and spend some time before the Blessed Sacrament praying for God's gift of peace to touch our wounded world.



## Banns of Marriage First Time

Janine Mauro & Manuel Dasch

## Anointing of the Sick

In the past, people received the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick only when they were gravely ill. However, the Church believes that the Anointing of the Sick should be experienced while we are still able to be aware of God's peaceful presence within us.

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.

On the first Sunday of each month, the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is offered after the 9:30 AM Mass. **Sunday, November 4th is the next date the Anointing will be offered.**

## Holy Cross Music Ministry CD

The Holy Cross Music Ministry CD is finally available! Please visit the table in the Atrium to pick up your CD. Suggested donation of at least \$10 would be appreciated.



# 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!**

# ST. AGNES MEDAL OF SERVICE

*Holy Cross was proud to nominate  
Doreen Hau  
as this year's recipient of the  
St. Agnes Award!*



On Sunday, October 28, 2018 at St. Agnes Cathedral in Rockville Centre, the St. Agnes Medal of Service Award will be presented to lay people who generously give of themselves as volunteers in the parishes of our diocese.

Doreen Hau is a long time parishioner of Holy Cross who has consistently lived her stewardship of talent in many ways for the benefit of the parish. Doreen volunteers in our Consolation Ministry setting a family up with a Consolation Minister and a baker to bring them a cake. She is an active member of our Outreach Community Vegetable Garden committee and tends the garden in the spring, summer and fall. Doreen serves on the Liturgy Committee preparing the Worship Area for the various seasons of the Church year. And lastly, Doreen started our newest committee here at Holy Cross, the ***In Stitches*** group, where parishioners come to sew, knit, crochet or quilt and have a lot of fun doing it!

We are blessed to have Doreen as a member of our parish. Her faith and call to live her Baptism is evident in her commitment to our parish and the selfless way she gives of her time and talent. Thank you, Doreen!

## PARISH OUTREACH

### Outreach Food Pantry

Next Saturday and Sunday, **November 3rd/4th**, will be our monthly Food Drive for our Parish Outreach Pantry. The following items would be most helpful:

- Boxed Potatoes/Rice
- Peanut Butter
- Jelly
- Canned Vegetables
- Snacks
- Cereal
- Tuna
- Pasta Sauce
- Canned Fruit
- Canned Gravy
- Mayonnaise
- Paper Towels



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

Thank you!

# PARISH OUTREACH

## THANKSGIVING BASKETS

*"No one has ever become poor by giving."*

-Anne Frank



This year we will again be supplying Thanksgiving Dinners to people from our community who are in need of assistance. Last year we were able to provide 65 families with a complete Thanksgiving meal. Once again, we look to our Parish community for volunteers to help make this possible.

Each volunteer will be responsible for buying and packaging the food for a basket. They will be given the suggested menu and shopping list. **Outreach will provide the supermarket gift cards to cover the cost.**

The completed baskets must be brought to the parish center on Monday, November 19th, between 7:00 a.m. and 11:30 am.

We hope this program will offer families in our parish the opportunity to share with our struggling neighbors, making Thanksgiving a time of joy and blessings.

**Anyone interested in participating can sign up in the Atrium after the Masses next weekend, November 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>.**

**Donations of money or supermarket gift cards** will also be greatly appreciated and very necessary to help defray the expenses of this program. Envelopes marked **"Thanksgiving"** can be dropped in the collection basket or brought to the Outreach office.

We are grateful for anything you can do to help make this a day of **"Giving Thanks"** for everyone in our community.



# PARISH OUTREACH

## We Appreciate Our Hard Working Gardeners!!!

As the end of October approaches, we celebrate another successful community garden year that benefits our Parish Outreach families.

We were delighted to provide fresh produce with food from our pantry to those who come to us each month for assistance. We provided vegetables to families on 89 occasions over the course of the growing season.

In addition, \$135 was received from parishioner donations for vegetables on the weekends. These funds support our various projects throughout the year.

We know the members of the Community Garden Committee work many hours at all times of the day and in all sorts of weather to reap the zucchini, tomatoes, eggplant, peppers, cucumbers and string beans for us. We are so very grateful for their hard work and dedication!!

Mary Anne and Pat

## Alzheimer's Community Forum

Sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association

**Thursday, November 29th, 6:30 to 8:00 PM**

**Hauppauge Public Library**

**1373 E. Veterans Memorial Hwy., Hauppauge, NY**

Learn about Alzheimer's, dementia and memory loss. Bring a friend who has been affected by the disease. Share your thoughts about how we can help people in your community.

Light refreshments will be provided. Registration is requested.  
Please call **800-272-3900** or visit **alz.org/longisland** to register.

# 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.

This weekend, October 27/28, we will be collecting for the CMA at offertory time. You may place your Catholic Ministries Appeal envelope in the collection basket, or leave a donation in the basket in the center of the atrium. There will be additional envelopes there as well as on the bulletin tables. Thank you for your consideration and support in this effort!

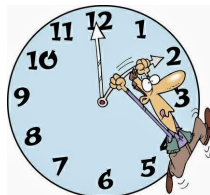
## Choir Members Wanted!

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!



## Daylight Savings Time Ends!



**Don't forget to turn your clocks back next weekend, and get an extra hour of sleep!**

## 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 be collecting for the Catholic Ministries Appeal.*

*Thank you for your support of these collections!*

## Praying the Rosary

Join us on October 28 as we pray the Rosary in the Chapel at 10:30AM!

# 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 remaining date to attend is: October 30th. The meeting 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 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: On Sunday, October 28th, we have our Youth Halloween Night from 6 - 8PM. The event will take place in the Atrium. All are welcome!**
- **Next weekend: On Sunday, November 4th, we have a Youth Night planned from 6 - 8PM. The event will take place in the Atrium as well. 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!

Calling all Confirmed teenagers in grades 9-12! Please join us on the **Youth Group Fall Retreat** for an exciting experience as we explore our faith with activities and friends!

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

**When:** The weekend of November 9-11

If interested, please contact Sal Finocchiaro 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!*



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

**Little Vincent's Pizza  
Gift cards**



**Bencivenga Family  
Duck Donuts**





# 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
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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>		

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# MEETINGS THIS WEEK

<b>Sunday, October 28th</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>
• PRAY THE ROSARY	Chapel
• BAPTISMS	1PM Worship Area
• YOUTH NIGHT	6-8PM Atrium
<b>Monday, October 29th</b>	<b>5-6 PM</b>
• SPECIAL NEEDS CLASSES	Atrium
<b>Tuesday, October 30th</b>	<b>10 AM</b>
• IN STITCHES	Fr. Joe Room
• LEV. 8 PARENTS & STUDENTS	7PM Worship Area
<b>Thursday, November 1st</b>	<b>7AM, 9AM, 7PM</b>
• ALL SAINTS' DAY MASSES	Worship Area
<i>(The Parish Office is closed for the Holy Day.)</i>	
<b>Friday, November 2nd</b>	<b>7:30 PM</b>
• MASS OF REMEMBRANCE	Worship Area
<b>Saturday, November 3rd</b>	<b>3:45-4:45 PM</b>
• HOLY HOUR	Worship Area
• THANKSGIVING BASKET SIGN-UPS	5PM Atrium
<b>Sunday, November 4th</b>	<b>All Masses</b>
• THANKSGIVING BASKET SIGN-UPS	Atrium
• ANOINTING OF THE SICK	10:30AM Worship Area
• YOUTH NIGHT	6-8PM Atrium

# SCRIPTURE STUDY



*There will not be Scripture Study on Thursday, November 1st, due to the Holy Day, All Saints' Day.*

# COMMUNITY NEWS

**The Branch Funeral Home presents:**  
***“Coping with the Holidays After the Loss of a Loved One”***

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# RELIGIOUS FREEDOM



## Bible Studies Banned In Private Homes

[www.cffor.org](http://www.cffor.org)

**In Pennsylvania,** government officials ordered Scott & Theresa Fetterolf to stop using their 35-acre farm to host Bible studies and other Christian gatherings - or pay fines of \$500 per day.

The property had been used for these purposes for decades, and other properties that host secular counterparts to these activities, like political fundraisers, parties & book clubs are not banned.

Said Senior Counsel for the Independent Law Center, “In America, no government can categorically ban people from assembling to worship on one’s own property.”

The lawsuit states that, “There is no compelling interest in prohibiting Bible studies, meetings where religious songs are sung, religious retreats and religious fundraisers, especially when secular counterparts of these activities **are** permitted.”

**In Virginia,** a Lutheran pastor and his wife, both in their mid-80’s, were ordered by their apartment complex to stop holding Bible studies or face eviction.

Said Counsel for the First Liberty law firm, “Evicting elderly residents from their home for holding a Bible study is not only outrageous, it’s illegal. It’s frightening that a management company would use the threat of eviction to stop residents from meeting together to discuss any issue, let alone their faith.”



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