



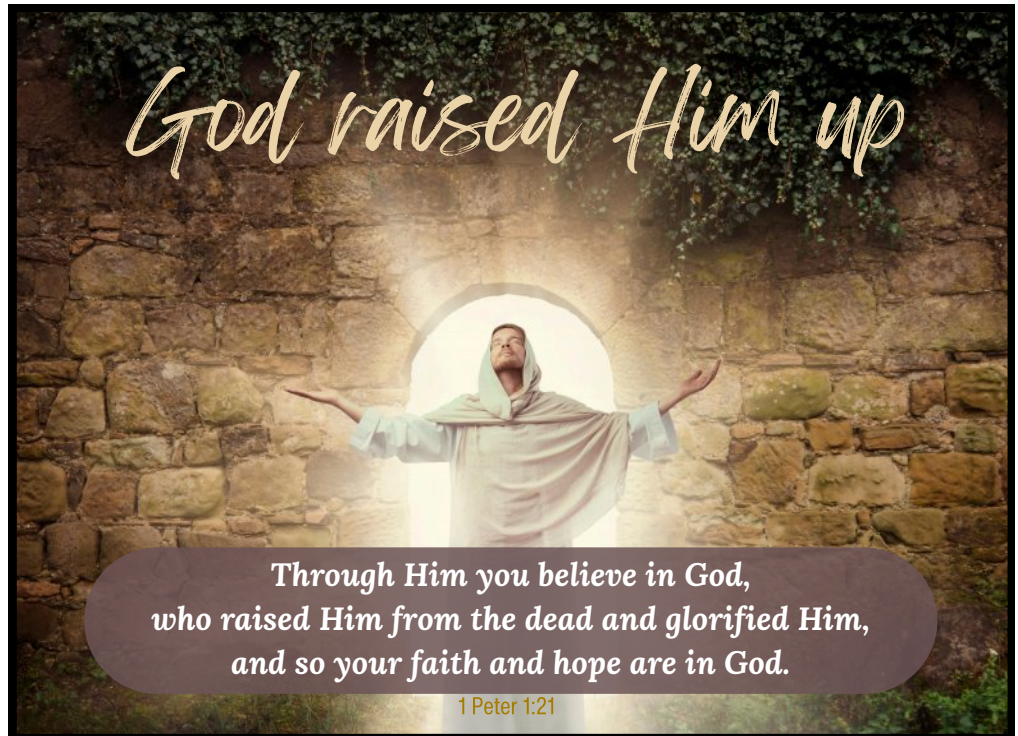
# Parish of the Holy Cross



*Let All Who Enter Be Welcomed as Christ!*

## **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.



## Third Sunday of Easter - April 19, 2026



## Come and Pray with Us!

### **We celebrate Eucharist**

Monday-Thursday 9:00 AM;  
Saturday 5:00 PM;  
Sunday 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM & 11:30 AM  
The 9:00 Weekday Mass & Sunday 11:30 Mass  
are livestreamed on Facebook.

### **We celebrate Reconciliation**

Saturday 3:30 PM - 4:15 PM;  
Wednesday after 9:00 AM Mass

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# WE ARE HERE FOR YOU

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**MONDAY - THURSDAY**  
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**Parish Office**  
**FRIDAY HOURS**  
**9 AM - 12 NOON**

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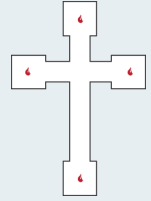


“Unto the upright there arises light in the darkness;  
He is gracious, and full of compassion, and righteous.”  
- Psalm 112:4

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for more information on how we can serve you.



## AT TODAY'S PERFORMANCE, THE ROLE OF ...



*Weekly Reflection by Fr. Michael*

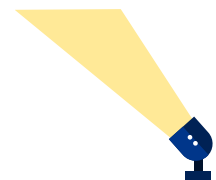
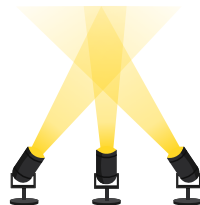
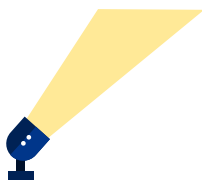
At one point in time, I used to frequent Broadway shows on a regular basis. It would not be unusual to hear an announcement made at performance time that one of the regular performers was being replaced by an understudy. I am not comparing our celebration of our liturgy to a stage performance. But indeed, for the next two weekends there will be different priests in the Presider's chair. I am away with the parish on our trip to Ireland which returns on April 27.

Fr. Mickey Bancroft has been extremely helpful in covering Masses for me in the past. That was the game plan for this trip as well. Unfortunately, about two weeks ago he took a bad fall and seriously injured his leg. He will be laid up for many weeks. I was so sorry to hear about his injury and pray he has a speedy and successful recovery. This left me in the position of having to find different priests to cover thirteen Masses for the time I am away. Some of the priests who I could regularly call upon are no longer able to assist because of advancing years or health issues. There are retired priests who help, but they often are already booked at parishes that need coverage on a regular basis. It took a little scrambling, but everything is in order. There is an array of active and retired priests coming from near and far. I am grateful for their willingness to lend a helping hand.

For years we have been hearing about the declining number of vocations and the limited number of priests available to serve on Long Island. At the beginning of our parish, there were two full priests who served as Co-Pastors. When I arrived thirteen years ago there was the pastor, a weekend helper who said two Masses, and three deacons. Currently, there is one priest and one deacon. In spite of these statistics, the sacramental life in the parish has not changed much. We have not yet hit that point where there has been a dramatic impact in the life of the parish. But it could happen somewhere down the road.

This could be a time to speculate about the future of our parish. There are many parishes in the Diocese that no longer have a pastor assigned to only that parish. A pastor may be in charge of two parishes or, in some instances, even more. I have no reason to believe that there are any immediate plans that would impact Holy Cross, but there is some uncertainty as we move forward. We do need to be mindful that the parish is a delicate balance of spiritual needs and people to share in that work.

A reality is that long-term workers and founding parishioners of the parish are not able to carry on the work that was once done. Some good parishioners have died, others have moved, still others simply cannot do what they once did. This raises the question, are new people coming along to help in that work? In some ways, yes. There are new people who are enthusiastic and supportive of the parish. I don't know if they are able to balance out those who can no longer participate as they once did. This is not just an issue for our parish, rather it is a reality felt throughout the Church. It is also not limited to churches. Many volunteer organizations are dealing with declining resources and helping hands. This is not meant to be discouraging or paint a gloomy picture. Perhaps it will plant a few seeds for reflection for some folks to become more involved. Remember, the role of carrying on the work of the Church is not limited to a few. Be open to hear if it is your name being called to share in the work. Who knows, at today's performance you may be the one called to a role in ministry.



2026		APRIL					
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	
26	27	28	29	30			

# ON THE CALENDAR

**Saturday, April 18th** ..... PRE-CANA WEEKEND  
 9:00AM - 5:00PM, Atrium

**Sunday, April 19th** ..... CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD  
 11:30 Mass, Fr. Joe Room

**Tuesday, April 21st** ..... IN STITCHES  
 10:00AM, Fr. Joe Room

**Wednesday, April 22nd** ..... HOLY CROSS SENIORS  
 11:30AM - 2:30PM, Atrium

**Thursday, April 23rd** ..... WOMEN'S BIBLE CIRCLE  
 10:00AM, Fr. Joe Room

**Friday, April 24th** ..... **LAST DAY OF RELIGIOUS ED.**  
 Please submit all paperwork, rosters, & catechists' books.

**Saturday, April 25th** ..... KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SALES  
 5:00PM Mass, Atrium

**Saturday, April 25th** ..... YCC HOSPITALITY  
 After 5:00PM Mass, Atrium

**Sunday, April 26th** ..... KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SALES  
 All Masses, Atrium

**Sunday, April 26th** ..... YCC HOSPITALITY  
 After 11:30AM Mass, Atrium

**Sunday, April 26th** ..... BAPTISMS  
 1:00PM, Worship Area

## PRESIDERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND'S MASSES



**APRIL 25**

5:00 PM  
 FR. JOSEPH FRANCIS

**APRIL 26**

8:00 AM  
 FR. JOSEPH FRANCIS

9:30 AM  
 FR. CHALINCE VENDREDY

11:30 AM  
 FR. JERRY RINGENBACK



## SCRIPTURE READINGS for APRIL 26

- + Acts 2:14a, 36-41
- + 1 Peter 2:20b-25
- + John 10:1-10

## Please join in prayer for the Prayer Intention of the Holy Father

For April,  
 he asks us to pray  
 for  
**Priests in Crisis**



For more information, please see: [Popesprayerusa.net](http://Popesprayerusa.net)

Visit our website at [www.holycrossrc.org](http://www.holycrossrc.org) to find out more about the different ministries we have to offer, how you can be involved, and when they meet.

# WE PRAY...CELEBRATE...REMEMBER



## Upcoming Mass Intentions

**Week of Sunday, April 19**

**9:00AM Masses:**

**Mon.** Charlotte Wangenstein

**Tues.** Michael Estock

**Wed.** Bob DeFilippis

**Thur.** Daneris Hernandez

**Saturday, April 25, 5PM Mass**

Kathy Kamine, Bing Eng, Gweneth Morris,  
Ruel Morris, Linda Czub

**Sunday, April 26, Masses**

**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**8:00AM** People of the Parish

**9:30AM** Steve Matonti

**11:30AM** Paul Sena, Michael Estock,  
Teresa Foresto, Debra Lanza,  
Robert Myers

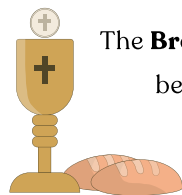
*Please pray for those in our parish  
who are sick, their families and caregivers*

Bob Alderdice  
Alejandro Astegiano  
Jo Barry  
Kathy Barry  
Alison Bilski  
Cole Brennan  
Laurie Bronzino  
Veronica Buscemi  
Judy Carlson  
Michael Castellano  
Mary Champagne  
Peter Chirafisi  
William Ciccarelli  
Stephen Crawford  
Kimberly Crawford-Arbocus  
Grayson Danielski  
Anthony DeGennaro  
Manuela Diaz  
Peter DiMauro  
Claudia DiPalermo  
Ann Egan  
Lisa Eger  
Vincent Esposito  
Ralph Farino  
Yolanda Fattarusso  
Sienna Fricke  
Linda Giordano  
James Greene  
Linda Heinrichs  
Ryan Huscher  
Debbie Jablinowski  
Kristen Kennedy

Caroline Lazar  
Carol Leahy  
Victor Lewandowski  
Mary Lopez  
Gerald Losquadro  
Jeanne Marie Malley  
Janet Mangano  
Olivia Melia  
Geraldine Muscarnere  
Loretto Narducci  
Andrea Nocito  
Darin Pitkanen  
Patricia Pitkanen  
Colleen Prinz  
Carina Ranieri  
Bernardine Reichbach  
Mary Ann Reilly  
Rob Remhild  
Marcello Ricciardi  
Lynn Rodger  
Sean Romeo  
Elaine Ruane  
Jacqueline Santamaria  
Casey Schultz  
Kathy Schwinn  
John Serri  
Celeste Sichenze  
Todd Skala  
Sue Southard  
Barbara Swingle  
Bill Tanner  
Calvin Tatone  
Grace Van Epps  
Peter Warns



*We thank the men and women  
who serve in our  
military for their service.*



The **Bread and Wine** for the week have  
been donated in loving memory of  
**Thomas Brophy** by his mother,  
Janice Schwarz, and family.

*pray without ceasing*

-1 Thessalonians 5:17

**There will be no Anointing of the Sick in April**



Anointing of the Sick  
will be offered next month  
Sunday, May 3rd,  
after the 9:30 AM Mass

**If you would like to have the name of your  
loved one listed in our prayers for the sick,  
please call 631-265-2200 x122.**

*My son, be attentive to my words;  
incline your ear to my sayings.  
Let them not escape from your sight;  
keep them within your heart.  
For they are life to him who finds them,  
and healing to all his flesh.*

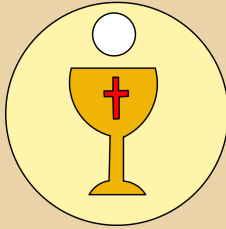


Proverbs 4:20-22



# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

## LEVEL 2 Communion Practice



### Communion Practice for MAY 2nd Communion

**Wednesday,  
April 29<sup>th</sup> at 6pm**

if your child's Communion is  
**Sat., May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 11:00am**

or

**Wednesday,  
April 29<sup>th</sup> at 7pm**

if your child's Communion is  
**Sat., May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 1:30pm**

### Communion Practice for MAY 9th Communion

**Tuesday,  
May 5<sup>th</sup> at 6pm**

if your child's Communion is  
**Sat., May 9<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am**

or

**Tuesday,  
May 5<sup>th</sup> at 7pm**

if your child's Communion is  
**Sat., May 9<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm**



## BECOME A PRAYER PARTNER FOR OUR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

In the April 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> bulletin, we invited you to take an insert sheet of paper that has the name of one of our Confirmation candidates.

We ask that you pray for that student by name during these next weeks before Confirmation which takes place on June 3<sup>rd</sup> this year.

During the month of May, we will have special mailboxes in the Atrium for you to place a "Congratulations" card, letting the candidate know you have been praying for them by name. On the day of Confirmation, the students will be given these cards.

We thank you for being a Prayer Partner for our young people.



## Catechists for our Religious Ed. Program

### Catechists Needed for 2026-2027

*We are seeking volunteers  
willing to share faith with our parish children.*

Special Need Catechists, Mondays 4pm-6pm

**Level 2 Catechists** for the following areas –  
Cherokee, Wenonah, Bretton Woods,  
Eugene Auer, Mt. Pleasant, and Hiawatha

If you enjoy working with children and are available for 1 hour  
a week, please call Jennifer or Mary at the  
Religious Education office at 631-265-2200.



## Last Day of Religious Education is April 24th.

## Please submit all paperwork, rosters, & catechists' books.

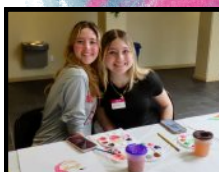
# PRAYER, ACTION, & COMMUNITY



Thank you to all our YCC volunteers!



16 Paintings will be donated to the Art2Hearts Foundation because of you!



Art for hospitals; hope for patients.



# PRAYER, ACTION & COMMUNITY

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
COUNCILS:**  
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**2nd Annual Summer Kickoff  
Dinner and Dancing**



**SATURDAY NIGHT, JUNE 13<sup>th</sup>**  
**6:30 PM TO 10:00 PM**

**AT ST. JAMES CHURCH RECREATION ROOM**  
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<p><b>TICKETS</b></p> <p>\$40 for a single ticket          \$35 each for a pair of tickets          \$30 each for a party of 8 or more.</p>	<p><b>TICKET SALE DATES</b></p> <p><b>APRIL 25-26</b>  <b>MAY 9-10, MAY 30-31</b>  <b>JUNE 6-7</b></p>
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**Children's Liturgy  
of the Word**



*Every 1st and  
3rd Sunday  
of the month  
at the 11:30AM Mass*

JOIN US  
 on **Sunday, April 19th**  
 Children in Kindergarten  
 through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade



**HOLY CROSS  
SENIORS**



*Fun for Seniors*

**Our next meeting  
is on Wednesday,  
APRIL 22nd**

**Join us in the Atrium  
from 11:30AM - 2:30PM**

 Mother's Day Mass Remembrance envelopes may be placed in the collection basket.  
 Names of loved ones will appear in the Mother's Day bulletin. 

**FAITH & WORKS**

**Practice of Hope**  
*(Excerpt from "At Home with the Word 2026")*

The Mass is an opportunity for the Lord Jesus to walk with you, just as He did with the disciples walking to Emmaus. How can you recognize Him? At Mass, allow your heart to burn with what you hear Him say to you in the readings and in the homily. It is He, the Word made flesh, who speaks. Gaze with love upon Christ becoming present as the bread is broken by the priest. Receive his blessed Body and Blood knowing that He journeys with you and strengthens you until the end of time. Realize Christ's true presence this week:

At Mass, close your eyes and imagine Jesus celebrating the Eucharist.

Spend time in Eucharistic Adoration allowing Jesus to be present to your heart.

Meditate on this Gospel and allow Jesus to appear to you on the road to Emmaus. Allow yourself to see Jesus as the disciples did.

# PRAYER, ACTION & COMMUNITY



## 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.



## In Stitches

Join us for conversation and laughs as we work on new or unfinished knitting, crocheting, quilting, needlepoint, crafts or sewing projects.

**Tuesday, April 21st, 10AM to 12PM**  
**in the Father Joe Room**

Contact: JoEllen May-Wadsworth (631) 360-1373  
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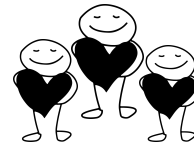
**Are you or someone you know in the parish, homebound or anticipating an operation or treatment of cancer?**

Holy Cross reaches out to the homebound and hospitalized. Please help us by contacting Parish Outreach or a member of the Pastoral Team if you know of anyone we can serve in their time of need.

## Holy Cross Ministries

*Sharing the gifts God gives us with others*

For a full list of parish ministry descriptions, please visit our website at:  
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- Time
- Talent
- Friendship
- Leadership

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Catholic Ministries Appeal  
Community Vegetable Garden Committee  
Consolation Ministry  
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion  
Finance Committee  
Fundraising Committee  
Grandparents' Prayer Circle  
HCTV Television Team  
Hospitality  
"In Stitches" Sewing Group  
Junior Lectors  
Knights of Columbus - Blessed Sacrament Council

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Liturgical Environment  
Liturgy of the Word for Children - Leaders  
Moms' Group  
Music Ministry & Choir  
Office Volunteers  
Parish Outreach Volunteers  
Pastoral Council  
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OCIA / RCIA Team  
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Youth Community Cares (YCC)



**Have extra coins to spare? Remember "Kevin Bacon"**

Don't forget to feed "Kevin Bacon" your quarters  
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**Your kindness and generosity are appreciated in support of our parish and its ministries.  
We are offering the opportunity to sign up for automated giving if you have not already done so.  
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You can donate to the parish by ACH. Please complete this form,  
bring it to the office or email to **business@holycrossrc.org**

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**Please attach to this form a Voided Check if you've chosen a checking Account or a pre-printed savings deposit ticket if you have chosen a Saving Account.**

*Note: This authorization is to remain in full force effect until the Roman Catholic Church of the Holy Cross received written notification at least five business days in advance of the desired termination.*

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#### NOTES:

1- *This form will be seen by the Business Manager only.* You may mail it to the Parish of the Holy Cross or drop it at the office in a sealed envelope, **Attention: Karina D'Angelo.**

2- For any questions contact Karina D'Angelo by phone or email at **business@holycrossrc.org**



# Spring Cash Fling



For many years the Cash Calendar was a part of the Holy Cross routine, and this fundraiser provided some additional financial support to the parish.

*At this time, it is unlikely that we have enough parishioners attending Mass on a weekly basis to support a monthly drawing, so we will continue as we have done for the past few years with our quarterly drawing.*

- **\$10 per ticket**
- **Tickets are available for purchase March, April, and May.**
- **Drawing will be held June 1st**

**This is the pay scale which will be offered:**

- **1 Prize @ \$250**
- **2 Prizes @ \$100**
- **10 Prizes @ \$50**
- **15 Prizes @ \$25**

This formula was based upon selling 250 tickets @ \$10 each.  
*If more than 250 tickets are sold, the number of prizes will be increased.*

**Please cut out and use the tickets below.**

You may return your entries by placing them in an envelope and depositing it in the basket on weekends, or returning them to the Parish Office.

## Thank you for your support!



### Spring Cash Fling

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
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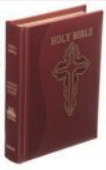
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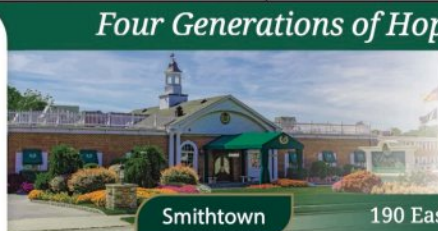
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