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**LET ALL BE WELCOMED AS CHRIST!**

And he went throughout Galilee,

*proclaiming  
the message.*

MARK 1:39

**Come and pray with us!**

**5th Sunday in Ordinary Time - February 4, 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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Parish Office Hours: Monday - Friday 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM (closed 12:15-1:00 PM)

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Ms. Patricia Gyscek  
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Mr. Salvatore Finocchiaro  
Coordinator of Youth Ministries

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Mr. Gerald Farrell  
Mr. Vincent Matula  
Custodians

Mrs. Mary Inghilterra  
Weekend Sacristan

## Celebrants for Next Weekend's Masses



### February 10th/11th

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

## Mass Intentions Schedule



### Week of February 4th, 9AM Mass

**Mon.** Michael Corcoran  
**Tue.** Henri-Robert Lamarque  
**Wed.** Concetta Brady  
**Thu.** Patricia Kelley

### Saturday, February 10th, 5 PM Mass

Judy Keena, Lucy Follo, Laura Smith

### Sunday, Feb. 11th, 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**8:00 AM** People of the Parish  
**9:30 AM** John Sureau Sr.  
**11:30 AM** Charlotte Wangenstein, Agnes Fitzpatrick, Eileen Dean, Catherine Holzmann, Robert Sheehan

## Remembering Our Sick

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

**Paul Malley      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 or email to [pothc@optonline.net](mailto:pothc@optonline.net).

## *Scripture Readings for February 11, 2018*



+ *Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46*  
+ *1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1*  
+ *Mark 1:40-45*

# Frosty February

*by Father Michael*

At the beginning of this new month, there is no mistake that we are reminded we are in the midst of winter. Cold weather and an unexpected snow fall started the week. The snow-day schedule for schools is being given a test this year. While it is nice to get an unexpected day off, it is no fun if that day has to be made up later in the spring. Onward we go, crunching through the snow with our eyes focused on some warmer weather down the road.

Early on Tuesday morning, I walked over to the office through the woods. There were two large deer on the edge of the community garden. I startled them, and they took off running across the newly fallen snow. It was a beautiful sight to see them prancing into the woods. Mother Nature continues to offer all kinds of delights around our property.

Our Mardi Gras celebration is next Sunday. Please be sure to RSVP to the Parish Office if you plan on participating so that we can appropriately prepare for the festivities. There will be activities geared towards children and families, but everyone is welcome. Who doesn't like an ice cream sundae? If you have any old palm at home that you no longer want to keep, please bring it to Mass next Sunday. We will be burning the old palm as part of our closing prayer at the Mardi Gras celebration.



Do you like taking pictures? We could use a "house photographer" or two. We want to have photographs of important moments in the life of the parish as well as capturing our 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary festivities. Please let me know if you are interested in helping in this way. I could also use help with our parish newsletter, Holy Cross Roads. I could use a reporter or two or someone who is good at writing and can help put together some of the articles.

Keep our First Communion children in your prayers. Over the next two weeks they will be celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. It is one of the many privileges of priesthood to share this moment with the children. It is a blessing to be able to offer them an experience of God's forgiveness and mercy at a young age. While some children appear to be nervous or apprehensive, most of them seem to just go with the flow and have a positive experience.



# PARISH NEWS



## Pray for Our Military

LCpl. Richard J. DeKanchuk, USMC  
Sgt. Daniel Frost  
MIDN Jonathan A. Goohs Jr., USNA  
WO Christopher Kaminsky  
Cpl. Michael Knipper, USMC  
IT2 Jason Mulderig

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!

## Anointing of the Sick

If you are having upcoming surgery, are dealing with illness, suffering from addiction, mental health issues or frailty, come to the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick after the 9:30 Mass this weekend.

## Special Collection

Next 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!

**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.



*Holy Cross  
welcomes these  
children Baptized  
in January!*

**Madison Marie Bignami  
Justin Matthew Cerullo  
Morgan Kathryn Schulz  
Landon Daniel Tennant  
Andi Arne Zgoda**

## Remember "Kevin Bacon"

**Don't forget to feed "Kevin Bacon"  
your quarters when you come to  
Mass on Sundays! Your donation  
benefits Heifer International.**



## Hearing Devices

For parishioners who have difficulty hearing, Holy Cross has individual devices which can amplify sound. They are simple to use and work for those who wear hearing aids and those who do not. If you are interested in using one of these devices, please see the Sacristan or an Usher prior to Mass.

## Gluten Free Hosts

For parishioners who have Celiac Disease or a gluten sensitivity, Holy Cross has gluten free hosts. If you would like to receive a gluten free host during Communion, please inform the Sacristan prior to Mass.

**JOIN US FOR SOME FUN!**

**Holy Cross  
Mardi Gras Celebration**



**Join us**



**Sunday, February 11, 2018  
starting at 3:00 PM in the Atrium  
for a fun celebration before Lent begins!**

Enjoy ice cream, snacks, crafts, music and games!  
We will end the celebration with prayer at 4:30.  
RSVP by February 6th if you would like to attend!  
Also, bring in your old palms this weekend and next,  
and we will burn them at our Mardi Gras Celebration!

**Mardi Gras Celebration!**

**I'm looking forward to this fun event!**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

# of adults \_\_\_\_\_ # of children \_\_\_\_\_

Ages of Children \_\_\_\_\_

# 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!



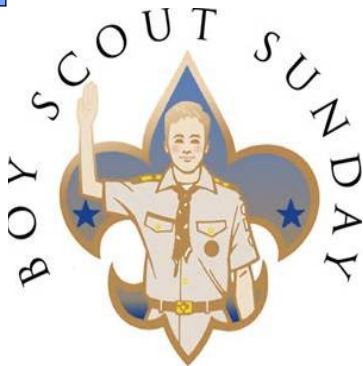
If you made your Confirmation, then come on down with a friend and check out the wonderful opportunities the Youth Group has for you! We would love to see you! The Holy Cross Youth Group is the perfect opportunity for you to continue to grow in your faith and build relationships with others in the parish. Here are our upcoming youth events and happenings! Take a look:

- **Saturday & Sunday, 2/3 - 2/4: Youth Group Bake Sale! We will be selling delicious baked goods at all of the weekend Masses! Come support the Youth Group for our upcoming Spring Retreat this April.**
- **Sunday, 2/11: Parish Mardi Gras Event, 3PM!**

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.

# BOY SCOUT SUNDAY



February 11, 2018

9:30 Mass

Scouts should arrive 15 minutes early

Class "A" uniforms for scouts & leaders

Refreshments will be served after the Mass

Celebrate Scouting's 108<sup>th</sup> anniversary

Please contact

Andy Bodor and Kim Loh Bodor

[Akjl23@optonline.net](mailto:Akjl23@optonline.net) or 516-996-2297 (Kim)

**Bring your Troop/Pack Flag & stand**

*Please let us know how many scouts & leaders will be attending by **Feb. 5** so we can have enough reserved seating for your group.*

*Also please bring cookies, cupcakes, etc. to share.*

**Save the Date: Girl Scout Sunday March 11th**

The Scout Sunday tradition was started to make people in houses of worship aware of Scouting, and to allow Scouts to live out their

***"Duty to God"***

pledged each week.

The Scout Law says that a

***"Scout is Reverent"***

and the Scouts of all ages promise to do their "Duty to God." These values strengthen youth character in their family, community and faith.

# 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 during Holy Week and Easter \_\_\_\_\_.

I am available, and interested to serve at:

### 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!**



# CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL 2018



Supporting Dramatic Missionary Growth  
on Long Island and Beyond

## Hands of Christ's Mercy



Dear Friends:

As we begin a New Year, I am writing to thank you for your support of the Catholic Ministries Appeal and for making my first year a great joy in this wonderful Diocese. With a grateful heart, I also ask for your prayers and support for this year's Catholic Ministries Appeal, which brings Christ's love and mercy to more than 600,000 people every year.

Pope Francis has invited us to embrace our vocation as missionary disciples – to be the **Hands of Christ's Mercy**. Our participation in the Catholic Ministries Appeal is an effective way for us to respond. As we support the good works of our Church, our hands serve as instruments of God's love.

Your gifts to the Catholic Ministries Appeal touch so many in our Diocese: children being formed in our Catholic Faith in our schools and religious education programs, seminarians preparing to be holy and zealous priests, candidates for the permanent diaconate preparing to serve our parishes, disadvantaged seniors who are often isolated and lonely, families in crisis including our immigrant-refugee families who face so much uncertainty, our youth and young adults discerning their Catholic faith and their futures, people who are incarcerated, and those suffering from addiction.

A donation to our Appeal will help to ensure that our shared vision for *Dramatic Missionary Growth* in our Diocese will have a firm financial foundation as we reach out beyond our Parish walls and into the "*mission territory*" to which we are called.

I am grateful for your prayerful consideration of a gift to the 2018 Catholic Ministries Appeal. Together we can bring Jesus' message of hope to communities, families and individuals.

Thank you for your love for the mission of the Church. I will be keeping you and your family in my Masses and prayers.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads '+ John O. Barres'.

Most Reverend John O. Barres  
Bishop of Rockville Centre

# 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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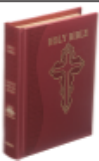
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