



Parish of the Holy Cross

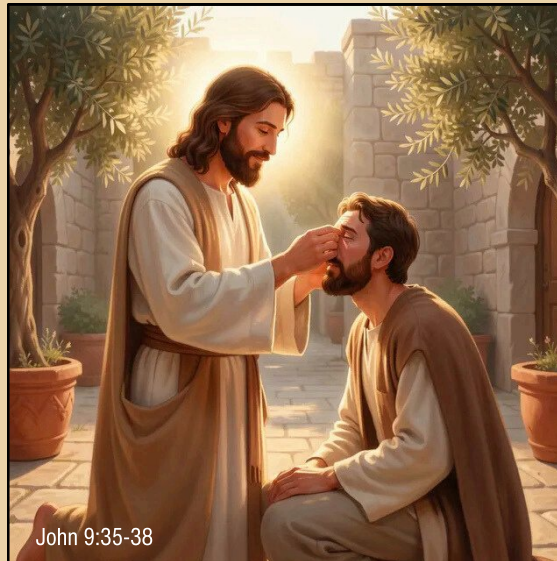


Let All Who Enter Be Welcomed as Christ!

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.

“Do you believe in the Son of Man?”



The man answered, “Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?” Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is He.”

**“Yes, Lord,
I believe!”**

Fourth Sunday of Lent - March 15, 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



WE ARE HERE FOR YOU

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9 AM - 4 PM
(closed 12:15-1 PM)

Parish Office
FRIDAY HOURS
9 AM - 12 NOON

OUTREACH OFFICE HOURS:
Monday, Tuesday & Thursday
10:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Evening Hours by Appointment Only



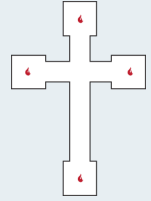
“Yet the Lord longs to be gracious to you; therefore he will rise up to show you compassion. For the Lord is a God of justice. Blessed are all who wait for him!”
- Isaiah 30:18

Visit our website at www.holycrossrc.org
for more information on how we can serve you.



LIVE AS CHILDREN OF LIGHT

Weekly Reflection by Fr. Michael



The title for this week's column is taken from Paul's letter to the Ephesians. It is an appropriate passage to go along with the Gospel story of the man born blind being given the gift of sight. Even if we have no issues with our eyesight, the readings raise a pointed question. We are called to recognize and overcome the darkness of this world. We are called to live our lives guided by the light of Christ.

The image of light is powerful. Think about the impact that a single light can have. For a sailor in stormy seas, the beacon of a lighthouse can lead to safety. For a surgeon, the bright spotlight in the operating room allows him or her to bring about healing and new life. For a young child, a nightlight can bring security and comfort. The effectiveness of light will always be in relationship to the amount of darkness it dispels. There is an abundance of darkness that can be found in many corners of life today. It is easy to give into despair and hopelessness that hatred, ignorance, selfishness and arrogance can bring. The challenge given to us is that we are a people who trust and find life in the light that Christ offers.

One of the elements of the blind man receiving the gift of sight is there is a messiness to the experience. Jesus made a mud paste from his saliva that was placed on the man's eyes. Sometimes bringing about the light of Christ demands sacrifice, hard work, and facing things we would rather avoid. Light can bring about transformation, but rarely is it as simple as flipping a switch. We are called to understand the power of darkness, then seek light that comes from God alone.

This week we celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation with our Level 2 students who are preparing for their First Holy Communion. The theme that we used was light and darkness. Young children naturally exude a joyful spirit and hopeful energy. In many ways their very presence brings light. But as any parent can testify, sometimes their energy can go awry, and their actions will try the patience of mom and dad. Sometimes their energy turns inward, and their selfishness can affect siblings and others. Although the darkness of their sins may not be grave, there can still be the awareness of failing to be light to others. There is a beautiful simplicity in hearing the confessions of young children. This weekend the wooden cross in front of the altar is surrounded by dozens of votive lights. Each of these was lit by a child at the penance service. May it serve as a reminder of the forgiveness and new life that is found in reconciliation, regardless of age.

In a few weeks, on Holy Saturday night, we will bring the paschal candle into the church that is in complete darkness. We begin to make the Easter proclamation that Christ triumphs over death, forgives sins, and promises eternal life. With that proclamation the light of the single candle is passed to smaller candles held by each person in the church. Before long the darkened church glows with the small light each person holds. Visually, it is a powerful experience. But beyond that, we are reminded that action mirrors what the power of Christ can do when we embrace what is offered. We are called to live as children of the light.



2026

MARCH

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	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	31				

ON THE CALENDAR

PRESIDERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND'S MASSES



MARCH 21
5:00 PM
FR. MICHAEL

MARCH 22
8:00 AM
FR. MICHAEL
9:30 AM
FR. MICHAEL
11:30 AM
FR. MICHAEL



SCRIPTURE READINGS for MARCH 22

+ Ezekiel 37:12-14
+ Romans 8:8-11
+ John 11:1-45

- Saturday, March 14th** LEVEL 2 RECONCILIATION
9:30AM, Worship Area, Atrium, Chapel
- Saturday, March 14th** L.I. CARES FOOD DRIVE
5:00PM, Atrium
- Saturday, March 14th** KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SALES
5:00PM, Atrium
- Sunday, March 15th** L.I. CARES FOOD DRIVE
All Masses, Atrium
- Sunday, March 15th** KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SALES
All Masses, Atrium
- Sunday, March 15th** 2nd SCRUTINY
9:30AM Mass, Worship Area, Fr. Joe Room
- Sunday, March 15th** CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD
11:30AM Mass, Fr. Joe Room
- Monday, March 16th** SPECIAL NEEDS
4:00PM, Stations, Outside
- Monday, March 16th** LEVEL 6 SEDER
6:00PM, Atrium
- Tuesday, March 17th** IN STITCHES
10:00AM, Fr. Joe Room
- Tuesday, March 17th** LEVEL 6 SEDER
6:00PM, Atrium
- Tuesday, March 17th** MOMS' GROUP
7:00PM, Fr. Joe Room
- Wednesday, March 18th** GRANDPARENTS' PRAYER
1:30PM, Chapel
- Wednesday, March 18th** LEVEL 4 RECONCILIATION
5:30PM OR 7:00PM, Worship Area, Atrium, Chapel
- Thursday, March 19th** SCRIPTURE STUDY
10:00AM, Atrium
- Thursday, March 19th** IRELAND DOCUMENT MTG.
7:00PM, Atrium
- Friday, March 20th** STATIONS OF THE CROSS
7:00PM, Worship Area
- Saturday, March 21st** YCC HOSPITALITY
After 5:00PM Mass, Atrium
- Sunday, March 22nd** 3rd SCRUTINY
11:30AM Mass, Worship Area, Fr. Joe Room
- Sunday, March 22nd** YCC HOSPITALITY
After 11:30AM Mass, Atrium
- Sunday, March 22nd** BAPTISMS
1:00PM, Worship Area
- Sunday, March 22nd** SOUP SUPPER
5:00PM, Atrium, Worship Area

Visit our website at 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, March 15

9:00AM Masses:

Mon. Anne Healy

Tues. Jim Emerson

Wed. Anthony DeVito Jr.

Thur. Phil DeNobrega

Saturday, March 21, 5PM Mass

Luna Dawson, Lucy Follo, Kathy Kamine,
James Eng, Peter Garrambone

Sunday, March 22, Masses

Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:00AM Frank Perrino, Alec Ross

9:30AM People of the Parish

11:30AM Vincent Serrantonio, Karen Evans,
Brenda Crowley, Benigna Melendez,
Gail Sylvester

*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 Muscarnera
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
Bill Tanner
Calvin Tatone
Grace Van Epps
Peter Warns



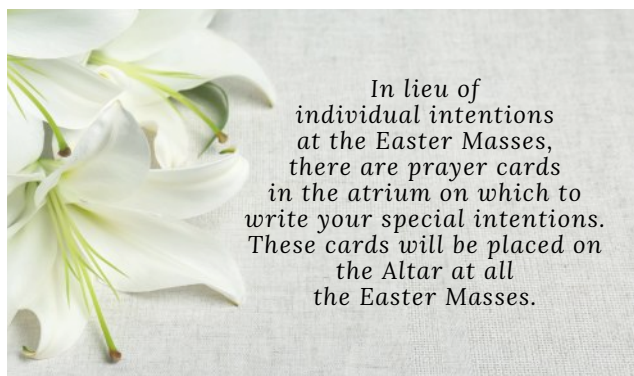
Banns of Marriage

Christine Holmes & Sean Lee

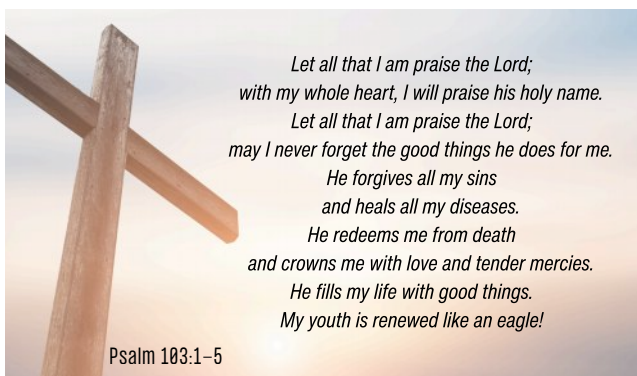


*We thank
the men and women
who serve in our military
for their service.*

**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.**

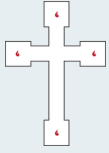


*In lieu of
individual intentions
at the Easter Masses,
there are prayer cards
in the atrium on which to
write your special intentions.
These cards will be placed on
the Altar at all
the Easter Masses.*



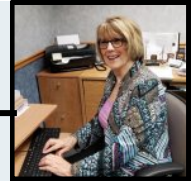
*Let all that I am praise the Lord;
with my whole heart, I will praise his holy name.
Let all that I am praise the Lord;
may I never forget the good things he does for me.
He forgives all my sins
and heals all my diseases.
He redeems me from death
and crowns me with love and tender mercies.
He fills my life with good things.
My youth is renewed like an eagle!*

Psalm 103:1-5



SEEING WITH EYES OF FAITH

GOSPEL REFLECTIONS *by Michele Hall*



For the Ride Home..... a Gospel Reflection for families

What did you hear today in the Scriptures?

In today's readings, we learn that God sees differently than the world does. He does not look at appearances, He looks at the heart. He brings light where there is darkness and He opens our eyes to truth. In the Gospel about the man born blind, we learn that Jesus heals the man, but we also need to understand there was a different kind of blindness that Jesus was dealing with because of the other people mentioned in the Gospel called Pharisees. The Pharisees did not believe in Jesus. They questioned everything that Jesus did. They had a spiritual blindness and did not see God's true love. On the other hand, the blind man trusted in Jesus and was healed completely.



What do we need to do? We need to have Faith! Faith means trusting even when we do not understand. This week thank Jesus for one way He has helped you "see" His love. What are some ways you could "see" that love, maybe through a friend, or something beautiful or an answered prayer? You can also be that special light this week toward a classmate, a teammate or family member.

"The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart." -1 Samuel 16:7

Holy Week & Easter Schedule 2026

EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 5, 2026

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

(LS) = Also Live Streamed

TENEBRAE SERVICE

Monday, March 30, 2026: 7:30 PM (LS)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (Confession)

Wednesdays in Lent: after 9:00 AM Mass

Saturdays in Lent: 3:30 PM - 4:15 PM*

*Saturday, March 28: 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM

Monday, March 30: 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM & 5:30 PM - 9:00 PM

Good Friday, April 3: 9:00 AM - 9:30 AM

Holy Saturday, April 4: 9:00 AM - 9:30 AM**

PALM SUNDAY MARCH 29, 2026

Saturday 3/28/26: 5:00 PM Mass

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

HOLY THURSDAY APRIL 2, 2026

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

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10:00 PM

GOOD FRIDAY APRIL 3, 2026

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

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

HOLY SATURDAY APRIL 4, 2026

Solemn Easter Vigil - 8:00 PM (LS)

**No Afternoon Confessions or 5:00 PM Mass on Holy Saturday

PARISH LENTEN EVENTS



Saturday, March 28th
at the
5pm Mass

Special Re-enactment of Jesus' Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem

- The congregation is asked to gather in the courtyard.
- Palm will be distributed to all upon arrival.
- Mass will begin in the courtyard (weather permitting).
- For those who are unable to remain standing outside in the courtyard, one of our Ushers will help find you a seat in the Worship Area.
- At the conclusion of the special opening prayers, the solemn procession into the Worship Area will begin.



TENEBRAE

Jesus, Light of the World



Tenebrae is a candlelight prayer service held in anticipation of our holiest week.

During **Tenebrae** (which means darkness), the candles are gradually dimmed as we experience **the Passion of Jesus Christ** through Scripture readings, meditations, and beautiful music.

We encourage all parishioners to join us for

Tenebrae
on **Monday, March 30th, at 7:30PM**

as we prepare our hearts and minds for the great gift of Holy Week.

Holy Week for Children

Children's Good Friday Prayer Service
April 3rd at 12:00 Noon



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.

Join Us...

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

This service will be
live-streamed.

Eat Simply...So Others May Simply Eat

“SIMPLE” RECIPE



During the Lenten Season, “Eat Simply” asks how you and your family will be uniting yourselves with the struggling neighbors and with the starving of the world. We encourage you to reflect, discuss and decide how you will eat more basic meals during Lent as you participate in “Eat Simply.”

What is a “simple meal” in your house? Below is a recipe that is easy and quick and is considered a “simple meal” in my home.

If you have a favorite “simple” recipe, perhaps you would like to share it. We would be happy to share it in the bulletin and on the website.



Lentil Barley Soup

Ingredients:

- ¼ cup margarine (substitute olive oil for a vegan dish)
- ¾ cup celery (chopped)
- ¾ cup onion (chopped)
- ¾ cup lentils (dry)
- 1 quart canned tomatoes
- ¾ cup barley or brown rice (uncooked)
- 2 TSP salt
- ½ TSP rosemary
- ¼ TSP pepper
- ½ TSP garlic salt
- ½ cup carrots (shredded)

*These are suggestions.
Adjust recipe to your tastes and likings.

Directions:

1. In a large pot, begin by sautéing margarine, celery, and onion until cooked.
2. Next, add 6 cups of water and the lentils, and cook for 20 minutes.
3. Add to the pot, tomatoes, barley, salt, rosemary, pepper, and garlic salt.
4. Let simmer for 45-60 minutes.
5. Lastly, add carrots and cook for an additional 5 minutes, then serve.

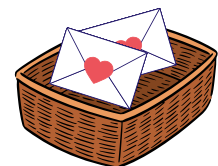
Serve hot
with crusty bread*
and **Enjoy!**
Kelley



Thank you so much for participating in the Eat Simply Program.



Parish Outreach



BECAUSE IT TAKES MORE THAN FOOD TO FEED THE HUNGRY



**This weekend,
please place your non-perishable
food items in boxes in the Atrium.**

Food Drive

**Please bring your non-perishable food items
to Mass the weekend of
March 14th & 15th**



No glass jars,
please



Long Island Cares most needed items:

- Pancake / Waffle Mix
- Hot and Cold Cereal
- Juice (plastic containers)
- Shelf-stable milk (example: Parmalat)
- Peanut Butter and Jelly/Jam (plastic jars)
- Canned Ham / Chicken / Tuna
- Pasta, Rice, Egg Noodles
- Cooking Oil
- Canned Vegetables, Fruits, Soups
- Cookies / Crackers / Granola Bars
- Shampoo / Conditioner / Body Wash or Body Soap
- Toothpaste and Toothbrushes
- Diapers and Wipes / Feminine Hygiene Products
- Pet Supplies



Our parish will again hold a food drive during Lent to benefit Long Island Cares. During difficult economic times we are all aware of the struggles many of our neighbors endure in meeting the food and financial needs of their households. Long Island Cares provides a valuable service in providing food to community agencies and food pantries across Long Island.

***Thank you for reaching out beyond our community
to help the struggling on Long Island.***

*"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world.
Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."
-Margaret Mead*



PARISH OUTREACH



HOLY CROSS BEREAVEMENT

Newly Bereaved

Come join us as we work together and share this journey. All are Welcome.

Are you grieving the loss of a partner? Struggling to find your way through daily life?

We all experience grief in our own unique way. When someone you love dies, your world suddenly changes, and you find yourself challenged to find new ways to live in it.

Beginning on Wednesday, April 1st, the Parish of the Holy Cross will be offering a **6-week support group for those who have lost a spouse or partner.**

Support can help and make a real difference. Connecting with others to share stories, learning ways to cope all while receiving comprehensive, evidence-informed bereavement support and education can help with the grieving process and to gain ways to move forward.

The group will meet for six (6) consecutive Wednesdays, April 1st - May 6th, from 1:30pm to 3:00pm in the Father Joe Room.

If you are interested in joining, or have questions, please contact Kelley in the Outreach office at 631-265-2200. **You must register before April 1st.**



Long Island
Coalition for Life

*A person
is a person,
no matter
how small*

GOOD FRIDAY PRO-LIFE PUBLIC OUTREACH EVENT

The Long Island Coalition for Life is holding a **GOOD FRIDAY SILENT VIGIL ON BEHALF OF PRE-BORN CHILDREN** on **APRIL 3, 2026, from 10:30AM to 12 NOON**, on the public sidewalk in front of **Nassau University Medical Center (2201 Hempstead Tpke., East Meadow)**. Pro-life adults, teens and families are invited to take part in this peaceful Face the Truth event as a visible reminder that abortion is not healthcare. As thousands of preborn human babies' lives continue to be lost on Long Island through abortion, it is critical that this tragedy not be forgotten. Positive pro-life action can save lives! Your participation for even part of the time is important. Signs provided or bring your own (pro-life, no political signs).

Information: 631-243-1435; info@prolifeLI.org.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Catholic Relief Services Collection – March 15, 2026

This week our parish will take up **The Catholic Relief Services Collection**. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the collection and reveal Christ's love to those most in need. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

Declutter and spread the gift of literacy!

Book Fairies directly supports hundreds of under-resourced school districts and community-based organizations to improve children's literacy rates and build a better future. Your upcycled books can make a difference in the lives of underserved people living across Long Island, New York City and internationally.

Book Fairies accept all age books in good condition, from baby through adult, published in the last 20 years. We also accept college-level textbooks published within the past 10 years. We do not accept encyclopedias, magazines, CDs, DVDs, or faith-based books.

**Please bring all donated books to:
Habitat for Humanity – ReStore
2111 Lakeland Avenue, Ronkonkoma NY 11779**



Please do not overload the book bin or leave books or boxes of books outside of the bin, as they may get ruined by the weather.

Drop the books into the bin a few at a time, please. Thank you!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Level 2



Reconciliation

**Saturday
March 14th
at 9:30am**

**First Part of the Mass Lesson
on Wednesday, March 25th
at 7:00pm**

**Level 2 Students will receive their
Mass book and go through the first
part of the Mass**



DRAW WHAT YOU SEE the weekend of March 14 & 15

Please have your child take a piece of paper and crayon at the table in the atrium and draw what they see in Church and then return the drawing to the basket marked "Completed" in the atrium.

The pictures will be displayed during the weekend of March 21st and 22nd.



LEVEL 6 SEDER

**Monday, March 16th, at 6PM
&
Tuesday, March 17th, at 6PM
in the Atrium**

Please check with your catechist to find out which date that you are assigned.

If you have any questions, please call the Religious Ed. Office at (631) 265-2200 Ext. 112

LEVEL 4 RECONCILIATION

Wednesday, March 18th

**at 5:30PM
and 7:00PM**



**in the
Worship Area**

SAVE THE DATE

LEVEL 8 CONFIRMATION INTERVIEWS

**Time
change!**

**Monday, March 23rd
from 5:45-7:30pm
and**

**Thursday, March 26th
from 6-8pm**

**Students have been
assigned a specific
day and time.**



**Volunteers
needed**



**Catechists
for our
Religious Ed.
Program**

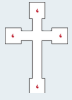
Catechists Needed for 2026-2027

*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



PRAYER, ACTION & COMMUNITY



GRANDPARENTS' PRAYER GROUP

Grandparents fill the world with Love

Our next meeting is on
Wednesday, March 18th, at 1:30PM in the Chapel

**** TIME CHANGE 7:00PM ****



Moms' Group

Moms (of all stages) welcome! Join us!

Our next meeting is
Tuesday, March 17th
at 7PM in the Fr. Joe Room



Knights of Columbus®

Blessed Sacrament Council #11416
Parish of the Holy Cross

We welcome prospective members to join our Council and help us to continue supporting our Holy Cross family and other charities

Visit: www.kofc.org for more info

Knights will have a table in the atrium selling chances & magnets during Masses

March 14/15

SAVE THE DATE
JUNE 13TH



2nd
ANNUAL

DINNER DANCE
w/ St. James Church Council
More details to follow.



YOUTH COMMUNITY CARES

HOSPITALITY

on Saturday, March 21
& Sunday, March 22

Our youth volunteers will be serving complimentary refreshments in the atrium after the 5PM & 11:30AM Masses
Join our Remind group:
[rmd.at/ycchc](https://www.remind.com/join/rmd.at/ycchc)



Our parish is always in need of more Liturgical Ministers...

The Diocese of Rockville Center will offer training for those who wish to serve as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Lectors. If you are interested, please speak with Fr. Michael, as a letter on your behalf needs to be submitted to the Bishop's Office. Please check below for the Spring Training dates and sites. You must be registered for the class as no walk-ins are permitted. If you have any other questions, please contact Michele Hall at: mhall@holycrossrc.org

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: Part A - This training is required for **all** those who are beginning as Ministers. This "BASIC" training is required for **all** Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Those who wish to minister in hospitals, nursing homes and to the homebound are required to attend Part B training in addition to BASIC training. One **must** attend Part A training prior to Part B training. A **Lector Workshop** is available for both new and experienced lectors.

Date and Locations for Liturgical Minister Training 2026

- **Lector Workshop and Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion – Part A:**
Tuesday, April 21 – St. Elizabeth/Melville – Msgr. Kane Hall; 7 pm – 10 pm
Monday, April 27 – St. Agnes Cathedral Parish Hall/RVC – Msgr. Kelly Parish Center; 7 pm – 10 pm
 You may ask your pastor to register you for EITHER the Lector Workshop OR Extraordinary Minister training at these sessions.
 - **Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion – Part A:**
Saturday, May 30 – Immaculate Conception/Westhampton Beach – Parish Center; 9:00 am – 12 noon.
 There is NO Lector Workshop offered at this session.
- You may only be registered with your Pastor's nomination. Doors open 30 minutes before the training start time. End time is an estimate, session may end prior to 10 pm, please be prepared.
- **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion - Part B** – presented in conjunction with Catholic Health.
These sessions will run from 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm. Doors open at 6:30 pm.
Monday, May 4 - St. Agnes Cathedral Parish Hall / RVC – Msgr. Kelly Parish Center
Tuesday, May 26 – St. Elizabeth/Melville – Msgr. Kane Hall

A letter from your pastor will be required to reserve your space at any of these trainings and must be received at least five days prior to the session you wish to attend. To request registration for any of these sessions, please contact your rectory. Do not call the host parishes with questions. For questions, call Suzanne Lynn at 516-744-6850. Thank you for your interest.

PARISH LENTEN EVENTS



OUTREACH & RELIGIOUS EDUCATION HANDS OF COMPASSION



How it works:

To help, we are asking each grade to donate their assigned pantry item and return it on their assigned weekend.

We are only asking for one item per student.

Please see the list below for your grade's assigned item and weekend:

<u>Grades 2 & 5</u>	<u>Grade 3</u>	<u>Grades 1 & 4</u>	<u>Grades 6 & 8</u>	<u>Grade 7</u>
One (1) can of vegetables (any kind)	One (1) jar of grape jelly	One (1) jar of mayo	One (1) jar of pasta sauce	One (1) bottle of juice (non-refrigerated)
2/28 - 3/1	3/7 - 3/8	3/14 - 3/15	3/21 - 3/22	3/28 - 3/29

After you place your item in the wagon, please write your name on a paper hand and leave it on the table so we can place it on the Hands of Compassion board.

Thank you, in advance, for making Outreach families a part of your Lenten Journey.



Stations of the Cross

Friday, March 20th, at 7:00PM in the Worship Area

The entire family is invited to participate in praying the Stations of the Cross.

ALL ANNOUNCEMENTS ABOUT LENT & EASTER

can be found on the parish website all in one place!

Go to the parish website homepage, scroll down to find **"All Things Lent to Easter,"** and click to find a dedicated webpage just for updated Lent and Easter announcements and events, such as:

- Holy Week & Easter Schedule
- Lenten Gospel Reflections for the family
- "Eat Simply" Lenten Campaign & other event info

LENTEN FAMILY CALENDAR

The full calendar can be found on the parish website



We are placing our "Hands of Compassion" intentions on the altar during Lent.

If you are in need of a **"Hands of Compassion"** cut-out to place your intention for Lent, it can be found on the parish website.

On the homepage, scroll down and click on **"All Things Lent and Easter,"** and then scroll down. You can download and print at home.

Extra copies are also available in the Atrium.



PRAYER, ACTION & COMMUNITY

A Note from Fr. Frank ...



It's been a tough winter! For all of us - a blizzard; for me - health. In January, I was in two hospitals with congestive heart failure. Then in rehab for several weeks. Now I am home with Catholic Home Care visits twice a week. They help with your kind prayers to help me improve each day. I do miss our Sunday worship together and Fr. Michael's hospitality!

Please continue to keep me in your prayers!

*Gratefully,
Fr. Frank*



Practice of Faith

(Excerpt from "At Home with the Word 2026")

The healing of the blind man teaches that Jesus takes the initiative in our spiritual life. Sin blinds us from the true vision of God and wounds our souls and our relationships. Jesus is waiting to touch you, heal you, restore you to communion with Him and others. Some may question your belief in Christ. You are called to profess your faith in Jesus to them. At Mass, Jesus asks you to stand before Him, say "I do believe, Lord," and worship Him. How can you avail yourself of Jesus' healing touch this week?

Examine your conscience. Which daily habits blind you from the light of Christ? Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal how you have offended God and others.

Participate in the sacrament of reconciliation. Allow Jesus to heal your spiritual blindness.

At Mass, concentrate on the words of the creed. Show Jesus you believe by boldly professing faith in Him.



**We will be having a Soup Supper
on Sunday, March 22nd, at 5:00pm
and we are looking for soup makers.**

**DATE
CHANGE!**

If anyone can make a crock pot of soup and bring it, or drop it off, on the 22nd, please call the parish office and let us know. *Thank you!*

**Lenten Soup Supper, Sunday, March 22nd
at 5:00pm in the Atrium**

Enjoy a light soup supper, accompanied by Lenten Prayer, with your family and fellow parishioners.

Please return the RSVP slip to the Parish Office by Wednesday, March 18th.



I/We will be attending the Soup Supper on Sunday, March 22nd:

Name:

Number attending:





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!



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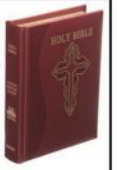
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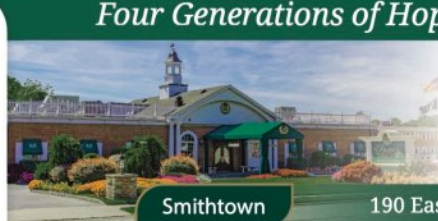
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