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26th Sunday in Ordinary Time – September 30, 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



October 6th/7th

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

Mass Intentions Schedule



Week of September 30th, 9AM Mass

Mon. William & Catherine Holzmann
Tue. Sze Chin
Wed. Bob DeFilippis
Thu. Jeanette Foy

Saturday, October 6th, 5 PM Mass

Christopher Cotter, Rocco Nocella, Victor Chersevani, Victor Michael Chersevani, Maria Orabona Lapreyay

Sunday, October 7th, 27th Sun. in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Frank Ranieri
9:30 AM People of the Parish
11:30 AM Henri-Robert Lamarque, Agnes Fitzpatrick, Mary Donnellan, Florence Campanale, Karen and Logan Michael Ciliotta

Remembering Our Sick

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

Maria Conte **Maryann League**
Paul Malley

Scripture Readings for October 7, 2018



+ *Genesis 2:18-24*
+ *Hebrews 2:9-11*
+ *Mark 10:2-16*

What do Flex-Glue and the Holy Spirit have in Common?

by Father Michael

Did you ever see the commercials for those glue products that do so much? I have never used them and this is not an advertisement for them, but there seems to be something miraculous about them. They work in all conditions, even underwater. They work immediately. But wait, there's more; they have mighty strength and can accomplish great feats. One product can do so many things in so many different situations. Hmmm, it got me thinking...

We celebrated Confirmation here almost two weeks ago, but I am still reflecting upon the experience. It is remarkable how one moment can touch so many people in very different places.

- For those who work to bring about a day like this, it brings a sense of great fruition when the day is done. For catechists, our Religious Ed Office staff and volunteers, there is a powerful feeling of satisfaction. In different ways, many good people were instrumental in bringing our young people to this celebration in their faith life.
- For those who serve at the liturgies: musicians, servers, sacristans and ushers, there is a tremendous sense of joy (that is mixed with a dose of exhaustion) for the day. We shared in and witnessed something beautiful.
- For our regular Church-going families, it is a moment of strengthening and celebrating something that is already an important part of their life - their faith.
- For parents, there is a sense of pride (and maybe a little trepidation) as they witness their children moving towards adulthood.

But wait, there is more; we had 159 young people receive the Sacrament. Shouldn't the church be packed on Sunday in the weeks following that moment? This is where it gets a little tricky. While there may be a desire to see a broader and more visible impact in regards to weekend Mass attendance, we cannot limit the work of the Spirit to this one criteria.

We need to allow the Spirit to unfold in the hearts of all people in the way in which it was meant to happen. While we would hope that a positive and uplifting celebration would inspire greater Mass participation, we need to be open to the possibility that for some, their faith will be lived in a different way. Seeds may have been planted, but they have not yet come to full bloom.

The Spirit can work in all situations: for those who sit in the front row and for those who may be more on the fringe of parish life. The Spirit can open a heart in an instant, or it may slowly be at work in the life of a person. The good news is you don't have to order by midnight or pay for shipping. We need to live with an open heart and allow the Spirit to bring us and our community life in abundance.

PARISH NEWS



Banns of Marriage Second Time

Domenica Arena & Michael Salerno

At Home with the Word

If you would like to purchase a 2019 *At Home with the Word* book, please sign the sheet on the table outside the Parish Office.



Blessing of the Animals

To commemorate the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi we will have the Blessing of the Animals
Thursday, October 4th, at 4PM!



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!

PARISH OUTREACH

Outreach Food Pantry

Next Saturday and Sunday, **October 6/7**, will be our monthly Food Drive for our Parish Outreach Pantry. The following items would be most helpful:

- Mayonnaise
- Ketchup
- Soup
- Canned Vegetables
- Meals-in-a-Can
- Tuna
- Cookies, Snacks
- Pancake Mix & Syrup
- Coffee
- Jello, Pudding
- Size 4 Diapers
- Baby Wipes

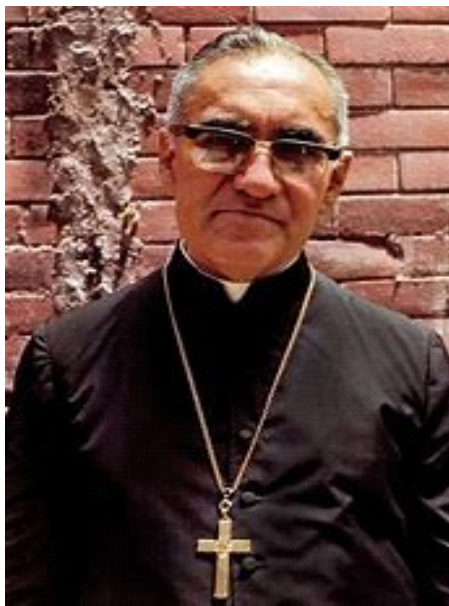


Please don't forget to check expiration dates! It will greatly assist the volunteers who stack the pantry with your donated goods. Thank you!

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**INVITES YOU TO A PRESENTATION TO HONOR AND
CELEBRATE THE CANONIZATION OF ARCHBISHOP
OSCAR ROMERO**



Date: Monday, October 15th, 2018

Time: 7:00 PM

Place: Parish of the Holy Cross, Atrium

*Join us for prayer, a brief video about Oscar
Romero, along with a special presentation by
Sister Margaret Smyth, O.P., Director of the
North Fork Spanish Apostolate*

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

A Friendly Reminder from Religious Education

Registration for our 2018-2019 Religious Education Program is past due. If you would like to register your child in our Religious Education program, please do so as soon as possible.

Also, we are always in need of Catechists. 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.



RCIA

Are you seeking Baptism? Are you a baptized Catholic who never celebrated First Communion and Confirmation? Have you been baptized in another Christian faith and now desire to become Catholic?



RCIA

If your answer is “YES” to any of these questions, we want to hear from you. The Church gives us a beautiful process called the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) for those who seek to become fully initiated in the Catholic Church. This year’s RCIA will be starting soon. If you’re interested and would like additional information, please contact Jude Pickel at 631-265-2200 x16.

SENIOR GROUP

Our Holy Cross Senior Group is always looking for new members to join them for an afternoon of fun and socializing. You are invited to stop in on the **first and third Wednesday** of the month and meet some new friends.

The meeting is held in the atrium of the church from **11:30am to 2:30pm**. The next meeting is **October 3rd**. We hope to see you there!



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 above, then you **MUST** check out the **Holy Cross Youth Group!** You will be glad you did! If you recently received the Sacrament of 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 YG would like to thank everyone who came out to our Youth Kick-Off last week! We had a great time with the teens at our amazing Slip n' Slide Kick Ball Game! Thank you to all for supporting the wonderful youth program.

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, Sunday, September 30:** The Youth Group will be having a Youth Night, from 6 - 8PM in the atrium of the church. You do not want to miss this event! We have a wonderful night planned for all! :-)
- **Next weekend:** We do not have an event planned due to the Columbus Day weekend. Enjoy the three-day weekend, everyone! :-)

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. Thank you!



LITURGICAL MINISTERS



Attention: Altar Servers, Lectors, Ushers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Let us know if you would like to continue in your ministry for the 2018-2019 Liturgical Year and, also, if you would like to serve on Holy Days. Your dedication to the ministry is most appreciated by the Parish. Please complete the form below and place in the Sunday collection basket or return to the Parish Office on or before October 14th. Also, please let us know if you are a "snow bird" and need to be taken off the schedule for a period of time. **If at any other time during the year you need to stop your service, please contact the Parish Office.**

RECOMMITMENT

I wish to continue in my ministry for the 2018-2019 year.

YES _____ NO _____ I understand I may return to my ministry at any time once I have informed the Parish Office.

I am an: **Altar Server, Lector, Usher, Extraordinary Minister**

Preferred Masses _____

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

Please ✓ if you are an EM and you would like to bring the Eucharist to the homebound.

&

Are you available to minister on Holy Days?

(Solemnity of Mary, Ascension Thursday, Assumption, All Saints' Day, Immaculate Conception)

YES _____ NO _____

2018
CATHOLIC MINISTRIES
APPEAL

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Here is an update on the status of the 2018 Appeal here at Holy Cross:

<u>Goal</u>	<u>Pledges</u>	<u>Over (Under)</u>	<u># of Donors</u>	<u>% of Goal</u>
\$65,000.00	\$55,710.00	(\$9,290.00)	269	85.7%

When payments reach 100% of our goal, we receive a rebate of 20% or \$13,000. You can donate by credit card or check in the Parish Office. Checks should be made payable to:

Catholic Ministries Appeal.

Please help your community and your parish by supporting the CMA!

DID YOU MISS THIS!

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.



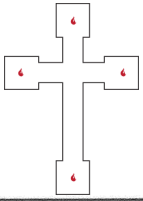
Come (and join 40 parishioners already enrolled!) on **October 16**, at **7:00 PM**.
Space is limited, so please fill in the tear-off below and drop it in the collection basket
or at the parish office. If you have any questions, please call Jude Pickel at
631-265-2200 extension 16.

I would like to participate in "*Coffee & Conversation*" on October 16:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

CASH CALENDAR



Parish of the Holy Cross September 2018

September 14th is the
Exaltation of the
Holy Cross

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	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	29 \$50
30 \$50	\$ 10 Per Chance; 30 Chances to Win; \$50 Per Day; \$500 on September 14					

Cash Calendar, SEPTEMBER 2018

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MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Sunday, September 30th	10:30 AM
• PRAY THE ROSARY	Chapel
• BAPTISMS	1PM Worship Area
• YOUTH NIGHT	6PM Atr./Wor. Ar.
Monday, October 1st	7 PM
• LEVEL 2 CATECHIST MEETING	Atrium
• DANCE COMMITTEE	7:30PM Fr. Joe Room
Tuesday, October 2nd	10 AM
• IN STITCHES	Fr. Joe Room
• K OF C GENERAL MTG.	7:15PM Fr. Joe Room
Wednesday, October 3rd	11:30AM-2:30PM
• SENIORS	Atrium
Thursday, October 4th	10 AM
• SCRIPTURE STUDY	Fr. Joe Room
• LEVS. 3-6 CATECHIST MTG.	1:30PM Fr. Joe Room
• BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS	4PM Courtyard
Saturday, October 6th	3:45-4:45 PM
• HOLY HOUR	Worship Area
• K OF C RAFFLE SALES	5PM Atrium
Sunday, October 7th	All Masses
• K OF C RAFFLE SALES	Atrium
• ANOINTING OF THE SICK	10:30AM Worship Area

Catholics Care. Catholics Vote. Register to Vote.

In their statement on Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship, the U.S. Catholic bishops remind Catholics, "We are called to bring together our principles and our political choices, our values and our votes, to help build a better world" (no. 14). **In New York State the voter registration deadline is October 12.** You can pick up a mail-in voter registration form at the county elections office, library, or post office or request one online at www.elections.ny.gov/VotingRegister.html#VoteRegForm

PARISH NEWS

Holy Hour for Peace

We offer our Holy Hour on the first Saturday of the month from 3:45 to 4:45PM in the Worship Area. The next one will take place on **Saturday, October 6th.**

Please come and spend some time before the Blessed Sacrament praying for God's gift of peace to touch our wounded world.



Anointing of the Sick

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, October 7th, is the next date the Anointing will be offered.

Next weekend, at the offertory, we will also be collecting for
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