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Whatever you do
do it all for the
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1 Corinthians 10:31

Come and pray with us!

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time - February 11, 2018
+ Ash Wednesday - February 14, 2018

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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Celebrants for Next Weekend's Masses



February 17th/18th

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

Mass Intentions Schedule



Week of February 11th, 9AM Mass

Mon. Blanca Rodriguez
Tue. Al Reid
Wed. Jack Hough
Thu. Patricia Kelley

Saturday, February 17th, 5 PM Mass

Margaret Doner, Ann Pacifico, Anne & Vincent Matterna

Sunday, February 18th, 1st Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM Elizabeth Bosse
9:30 AM Richard P. Canalini, Catherine Holzmann, Carmen E. Melendez, Stefano Modugno, Gina DiCanio
11:30 AM People of the Parish

Remembering Our Sick

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

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.

Banns of Marriage - First Time



Rebecca Mori & Charles Vallone

Scripture Readings for February 18, 2018



+ Genesis 9:8-15
+ 1 Peter 3:18-22
+ Mark 1:12-15

Stock Up on Those Fish Sticks

by Father Michael

I always associate Lent with eating fish sticks on Fridays. I kind of like fish sticks. We are about to begin “fish stick season.” Ash Wednesday is one of the busiest days in the life of the Church. There will be far more people here on Wednesday than on an average Sunday. There is no official obligation to attend one of the services. But, in the minds and hearts of many receiving ashes, it is not optional; they will be here.

There are some folks who get cranky that so many people show up on Ash Wednesday. I think it is a great day in the life of the parish whenever the Church can meet a need of the people. We are providing a service and potentially offering a moment of grace for all. There is a unique focus to what we do. It is not a particularly joyful day; it does not have the energy and excitement of Christmas. In fact, it can be an enormously challenging day. We are asked to think about our need to change, and we are asked to seek God’s forgiveness for our failings. These tasks might be difficult. But, on some deep level many people recognize the wisdom and necessity in embracing this discipline. We sign ourselves with ashes which is a visible sign for all to see. This is a profound gesture and symbol.

Lent can be a great blessing and opportunity. Most folks come up with a New Year’s Resolution, but after January 1st there is not much encouragement or formal means to pursue our goals. During Lent the Church provides the framework of 40 days to focus on our need for growth or transformation. The scripture readings lend themselves to speak a message of new life coming out of darkness or sin. There are different opportunities for prayer and spiritual reflection. The days of Lent culminate in our great celebrations of Holy Week.

Use this opportunity well. Think of how the next weeks can be a time of holiness and grace for you. What do you need to give up that will make you a more loving and holy person? What do you need to embrace that will make you a more loving and holy person? How will you grow closer to God? Stay tuned. In next week’s bulletin there will be a list of suggested practices and disciplines that may be helpful for you during this season. The Ash Wednesday schedule for Mass and services is listed in this week’s bulletin. The Palm Sunday, Holy Week, and Easter schedule is also listed. Please take note of the special Mass schedule on Palm Sunday and Easter; it is different than the usual Sunday schedule.

I have to go to the supermarket now (and remember to bring my reusable grocery bag). I need to decide whether it will be Mrs. Paul’s or Gordon’s of Gloucester this year. Decisions, decisions. Have a blessed Lent.

ASHES & ASH WEDNESDAY



On **Wednesday, February 14th**, countless Christians will be signed with ashes on their forehead. This symbolizes the beginning of our **40 Day Journey through Lent**. As this significant day in the life of Christians arrives, we wonder **WHY ARE WE RECEIVING ASHES?** We must be careful not to judge others' intentions, but we are challenged to reflect on our own motives for being blessed with ashes.

Beginning Lent with the Sign of the Cross is meant to remind us of our Baptism when the priest, along with our parents and godparents, traced the Sign of the Cross on our forehead, saying, "In the name of the Christian community, I claim you for Christ our Savior by the Sign of the Cross."

- **Ashes have been considered a sign of penance.**
- **Christ is the beginning and the end of our life's journey.**
- **We are called to internal conversion and change of heart.**
- **We consciously are entering into the central mystery of our faith... that the way to Resurrection is by way of the Cross.**

WHY RECEIVE ASHES? Ashes are meant to be an external sign of our interior desire to make these 40 days of Lent a special and sacred time. We begin Lent with ashes, reminding us of our need to die to anything that keeps us from growing in the love of God. At the Easter Vigil we will receive lighted candles reminding us that "If we die with Christ, we shall rise with Him into future glory."

"Repent, and believe in the Gospel."

**Ash Wednesday is February 14th. Ashes will be distributed at:
7 AM, 9 AM Mass, 12 Noon, 4:00 PM, 5:30 PM & 7:00 PM.**

Children and Ashes...

Our 4:00 and 5:30 PM services will be more "child friendly." These services will be shorter, with a homily geared to a child's understanding. This will enable the children to enter into the spirit of Lent in a manner appropriate for their age.

Fast and Abstinence...

All Catholics who have reached their fourteenth year are bound to abstain entirely from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent. All Catholics between the ages of eighteen and fifty-nine inclusive are also bound to observe the law of fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. This means limiting oneself to a single full meal and avoiding food between meals. Two other light meals, which together do not equal a full meal, may be taken during the day.

PARISH OUTREACH

EAT SIMPLY... SO OTHERS MAY SIMPLY EAT

As we approach the season of Lent we are reminded that our 40 day journey provides the opportunity to evaluate our relationship with the Lord, with our neighbors and with the world. Prayer, fasting and works of charity are activities we employ to assist us in improving these aspects of our daily life.

For the last twenty-seven years, we at Holy Cross have embraced a special Lenten Parish Project, **EAT SIMPLY SO OTHERS MAY SIMPLY EAT**. EAT SIMPLY is a voluntary way for us to be involved in consciously sacrificing better meals for simpler meals during Lent. Our joint effort to **EAT MORE SIMPLY SO OTHERS MAY SIMPLY EAT** unites us in a special way with one another and also with those who are struggling on Long Island.



We encourage you not only to participate in this program, but also to discuss it at the dinner table with your children and family members.

Many of us are not consciously aware of the number of people that are in need and hungry right here in our own area. **During 2017, our Outreach pantry served approximately 100 people each month.**

The Lenten envelopes marked **EAT SIMPLY...SO OTHERS MAY SIMPLY EAT**, will be available throughout the weekends of Lent. We suggest that you place the envelope in a prominent place in your kitchen as a reminder of how you and your family will be uniting yourselves with our struggling neighbors and with the starving of the world. We encourage you to reflect, discuss and to decide how you will eat more basic meals during Lent.

Each weekend or whenever you choose during Lent, you may place your envelope in the basket on the pillar by the Altar or in the collection basket. The monies donated will be used to feed those who are struggling in our local area. We are continually grateful for the very generous response of our parishioners of Holy Cross in donating money, food and supermarket gift cards, which allows us to meet their needs.

ATTENTION: LITURGICAL MINISTERS!



The Parish of the Holy Cross Holy Week Sign Up Form

Name _____

Phone # _____ E-Mail _____@_____

Check one:

Altar Server Lector Usher Extraordinary Minister

I am not available to serve Holy Week and Easter _____.

I am available, and interested to serve at:

Palm Sunday - March 25, 2018

8:00 AM 11:00 AM
 9:30 AM 12:30 PM

Holy Thursday - March 29, 2018

9:00 AM - Morning Prayer (Lector only)
 8:00 PM - Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday - March 30, 2018

9:00 AM - Morning Prayer (Lector only)
 3:00 PM - Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday - March 31, 2018

9:00 AM - Morning Prayer (Lector only)
 8:00 PM - Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday - April 1, 2018

8:00 AM 11:00 AM
 9:30 AM 12:30 PM



Holy Week

Please drop in the basket or return to the Parish Office NO LATER than Sunday, February 18, 2018. Thank you for your help in helping us get our Holy Week Schedule completed ASAP!



Holy Cross
Mardi Gras Celebration
Sunday, February 11, 2018
 starting at 3:00 PM in the Atrium



Enjoy ice cream, snacks, crafts, music and games!
 We will end the celebration with prayer at 4:30.

Upcoming 30th Anniversary Events!

- **April 10, 2018** - Alpha - Tuesdays, 6:30-8:30 PM (RSVP to the office) - Faith-sharing for adults, with a light meal!

- **April 15, 2018** - Parish Concert - 3:00 PM presented by our Music Ministry



- **Summer, 2018** - Family Picnic - A day of fun for the entire parish
 Date and location TBA

- **July 15, 2018** - Sister Act comes to Holy Cross - 7:00 PM -
 A Plaza Theatrical Production

- **September 16, 2018** - Guest Speaker - Sister Pat Duffy, O.P. - 3:00 PM

- **October 19, 2018** - Dinner Dance - Time TBA - Meadow Club, Port Jefferson

YOUTH MINISTRY

Hi Everyone! Are you in high school? Do you want to make new friends as you play fun games and activities? 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 made your Confirmation, then come on down 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 all parishioners for their support last weekend in our Youth Winter Bake Sale! We had a tremendously successful event, which will directly help and fund our upcoming Youth Spring Retreat in April. :-)

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 and happenings! Take a look:

- **Sunday, 2/11: Parish Mardi Gras Event, 3-5PM. The following week, there is no Youth Day or Night event. We hope you all enjoy Winter Break! Stay warm!**



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.

CASH CALENDAR



February 2018 ~Parish of the Holy Cross ~
Cash Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				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	Notes: \$10 PER CHANCE \$50 PER DAY \$500 ON February 14 28 CHANCES TO WIN		

Cash Calendar FEBRUARY 2018

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MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Saturday, February 10th	1:00 PM
• REL. ED. RECONCILIATION	Worship Area
• PRE-CANA CLOSING MASS	5PM Worship Area
Sunday, February 11th	9:30 Mass
• BOY SCOUT SUNDAY	Worship Area
• BAPTISMS	1PM Worship Area
• MARDI GRAS	3PM Atrium
Monday, February 12th	5:00 PM
• SPECIAL NEEDS CLASSES	All Areas
Tuesday, February 13th	10:00 AM
• IN STITCHES	Fr. Joe Room
Wednesday, February 14th	9:00 AM
• ASH WEDNESDAY MASS	Worship Area
• PRAYER SERVICES	7AM,12Noon,4PM,5:30PM,7PM
Thursday, February 15th	10:00 AM
• SCRIPTURE STUDY	Fr. Joe Room
• RCIA	7PM Conference Rm.
Saturday, February 17th	10:00 AM
• WOMEN'S ENRICHMENT	Fr. Joe Room

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

This weekend, at the offertory we will also be collecting for our **Renovation and Major Repairs** fund. Thank you for your support of this important collection!

Next weekend, at the offertory we will also be collecting for the **Church in Need**. The monies collected at this time will be shared among three areas of the world where there is particular need for help:

- **Church in Central and Eastern Europe** - the Collection provides support for basic pastoral programs and makes scholarships available for students studying to serve their local church. These students become vital participants in the renewal of the Church in the region.

- **The Church in Latin America** faces many difficult challenges. Natural disasters in many areas caused lasting damage to the Church, while a significant loss of parishioners to migration and to other faiths, the inability to support itself financially, and a lack of priests and religious to help effectively minister to the large number of Catholics continue to trouble the region.

- **The Church in Africa** – the funds will go to assisting African countries where poverty, sickness and political strife prevent people from living in dignity.

Thank you for your generosity.

PARISH ACTIVITIES



February 11, 2018
9:30 Mass

Today we celebrate
Scouting's
108th anniversary!

Join us for Scripture Study on Thursday, February 15th, at 10AM in the Father Joe Room!





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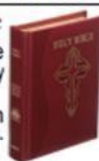
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