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Come and pray with us!

Third Sunday of Lent - March 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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Celebrants for Next Weekend's Masses



March 10th/11th

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

Mass Intentions Schedule



Week of March 4th, 9AM Mass

Mon. Vanessa Lotito (living)
Tue. Ann Dreger (living)
Wed. Victor Lamarque & Henri-Robert Lamarque
Thu. Maron Brady

Saturday, March 10th, 5 PM Mass

Linda Castro, James Lechner, Mabel & Ed Stevenson, Kathleen Dabagian

Sunday, March 11th, Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM William Doughty
9:30 AM Ann Agostino, Tony Agostino, James Keane, Robert Prybella
11:30 AM People of the Parish

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:

Denise Lamarque 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.

Scripture Readings for March 11, 2018



+ 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23
+ Ephesians 2:4-10
+ John 3:14-21

Wearing My Sombrero and Shades

by Father Michael

As you read this column, the Travel Club and I will be in the midst of our cruise. We sailed out of New Orleans on Friday and we return home on Wednesday. Our ship makes two ports of call. In Costa Maya, many of us will be visiting one of the ancient Mayan ruins that can be found in that area. In Cozumel, about half of the group is doing something fun and different. We will have a small convoy of vintage 1973 Volkswagen Beetle convertibles. We will be led by local guides as we putter along some of the winding roads and beautiful shores of Cozumel. There will be time to enjoy the beach as well as share in a barbeque.

One of the things I am most looking forward to on this trip is our very first lunch when we arrive in New Orleans. We are eating at a place called Café Reconcile. This restaurant was founded with the intention of helping young people in the New Orleans area who may have faced some struggles in life. They teach the skills necessary to work in the food service industry such as food prep, table service, and restaurant management. They work with young people who may have been in trouble with the law or have struggled with drug addiction. The goal is to teach them skills so they can become gainfully employed. The program is supported by Emeril Lagasse. They have a remarkably high success rate in placing their graduates throughout the hospitality industry. In addition to the Café serving fine Cajun and New Orleans fare, there is an element of ministry as they have helped many people get their lives back on track.

Many people have been asking, "How are you doing?" I appreciate the concern and love that prompts the question. All things considered, I am doing fine. As many of you know, the grieving process has many parts to it. It is important for life to return to some semblance of routine so that necessary work gets done. There is a time for prayer and quiet. There is a time to be with friends and those who offer counsel. And, there also needs to be a space for fun and relaxation. I am truly looking forward to these days away. I'm sure this break will be filled with good times with good people.

In my absence, allow me to offer you this little joke. Today is a perfect day for a parade. Think about the date, March 4th . . . march forth. Get it? You can thank me when I get home. And for you mathematicians, next Wednesday is an exciting day for you; it is "Pi day." When I worked in the high school the math department would always be happy on 3/14. (In case you did not notice, I was struggling to find things to write about for this week's bulletin. I had to write it two weeks before we left.)

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
Lt. Ryan Montvydas
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!



*Holy Cross
welcomes these
children Baptized
in February*

**Marco Calogero Caruso
Layla Nicole Leocata
Evelyn Harper Smith**

Save the Date!!!

Holy Cross Parish Picnic

Sunday, June 10th

1PM - 5PM

at the Nesconset Gazebo
(right after the 11:30 Mass at HC)



Alpha is coming - really!!

Alpha is an opportunity for adults to explore life and faith in a friendly, open, and informal atmosphere, using 3 key elements: food, information, and discussion.

Beginning on April 10, 2018, *Alpha* will be here at Holy Cross.

For 10 weeks, we will gather at 6:30PM, share a light meal, watch an informative DVD, and engage in small group discussion.

While we would love to see everyone at *Alpha*, space limits us to just 30 participants, so please register right away.

Questions? Call Jude at (631) 265-2200x16



Please fill in and return to the Parish Office (*We need to know how much food to prepare!*):

I am looking forward to participating in *Alpha*:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

GIRL SCOUT SUNDAY

Tell your Scouting friends.....All Are Welcome

When: March 11th at 9:30 Mass (arrive 15 minutes early to sign in)

Where: Parish of the Holy Cross, Nesconset

Who: All Scouts and their families are invited to attend

What to wear: Girl Scout Uniform / Sash

Please let us know who/how many scouts are coming.

Text, call or email any questions you may have.

Girls, please bring a goody for hospitality.



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LENTEN ACTIVITIES

Join us on Fridays of Lent:

March 9 & 16, 2018:

- **3PM-Divine Mercy in the Chapel:** A time to reflect on the mercy of God.
- **4PM-Eucharistic Adoration with Benediction:** Come and sit in the presence of Christ.
- **6PM-Stations of the Cross Video:** Meditate on the passion and death of Jesus.

Soup Supper

PLEASE JOIN US as we share a simple meal with our Parish Community on

March 8, 2018 at 6:30 PM

Please complete the form below and place in the collection by Sunday, March 3/4.

There will also be a sign up sheet in the Atrium on March 3/4.

Name _____ Number Attending _____

Soups, bread and butter provided by
Parish committees.



LENTEN ACTIVITIES

Our Journey through Lent



As we journey through Lent, each of us is called to focus more deeply on prayer, fasting, and alms-giving (acts of charity). Here are additional activities you might like to consider this Lent:

***Prayer Service with Reconciliation:* Tuesday, March 13, 2018, 7:00 PM.**

An evening of prayer followed by the opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance.

***Tenebrae:* Friday, March 23, 2018, 7:30 PM.** A prayer service with Scripture readings and music, meditating on the passion and death of Jesus Christ.

***Sacrament of Reconciliation:* Monday, March 26, 2018, 3:00 – 5:00, and 5:30 – 8:00 PM.**

Opportunities to celebrate the sacrament with Fr. Michael.

Eat Simply Ideas

Here are some ideas to consider using for your family's participation in our Eat Simply program.

- If you gave up sweets for Lent, donate the money saved so that we can purchase cookies and snacks for a family.
- Discuss what a "simple meal" means in your household. Is it soup and bread? Is it a peanut butter and jelly sandwich? **Our simple meals can be a gourmet feast for some families struggling to make ends meet.**
- Rather than having your Starbucks or Dunkin Donuts coffee, make your morning coffee at home. The money you donate could buy a can of coffee for a family.
- If you go out to dinner, have coffee and dessert at home, and donate what it would have cost you at the restaurant.



Envelopes are available on the bulletin tables; you may return your envelope in the basket on the pillar by the Altar or in the collection basket. Thank you so much for prayerfully participating in our Eat Simply program, so that others may simply eat!

Parish Outreach

PARISH OUTREACH

Long Island Cares Food Drive

Who are the hungry on Long Island? We share some facts compiled by Long Island Cares:

- Approximately 316,000 Long Island residents including more than 85,000 children are hungry or food insecure.
- Almost 65,000 different people receive emergency food assistance in any given week.
- Nearly half - 48% - receiving emergency food assistance are the "working poor," households that include at least one employed adult. More than two out of every four people seeking food assistance report having to choose between paying for food and paying the rent or mortgage. More than one out of three must choose between food and medicine or medical care.
- The elderly make up 4% of Long Island's hungry. Some of the reasons for this are: not having enough income to afford nutritious food; suffering from depression and loneliness; experiencing the side effects of medications. Many are too proud to request help.
- Almost 63% of client households have monthly incomes below the official poverty level.

As we have done for the last few years during Lent and as part of our Baptismal call to live out the Beatitudes, our parish will sponsor a food drive on behalf of **Long Island Cares**. Long Island Cares is an organization that collects and delivers food to more than 600 community-based agencies in Nassau and Suffolk. In a typical year, it distributes over 7 million pounds of food.

Please bring your **non-perishable food items** to Mass **on the weekend of March 17/18** and place them in the large boxes in the Atrium.



We thank you for being a community that consistently stocks our own food pantry, reaches out to our surrounding communities and finds ways to assist our global family (through Heifer International).

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

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

Next weekend at the offertory we will also be collecting for **Catholic Relief Services**. CRS works with organizations around the world to help poor and vulnerable people overcome emergencies, earn a living through agriculture, and access affordable health care. Thank you for your support!

REMINDERS

Anointing of the Sick

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be offered after the **9:30 AM Mass** this **Sunday, March 4th**.

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

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.

Remember “Kevin Bacon”

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



RELIGIOUS FREEDOM



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**Play!
Don't Pray!**

In Beloit, Ohio, students are fighting back against an atheist group.

A community prayer before basketball and football games, led by a local pastor, has been a tradition at the West Branch School District for the past 30 years.

The atheist Freedom From Religion Foundation (FFRF) sent a letter of complaint to the school district in January. This anti-God group routinely attacks and threatens small towns and average Americans for exercising their First Amendment freedoms.

They even sued Presidents Obama and Bush over the National Day of Prayer but fortunately the court concluded, “Hurt feelings differ from legal injury.”

And each year FFRF files dozens of complaints against schools. Often, the schools capitulate rather than engage in a legal defense.

West Branch Superintendent Saxton decided to stop the prayer while exploring a compromise. In the meantime, over 100 students and adults arrived at a recent game wearing “Prayer Matters” tee shirts.

Said a 14-year-old West Branch student, “I believe we are allowed to express ourselves and it’s our freedom guaranteed by the Constitution. I want the praying to continue.”

CASH CALENDAR



Parish of the Holy Cross ~ CASH CALENDAR

MARCH 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
\$10 per chance \$60 per day 31 Chances to win \$500 on March 17				\$50	\$50	\$50
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Cash Calendar, MARCH 2018

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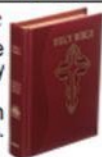
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