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LET ALL BE WELCOMED AS CHRIST!



Do not
grieve
as others do
who have no hope.

1 Thessalonians 4:13

Come and pray with us!

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - November 8, 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 8:00 AM, 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

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Sienna Fricke

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Bob Grieco

Debbie Jablinowski

Chuck Madden

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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 15, 2020



+ *Proverbs 31:10-13,19-20,30-31*

+ *1 Thessalonians 5:1-6*

+ *Matthew 25:14-30*

Mass Intentions Schedule



*New Life
in Christ*

Week of November 8th, 9AM Mass

Mon. John Schultz

Tue. Damien Pickel

Wed. Bob DeFilippis

Thu. Denise Lamarque

Saturday, November 14th, 5 PM Mass

Eric Schwarz, Alfred Izzo, Helen Lane, Greg Wirth, Stephen Mattered, Ann Milone

Sunday, Nov. 15th, 33rd Sun. in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM People of the Parish

9:30 AM Gloria Posimato

11:30 AM June Kieser, Edward Lloyd, Damien Pickel, Audrey Wetzel, Bruno CJ Santina, Alejandro Cordero

SEEKING WISDOM

by Father Michael

I'm writing this article early in the morning on Election Day; I do not yet know the results of the election.

It's remarkable how often the message of scripture hits home. Sometimes the timing of a particular passage is uncanny. I don't think I have ever reprinted one of Sunday's scripture passages in my column. But, as I began reading the scriptures in preparation for my homily, I was taken aback at how timely and appropriate these words are for where we find ourselves today. This is Sunday's first reading taken from the Book of Wisdom:

*Resplendent and unfading is wisdom,
and she is readily perceived by those who love her,
and found by those who seek her.
She hastens to make herself known in anticipation of their desire;
whoever watches for her at dawn shall not be disappointed,
for he shall find her sitting by his gate.
For taking thought of wisdom is the perfection of prudence,
and whoever for her sake keeps vigil
shall quickly be free from care;
because she makes her own rounds, seeking those worthy of her,
and graciously appears to them in the ways,
and meets them with all solicitude.*

These ancient words speak of the mystery and great gift that is found in true wisdom. One temptation with scripture is wanting to apply the message to those who we feel ought to hear what is spoken. That's understandable. It is not unreasonable to desire wisdom for those we encounter and those who hold positions of leadership. However, we cannot take the gift of scripture and only interpret it in light of how we feel it is needed by others.

If we want to be sincere, then the question we need to grapple with is what is God saying to me in these words? What is the invitation being offered at this moment in my life?

There may be some chaos and emotion surrounding the outcome of the election. Whatever may happen, are we able to open our hearts to be people who seek a peaceful truth, even in the midst of confusion? We need to allow our faith to be a rock of security that will give us the strength to move forward no matter what surrounds us. Some may say these are politically turbulent times, and there is truth to that. For us, we look beyond that to see these times as being potentially rich in grace. We need to open ourselves to the wisdom of God that alone will bring us peace and hope.

PARISH NEWS

Veterans Day

The Parish Office will be closed on Wednesday, November 11th, for Veterans Day. There will be a 9AM Mass on Wednesday.



Special Collections

*This 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.*

*Next weekend we will also be collecting for our **Repairs and Major Renovations fund**.*

Thank you for your support of these important collections!

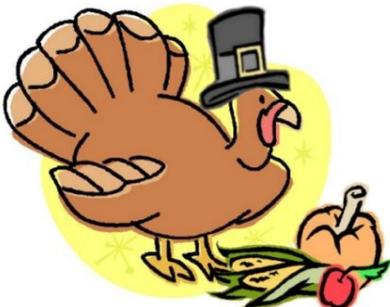
PARISH OUTREACH

2020 Changes to Outreach Thanksgiving Project

Due to the Coronavirus situation, the need for social distancing and concern for the safety of our volunteers, we are making changes to our Outreach Thanksgiving Project. This year parishioners will not be asked to shop and put together Thanksgiving Baskets.

Instead, our Outreach families will receive supermarket gift cards to purchase the items they need for their Thanksgiving dinners. Hopefully next year we can return to providing the food baskets our parishioners beautifully and creatively provide which have been so appreciated by the Outreach families.

We hope you can support this effort by making a monetary donation to help us meet this need. Checks made out to Holy Cross Outreach can be put in a plain envelope and marked "Thanksgiving." These donations may be placed in the parish donation baskets in the Atrium or mailed directly to Parish Outreach at 95 Old Nichols Rd., Nesconset, NY 11767



We thank you so much for your continual support of the Outreach ministry.

WE ESPECIALLY ENCOURAGE ANY MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY WHO ARE IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE TO CALL OUTREACH AT 631-265-2200 ext. 113

PARISH OUTREACH

Christmas Angels Coming Soon!

Next weekend, November 14th and 15th will be the first weekend of our Outreach Parish Christmas Project.

We are once again requesting **gift cards** to local stores (i.e., Kohl's, Target, Wal-Mart) to enable our families to purchase for themselves and their children the items they need.

As you may know, we have also helped the following agencies for the last several years and will continue to do so this Christmas:

Olsen's Rest Home is a neighborhood facility for frail elderly on Gibbs Pond Rd. Residents of the home have always been considered members of our parish community. Holy Cross ministers to our friends at Olsen's in a variety of ways during the year.

Mercy Haven is a provider of housing and other services for persons who are elderly, those living with mental illness, those families who are on limited income and those with special needs.

Pronto is a human service agency located in Brentwood helping people in need with food, clothing and other basic necessities. They assist approximately 500 families for the holidays each year.

Talbot House Chemical Dependency Crisis Center is a 24-hour voluntary, chemical dependence, crisis center licensed by the New York State Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services to provide short-term medically monitored inpatient withdrawal services to adult men and women who are in crisis. This facility provides nourishing meals, counseling, limited transportation, support groups, and referrals.



SEE NEXT WEEK'S BULLETIN FOR MORE DETAILS ON WAYS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CHRISTMAS OUTREACH PROGRAM.

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: _____



LITURGY BYTES

The Rosary



Even though we have moved into the month of November when we remember those who came before us, and realize the end of this Liturgical year is fast approaching, I would like to take a trip down memory lane and offer some memories and thoughts on one of the most beautiful prayers in our Catholic tradition – the Rosary. Have you noticed that both the Pope and the Bishops have recently stressed the importance of praying the Rosary which provides a great source of comfort and strength? There have been various groups praying the Rosary lately in person, both inside and outside and even virtually, especially during October, the month of the Rosary.

As a child, I recall one of the women in our parish, who was a member of the Rosary society, began a Rosary group for children. I think it was open to everyone in grade 3 and up on Wednesday afternoons at 4 PM in her home. She not only prayed with us, but she also taught us how to say the Rosary and encouraged us to try it on our own at home. She supplied us with rosary beads and offered incentive gifts for those who faithfully attended week by week. I remember receiving a statue of the Blessed Mother for one year of attendance. This is where it began for me to embrace this beautiful prayer, learn about the mysteries, and accomplish memorizing the prayers other than the Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory be to the Father that began and ended the Rosary. I am sure many of us today get the wording mixed up between the Apostles Creed we pray at the beginning of the Rosary and the Nicene Creed that we pray at Mass. Hang in there, you are not alone! Before we look at the Rosary as a meaningful prayer for our day, we should first review its history.

There is a familiar legend that St. Dominic received the Rosary from Our Lady. Historians believe that the Rosary developed over time stretching

LITURGY BYTES *continued*

from the 1100s to 1569, when Pope Pius V officially approved the devotion. Reflected in the legend is the historical truth of St. Dominic's great devotion to Our Lady and the key role played by his followers, the Dominican Order, in the promotion of the Rosary over the centuries. I can personally attest to this, since I was educated for twelve years by the Dominican Sisters who imparted St. Dominic's love of the Rosary and wore the 15 decades as part of their religious habit before us each day. Back to the history.....it seems the Rosary developed out of the laity's desire to have a form of prayer similar to what was practiced by the monks, who prayed the psalter (the 150 psalms of the Bible). The faithful, especially those unable to read, began the practice of saying 150 Our Fathers in place of the psalms. Some even used a string of 150 beads to keep count. Another group, devoted to Mary, said 150 Ave Marias (only the Angel Gabriel's greeting to Mary, not the entire Hail Mary as we know it today), mixed with verses from the psalms. With time, mysteries from the life of Jesus were added to give those praying, material for contemplation and to keep Christ as the central focus of the devotion. The Rosary took its present form between the 14th and 15th centuries. A Carthusian monk divided the 150 Ave Marias into the 15 decades, with each decade preceded by the Our Father. As I mentioned earlier, Pius V approved the Rosary as a devotion, with the following additions: the Our Father to start each decade, meditating on the mysteries which recall the entire life of Our Lord, and finally adding the second part of the Hail Mary as we know the prayer today. For the next 400 years, the prayer remained unchanged. Much later on during the papacy of Pope St. John Paul II, the Luminous mysteries were added. We will pick up with some thoughts about the mysteries and prayers of the Rosary in my next column.

Have a blessed, safe, and healthy week ahead.

~~~~~*Michele Hahn*

*On the day of their Baptism  
they were clothed in Christ.  
On the day of Christ's coming,  
they are clothed in Eternal Glory!*



**WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS ALL THOSE DEARLY DEPARTED  
LOVED ONES  
AND THOSE BURIED FROM HOLY CROSS,  
OCTOBER 31, 2019 THROUGH OCTOBER 31, 2020**

*It is a  
holy and  
wholesome  
thought  
to pray  
for our  
deceased  
loved ones.*

**Michael Bazik  
Susan Bellissimo  
Ralph Borghese  
Trina C. Bozzo  
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Lorraine Corso  
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Peter DiFiore  
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Charles Zammit**

*May the  
souls  
of the  
faithful  
departed,  
through  
the  
mercy  
of God,  
rest in  
peace.  
Amen*

*Lord, this  
is the  
people  
that long  
to see  
your face.  
Who can  
ascend the  
mountain of  
the Lord?  
Or who  
may stand  
in his holy  
place?  
One whose  
hands are  
sinless, whose  
heart is  
clean.*

**PSALM 24  
FEAST OF  
ALL SAINTS**

**WE ALSO REMEMBER IN PRAYER ALL THOSE WHO HAVE DIED THIS YEAR AS A  
RESULT OF WAR, TERRORISM, VIOLENCE AND NATURAL DISASTERS.**

# CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL



*“Each individual Christian and every community is called to be an instrument of God for the liberation and promotion of the poor.”*

-Pope Francis

## ***This Veterans Day, Help us Support A Place to Call Home***

Charles spent 17 years deployed at military bases throughout the world. Returning home after an incident involving nerve gas, he began struggling with debilitating bouts of anxiety and depression.

His circumstances worsened and he couldn't maintain a steady job. Charles moved in with his mother, but within a year she died and his childhood home went into foreclosure.

Catholic Charities' *Project Veterans' Independence*, which guides homeless veterans into permanent housing so they can live independently and have access to support networks that get them back on their feet, reached out and helped Charles.

***“I was out of the service, out of a family, out of a job and out of a home. Catholic Charities found me and helped me to not only find a place to live - but they helped me to turn my life around.”***

- Charles, honorably discharged US Veteran

***Please consider donating to the Appeal and making a difference in someone's life. Thank you!***

To make a donation, you can also visit <https://www.drvc.org/CMA> or call us at **516-678-5800 ext. 296.**

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| Make checks payable to: Catholic Ministries Appeal |                              |
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# MEETINGS THIS WEEK

|                                                        |                  |
|--------------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| <b>Sunday, November 8th</b>                            | <b>1 PM</b>      |
| • BAPTISMS                                             | Worship Area     |
| <b>Monday, November 9th</b>                            | <b>4 - 6 PM</b>  |
| • SPECIAL NEEDS CLASSES                                | Atrium           |
| • LEVEL 3 ROSARY MEETING                               | 7PM Worship Area |
| <b>Tuesday, November 10th</b>                          | <b>10 AM</b>     |
| • IN STITCHES                                          | Atrium           |
| • BOOK CLUB                                            | 7PM Atrium       |
| <b>Wednesday, November 11th</b>                        | <b>9 AM</b>      |
| • MASS                                                 | Worship Area     |
| <i>(The Parish Office is closed for Veterans Day.)</i> |                  |

# 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 have received the Sacrament of Confirmation and answered "YES!" to any of those questions above, then check out the Holy Cross Youth Group!

For more information, please contact Allie Roecklein, Coordinator of Youth Ministries, at [hcyouthgroup15@gmail.com](mailto:hcyouthgroup15@gmail.com).

Thank you!



# RELIGIOUS FREEDOM



**Honoring Veterans  
- Champions of  
America's  
Freedom**

[www.cffor.org](http://www.cffor.org)

As all freedoms, and especially religious freedom, are under assault around the world, we speak and pray on November 11 to honor the Americans who have served in all areas of the military in defense of liberty.

Veterans Day originated as "Armistice Day" on Nov. 11, 1919, the first anniversary of the signing of the armistice ending World War I on the "eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month" of 1918. Unlike Memorial Day that honors service members who died in service to their country, Veterans Day pays tribute to all American veterans - living or dead - to give thanks for serving their country honorably during war or peacetime.

From WWI to the present post-9/11 conflicts, approximately 40 million have served in all branches of the military. Women have been approximately 9.1% of active members. These military men and women who protect the U.S. come from all walks of life and from every state.

([history.com/topics/veterans](http://history.com/topics/veterans); [va.gov](http://va.gov), 11/2019; [military.com/veterans](http://military.com/veterans); [archives.gov](http://archives.gov); [nationalww2museum.org](http://nationalww2museum.org))

**Happening Now: 3 Killed in Knife Attack at Notre Dame Basilica, Nice, France**

French bishops ordered a "death knell" to ring from every church of their country, as an act of mourning, after 3 people were hacked to death in Notre Dame Basilica in the southern Mediterranean city of Nice on Oct. 29th while they were preparing for Mass.

The Vatican Secretary of State, Cardinal Parolin, wrote, "Entrusting France to the protection of Our Lady," Pope Francis "wholeheartedly gives his apostolic blessing to all those affected by this tragedy." <sup>(1)</sup>

"... with this attack in Nice, it is freedom of religion (under attack)." said French Prime Minister Castex. <sup>(2)</sup>

([nypost.com](http://nypost.com), 10/29/20; [cruxnow.com](http://cruxnow.com), 10/20/20(1); [fox2detroit.com](http://fox2detroit.com), 10/29/20(2))



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