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33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - November 15, 2020

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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 live streamed on Facebook.)

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Remembering Our Sick

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

Please pray for those in our parish who are sick, their families and caregivers:

Claire Becker	Patricia Becker
Ann Callari	Manuela Diaz
Ann Egan	Jim Emerson
Sienna Fricke	Phil Graziose
Bob Grieco	Debbie Jablinowski
Chuck Madden	Olivia Melia
Joseph Santamaria	Marlene Starr
Judy Viskupic	

If you would like to have the name of your loved one listed in our prayers for the sick, please contact the Parish Office at 631-265-2200 or email to pothc@optonline.net .

Mass Intentions Schedule

Week of November 15th, 9AM Mass

Mon. Father Leslie Calarco
Tue. Edward Beitel
Wed. Thomas Kearnes
Thu. Concetta Brady

Saturday, November 21st, 5 PM Mass

Nancy Gallagher, Bobby Kieley, Nell Cangiano, Mary B. Rice, Michael Supakoff, Anne Supakoff, Richard Schulz

Sunday, November 22nd, Christ the King

8:00 AM People of the Parish
9:30 AM Nicholas Lamb, Teresa Lamb, George Daly, Marie Kennedy, Mr. & Mrs. O. DeSanto
11:30 AM Thomas Dunn



Scripture Readings for November 22, 2020



+ Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17
+ 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28
+ Matthew 25:31-46

NOVEMBER IS NIFTY

by Father Michael

Well, I don't know how nifty it really is, but I needed a title for the article. It has been a while since I have used this column to update you on practical stuff happening within the parish. So here are a few tidbits to keep you informed.

A couple of months back I announced that we needed to replace part of an air conditioning unit that controls the atrium. At that time, I announced it would be a \$15,000 repair. The more homework we did and the more people we talked to, it became clear that the wiser thing to do was not to replace one component of a 25-year old system, but rather replace the whole system for that part of the building. That is what we ended up doing. The price tag was a hefty one, \$38,000, but it seemed like the right decision. The project is now complete and all is working well with our new, energy efficient system.

While I never like to write a check for that much, the good news is that we could easily cover that cost through the money that has slowly been growing in our Major Repair and Renovation piggy bank. Because of the consistent generosity of so many parishioners, we were able to absorb that major expense without having to undertake special fundraising efforts. In spite of all the challenges that surround us with the pandemic, we are still doing relatively well financially. Thank you to all who are able to maintain your support. We also understand that for some families these are challenging times.

Efforts are underway to replace our website. The current format provides essential information. It was an important part of our communication structure during the height of the Covid crisis. But it is time for an update and fresh look. I find this kind of project to be very tedious and confusing. But, thankfully, there are those who can sort their way through these technological waters and make sense of things I don't understand. I will let you know when we will be unveiling the new website.

Work continues on the housing project on the tract of land adjacent to our parking lot. You can clearly see the progress they are making from the entrance of the property on Smithtown Blvd. I don't know exactly how close the development will come to our property. Our property line is essentially the edge of our parking lot; we do not own the woods beyond that point. I suspect they will fully develop the land, and aside from a small buffer, we will clearly see the new homes that will be built. I can hear the excavation equipment getting closer, so I think we will know the answer to that question within the next few weeks.

Continue to pray for our Nation. Continue to pray that we gain control over the Coronavirus.

There are only ten days until Thanksgiving. Start peeling those potatoes.



*Join us for a formal **Thank You** to **MaryAnne McCulloch** on her retirement as Coordinator of Parish Outreach!*

Saturday, November 28th, at the 5:00 PM Mass



PARISH NEWS



Celebrants for Nov. 21/22 Masses

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



Banns of Marriage First Time

Alexa Catania & Ronald Kempski

PARISH OUTREACH

Thanksgiving

"When we are generous in welcoming people and sharing something with them—some food, a place in our homes, our time—not only do we no longer remain poor: we are enriched..."

Pope Francis

We invite you and your families to consider participating in helping a family this Thanksgiving season.

Last year we were able to provide 55 families with a complete Thanksgiving dinner. **However, due to the Coronavirus, this year we will provide Outreach families with gift cards to purchase their Thanksgiving meal.** As always, we look to our parish community to help make this possible.

We hope this program will offer those in our parish the opportunity to share with our struggling neighbors, making Thanksgiving a time of joy and blessings. Our Outreach folks are always touched by the caring of the community of Holy Cross.

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 mailed to Parish Outreach at 95 Old Nichols Road, Nesconset, NY 11767.



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

PARISH OUTREACH

Be an Angel this Christmas!



ANGEL TAGS are available this weekend in the baskets on the marble pillars on the Altar and throughout the Worship Center. Due to Covid, we have placed extra baskets with Angels to allow for social distancing.

Once again we are requesting gift cards for both clothing and toys for the households in our area that Outreach assists. Therefore, the **BLUE** angel tags have requests for a store gift card on them. We encourage you to consider providing a holiday gift card so that our neighbors are able to purchase the items that best fulfill their family's needs. When you purchase a gift card, please put it in an envelope and place it in the Gift Box on the table near our Angel sign. Gift cards do not need to be wrapped. **PLEASE BE SURE THE AMOUNT IS NOTED ON THE GIFT CARD OR ENVELOPE. THIS INFORMATION IS NEEDED SO PARISH OUTREACH CAN DISTRIBUTE THE CARDS EQUALLY.**

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:** Toys for children in the Brentwood area serviced by Pronto
- ORANGE:** 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

If you choose a tag listing a gift item for Olsen's (red), please wrap and attach angel to top of package. Items for Pronto and Talbot (green or purple) do not need to be wrapped. Gifts and gift cards can be returned for the next 3 weekends at Mass or dropped off during the week at the Parish Office.

PLEASE NOTE: Sunday, Dec. 6th, is the last day to return gifts and gift cards.

Many thanks to our Holy Cross Angels who give so generously each year to make our Angel program successful!!

LITURGY BYTES

Rosary – part 2

Picking up from last week's column, today we will look at the Mysteries of the Rosary in more detail. The mysteries were designed to help focus our prayer on the life, ministry, and passion of Our Lord. Pius XII described the rosary prayer as "the compendium of the entire Gospel."

The mysteries emerged, at least the first three sets which consist of the Joyful, the Sorrowful, and the Glorious mysteries, in the sixteenth century. The Luminous or the mysteries of Light were added by Pope St. John Paul II in 2002.

The addition of the Luminous mysteries received much attention even in the secular press. In USA today on October 17, 2002 an article was featured that actually taught people how to pray the rosary. A visual graphic provided a diagram of the rosary. It offered clear instructions on how to pray the rosary, explaining which prayer should be said with each bead. A surprise for us who thought this kind of information would only be available in the rear of our parish church on a book rack! You might be wondering, *what led to this instruction?*

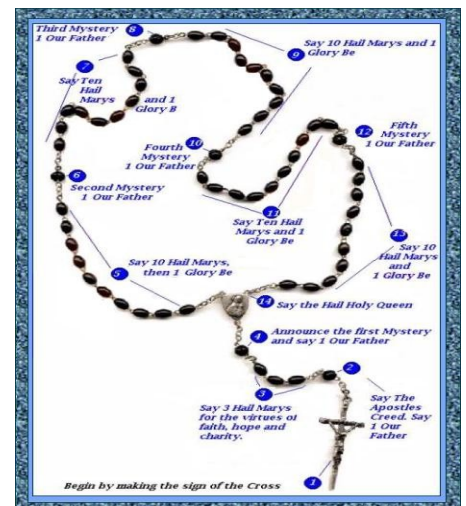
Pope St. John Paul II published an Apostolic Letter on the Most Holy Rosary. The letter announced the Year of the Rosary and called on Catholics to renew their devotion to this traditional prayer. However, what really grabbed everyone's attention was the addition of a whole new set of mysteries for contemplation in the rosary known as the Luminous mysteries. The Pope suggested that reflection on the mysteries of Christ's public ministry would help Catholics enter more fully into the life of Jesus through the rosary. These new mysteries are Christ's baptism, the wedding feast at Cana, the proclamation of the kingdom, the Transfiguration, and the institution of the Eucharist.

I am sure we all can agree that reflecting on the above mysteries really makes sense because it helps us see Jesus' time on earth as an adult. These are easy and familiar Gospel moments we have heard at Mass on numerous occasions. The Luminous mysteries fill in the gap between the final Joyful mystery, the finding of the Child Jesus in the Temple and Jesus' adult life.

Not to leave out the other mysteries, here they are! The Joyful mysteries: the Annunciation, the Visitation, the Nativity, the Presentation, and the Finding in the Temple. The Sorrowful mysteries: the agony in the Garden, the scourging of Jesus at the pillar, the crowning with thorns, the carrying of the cross, the crucifixion of Our Lord. The Glorious mysteries: the Resurrection, the Ascension, the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, the Assumption of Mary, the coronation of Mary Queen of heaven and earth.

The repetition of this prayer is meant to lead us into a restful and contemplative mood. The gentle repetition of the words helps us to enter into the silence of our hearts, where the Spirit dwells. Do not fret the distractions that often pop up in our prayer. Simply return to where you left off. It is that easy! In conclusion, please keep in mind that we are reminded of the realness, humanness, and accessibility of our loving God each time we pray the rosary. Why not try it during Advent as a preparation for Christmas? Specific information and words to the prayers of the rosary are listed on the internet on many web sites. Have a safe, healthy, and blessed week.

~~~~Michele Hahn



# MEETINGS THIS WEEK

|                                 |                         |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Sunday, November 15th</b>    | <b>6 - 8 PM</b>         |
| • <b>YOUTH NIGHT</b>            | Atrium                  |
| <b>Monday, November 16th</b>    | <b>4 - 6 PM</b>         |
| • <b>SPECIAL NEEDS CLASSES</b>  | Atrium                  |
| <b>Tuesday, November 17th</b>   | <b>10 AM</b>            |
| • <b>IN STITCHES</b>            | Atrium                  |
| • <b>BOOK CLUB</b>              | <b>7PM</b> Atrium       |
| • <b>LEVEL 2 GRADE MEETING</b>  | Worship Area            |
| <b>Wednesday, November 18th</b> | <b>7:30 PM</b>          |
| • <b>BAPTISM PREP CLASS</b>     | Atrium                  |
| <b>Thursday, November 19th</b>  | <b>10 AM</b>            |
| • <b>SCRIPTURE STUDY</b>        | Atrium                  |
| • <b>RCIA</b>                   | <b>7PM</b> Fr. Joe Room |
| <b>Sunday, November 22nd</b>    | <b>1 PM</b>             |
| • <b>BAPTISMS</b>               | Worship Area            |

# SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

*This weekend we will also be collecting for our **Renovations and Major Repairs** fund. Thank you for your ongoing support of this collection!*

*Next weekend we will also be collecting for the **Catholic Campaign for Human Development**. CCCHD funds programs in communities across the United States, helping people living in poverty to join together to identify problems, make decisions, and find ways to improve their lives and neighborhoods.*

*For more information on the CCCHD, please pick up a flyer from the bulletin table. Thank you for your support!*



**Please note: If you need to call the Parish Office to make a reservation for Mass for the weekend of Nov. 28/29, please call early in the week. The Parish Office is closing early on Wednesday, Nov. 25, and will be closed Thursday and Friday for Thanksgiving.**

# 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 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. **We will be meeting at the Church this Sunday, November 15, from 6 to 8PM.**

So, 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 Allie Roecklein, Coordinator of Youth Ministries, at [hcyouthgroup15@gmail.com](mailto:hcyouthgroup15@gmail.com) or call the parish office. Thank you!





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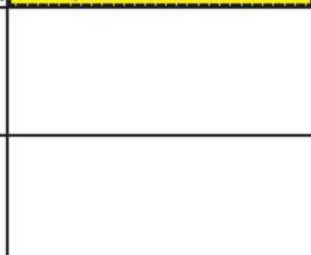
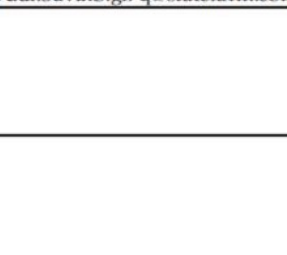
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