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LET ALL BE WELCOMED AS CHRIST!

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.



And, you shall love your neighbor as yourself.

Mark 12:30-31

Come and pray with us!

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time – November 4, 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



November 10th/11th

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

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	Joan DiCicco
Maryann League	Louise Martinelli
Annie Santamaria	

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 4th, 9AM Mass

Mon.	Frank & Agnes Salemi
Tue.	Catherine Holzmann
Wed.	Henri-Robert Lamarque
Thu.	Bob DeFilippis

Saturday, November 10th, 5 PM Mass

Ann Henderson, Suzanne Gaetjens, Thomas S. Kirk, Rita Glasheen, Walter Rathmann

Sunday, Nov. 11th, 32nd Sun. in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM	People of the Parish
9:30 AM	John Schultz, Albert Wacha, Frank Giambanco, Rose & Joe Macri, Pat Fahrenholz
11:30 AM	Anthony DiGiovanna

Scripture Readings for November 11, 2018



+ 1 Kings 17:10-16
+ Hebrews 9:24-28
+ Mark 12:38-44

Holy Days for Holy People

by Father Michael

This week the Church celebrated two distinct but important feast days. The first was on Thursday, All Saints' Day. On this day, the Church collectively remembers all the holy men and women who have lived their lives in heroic ways that give witness to God's love. Most Catholics have a saint with whom they have a connection. The Irish love St. Patrick. The Italians love St. Anthony (as do I; he helps me find my wallet that I misplace about five times a week). Actually, I do have an affection for St. John Chrysostom. He lived in the fourth century. There are parts of his life that connect to my life. His father died when he was young. He knew at an early age he wanted to be a priest. He had a love for preaching. Understanding the life of some of our saints connects us to part of the greater story of salvation. We follow in the footsteps of holy people who have walked before us.

On Friday we celebrated the feast of All Souls. There are certain celebrations in the Church that work very naturally. For example, on Ash Wednesday we don't need to convince people to come to Church. Great numbers of people automatically come because there is something about that day that "works." All Souls' Day is another one of those days. We don't need to convince ourselves to remember and pray for our loved ones who have gone before us; it happens naturally.

There is something beautiful and life-giving when we realize we do not share in the experience of death alone. But, in different ways we have all faced that cross and know the pain of loss. This All Souls' Day was a bit more poignant for me. This was my first All Souls' Day when I prayed for my Mom. Her funeral was here at Holy Cross, so her name was mentioned in the litany of those who were buried from our parish. We really do share in the Paschal Mystery together, and there is great life that comes from that. These are days when God feels particularly close to His people.

This past Wednesday I attended the annual Town of Smithtown Prayer Breakfast. This gathering started decades ago by former Supervisor, Patrick Vecchio. The tradition is being continued by the current Supervisor, Edward Wehrheim. Local business leaders, politicians and clergy gather for a meal and spend a bit of time sharing in an ecumenical prayer service. It is a simple gathering, but I am happy to be part of it.

It's not too late to participate in the "matching donation" collection for the Catholic Ministries Appeal. Any gift you give will be matched by one of our parishioners. A \$25 donation becomes \$50. Help us meet our goal. Envelopes are available in the atrium.

Please remember to vote on Tuesday.

PARISH NEWS



Pray for Our Military

Cpl. Richard J. DeKanchuk, USMC
SA Anthony J. DeNicola
FC2 Lane Dyar
Sgt. Daniel Frost
MIDN Jonathan A. Goohs Jr., USNA
WO Christopher Kaminsky
Cpl. Michael Knipper, USMC
Sgt. Ryan Mauldin
Lt. Ryan Montvydas
IT2 Jason Mulderig
LCpl. Michael Palagonia, USMC

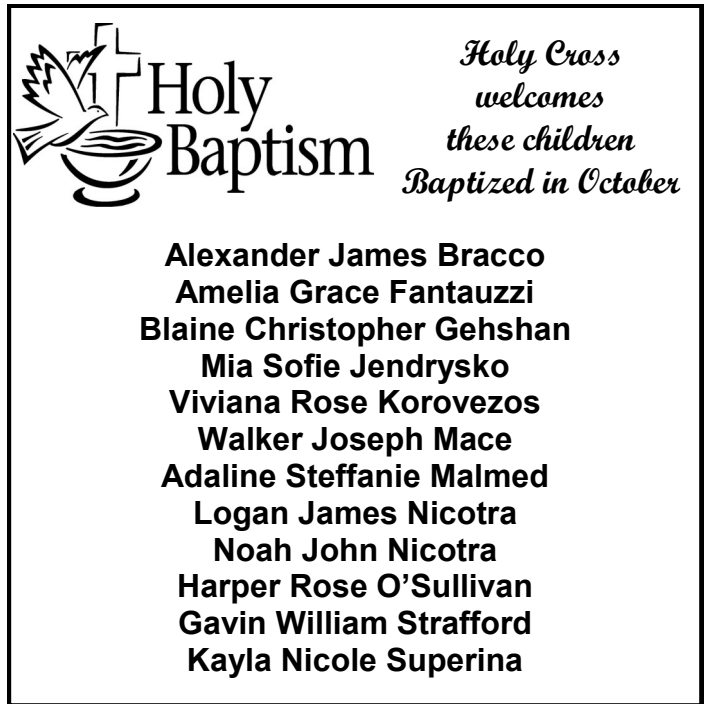
We thank the men and women who serve in our military for their service. We will continue to pray for them through 2018. Please let us know at any time during 2018 if their service is finished, their title has changed, or you would like continued prayers through 2019.

May God bless all who serve our nation.
Pray for Peace!



Banns of Marriage Second Time

Janine Mauro & Manuel Dasch



Holy Baptism

*Holy Cross
welcomes
these children
Baptized in October*

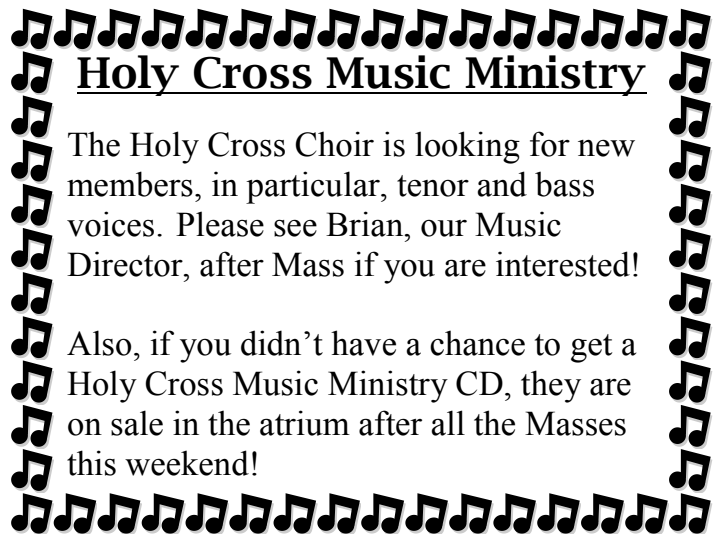
**Alexander James Bracco
Amelia Grace Fantauzzi
Blaine Christopher Gehshan
Mia Sofie Jendrysko
Viviana Rose Korovezos
Walker Joseph Mace
Adaline Steffanie Malmed
Logan James Nicotra
Noah John Nicotra
Harper Rose O'Sullivan
Gavin William Strafford
Kayla Nicole Superina**



We pray for the following parishioners whose funerals were celebrated at Holy Cross in October:

*Charles Bernard
Rosa Borriello*

May they rest in peace,
and may their loved ones be consoled.



Holy Cross Music Ministry

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!

Also, if you didn't have a chance to get a Holy Cross Music Ministry CD, they are on sale in the atrium after all the Masses this weekend!

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will take place after the 9:30 Mass on November 4.

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!

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN THE CONVERSATION!

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 **November 20**, at **7:00 PM**. Space is limited, so 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 November 20:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

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!**



**Congratulations to Doreen Hau
(pictured at right with Bishop
Barres) on receiving the St. Agnes
Medal of Service Award at the
Cathedral on Sunday, October 28th!**



PARISH OUTREACH

WOULD YOU LIKE TO PUT TOGETHER A THANKSGIVING BASKET FOR AN OUTREACH FAMILY? SIGN-UP THIS WEEKEND!



Any parishioner interested in participating in our Thanksgiving Basket program can sign up after all the Masses this weekend. **Please note that you must be able to bring in the Thanksgiving Basket on Monday, November 19th, between 7a.m. and 11:30 a.m. when we have volunteers available to receive them.**

Each volunteer shopper will be responsible for buying and packaging the food, and will be given the menu, shopping list and supermarket gift cards to cover the cost.

The completed baskets will be brought to the Parish Center on **Monday, November 19th, between 7:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.**

If you are unable to do a basket, but would still like to support this program, donations of money or supermarket gift cards will be greatly appreciated. **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 make this a real time for "Giving Thanks."

ATTENTION LITURGICAL MINISTERS!



We know it seems early, but we are starting to plan for the Christmas schedule.

Would you like to serve at a Christmas Mass? Please circle your choices and drop in the collection basket or return to the Parish Office by November 18th.

Name: _____

I am an: Altar Server Eucharistic Minister Usher Lector

I would like to serve at Mass: Christmas Eve 4PM 6PM 10PM
 Christmas Day 8AM 10AM 12Noon

PARISH OUTREACH

Christmas Angels Coming Soon!

Next weekend, November 10th and 11th, will be the first weekend of our Outreach Parish Christmas Project. We are once again requesting **gift cards** to local stores (i.e., Kohls, Target, Wal-Mart) to enable our families to purchase for themselves and their children the items they need.

As you may know we have also helped the following agencies for the last several years and will continue to do so this Christmas:

Olsen's Rest Home is a neighborhood facility for frail elderly on Gibbs Pond Road. Residents of the home have always been considered members of our parish community. Holy Cross ministers to our friends at Olsen's in a variety of ways during the year.

Mercy Haven is a provider of housing and other services for persons who are elderly, those living with mental illness, those families who are on limited income and those with special needs.

Pronto is a human service agency located in Brentwood helping people in need with food, clothing and other basic necessities. They assist approximately 500 families for the holidays each year.

Talbot House Chemical Dependency Crisis Center is a 24-hour voluntary chemical dependence crisis center licensed by the New York State Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services to provide short-term medically monitored inpatient withdrawal services to adult men and women who are in crisis. This facility provides nourishing meals, counseling, limited transportation, support groups, and referrals.

SEE NEXT WEEK'S BULLETIN FOR MORE
DETAILS ON WAYS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE
CHRISTMAS OUTREACH PROGRAM.



YOUTH MINISTRY

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!



Please contact Sal Finocchiaro at the email below, if you are interested in attending.

Here is a picture of the teens who celebrated at this past Sunday's Youth Halloween Night. It was a spooky, fun-filled night!

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, November 4th, we have a Youth Night planned from 6 to 8PM. The event will take place in the atrium. All are welcome!**
- **Next weekend: The Youth Group will be on their Fall Retreat! Please keep us in your prayers as we will be having an exciting, fun-filled and prayerful weekend.**



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 if you are thinking about joining us and you would like more information, then please contact Sal Finocchiaro, Coordinator of Youth Ministries, at hcyouthgroup15@gmail.com or call the parish office. Thank you!

CASH CALENDAR



*Parish of the Holy Cross
Cash Calendar
November 2018*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 \$50	2 \$500	3 \$50
4 \$50	5 \$50	6 \$50	7 \$50	8 \$50	9 \$50	10 \$50
11 \$50	12 \$50	13 \$50	14 \$50	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	

\$10 PER CHANCE ~ 30 CHANCES TO WIN ~ \$50 EACH DAY ~ \$500 on November 2, ALL SOULS DAY

Cash Calendar, NOVEMBER, 2018

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