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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - January 26, 2020

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.

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Celebrants for Next Weekend's Masses



February 1st/2nd

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

Remembering Our Sick

Almighty and Eternal God, You are the everlasting health of those who believe in You...

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

Kelly Cirino Manuela Diaz Bob Grieco

George V. Daly Phil Graziose Matthew Parrella

Marlene Starr

If you would like to have the name of your loved one listed in our prayers for the sick for 4 weeks, please contact the Parish Office at 631-265-2200 or email to pothc@optonline.net.

Mass Intentions Schedule



Week of January 26th, 9AM Mass

Mon. Manuela Diaz (living)

Tue. Joann GalganoWed. Lois DeAgroThu. Ewa Sypytkowska

Saturday, February 1st, 5 PM Mass

Patrick Keena Sr., Maron Brady, Kristie Cleary, Joseph V. Pellechi

Sunday, Feb. 2nd, The Presentation of the Lord

8:00 AM Ginny Gunn

9:30 AM William Scarola, Scott Johnston, Joseph Nowatius, Rita Travers, Sheryl Minter

11:30 AM People of the Parish

Scripture Readings for February 2, 2020



- + Malachi 3:1-4
- + Hebrews 2:14-18
- + Luke 2:22-40

Holy Cow, Christmas is Over!

by Father Michael

During the busy weeks of Advent, there will inevitably be items of business that cross my desk in which I conclude, they can wait until after Christmas. It starts off being one or two small items, but over the course of the weeks the pile gains some altitude. Still, there is that confident thought that after Christmas there will be plenty of time to deal with them. Now that yuletide celebrations are well behind us, it is time to tackle these items that seemed as though they could wait forever. There are a few weeks between now and the beginning of Lent which are quickly being filled with all kinds of projects and events to plan. Somehow, the abundance of time that was anticipated is not as plentiful as hoped.

On the spiritual front, we are trying to pull together details for offering a Parish Mission. We hope to have outside speakers join us for four Monday evenings during Lent. Opportunities like this can be enriching and life giving both individually as well as for the parish. Of course, we will happily announce this program once everything is finalized.

On the Travel Club front, there is much planning to do. This May is our long awaited journey to Oberammergau, Germany to experience the famous Passion Play which is only performed every 10 years. Beyond that, there are no travel plans. I am investigating the possibility of offering "Southern Swing 2" for May of 2021. The first Southern Swing traveled down along the Atlantic coast ending in Savannah, Georgia. From there we flew home. My intended journey would be to head south but taking the inland route including such places as Charlotte and the Great Smokey Mountain National Park. We would end with a couple of days in Atlanta and then fly home. There are a few logistical issues to be resolved with the itinerary. If this trip proves to be impractical, then I would do a fall foliage tour in October, 2021 to Vermont and/or New Hampshire. I'm also thinking about a European Riverboat Cruise for May of 2022. In addition, I'm sure there would be one or two overnight trips along the way. I will keep you posted.

There are some other "home improvement" projects that are in the planning stages. We would love to be able to replace the lighting in the church with energy efficient bulbs. Currently (no pun intended), every fixture uses a 500 watt bulb which by today's standards is extraordinarily high. We also need to improve the signage and lighting for our entrance driveway. This is particularly needed if you approach from the north at night. These projects are already in the works.

Somehow I feel I am not alone in dealing with many post-Christmas tasks. Good luck with yours as well.

A Very Short Survey

.... with a Very Long Introduction

One of the realities of Church life is that the number of priests in active ministry continues to decline. Our neighboring parish, St. Joseph's in Ronkonkoma, will be losing a priest this June. They will be going from three resident priests to two. (At one point in time, that parish probably had six priests assigned there.) International priests coming to our Diocese are reducing some of the impact of these declining numbers, but the downward trend continues.

In some extreme circumstances, parishes may need to merge or be combined. For example, in the Five Towns area of Nassau the demographics of that area have changed so significantly that the Catholic representation is only a small fraction of the overall population. In that instance, three parishes may be combined into one. In other areas it may be necessary for neighboring parishes to work closely together in a spirit of cooperation. The two parishes would continue to remain independent parishes, but there may only be one priest to serve two communities.

Don't panic, there are no imminent or drastic changes that are quickly coming to Holy Cross. But, it could very well be that somewhere down the road Holy Cross may not have a resident pastor. Or, if Holy Cross has a resident pastor, he may also be responsible for the sacramental needs of another parish. There are no specific or immediate plans for our parish, but something like this may happen in the future.

Pastors have been asked to begin to raise this vital issue within our parishes so people can begin to think about the possibilities. Additionally, pastors have been asked to begin conversations within Deaneries (small geographic groupings of 8 or 9 parishes) to look at scheduling of Masses and other sacraments. Are we currently using the priest personnel we have in the best way possible to serve the most number of people? For example, does it make sense for every parish to have a 9:00AM daily Mass? Might it be more beneficial for one parish to have an early morning Mass and another have one at noon? Again, there are no specific plans to uproot and change life here at Holy Cross. But, we want to begin to look if there are possibilities to consider if circumstances were to change. To that end, I ask for your input regarding the following two questions:

♦ Is there a time during the week that you would prefer daily Mass to be celebrated and that you would likely attend?

◆ Is there a different/additional day and time that you would like to see the Sacrament of Reconciliation offered?

♦ Please list any other suggestions/comments related to this matter:

There is no need for you to put your name on this survey.

Please do not fill out this survey if you already responded to the Daily Mass Survey that was taken before Christmas among those who regularly attend daily Mass.

Return to Parish Office or drop in collection basket.

Fr. Míchael





The Parish of the Holy Cross

is hosting our Second Annual

Valentine Sweetheart Dance

For all Kindergarten through Level 5 Students and their

Designated Sweetheart (e.g. Parent, Grandparent, Sibling, Aunt, Uncle,

Godparent only)

Date: Friday, February 7th

Time: 7pm - 9pm

Place: Parish of the Holy Cross Atrium

Cost: Free Will Offering

Best party attire suggested

Come join us for dancing, refreshments and fun!

We will have a DJ, Photo Booth and Candy Table

Please RSVP by February 1st

631-265-2200 or <u>hcreled Doptonline.net</u>

We look forward to seeing 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, then you MUST check out the Holy Cross Youth Group. You will be glad you did! The Holy Cross Youth Group is the perfect opportunity for you to

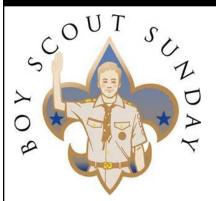


continue to grow in your faith and build relationships with others in the parish. Here are our upcoming events:

- January 26th: Youth Night from 6 to 8PM.
- February 2nd: NO Youth Group meeting Super Bowl Sunday
- February 9th: We will have a Youth Night from 6 to 8PM. Come join us for a fun night!

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 Allie Roecklein, Coordinator of Youth Ministries, at https://hxyouthgroup15@gmail.com or call the parish office. Thank you!

ATTENTION BOY SCOUTS!



Boy Scout Sunday February 9, 2020, 9:30 Mass

Scouts should arrive 15 minutes early Class "A" uniforms for scouts & leaders Refreshments will be served after the Mass Come celebrate Scouting's 110th anniversary! Bring your Troop/Pack Flag & Stand

Please contact Andy Bodor and Kim Loh Bodor <u>Akjlb23@optonline.net</u> or 516-996-2295 Please let us know how many scouts & leaders will be attending by **February 4** so we can have enough reserved seating for your group. Also please bring cookies, cupcakes, etc. to share.

Save the Date: Girl Scout Sunday is March 8th!

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**, **February 1st**. 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

In the past, people received the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick only when they were gravely ill. However, the Church believes that the Anointing of the Sick should be experienced while we are still able to be aware of God's peaceful presence within us.



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, February 2nd, is the next date the Anointing will be offered.

Praying the Rosary

Join us as we **Pray the Rosary** in the chapel at 10:30AM on the last Sunday of each month. We will pray for our friends and loved ones who have fallen away from the Church. Join us on **Sunday**, **January 26th**!

Children's Memorial Garden

If you brought a special Christmas ornament to decorate the trees in the Children's Memorial Garden, please come pick it up in the Parish Office. Thank you.



Parish Outreach Food Pantry

Next Saturday and Sunday, **February 1st/2nd**, will be our monthly Food Drive for our Parish Outreach Pantry. The following items would be most helpful:

* Size 6 Diapers * Peanut Butter & Jelly * Meals-in-a-Can * Parmalat

Please check expiration dates! It will greatly assist the volunteers who stack the pantry with your donated goods. Thank you!



WINTER CARNIVAL FUN!



Religious Education would like to extend a big THANK YOU to the moms who volunteered to be our Winter Carnival Committee. Their enthusiasm, dedication and hard work made the event a huge success! Thanks to Lisa Borsella, Melissa Bruno, Michelle Keane, Cynthia Millan and Robin

Rostron.

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We would also like to say thanks to our Level 7 and Level 8 students (and their catechists: Laura Albanese, Elena Phillips and Mary Ann Visnius) who volunteered their time to help with the games, crafts and snacks. Their effort to keep things running smoothly was truly amazing to watch. We are so blessed to have these young ladies and gentlemen in our program:

Sofia Abbate
Brady Austin
Katie Ball
Julia Daley
Olivia Elarde
Nicholas Friscia
Julianna Gandarillas
Matthew Gandarillas
Mario Hroncich
Grace Knuth

Liam Shea
Ashley Sinatra
Rebecca Sinatra
Brady Snak
Caitlin Snak
Dylan Snak
Christina Vilagos
Logan Viollis
Brooke Visnius
Jack Visnius
Matt Warner

A special Thank You to our photography team, Kevin Clarke and Barbara Shipman, for making sure everyone got their "photo op" with our Yeti.

Thanks to Vincent Matula, our custodian, for being ready, willing and able to help wherever and whenever he was needed.

And, of course, to Steve Shipman – Thank You for always being there to lend an extra set of helping hands.

We are so grateful to have all of you on our team!!!!

Tricia and Mary

CASH CALENDAR



Parish of the Holy Cross January 2020



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
\$10 Per Chan	ce 31 Chances to	\$50 Per Day	1	2	3	4
	Win	\$500 January 21	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
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MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Saturday, January 25th	11 AM	
• PRE-CANA COMMITTEE M	Atrium	
Sunday, January 26th		10 - 11 AM
• REL. ED. FAMILY PROGRA	AM	Fr. Joe Room
• PRAY THE ROSARY	10:30AM	Chapel
• YOUTH NIGHT	6-8PM	Atrium
Monday, January 27th		4 - 6 PM
• SPECIAL NEEDS CLASSES		Atrium
Tuesday, January 28th		10 AM
• IN STITCHES		Fr. Joe Room
Wednesday, January 29th	1	11:30AM-2:30PM
• SENIORS		Atrium
Thursday, January 30th		10 AM
• SCRIPTURE STUDY		Fr. Joe Room
• CATECHIST WORKSHOP	7PM	Fr. Joe Room
Saturday, February 1st		1 - 2:30 PM
• REL. ED CHILD LURES		Wor. Ar., Atr.
• HOLY HOUR	3:45-4:45PM	Worship Area
Sunday, February 2nd		10 - 11 AM
• REL. ED. FAMILY PROGRA	ΛM	Fr. Joe Room

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Morning Star Initiative

As you may have heard, the Diocese of Rockville Centre has decided to launch a bold plan, called the Morning Star Initiative, to revitalize Catholic elementary school education on Long Island. The goal of this initiative is to restore a robust Catholic culture to the DRVC schools, improve academics, and create a more fiscally sustainable model for schools. The Diocese will partner with the Marianists, who have two centuries of Catholic educational commitment and expertise. The Diocese has asked Brother Thomas Cleary, S.M., President of Chaminade High School, to serve as the Chief Revitalization Officer and to spearhead this effort. He will be assisted by his fellow Marianists, who will seek feedback and ideas from the full spectrum of those with a stake in a revitalized Catholic elementary education, including our parishioners. We value your input, so please share your thoughts. Please visit the Diocese of Rockville Centre's website at Morningstarinitiative.org for more information, and email morningstar@drvc.org to give feedback or find out more ways to get involved.

COMMUNITY NEWS

10:30AM Worship Area

<u>Women's Breakfast - Magnificat - Suffolk County, NY</u> <u>Mary Undoer of Knots</u>

Please come and join us for a morning of praise, worship, and healing as our Speaker, Patti Gordon, shares her testimony of how God's plans and purposes for her life did not change - even when her choices took her in other directions. As a gifted spiritual director and speaker, Patti has many opportunities to share the Lord's Word and encourage others - most especially women. Patti also ministers healing prayer and teaches with Bridge for Peace on international mission trips. Using personal examples from her own life, Patti will share how the Lord uses all for our good. She will help us all to see how the Lord reveals His love for us, and encourage us to recognize God's hand at work in our lives. Don't miss this opportunity to discover God's plan at work in your life and be immersed in the Lord's love for YOU!

The breakfast will be held at Swan Lake Caterers in Manorville on Saturday, February 29, 9:30AM-12:30 PM. Tickets are \$30 pp. Contact Bernadette Gorycki at 631-399-1949 or at bgorycki@optonline.net to register.



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