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Palm Sunday - April 2, 2023

Please see page 5 of this bulletin for the
Schedule of Reconciliation and the Eucharist for Holy Week & Easter.

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Remembering Our Sick

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

| | |
|---------------------|---------------------|
| Bob Alderdice | Theresa Arzillo |
| Jo Barry | Kathy Barry |
| Barbara Bombace | Cole Brennan |
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| Barbara Sherry | Celeste Sichenze |
| Kyle Sweeney | Bill Tanner |
| Peter Warns | Danny Youngworth |

Upcoming Mass Intentions

Week of Sunday, April 2nd, 9AM Masses

Mon. Angela L. Piraino
Tue. Str. Maura T. Costello (living)
Wed. Catherine Berdon
(No morning Mass on Thursday)



Holy Thursday, April 6th, 8PM Mass

People of the Parish

Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 8th, 8PM Mass

All Easter Prayer Card Intentions

Easter Sunday, April 9th, 8AM, 9:30 & 11:30 Masses

All Easter Prayer Card Intentions

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.

IT REALLY IS GOOD NEWS

by Father Michael

As you have probably heard, the word “gospel” can be translated as “good news.” We are used to hearing a gospel passage at every Mass. While the words may be spoken, there is always the possibility that their full impact and significance can be missed. While we recognize the tradition and holiness of these passages, their relevance might be downplayed because of how old they are. But God’s word is truly timeless.

I don’t know why, but the power and strength of the scripture readings for the past few months have been abundantly rich and life-giving for me. A little over two months ago we heard the powerful Sermon on the Mount passage from Matthew’s Gospel. Then beginning in Lent we heard the great stories from the “Cycle A” readings from John: the woman at the well, the man born blind, and the raising of Lazarus. We are taught acceptance, forgiveness, healing, hope, and new life. How we long for such messages in the midst of the chaos and craziness of our lives and world.

This week we celebrate the greatest days in the Church year. Can we allow the brokenness and suffering in our world to be overshadowed by the awesome story of Jesus’ dying and rising? The celebrations of Holy Week allow us to see the grace of God at work in our lives, even in the midst of hard times.

- There are many people hungering for God’s presence. On Holy Thursday we are reminded of the gift of the Eucharist. Not only is Christ present to us in the breaking of the bread, but we are given the witness of washing feet as a reminder that it is in humble service we encounter God’s presence.
- There is violence, injustice, and suffering in our world. On Good Friday we are reminded of Jesus’ road to Calvary. When we stand before the cross, we not only remind ourselves of Jesus’ sacrifice but of our own brokenness.
- There are people waiting for so much, including peace. Holy Saturday is a day of holy waiting. In the absence of the sacraments, we are reminded that longing and anticipation are necessary parts of life.
- There are times when new life and hope break into our lives. We need to seek and allow those moments when we can rejoice in the living waters that flow to us through the Risen Christ. Easter will come; He is Risen! Hope is real and hope can bring life.

Allow these days of Holy Week to be a font of life. They are not just days we have to get through prior to Easter. It is the great story of life in which we share. May these days take hold of our hearts and enable us to be a people of life and hope.

The Parish Office is closed on Good Friday, April 7th.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Weekly Calendar

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|---|-------------------------------|
| Saturday, April 1st | 3:30-4:30 PM |
| • HOLY HOUR | Worship Area |
| Monday, April 3rd | 3-5PM & 5:30-8PM |
| • CONFESSION | Chapel |
| • KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 7PM | Fr. Joe Room |
| Tuesday, April 4th | 10 AM |
| • IN STITCHES | Fr. Joe Room |
| • CHOIR PRACTICE 7PM | Worship Area |
| Wednesday, April 5th | 7 PM |
| • EASTER MUSIC REHEARSAL | Worship Area |
| Thursday, April 6th | 3 PM |
| • REHEARSAL-CHILD'S GOOD FRI. | Worship Area |
| • MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER 8PM | Worship Area |
| <i>(No morning Mass; Adoration following Mass until 10PM)</i> | |
| Friday, April 7th | 9 - 10 AM |
| • CONFESSION | Chapel |
| • CHILDREN'S SERVICE 12PM | Worship Area |
| • LORD'S PASSION 3PM | Worship Area |
| <i>(The Parish Office is closed on Good Friday.)</i> | |
| Saturday, April 8th | 9 - 10 AM |
| • CONFESSION | Chapel |
| • EASTER VIGIL 8PM | Worship Area |
| <i>(No 5PM Mass today & no afternoon confession)</i> | |
| Sunday, April 9th | 8, 9:30 & 11:30 AM |
| • EASTER MASSES | Worship Area |

The Bread and Wine for the week April 2nd-8th have been donated in loving memory of Gloria Posimato by her family.



Scripture Readings for April 9, 2023



- + Acts 10:34, 37-43
- + Colossians 3:1-4
- + John 20:1-9

Celebrants for Next Weekend's Masses, April 8th/9th



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

Easter Mass Intentions

*In lieu of individual announced intentions at the Easter Masses, there are **prayer cards** in the atrium on which to write your special intentions. These cards will be placed on the Altar at all the Easter Masses.*

Attention Prayer Blanket Ministers!

Our supply of Prayer Blankets is running low. Please help us re-stock so we'll have enough for all in need. Thank you!



Women's Prayer Group

Women's Prayer Group has not met since before the pandemic, and we would like to resume this ministry. The format is simple: women from the parish meet for 1 hour and pray with Scripture, with time for quiet reflection and sharing. No experience is required, just a desire for some time with God. If interested, please check your availability on the tear-off below and return it to the Parish Office by Easter Sunday, April 9. Questions, call Jude at ext. 116.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

I could meet on: Saturday, 10:00AM Wednesday, 10:00AM Thursday, 7:00PM



HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (Confession)

Monday, April 3: 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM & 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Wednesday, April 5: after 9:00 AM Mass

Good Friday, April 7: 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Holy Saturday, April 8: 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM



PALM SUNDAY APRIL 2, 2023

Saturday 4/1/23: 5:00 PM Mass

Sunday: 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM (LS)

HOLY THURSDAY APRIL 6, 2023

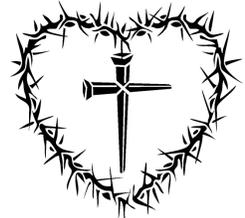
Mass of the Lord's Supper - 8:00 PM (LS)

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10:00 PM

GOOD FRIDAY APRIL 7, 2023

Children's Service - 12:00 Noon (LS)

Liturgy of the Lord's Passion - 3:00 PM (LS)



HOLY SATURDAY APRIL 8, 2023

Solemn Easter Vigil - 8:00 PM (LS)

**NO AFTERNOON CONFESSIONS OR 5:00 PM MASS
ON HOLY SATURDAY**



EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 9, 2023

Masses: 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM (LS)

(LS) = Also Live Streamed



Easter Flower Envelopes—Names of loved ones will appear in the Easter bulletin.

HOLY WEEK NEWS



Holy Week for Children

During the holiest week of the Church year, we remember what Jesus did for us on Good Friday. Children and their families are invited to commemorate this important day at a special prayer service, designed especially for our youngest parishioners.

Please join us at Holy Cross for our *Children's Good Friday Prayer Service, April 7th, 12:00 Noon*

*Come, bring your family, bring a friend.
Let this holy day deepen your appreciation of God's great love for us!*

LITURGY BYTES

Those 3 Days!

What is so great about these three days? First of all, these three days are also referred to as the Triduum (which means three days in Latin). They are part of the liturgical seasons of the Church year and actually a high point on the calendar. When you add the word **Paschal**, it makes it quite clear that these three days are about the dying and rising of Jesus Christ, known as the Paschal mystery.

Easter Triduum



The second Vatican Council saw these great three days as part of the 1970 Roman Missal where they were now part of the liturgical year and are celebrated as the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Christ. Actually, designation of the Triduum as a separate liturgical season occurred in 1969, separating it from the Lenten and Easter seasons.

Holy Thursday this year occurs on April 6th with the Mass of the Lord's Supper here at Holy Cross beginning at 8 PM. This liturgy recalls what took place at the Last Supper: institution of the Eucharist and the priesthood. Parishioners have their feet washed because this is what Jesus did. The tabernacle is emptied at the conclusion of Mass, with a holy hour of adoration. The altar is stripped of cloths and flowers, preparing for Good Friday.

Good Friday is the following day, April 7th. The service here begins at 3 PM and consists of the reading of the Passion, the Solemn Intercessions, Veneration of the Cross, and distribution of Communion which was reserved from Holy Thursday.

Holy Saturday is April 8th, with the Easter Vigil at 8 PM. It is the culmination of the Triduum where we go from darkness to light, reflecting on our salvation history, welcoming new members into the Church and singing the *Gloria* and the *Alleluia* once again. When we remember the history of our salvation, God's saving love is made real in our midst; in the Eucharist, past and future become present at the foot of the cross. More than any other time in the liturgical year, the liturgies of the Paschal Triduum invite us to remember **who we are** and **whose we are**.

Have a blessed, prayerful and safe week ahead!~~Michele Hall

PARISH NEWS

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



Save the Date!
Volunteer Appreciation Party
Sunday, May 21, 3-6PM



Pray for Our Military

Sgt David Basler
Cpl Richard J. DeKanchuk, USMC
FC2 Lane Dyar
AS Brandon Ferrara
MIDN Jonathan A. Goohs Jr., USNA
WO Christopher Kaminsky
Sgt Michael J. Knipper, USMC
SSGT Ryan Mauldin
PFC Ryan McCoy, USMC
Lt Ryan Montvydas
Cpl Michael Palagonia, USMC

We thank the men and women who serve in our military for their service. We will continue to pray for them through 2023. Please let us know if their service is finished or their title has changed.

May God bless all who serve our nation.
Pray for Peace!



*Holy Cross Welcomes
These Children
Baptized in March*

Noah Matthew Coscia
Logan Miles Fazio
Aubrie Patricia Frey
Jason Maurizio Giaramida
Hazel Alice Goehle
Kaylee Joanne Kohlmann
Valentina Marie Tobar



We remember and pray for the following Holy Cross parishioners who passed away recently:

*John L. Arcati
Victor Cupaiolo
Veronica Graziose
Diane Jones*

May they rest in peace,
and may their loved ones be consoled.

PARISH OUTREACH

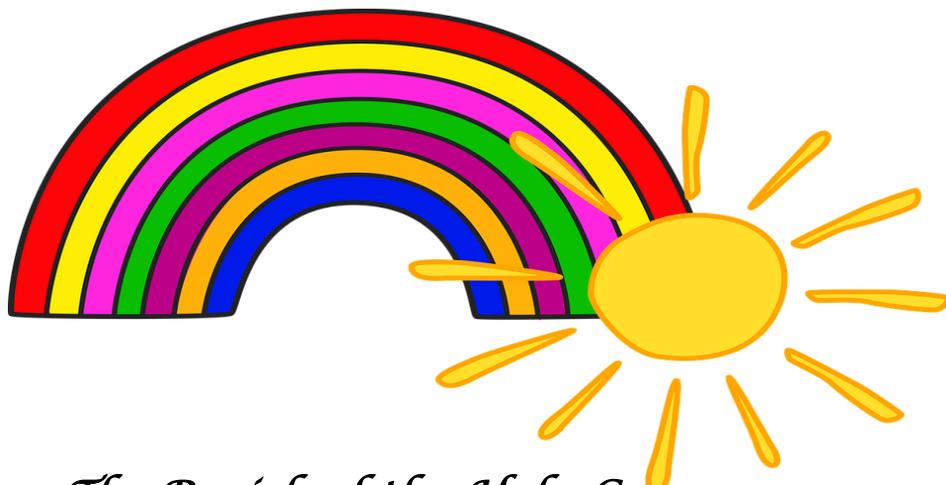
Eat Simply

Next Sunday is the beautiful celebration of Easter. Our Lenten journey is coming to an end as we anticipate the joy of Christ's Resurrection!

If you haven't already done so, we ask that you return your "Eat Simply" envelopes by next weekend.

On behalf of the hungry we serve each day, we thank you for participating in this special Lenten activity. Your prayerful sacrifices will help feed our brothers and sisters in Christ.

PARISH OUTREACH



The Parish of the Holy Cross Bereavement Support Group

Losing a loved one is painful for anyone. How we cope is as unique as our fingerprints. It can be experienced as losing the ability to see the beautiful colors in a rainbow. Our world seems so gray.

Making the time to listen to others dealing with grief enables us to begin to see the colors once again. This also allows us to share our stories and gain from others ways to move forward.

*This Bereavement Group is for anyone dealing with grief.
All are Welcome*

We will meet for six consecutive Wednesdays beginning May 3rd through June 7th from 1:30 to 3:30 in the Father Joe Room.

If you are interested in joining or have any questions, please call Outreach at 631-265-2200. All who will be attending will be asked to complete a registration form that is to be returned by April 28th.

"Come to me, all who are weary and find life burdensome and I will refresh you." Matt: 11:28

PARISH OUTREACH

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Cost-\$25 per person Last day to register- April 26th

Please make checks payable to The Parish of the Holy Cross

CPR and AED Registration- Please return to the Outreach office

Name _____

Phone _____ E-Mail _____

____ Yes, I will be attending the **CPR and AED Training Class on 4/29 at the Nesconset Fire Department at 10 am.**

Please make checks out to The Parish of the Holy Cross Check Enclosed _____

This training class is limited to 18 people.

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TAKE A CHANCE!

Spring Cash Fling

For many years the Cash Calendar was a part of the Holy Cross routine. This fundraiser provided some additional financial support to the parish. In addition, many parishioners enjoyed participating in it. Unfortunately, it was one of the many parts of parish life that was lost to COVID. At this time, it is unlikely that we have enough parishioners attending Mass on a weekly basis to support a monthly drawing. And so, we introduce the “*Spring Cash Fling*.” This is a similar idea, however it will be offered initially on a quarterly basis.

- \$10 per ticket
- Tickets are available for purchase through March, April and May.
- Drawing will be held **May 25th**.

Because we anticipate smaller participation, there will be a different pay scale:

- * 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. *(In the event the response is strong, we will resume a monthly drawing as soon as possible.)*
- Tickets will not be sold after Mass. Please use the tear-off 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

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