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LET ALL BE WELCOMED AS CHRIST!



3[“]Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
4Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.
5Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.
6Blessed are those who hunger and thirst
for righteousness,
for they will be filled.
7Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.
8Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God.
9Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called sons of God.
10Blessed are those who are persecuted
because of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Come and pray with us!

All Saints' Day - November 1, 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 AM,

Saturday 5:00 PM, Sunday 9:30 AM & 11:30 AM

(The 9:00 Weekday Mass & Sunday 11:30 Mass are live streamed on Facebook.)

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Remembering Our Sick

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

Claire Becker

Patricia Becker

Ann Callari

Ann Egan

Jim Emerson

Sienna Fricke

Phil Graziop

Bob Grieco

Debbie Jablinowski

Chuck Madden

Olivia Melia

Joseph Santamaria

Marlene Starr

Judy Viskupic

If you would like to have the name of your loved one listed in our prayers for the sick, please contact the Parish Office at 631-265-2200 x122 or email to pothc@optonline.net.

Scripture Readings for November 8, 2020



+ *Wisdom 6:12-16*

+ *1 Thessalonians 4:13-18*

+ *Matthew 25:1-13*

Mass Intentions Schedule



*New Life
in Christ*

Week of November 1st, 9AM Mass

Mon. All Souls' Mass Remembrances

Tue. Blanca Forero

Wed. Tom Rahilly

Thu. Robert Maxwell (living)

Saturday, November 7th, 5 PM Mass

Henri-Robert Lamarque, Frank & Agnes Salemi,
Dominick Pizzurro, Harriet McLasky, Gloria
Posimato

Sunday, Nov. 8th, 32nd Sun. in Ordinary Time

9:30 AM Catherine Holzmann, Greg Wirth,
Pantaleo Alicastro, George Daly, Eric
Schwarz, Evelyn Kust, Tony Agostino
11:30 AM Addie Ross

Asking the Better Question

by Father Michael

I am writing this article in what hopefully will be the final days of my quarantine. Let me say once more, for the record, I was not sick. Two weeks ago I went on retreat to Arizona. Before I departed, Arizona was in good shape as far as Covid was concerned. I kept checking the numbers before I left, and it seemed like a reasonable decision to make. Just before I returned home, the numbers spiked which prompted New York State to add Arizona to its list of quarantine states. Thus, upon my arrival home, I needed to begin a quarantine. Two negative tests later, and I am ready to go.

Needless to say, when I heard about Arizona being a state that now required a quarantine my heart sank. I knew it was a possibility, but based on my research, I did not think it would be probable. But now I was dealing with a situation that would impact others: the parish, the Pastoral Team, and other priests that would need to cover my Masses. I was feeling frustrated and foolhardy for creating a complicated scenario.

All this happened while I still had two days of prayer time on my retreat before returning home. Naturally, I brought this to my prayer. I immediately asked the question, "Lord, what lessons are you trying to teach me through all of this?" This is not a bad question to ask. But honestly, it can lend itself to focus on the negative; what was flawed in my decision making process? And yes, I do need to honestly review what I did. I was lamenting with a good and holy friend about what I was thinking, and she posed a single question for me to ponder: "What is God inviting me to through all of this?" There is a subtle difference in what she asked in contrast to the question I posed to myself. The difference is both subtle and enormous.

My question led to make a conclusion or judgment. I was looking for what I did right and what I did wrong (again, not a bad thing but not the only way to look at it). Her question opened the door to see God as the eternal and loving one. Her nuance created a God who did not want to yell at me, but rather invite me more deeply into my own heart and His grace. While I don't know if I have yet to come up with a specific answer to that question, it created a much more peaceful place for me. Sometimes we need the help of others to ask a better question to bring us to a deeper truth and knowledge of God's love. And, in turn, there are moments when there is a better question to ask another that will bring about a more grace-filled answer.

Pray for our Nation. Regardless of what happens on Tuesday, trust in a God who will continue to journey with us and bring us life, hope and grace in the midst of all possibilities. Perhaps ask yourself, "What is God inviting me to through all this?"

PARISH OUTREACH

“BEING CHRIST”

“COME TO ME ALL OF YOU WHO ARE BURDENED AND I WILL GIVE YOU REST...”

These comforting words greet all who enter the doors of Holy Cross Church. They are the foundation of the mission of Parish Outreach, which is to “Be Christ” to those who are burdened by serious illness, financial instability, loss of a job and other crisis situations. Our ability to do that is only possible through the giving spirit of the parishioners of Holy Cross.

We thank you so very much for your consistent support of Parish Outreach and its programs.

As we draw near to the holiday season (the busiest time for Parish Outreach), we invite you to consider these suggestions on ways to join us in “Being Christ” for our neighbors who continue to struggle in their life journey.



Monetary donations (cash, check or supermarket gift cards) will be appreciated to help defray the expenses of our **Thanksgiving Program**. You can mark your envelope “Thanksgiving” and drop it in the collection basket. We anticipate 50-60 families will need our assistance this Thanksgiving.



During last year’s winter, Outreach was able to provide 100 gallons of emergency oil to some households as a direct result of your generosity. If you would like to help keep a family warm this winter by making a donation, please mark “**Fuel Assistance**” on your envelope.



Participate in our **Christmas “Be An Angel” program**. Again this year, we will provide gift cards to the families Outreach assists throughout the year and gifts for several other agencies. This program will run from November 14th through December 6th. Future bulletins will contain important information on this year’s Christmas Angel program.

If you have questions about any of the above, please call the Outreach office. We sincerely appreciate the support we continuously receive from our parishioners. **We are truly blessed with a loving and generous community!**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



THE NEW NORMAL MINISTRY

BE PART OF THE RESERVATION CREW

HELP NEEDED AT

5 PM MASS (SATURDAY) & 11:30 AM (SUNDAY)

At this time, here are the various duties for this new ministry:

1. Seating people
 2. Welcoming & Counting people at the Door
 3. Checking off names at the Table
- Qualifications?



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For more information, please contact: *Michele Hahn* at: mhahnholycross11@gmail.com



HC TV - Calling all Volunteers

Holy Cross TV ministry is looking for volunteers to help a few Sundays a month to run the slides that appear on the TV screens during Mass. Training will be provided.

If interested or if you'd like more information, please call the Parish Office or drop the completed slip below off at the Parish Office or in one of the baskets.

It's fun! It's engaging! Be part of a new ministry!

I am interested in helping the **HC TV** ministry!

NAME: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____



PARISH NEWS



Pray for Our Military

SPC(E-4) David Basler
Cpl. Richard J. DeKanchuk, USMC
SA Anthony J. DeNicola
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Brandon Ferrara
SSG Daniel Frost
MIDN Jonathan A. Goohs Jr., USNA
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PFC Ryan McCoy, USMC
Lt. Ryan Montvydas
IT1 Jason Mulderig
LCpl. 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 2020. Please let us know at any time during 2020 if their service is finished, their title has changed, or you would like continued prayers through 2021. May God bless all who serve our nation. Pray for Peace!



*Holy Cross welcomes
these children
Baptized in October*

**Lucas John Adelman
Ava Marie Catalano
Claire Jean Costello
Frank Allan Foronj
Chase Garrett Johnson
Jillian Giulianna O'Connor
Juliette Emilia Orbe
George Nolan Roethgen
Kate Moore Roethgen
Beckett James Shea**



We pray for the following parishioners whose funerals were celebrated at Holy Cross in October:

**Ralph Borghese
Patricia Lore**

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



Outreach Food Pantry

Next Saturday and Sunday, **November 7/8**, will be our monthly Food Drive for our Parish Outreach Pantry. The following items would be most helpful:

- Pasta Sauce
- Spaghetti
- Peanut Butter
- Jelly
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Boxed Potatoes/Rice
- Tuna
- Mayonnaise
- Pancake Mix
- Syrup
- Canned Vegetables (not green beans)
- Meals-in-a-Can
- Paper Towels



Please don't forget to check expiration dates! It will greatly assist the volunteers who stack the pantry with your donated goods. Thank you!

MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Monday, November 2nd	4 - 6 PM
• SPECIAL NEEDS CLASSES	Atrium
• MASS OF REMEMBRANCE	7PM Worship Area
Tuesday, November 3rd	10 AM
• IN STITCHES	Atrium
• BOOK CLUB	7PM Atrium
Thursday, November 5th	10 AM
• SCRIPTURE STUDY	Atrium
Sunday, November 8th	1 PM
• BAPTISMS	Worship Area

PARISH NEWS

Special Collections

*This weekend there will be envelopes in the atrium to support the **Diocese of Rockville Centre Mission Office**. As you recall, once a year we have a speaker from the Diocesan Mission Office speak at all of the Masses. Because of Covid-19, we are forgoing the speaker, but have continued in our commitment to support the Missions. Thank you for your prayerful consideration. Your generosity in supporting the work of the Missions is greatly appreciated.*

*Next weekend we will also be collecting for the **Catholic Ministries Appeal**. With your gift to the Catholic Ministries Appeal, you are making a difference in the lives of so many of your fellow Long Islanders. Thank you for your support!*

Veterans Day



The Parish Office will be closed on Wednesday, November 11th, for Veterans Day.

2021 Mass Book

Due to a high demand for Masses and a lack of availability in the 2020 Mass book, we will be opening the 2021 Mass book beginning November.

FUNDRAISING CAR WASH

Nicholas, a parishioner and Boy Scout, will be having a car wash fundraiser on Saturday, November 7, at 112 Terry Road, Smithtown. The car wash will take place from 10AM to 2PM.

Nicholas will be selling tickets in advance at all the Masses this weekend, as well as the day of the car wash. The funds will be used for mulch and fall plantings in the gardens outside the Parish Office.

Thank you for supporting Nicholas and his fundraising car wash!





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